# News & Notes

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# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

*(Continued)*

*Yes, it worried me, I wondered, "Is there something that veils?"*

No! I think that's when the identification with the physical consciousness is made. Because with me it's always been like that: the minute there was union, it was over, there was no "psychic being and the rest".... What lived was the psychic.

*Yet I don't feel I've reached that point.... Though to tell the truth, I don't know where I've reached.... Because as soon as I stop a little, it's there, powerful, solid, and...*Yes, yes. *And then there's nothing but "that."*

Yes, that's right, there's nothing but that. But, you know, the more the identification with the true being takes place, the less you have the sense of existing, of being someone. *Yes.*

The body has itself reached that point, it finds it very difficult to feel a separate existence for itself, and *(laughing)* curiously that's only *(Mother touches her cheek),* only when it's in pain. For instance, I constantly have a toothache, here (this area as I told you *[Mother points to her mouth and throat]*), and that's it, it's the only thing that gives me the sense of being "my body". It doesn't feel separate. So I think that's the natural condition for the normal development.

You understand, the impression of "feeling" in a certain way, of "thinking" in a certain way, all that has completely vanished: you receive indications – sometimes of the way this person feels or that one reacts – but that's when a work needs to be done: it's an indication, and it's something taking place there, like this *(gesture around, some distance away)*, it's not within.

No, I looked several times: I've always had the impression that things are fine (I mean for you), that the progress is quite fine. You're on the way. It's all right. And I find a great change.... There's only one corner, maybe of the speculative mind, that still has an attitude of its own – high enough in the mind, not an ordinary mind, a mind... *(gesture above).* But that's nothing. *(silence)*

But it's rather strange, I could put it this way: it's about the only part *(gesture from the cheek to the chin)* that's conscious of the way people are and of what comes from them, and which still has reactions we could call "personal." That is to say, if the atmosphere is troubled, well, there's disorder *[in that part in Mother],* it's subject *[to the outside disorder]* and that seems to be the only part. Otherwise, all the rest is... as if bathed, constantly bathed in the Divine, and automatically everything goes to the Divine. The divine Will goes through *(gesture of descent and diffusion through Mother)* and causes it to act – automatically. So then, at certain times, for some reason or other, the body calls (the mantra I told you), and as a result... *(gesture of dilation)* suddenly the cells go into a bliss – it only lasts a minute (not even a minute, a few seconds), but the simple fact of saying that, and it's bliss. Afterwards, everything starts up again *(gesture indicating the normal rhythm)*.It's very interesting.

I think (the other day you told me something was wrong in your body), I think that on those spots that aren't yet on the way to transformation, there's an increase, as though a concentration of the difficulty: one feels more ill at such spots.

The only possible thing is... *(Mother opens her hands)* the peace of total surrender, like this *(absolutely flat gesture, vast, immutable)*: come what may. There. Then things are fine.

I noticed that if, on the trouble spot, one can establish that peace – a total peace, you know, the peace of perfect surrender: abdicate all preoccupation, all aspiration, all, all like this *(same vast, immutable gesture),* then it helps restore order. *(Mother takes Satprem's hands)*

It's fine. It's fine.

Only, for people who don't know that, appearances are misleading: they feel more ill, they have attacks, things of that sort. So they don't understand anymore.

*(long silence)*

I had, countless times, the experience that when the body can catch hold of that attitude (completely, I mean, even beyond the aspiration to union or to transformation: THIS WAY *[same vast gesture])*, it's almost miraculous, instantaneous. But with a wrong movement it comes back. It's not established permanently – how do you manage to do that? I don't know.... Probably there should no longer be anywhere the presence of the possibility of a wrong movement. But that's difficult....

You breathe, you eat, you... and it's the Divine.

If I were to tell in detail what goes on, it's absolutely wonderful!... For instance, while eating, when the body keeps its true attitude and the perception of the Divine presence in all things, and naturally in what it absorbs, and when it absorbs it automatically with that attitude, without any contradiction, everything takes place without any difficulty. To such a point that if the attitude "deteriorates" (whatever), things can go to... *(gesture of choking)* swallowing the wrong way, like that, in the space of a few seconds.

It's clearly a transitional period, but how long will it last? I don't know.... The harmony of the functioning is becoming... miraculous – miraculous. Only, it's not automatic, it still depends on the attitude. It's not something that imposes itself, it's a consequence.

**MOTHER'S AGENDA, 4 July 1970** **MOTHER**

## The Ponder Corner

It is through work that one can detect
and progressively get rid of the feelings
and movements that are contrary
to the yogic ideal - those of the ego.

*Sri Aurobindo*
ref. The Mother with Letters on The Mother, p.413

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# Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

**May 2015 Report**

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

Temporary membership: Aurovici (Housing Board) attended a few meetings in place of Sonja (Housing) who is temporarily out of Station (TOS). At the end of the month (29/5) the representative was changed to Yuval (Eternity). This is temporary until Sonja returns in July. Sindhuja attended from Auroville Council (AVC) for two weeks during Matriprasad's absence.

**TRUST & UNIT TOPICS**

The Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) recommended, and FAMC approved the new unit, Earth& Us, with executives Min and Bindu, under Team Trust. The activities include projects, products, education, behaviour change activities and enabling services.

ABC endorsed, and FAMC approved the addition of a new trustee, Min, to Team Trust. The current trustees are Marco and Carsten.

ABC endorsed, and FAMC approved the unit, Naturally Auroville, move from ABC Trust to GNP Trust.

ABC endorsed, and FAMC approved the unit, Papui and Somethingelse, move from ABC Trust to GNP Trust.

ABC endorsed an additional executive at the Pharmacy of the Auroville Health Centre, Lili. The current executives are Dr. Uma, and Hilde.

ABC reviewed the closure of the unit Auromodele Atelier and it has been approved, with submission of the nil balance sheet signed by a Chartered Accountant. This was approved and will be communicated to the Working Committee, and Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation.

The Auroville Board of Services (ABS) endorsed creation of the new unit, Creativity Guest House, under Guest House Trust, with executives Lieve and Juergen K.. This was approved.

ABS endorsed Joy Guest House executive changes: resignation of Laura, and appointments of Stefania, Giovanni, and Sarah S.. The current and continuing executive is Janet. The FAMC did not approve these changes and wrote back to the ABS with several questions, and concerns.

ABS recommends the construction units Auronirmata and Sumark Construction be moved from Auroville Service Trust to Kattida Kalai Trust with other construction related activities. The FAMC supported these recommendations. FAMC asked ABS to consider if AV Dzines, which is also under Auroville Service Trust, might be better suited to a different Trust also. Finally, the ABS was requested to review the entire unit list to see if any other similar changes are needed.

SAIIER passed two resolutions: one accepting the resignation of RamaNarayana, and the other accepting the appointment of Chali. The FAMC expressed its support for these executive changes and requested the Working Committee to inform the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation.

The ABS proposed Non-Commercial unit and Trust Guidelines (like the ABC Commercial unit and Trusts Guidelines) was submitted a second time after having been updated with previous input by the FAMC. In the subsequent review the FAMC made a couple more changes, and then approved the document. The final, approved Guidelines document was confirmed with the ABS. As well, both sets of Guidelines were sent to the AVC for their information, in response to their specific request.

After meeting with Shivaraj and Krishanmyer in April the FAMC decided to offer some practical support to the ongoing and unclear situation of Martuvam Healing Forest (MHF). The FAMC wrote to MHF with the following support: a. as Auroville Village Action Trust requested quite some time ago for MHF to be moved out from the Trust, the FAMC will move MHF as a unit directly under the Auroville Foundation, not under another Trust. There are other units with this set-up and they are included in the consolidated balance sheet; b. the MHF Financial Service account would be reopened for use, as it was frozen by the previous AVC; c. Krishanmyer would be added as a third executive, as he has accepted in writing this responsibility and; d. FAMC will facilitate an inspector for a food license at the MHF location so it will be issued in Tamil Nadu like other Auroville food licenses. FAMC communicated all of this to Shivaraj and Krishamyer but had not received a reply as of the end of this reporting period.

Aureka asked the FAMC if they can write off bad debts that total Rs. 2,74,768.00. During the discussion it was conceded that the FAMC does not need to approve this request. Aureka was advised to get the approval of their Trust and the Trust auditor and to have on record all relevant communications demonstrating their efforts to recover the payments.

**FINANCE TOPICS – *nothing new this month***

**HOUSING TOPICS**

In light of proposed housing subsidy in both the Kalpana and Sunship housing projects, a clear process, including selection criteria, is needed. FAMC members will write to Kalpana and Sunship housing project holders sharing their concerns, and will ask them to share their thoughts about offering subsidized housing. A clear statement that allocation of such housing assets needs to be done in collaboration with the Housing Service, who is the responsible working group for housing assets, will be included. [Noted: in the reply from Sunship it was clarified the project holders are not offering subsidy. An occupant will donate fully towards stewardship of a flat, or be provided a flat on a 'pro-bono' (no donation) basis.] *At the end of this reporting period, the FAMC await a reply from the Kalpana project holders.*

Sacred Groves project holders requested the FAMC to provide more financial support to the project and to help with the collaboration with the Housing Service / Housing Board. FAMC met with the project holders twice in May and are working very closely with them on how to proceed, with increased clarity and transparency, to complete the originally planned 3 prototype houses as soon as possible.

**LAND TOPICS**

The Land Board (LB) proposed a land exchange with Arul, IR 179/3 (17 cents) in the greenbelt, which will consolidate Auroville land, with Auroville plot IR 73/3 (7 cents). This was approved.

The LB proposed to purchase 1.6 acres in the city area from Jayaraman. Plot IR 407/4, behind Arka. This was approved and it is noted the funds come from Acres for Auroville programme.

The LB informed the FAMC of a land purchase opportunity of several plots in the greenbelt between Minati and Fertile: a total of 8.77 acres. Instead of Auroville purchasing the land directly, it was suggested to pursue the possibility that someone friendly to Auroville could be approached to purchase this land.

The LB submitted two possibilities for land purchase in the greenbelt, one in Fertile (MA 307/4,) and the other in Pitchandikulam (BO 63/6a). It was reported that Pitchandikulam offered Rs. 5 lakhs to put toward the plot purchase in that area. The FAMC gave its support to pursue these land purchases, as both will consolidate existing Auroville land.

**OTHER TOPICS**

The former Working Committee-created Fundraising Cell / Resource Mobilization Team has been dissolved by the Working Committee recently, and the balance of funds is now at the disposal of the FAMC. Aurovilians who are doing fundraising can request financial support from the FAMC, if the fund-raising activities include the need to travel and funds are needed for transportation, for example.

FAMC approved that Ms. Srinivasmurty, on behalf of the Auroville Foundation; obtain one Import Export code to be used by all Auroville units. This was communicated to him.

The AVC informed the FAMC of their position concerning the update to the FAMC mandate (version dated 23 September 2013), and requested FAMC members' input before making an announcement. The FAMC suggested to the AVC that their endorsement was not enough and asked them to the September 2013 update to the FAMC mandate to the Residents Assembly through the News & Notes, and AuroNet for 2 weeks feedback. The FAMC was glad to see that this was done by the AVC on 13 May 2015.

L'avenir and the Green group approved a new chicken farm in the greenbelt, to be managed by Prakash. As Prakash is the intended steward of the plots, the FAMC were asked to approve. There was a long discussion about stewardship. Historically Farm group would be the steward during a farm manager's 3 year probationary period. They monitor the farm during this time. Christian (AuroOrchard) is one of the members who will monitor the new chicken farm. It was agreed to designate Prakash as the “Probationary Steward”. This designation should be included in a written agreement between he and the Farm group, to also include points about housing (temporary), and any personal funds he will use for development. FAMC requested that the Farm group send them a copy of the finalized agreement.

The FAMC and WCom met and discussed various topics such as private land next to Solar Kitchen being developed, the refund from Sharnga Guest House to former Auroville guest, Ms. Breakell, the situation at Eco Service, Martuvam Healing Forest, the empasse between Ramalingam (Sustenance Farm), and Gowri & Raman (New Service Farm), Mohanam request to partner with Pondicherry Tourism Department for a Rural Heritage Museum, and separate appeal processes concerning a working groups' 'decision', or 'process'.

SAIIER has been managing the reallocation of school assets under SAIIER Board. SAIIER asked the FAMC if it should continue to do so. They expressed a preference that FAMC and L'avenir would take it up. Furthermore it was shared that some building assets in the Last School Campus are being altered without clearance from SAIIER. It was noted that SAIIER and L'avenir need to intervene. The FAMC reply was that they view the former Last School buildings as best overseen by SAIIER. However if a building becomes vacant, then SAIIER can inform both L'avenir and FAMC for re-allocation.

The BCC asked the FAMC for an update to the earlier meetings concerning the Varuna-Auroville contribution and some of their individual members' proposals. It was agreed in order to move this forward to create a subgroup of the FAMC and BCC. BCC has been invited to select a couple BCC members to be part of the subgroup.

A paper with recommendations concerning village development was distributed by L'avenir d'Auroville / Town Development Council (TDC) to FAMC, WC, AVC, and the Green group. The FAMC wrote to TDC in support of them pursuing further collaboration in village development, as has been ongoing. In the case of a topic concerning assets, such as land lease, the TDC should refer back to the FAMC.

***Following up from previous reports***

In April it was reported that the FAMC requested the Pour Tous Purchasing Service (PTPS) management how PTPS would operate (at a different location in the city area) and exactly what services would be offered at a new location, and how do they see the operation at the new location being different from the PTPS in Kuilapalayam. The FAMC received a reply and in the subsequent conversation it was shared that the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) would like to ask the Residents Assembly Service to facilitate a dialogue in the community about PTPS. The members agreed to put the topic on hold until there is an outcome from this dialogue.

In April the FAMC requested the ABS to follow-up with Lieve and Juergen concerning the application to open the new unit, Creativity Guest House due to a disagreement concerning fees with the Exploration small guest house umbrella. This matter was resolved and in May the ABS re-iterated its endorsement to create the unit, and the FAMC approved.

In April the FAMC had some questions for Bobby and Suryan concerning their application to open the new unit, Isai Ambalam Guest House. Suryan responded and the FAMC thereafter approved the creation of the new unit, Isai Ambalam Guest House.

In April FAMC informed Ramachandra (Celebration) to pay at least Rs. 10,000 per month towards his total long outstanding debt. In May Ramachandra made additional payments as requested. Then Ramachandra asked to be included on the Varuna-Auroville electricity scheme. It is the decision of the BCC, not the FAMC. However FAMC did not support this request, and informed the BCC, and told Ramachandra to contact BCC directly. Also, the FAMC did not approve his request to open an expense account, for the Home Stay. Finally, Ramachandra asked for the Home Stay he is managing to be returned to the website which lists recognized Auroville Home Stays. It was removed by the Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG) due to Ramachandra's non-cooperation with the basic agreements. The FAMC have asked GFCG if it can be listed again, and informed Ramachandra. If the GFCG say yes, then the FAMC will support their decision. FAMC have made it very clear to Ramachandra that his monthly payments, of at least Rs. 10,000/mo, will be made before month-end.

In April it was reported that the FAMC requested a more detailed report from the activity, Woodlink. A follow-up report was submitted by Torkil and Glenn and was appreciated by the members.

In April the FAMC reported an irregular house-sitting arrangement between Jackie & Nelis (TOS) and LiFang. To the last FAMC communication, Jackie & Nelis replied with a request for repatriation (or “Leaving Auroville Allowance”). As the Leaving Auroville Allowance is coordinated by the AVC, FAMC informed Jackie & Nelis to contact them.

## From the Working Committee about New Town Development Authority

In our report over the month of April we informed the community that we have received a presentation of the NTDA Task Force about the work it has been doing researching the best possible way to protect the Auroville Master Plan area from unwanted development, which has resulted in its recommendation to get NTDA status for the Auroville area. We also received objections against the NTDA proposal from Prashant. There was no legal opinion obtained on this issue. We advised the Auroville Council to organize a general meeting / half day retreat on the issue, with a panel debate between those in favour and those against the proposal followed by a question and answer session.

In our report over the month of May we informed the community about our meeting on May 6th in New Delhi with GB members Dr. Karan Singh, Ms. Ameeta Mehra and Ms. Aster Patel. In this meeting we submitted to Dr. Karan Singh the proposal of Mr. B.V. Doshi, GB member and Chairman of the TDC, that Mr. Soli Sorabjee be contacted for a legal opinion on the dangers and desirability of having an NTDA for the Auroville area. Dr. Karan Singh however disagreed with the proposal as this is not a legal issue per se, and supported a proposal to request former GB Chairman Dr. M.S. Swaminathan to give his views, after hearing a delegation from Auroville consisting of members of the Working Committee and the NTDA Task Force.

After returning from New Delhi we inquired with the Under-Secretary of the Auroville Foundation if any formal steps had been taken on this issue. We learned that in February 2012, Mr. B.V. Doshi, Member of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation and Chairman of the Auroville Town Development Council, had suggested that the Government of Tamil Nadu passes a Government Order to protect the Auroville area. This suggestion has been further discussed by the NTDA Task Force with officials of the Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Department who advised that the establishment of a New Town Development Authority be the best solution to obtain the protection Auroville requires. The matter was then discussed in the Governing Board meeting in August last year, following which the Under-Secretary has written to the Chief Secretary Tamil Nadu that same month requesting the establishment of an NTDA for the Auroville Master Plan Area.

On May 26th a team consisting of Carel on behalf of the Working Committee, Sindhuja on behalf the Auroville Council, Sauro on behalf of the TDC and the Under Secretary of the Auroville Foundation met Dr. Swaminathan; on June 12th, the same team met with a former Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu.
Dr. Swaminathan considered that an intervention from the Government of Tamil Nadu is necessary to protect the Master Plan area and generously offered his help to achieve the protection required. The Chief Secretary concluded that for the protection of the Auroville land use there is no alternative to a NTDA, as an appropriate planning authority, in this case the NTDA, is mandatory for the approval of a Master Plan. The rights of the landowners are getting stronger and the only protection Auroville can enjoy is through the Master Plan accepted by the NTDA, as a Government Order may be challenged in court followed by years of litigation while the undesired development activities continue. He mentioned that are possible risks and difficulties in the process but under the circumstances we should strive to achieving the arrangement that can fit the interest of Auroville in the best possible way.

We therefore agree that, in order to safeguard the implementation of the Auroville project and to protect the lands in the Auroville Master Plan area from speculation and from development which is not in accordance with the Auroville Master Plan, the NTDA seems to be the only option available. We recommend that the area of this NTDA could encompasses and be restricted to the Master Plan area, and that, in view of the limited extent and special nature of this area, as well as in view of the fact that the Central Government has enacted the Auroville Foundation Act 1988 to protect and further develop the Auroville project, the Government of Tamil Nadu consider including in the membership of the proposed NTDA representatives nominated by the Auroville Foundation.

*The Working Committee*

## TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville – 20th June 2015

The following Site and Building applications are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks. The announcement is made for feed-back only and does not mean that the project has final approval.
The final approval is given when L'Avenir / TDC issues an NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens only once the feed-back period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, 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 TDC.

**Individual Project**

**Building Permission:**

1. Jan, Gaia, Change of Roof (keet to Metal)

**Site permission**:

1. Site for Selvam G., Granite usage on plot no. IR 213/2 for an area of 3.02 acres

**Collective Project**

**Site Permission:**

1. Min, Partha (Maitreye), Representative of the Road Service (Alain G).

**Project write-up given by the project holder.**
**Project Title**: The Neem Tree
**Proposed Site Location**: In Mahalaxmi Park-Behind Auroville Library
**Project Holder**: Min, Partha (Maitreye), Representative of the Road Service (Alain G)
**Architect**: Sonali
**Contact Persons**: Min and Partha
**Description**: This project is conceived to bring Aurovilians and guests, young and old, together around food and holistic, healing and sustainable activities.

2. Earth Weavers- Meera Prajapathi, Material & Structural Research Architectural & Design.

**Project Title**: "Earthweavers" Environmental Design - Architecture, Design and Development, Material and Structural Research.
**Proposed Site Location:** Pony farm – allotted by Lávenir

**Project Holder**: Meera Prajapati
**Architect**: Meera Prajapati
**Contact Persons**: Meera Prajapati

**Description:**
"Earthweavers" is involved in Architecture, Design and Development, Material and Structural research.
Earthweavers activities are also foreseen as an Avenue for many Aurovillians to be part of these Material and Structural Researches, Design and Development, from general to specific.
**Target Group**: Designers Researchers and End users
**Background:**
We have done several works in this line already. While Architecture, Design and Development goes on for us, Material and Structural Research are much more demanding and Dynamic activity that we are into.
While in Auroville we have many Design Offices, we don't have any Material and Structural Research place to have hands on along with Design and Development. Earthweavers is working in this direction.

**TDC asks for feedback from the residents of Auroville within two weeks from the date of publication. If anyone wishes to have detailed information, feel free to contact TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville office: 262-3568 or come personally to the Building Application section.**

**Road**
*For Feedback*

Ring Road and Verite Radial

The TDC asks for community feed-back for the construction of the Ring Road (Mangalaksmi stretch) and the Verite Radial from the Ring Road to Eco Service. In the Town Hall detailed maps of both stretches are available including all local details.
(see map on Auronet)

## Security Advice

Dear friends,
This is to inform you that during the month of May, 2015, 1 vandalism incident (La piscine), 2 harassment incidents (near Aurodam, Kailash), 1 physical assault & robbery (near Forecomers) and 1 accident (near Pitchandikulam Bridge) 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 with modest dress codes have reported harassment, so be on your guard at all times. Be wary of three boys on a bike and do not stop for local men asking for directions.** For post- incident support and counselling you may call the Women's help line (open in the morning) at 262-2425 or email AV health services avhs@auroville.org.in.
For escort (for people with bikes/cycles only), call Ramesh.V at 9443090107 / 9443362691. Please note that the guards cannot leave their posts without prior permission from Security management.
If you are leaving town, please inform your neighbours to keep watch over your houses/apartments. Kindly inform your watchman /gurkhas or house sitters to contact us immediately when there are any people / incidents to be reported.

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

***with Xerox copies of your documents only. Leave the originals in your guest house safe.***

***not to carry large amounts of cash or valuables on your person unless absolutely necessary.***
***to secure/ tie up your bags properly or to keep bags on your person instead of in cycle baskets.***

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

## FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N N0- 602 dated 20 .06.2015

We would like to inform the community that our team has 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:**
**Kristen GRAVELLE** (American) – Staying at Kindergarten staff quarters, working at SAIIER as an Anchorperson for publication and research.
**Francesca FROLLO** (Italian) – Staying at Dana, working at Matrimandir with the cleaning team.
**NEWCOMERS:**
**Olga BOGACHOVA (**Ukrainian) **-** Staying at Celebration, working as a toy designer at Auromode.
**CHILD OF A NEWCOMER(S):**
**Maiia BOGACHOVA** (Ukrainian) – Born on 25/02/2009, studying at Kindergarten.

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:**
**Anita ALBERTI** (Italian)
**Kyong Hyon LEE** (Korean)
**Satyavan BHATT** (Indian from Gujarat)
**Haerang KIM** (Korean)

**CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER TO AUROVILIAN STATUS** AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT IN N&N AND DUE CONSIDERATION OF FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS:
**Aurore MABILAT** (German)
**Sanjeev RANGANATHAN** (Indian from Tamilnadu)
**Suresh NAGAMANI** (Indian from Kuilapalayam)
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.

**UPDATE FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE:**
Dear Community,
This is to let you know that **July 1st** is now the date that **we will be open for all new applicants.** At the moment, we are working with over 150 people that are already in the process. Thank you for your understanding.
The Entry Service team.

**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

## Solar Kitchen, La Terrace and Blue Light Update

Middle of April Blue Light has informed the Solar Kitchen and La Terrace Management (SK/LT – M) that they want to leave their space next to the Café La Terrace. The only issue which was mentioned by them was the sales of their Hotspot coupons, a business which they want to continue and which needed to be worked out. According to their information the coupon sales will be done in the Town Hall in future.
SK/LT - Management was very happy to be finally able to receive this space which is very much needed for necessary storage and administration requirements and asked them to proceed rapidly with their move. La Terrace has no storage, food-processing or administrative space on its own, all has been squeezed into the already cramped space of the Solar Kitchen. The browsing center is underutilized most of the year and often simply empty. Since many years it is a neglected and run down place and SK/LT - M is keen to renovate it as soon as possible.
As things are seemingly slow to move, now often the browsing center remains simply closed, SK/LT – M has informed Blue Light to move out until end of June to be able to start the renovation from 1st of July 2015 onwards.

*Angelika and Gilles, Solar Kitchen and La Terrace Management*

## Good news for (PIO) Cardholder

Dear Friends,
The RRO from Puducherry informed us that **Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)** holders, PIOs will be converted into **Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI).**
Please apply your OCI online on this website Copies of the appropriate application form will be emailed to you via www.boi.gov.inpcg@auroville.org.in
With regards, *The Residents Service Team*

## From Auroville Institute of Applied Technology

**Auroville Institute of Applied Technology is an Auroville Institute for skill training open to Aurovilians as well as to village people situated in Irumbai and Aurobrindaban:**

It is now taking admission for two years and one year courses in skill training. Last date of admission is 31st July 2015.
For Students who are interested in Civil Draughtsman ship we have the latest equipment for surveying, AutoCAD for technical drawing. Students are encouraged to work on construction site.
Students of Electronic are also working on making program controller (PCB), solar systems etc.
This year we are starting new courses in Metalworking, Fitter and Welder. We educate our student using activity based learning methods and in cooperation with Auroville units such as Aureka.
Students have a chance to work on modern milling machines, CNC- Milling Machine trainers, various kind of Welding technology such as Arc-, MIG, TIG and GAS –welding.
Students with a min. qualification 10th pass or equivalent are eligible for a Govt. recognized courses. Students who do not wish to have a Govt. certificate may also join these courses.
Students interested in Electric can join our one-year course in Domestic Electrician.
Our one course in Computer Hardware and networking would train you in Hardware Maintenance and in Networking. We offer also special course in Networking based on CCNA syllabus.
For girls we offer one-year course in cooperate secretary ship with focus on accounting with Tally and one year computer application course on DTP etc.

Interested candidate may enquire about fees and transport facilities.*Lavkamad* Phone: 413 2671758

**Study and Work in Germany program of Auroville Institute of Applied Technology:**

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology is a Partner Institute of two German Universities in Applied Sciences. Students who have completed either CBSC or A Grade or +2 certificate courses are eligible to join a bachelor course at these universities after completion of this one year preparatory course at AIAT.
AIAT prepares interested candidates in a special six months to one-year course to get admission in these universities. In this one-year course we cover German Language course up to B2-level, Mathematics, Computer science, basic skills in Engineering, Technical drawing, German culture incl. work culture etc.

Interested candidates may contact *Lavkamad*

## Call for Grant Proposals for Fall 2015

This present call is for Aurovilians who would like to prepare a project proposal to be submitted through the Project Coordination Group for either a:

- **Micro-project in the categories of Women's Development or Informal Education, Youth or Innovative Start-Ups**
- **Project to be submitted to Stichting De Zaaier for possible funding before the end of this calendar year**
- **An application for the MT&D Programme**

Copies of the appropriate application form will be emailed to you via pcg@auroville.org.in on request, or may be downloaded from Auronet: instructions for filling in the grant form are also available.

Project holders are invited to send their projects as a Word document, saved in the name of the project title, to pcg@auroville.org.in

**FINAL DATE** for submission is **MONDAY, 17 AUGUST 2015**

You are welcome to email pcg@auroville.org.in or contact the Project Coordination Group at the ACUR (Town Hall) by phoning 2622250 for further information or assistance.

NB The Project Coordination Group will be meeting later in the year for its annual review of new and pending grant proposals for funding by the Foundation for World Education and Stichting De Zaaier in 2016. A call for such proposals will be announced in the News & Notes and posted on Auronet shortly.

*If you have received funding for a project through the Project Coordination Group in previous years, please be certain that you have sent in a report for that project before making a new application for another project.*

## New rates for la piscine

Due to the rising costs of everything, and after a careful crunch of the numbers, we are regrettably obliged to raise the contributions at La Piscine.
The new rates will take effect on Wednesday July 1 2015

| | AUROVILIANS & NEWCOMERS | VOLUNTEERS<br>*Children of Volunteers attending AV Schools (non-school swimming).<br>(Children of Volunteers not attending AV Schools contribute same as their parents) | GUESTS WITH AUROCARD OR ACCOUNT | GUESTS WITHOUT AUROCARD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ENTRY | Rs. 60 | Rs. 100 | Rs. 220 | Rs. 330 |
| Child below 16 | | Rs. 75* | Rs. 160 | Rs. 250 |
| DAY PASS | Rs. 90 | Rs. 150 | Rs. 330 | Rs. 500 |
| Child below 16 | | Rs. 110* | Rs. 250 | Rs. 370 |
| 1 WEEK PASS | Rs. 150 | Rs. 400 | Rs. 800 | Rs. 1200 |
| Child below 16 | | Rs. 300* | Rs. 600 | Rs. 900 |
| 2 WEEK PASS | Rs. 200 | Rs. 675 | Rs. 1300 | Rs. 2000 |
| Child below 16 | | Rs. 500* | Rs. 975 | Rs. 1500 |
| MONTHLY | Rs. 300 | Rs. 900 | Rs. 2200 | Rs. 3300 |
| Child below 16 | | Rs. 675* | Rs. 1650 | Rs. 2500 |
| Family Monthly | Rs. 500 | N. A. | N. A. | N. A. |

Additionally, as of July 1st, all swimmers will be required to sign a Disclaimer (1time only).
*La Piscine Team*

## P O S T I N G S

### From the freestore

Dear community,
We would like to inform you that the Free Store will be closed due to maintenance from the 22nd of June and will reopen on the 1st of July. Sorry for the inconvenience.
Warm Greetings,
*The Free Store team*

### Our new AEP webshop is open!!

Dear Auroville community,
Exciting announcement: Our new AEP webshop is open!!
Please visit our new online shop and check out our wide range of solar products, state of the art battery packs, high efficient lighting products and our DC appliances.
If you have any questions concerning any of our products or if we can assist you with choosing the right solution for your situation, you can mail us at aep@auroville.org.in.
We look forward to seeing you in our shop!

Solar shop link: http://erp.aep-auroville.com/store/
Sunny regards,
*AEP TEAM*

### Improvements to Road Safety Manual

If at any point while going through the manual you come across something you don't understand, want clarification on, or feel has not been covered and should be included as an additional safety tip, please e-mail one of us. Meanwhile, this is just to mention that for anyone seriously interested in road safety i.e. who will read the manual, copies continue to be freely available at PTDC or from SAIIER reception desk.
*Chali (chali@...) and Tim (timwrey@...).*

### Arka Internet

Arka Internet is closed from 18-6-2015 to 28-6-2015 for Maintenance. We will re-open on Monday 29th June.
Thanks. *Arka*

## A V A I L A B L E

### Apple tablet, Ipad mini

Retina display 16GB. Color Silver
I bought it at UniverCell in Pondicherry on 16 July last year .
Excellent condition!
If you are interested, contact me *Chieko* at nihongochiekita@gmail.com

### Used Batteries for Sale at Matrimandir

About **ten tons** of old batteries, mostly from our solar plant, are being sold by Matrimandir.
Contact *Logonathan or Manimaran* at the stock room to see the batteries. Ph. 2622153
Sealed tenders should be received at Matrimandir by July 1st, 5 pm latest.
(this has been advertised also in the local Tamil papers)

### Indian cycle

Brand new Indian Hercules cycle. Contact V.Boobalan Siddharta forest 9787084506. boobalanbullet@auroville.org.in

### Tamarind

Seedless Tamarind. Contact V.Boobalan Siddharta forest 9787084506. boobalanbullet@auroville.org.in

### DC Refrigerator, 50Ltrs, SunDanzer

Model SunDanzer DCR 50
Ideal for solar powered homes / offices.
Capacity 50Ltres, runs of 12v DC, Power consumption 45W
http://www.sundanzer.com/product/dcr50-dcf50/
Dimension is 83 x 71 x 63 cm
Bought in 2012, Supplied by Sunlit Future.
The refrigerator is in excellent working condition.

I have shifted to grid connection for power supply and the DC fridge is no more required.
Write to manoj@auroville.org.in or Call 9443295937

### Motar cycle

Mahindra centuro, 1 ½ years old (16000kms) Red color. Excellent working condition. Contact *Mani/ Le Morgan café* 8098433031

### Organic fruits

Baraka has organic mangoes, papayas and pineapples as well as homemade mango compote and tamarind jam. Please come Monday to Saturday mornings from 9 to 12. See you there! *Mahi, Gabi and Rosalba*

## THANK YOU

### To The Working Committee for Fixing The Kuylapalayam Road

Thank you so much for taking the time and getting the collector to repair the road in Kuylapalayam!
Great Job :)
With Gratitude, *Sophie*

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

### House sitting1

Dear brothers and sisters from Auroville, Hamsini, pre-newcomer and her 7 years old son are looking for house sitting from July, we love animals and plants. If you need someone to take care of your house kindly call me 9487544184. Thanks *Hamsini*

## TAXI SHARING

**June 21st:** Dear Friends I am leaving for Chennai Airport on the 21st of June (Sunday) at 6am in the morning from Sailam Community. My flight is at 11:30am and I have to be there at least one and a half to two hours earlier. You could contact me through email on: drupadg@gmail.com or on cell: 9626561256. My house number is 0413 – 2622906. With Love and Light. *Drupad*

**June 22nd:** Leaving for Chennai airport on the night of the 22nd June at around 10pm or 11pm. I am also willing to leave a bit earlier. My flight is at 5.30am (23rd) if you are interested please contact me *Sylvia (surrender)* 2622 649 or email: sylviazi2000@yahoo.co.in

**June 23rd:** Leaving AV 23rd June evening; arriving Chennai airport before 3:00 am for flight at 5:30 am on June 24.
*Patricia*, Creativity. 262 3750 pat@auroville.org.in 98431 24305

**une 23rd:** Who wants to share a taxi to Chennai Airport leaving Auroville at 1 pm on the 23rd of June? Please contact: 2622738 *(Nelly/Rene)* or 9487421696 (Rene).or email: nelly@auroville.org.in

**June 23th/24th:** Auroville to Chennai airport 11pm or a bit earlier. Or back at about 2am on the 24th. Contact Dominik 84891-88785 or d@kultopia.ch

**June 27th:** We will be arriving at Chennai airport at 11.30 am on 27th June for Auroville. We can share Taxi one way if you are coming to Chennai airport around this time from Auroville. Contact no. is 7598566800.*Mahavir*

**June 27th:** Saturday evening, leaving AV around 10pm to catch Emirates flight to Dubai. Anyone interested to share taxi please phone 2622296. *Timwrey.*

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### Job offer for Aurovillians



Mitra Auroville, an Auroville Unit under the Pour Tous for All Trust is looking for 8 to 10 Aurovilians to participate in the gold-glass project. The work involves glass-fusing with gold-leaves, artistic glass-work, manufacturing gold-tiles (similar to the ones of Matrimandir), creating and fusing colored glass, laying or fixing glass-tiles on roofs, facades, floors, etc.
For the beginning period the work takes place in the factory of gold-tiles in Pondicherry, where we have located all the machinery formerly used for the gold-tile-work at Matrimandir. In the long run the factory will be shifted to Auroville, to the industrial zone.
We have a project to cover the roof of a temple with golden tiles. The project is in "Shiva Land" north of Rishikesh. Part of our team has to apply the tiles at the site. So there is also the possibility to work there for around 6 months.
Mitra Auroville aims at developing for Auroville an artistic glass-industry, located in a line of force in the industrial zone, using amongst others the technique of fusing gold into glass, developed for the Matrimandir. To set up this industry we require committed people who can enjoy a concentrated, contemplative work. We accept only full-time work and regular attendance.
Please contact *Vladimir or Dahlia*: 2622591

### Design Volunteer

Auroville Village Action Group is calling any interested design specialist, volunteer, intern, to work on a regular basis to help design new products for our crocheting social enterprise unit. You may be compensated for your work if necessary. Part time is acceptable, as long as you can come sometime between Monday and Saturday! Textile design and knowledge of crochet is preferred. Please call the AVAG office at 0413 267-8871 or email at avagoffice@auroville.org.in.

**Opportunity to participate in the building of the Matrimandir Gardens**

Matrimandir Garden Design team is looking for somebody with experience in building ponds and water systems to help in the Matrimandir gardens.

We are also looking for somebody with experience in landscape lighting.
For further information contact *Juergen,* via phone at 9655662645 or email to matrimandir@auroville.org.in

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# Notes

## Zeevic's good bye

Dear Auroville people

I am out of Auroville since the end of March and soon will be declared as "left Auroville".
Though heading to the same goal it seems I need another ship... So thank you all for the time you gave me!
I would like to ask for forgiveness if I ever said or did something that hurt you as it was not intentional.
Since I am on the way out, I'd like to share two things:
* Please be more mind-full (or super mind-full) while using the terms "Surrender"or " it is an experience"....
* Use white socks at the entrance of Cinema Paradiso so that when your back side neighbor put his feet in front of your face ...it will look and smell better!

With lots of love
*Zeevic*

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# 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 Aurovillians,
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.
Aurovillians, Newcomers, Guests with Aurocard are welcome to enjoy the meditative music at sunset.

See you there.
*Amphitheatre Team*

# INVITATIONS

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## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA – AUROVILLE

All are invited to participate in the celebration of the International Day of Yoga in Auroville
Date**: Sunday, 21st June 2015**
Place: Savitri Bhavan
Time**: 5.30 – 7.45 am** Surya Namaskar open session guided by Monica
(feel free to join whenever convenient to you) ,
**7.45 am. to 8.15 am** Asanas led by Monica,
**8.15 to 9.15 am** Integral Yoga Concentration Exercises led by Ashesh

There will also be a small exhibition on the importance of physical education in the words of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

*"The dawn would soon be complete and the sun rise over the horizon. The sun of India's destiny would rise and fill all India with its light and overflow India and overflow Asia and overflow the world."* Sri Aurobindo

This is first time that the world is going to celebrate International Day of Yoga at the behest of India. Let us all come together and make it a great success.
*Working Committee*

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## ARE YOU ROUGHLY BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18-35?

**Are you an Artist? A Project Holder? An Entrepreneur perhaps?**

**This is your chance to showcase your work!**

**International Youth Day** is on the **12th August 2015**. YouthLink is organizing an exhibition, with space for presentations and creative expression, to highlight the success and talent of youth in the Auroville area… this will take place from the 12th to 19th August at BharatNivas.

If you would like to display your work, give a presentation… or perhaps you have other creative ideas – call us and/or send your description + photos of your work to YouthLink **before the 25th June** for a chance to participate in this event.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Warmly, YouthLink's Core Team

BharatNivas, Auroville. youth@auroville.org.in, +91 8940568266

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## WHAT IS YOGA FOR YOU?

On occasion of the International Day of Yoga come and share your favorite passage on Yoga or your inner vision of it.
**Unity Pavilion, 21st June at 6pm**

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# CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

## INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

**Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother**
**23rd June (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 Inner 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 12.00 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

## 'EMBRACING THE PLANET'

It is not too late to participate to these great classes. No registration needed. Please come to **SAWCHU on Friday 9 to 11:30 am till July 3rd, 2015.**
A performance will be showcased on the 10th of July at Bharat Nivas. The team members are offering classes through the month. Read on to know more.
Class content overview:
Week 1 - **Energy management for dance and drama performer.** To be in connection with the body, to be present to yourself. For that we work with breath, with movement in the space, awaken to the space around, awaking our senses to be here and now. This allows one to be aware of one's own energetic state and how to play with this to create and move.
Week 2 - **Interaction with others, nature, elements, sounds and dynamics**. Create a space inside ourselves where we allow to be in deep connection with the energy of nature, elements, frequencies, and other people. This is a guided work of discovery of self and other in the creative context.
Week 3 - **Accessing cellular/body memory.** Using specific frequencies to reactivate our connection and awareness of our cellular life. A journey into the interior landscape to be in dialogue with our cells, cultivating an intimate listening.
Week 4 - **Vocal exploration and expression.** Learn to hear your voice without judgment or critique… to welcome the voice as it is. Through a play with the voice explore a part of yourself as an expression of you. Your voice is the muscle of your soul.
Week 5 - **Synthesis and Synesthesia** ~ Bringing together of all the elements, experiencing a shift in perception, hearing color, seeing sound, moving with the essential frequencies.
**About the Facilitators:**
'Embracing the Planet' is the creative fruition of **Philippe Pelen Baldini** and **Thierry Moucazambo** from Reunion Island. The show comes as a result of over 30 years of in-depth artistic experience, research and collaboration with the San bushmen (the first people from Southern Africa) and different indigenous groups. During this time Philippe and Thierry, as choreographer and director respectively, also worked with scientists, archeologists, neuroscientists, biologists, astronomers working to bridge the gap between art, science and indigenous traditional Wisdom.
'Embracing the planet' is an immersive artistic experience inspired by the San bushman of Africa and science, exploring our vital link with nature and the cosmos. This multi-media production merges the spirit of the first people's artistry with modern technology. This is a multi-cultural and trans-cultural experience bridging Africa, India and the rest of the world.
Over the last 30 years, Philippe and Thierry have created 25 award winning shows with performances in over 62 countries featured at famous venues such as Opera de Paris, Théâtre de la Ville de Paris, Grande Halle de la Villette and well-known festivals in Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia, Italy, Scotland, England, Brazil, Canada, South Africa, Poland, Senegal and many other countries. This show is our sewa for a better world and is inspired by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and India.
For more information, contact jeremy@auroville org.in or sophie@auroville.org.in (94864-75972)

## NADA YOGA CLASSES

Monday 1pm to 3:00pm (for new students). Tuesday 1pm to 3:00pm. Wednesday 1pm to 3:00 pm in Creativity, Hall of light.
Nada Yoga or Yoga of sound teaches us to perceive sounds in different parts of the body that are connected to the central energetic channel that is in the spine.
These ancient Yoga technique re-aligns the energy flow and gives peace and quiet serenity. In addition, with these techniques, you can learn to sing well, even if you sing completely wrong. It is through such techniques as traditional music and classical singing in India are born. Hamsini is a perpetual student of Nada Yoga since 14 years and teaches it since 5 years.
*Hamsini* 9487544184

## S C H E D U L E S

**CONSCIOUSNESS AS MEDICINE** with **Dr. Yogesh Mohan**

**Saturday 27 June** - from 9.30 am to 1: pm (by advance registration)
A consciousness approach to dealing with stress, common health problems and diseases, beyond what is written in medical texts. Experiential knowledge from a practitioner's perspective on inner healing.
DR. YOGESH MOHAN, MD (JIPMER), PGPM (ISB) brings the essence of 20+ years of work. Professor & Head Medical Education, Saveetha Medical College, Former Head Integrative Medicine Apollo Chennai.
*Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshops: 0413 2622045 or programming@verite.in*
*Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)*

## F I L M S



# The Eco Film Club

**Sadhana Forest, June 26, Friday at 7pm**

**QUEEN OF THE SUN: WHAT ARE THE BEES TELLING US?**

2010, 83 minutes, Directed by Taggart Siegel
Taking us on a journey through the catastrophic disappearance of bees and the mysterious world of the beehive, this engaging and ultimately uplifting film weaves an unusual and dramatic story of the heartfelt struggles of beekeepers, scientists and philosophers from around the world including Michael Pollan, Gunther Hauk and Vandana Shiva. Together they reveal both the problems and the solutions in renewing a culture in balance with nature.
Best Documentary at the Red Rock Film Festival in Utah, USA
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.

# At Savitri Bhavan

***"LIVING WITH SAVITRI"*** **-** the 5th Dr. M.V. Nadkarni Memorial Lecture by **DR. PREMA NANDAKUMAR**
Monday, 22nd of June 2015, at 6:30pm

Prema Nandakumar grew up in a Vaishnava family with a world divine and with Sri Aurobindo's *'Savitri'*. To read and to study *'Savitri'* was the daily sadhana of her father Prof. K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar and her mother. When young, Prema and her father had long walks at the beach and were talking about *'Savitri'*.
Later Prema did her doctorate on *'Savitri'*.

Continued engagement with *'Savitri'* has been for Prema Nandakumar experiences of Ananda as well as puzzlement.
In the talk "LIVING WITH SAVITRI" Prema Nandakumar is speaking about her conscious development and how she is linking *'Savitri'* with the traditional 'Savitri' version and to the Vedic hymns, terms and imageries.
Narad's long speech in 'Savitri' is seen by her as Sri Aurobindo's message for humanity 'never to lose hope and never misplace faith in the Supreme'.
And she always got guidance and proof from The Mother's saying that "Reading 'Savitri' is yoga".
Duration : 74min.

The transcription of the talk is also published in the last issue of "Invocation" – Study notes No.42.

**Important information about *News & Notes* (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Wednesday 11 am)**
The contents of *News & Notes* are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.
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**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.
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***News & Notes*, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in**

# Cinema Paradiso

**Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium**
**Film program 22 June 2015 to 28 June 2015**

**Indian – Monday 22 June, 8:00 pm:**

- **LISTEN… AMAYA**

India, 2013, Dir. Avinash Kumar Singh w/ Farooq Shaikh, Deepti Naval, Swara Bhaskar, and others, Drama, 108mins, Hindi-Tamil-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G (U).
Are we in India, as a society, comfortable with the idea of parents with grown up children - dating, finding love, or remarrying? The film tries to explore attributes like expectation, insecurity and acceptance in a mother-daughter relationship between Leela and her daughter Amaya – when Leela gets close to Amaya's elderly collaborator Jayant. Parents are protective about their children and children are possessive about their parents. It's a relationship based on one's unconditional love and the other's inborn tendency to take it for granted. What happens when for once in his/her life, this symbol of benevolence thinks of putting himself/herself as just an individual?

**West Asian – Tuesday 23 June, 8:00 pm:**

- **SEGELL IKHTIFA (Chronicle of a Disappearance)**

Israel-Palestine, 1996, Writer-Dir. Elia Suleiman w/ E. Suleiman, Ula Tabari, Fuad Suleiman and others, 88mins, Arabic-Hebrew-French-English-Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13).
The director himself stars along with his family members, his relatives, and other non-actors in this much acclaimed and award winning film that features no real storyline. Suleiman alias E.S. plays himself returning to Israel and the West Bank after a long absence which is followed by a series of loosely connected sketches, which convey the feelings of restlessness and uncertainly from statelessness. The film's tone varies from light and domestic tone, to more ideological tone.

**Interesting – Wednesday 24 June, 8:00 pm:**

- **A MONKEY'S RAINCOAT**

Netherlands, 2005, Dir. Mani Kaul, Documentary, 50mins, various languages w/ English narration and subtitles (Narration has no subtitles; for all conversations, the subtitle unfortunately lingers until the next conversation begins), Rated: NR (PG)
An interesting film about art and artists as the film-maker follows young artists working at the 'Rijksakademie'; an institute which offers residency to sixty talented artists from all over the world.

**Korean – Thursday 25 June, 8:00 pm:**

- **MI-SEU-TEO GO (Mr. Go)**

South Korea-China, 2013, Writer-Dir. Yong-hwa Kim w/ Dong-il Song, Jiao Xu, Hee-won Kim, and others, Comedy-Sports, 132mins, Korean-Mandarin w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)
Wei-wei, a 15-year old circus ringmaster in China, who left behind with a huge debt when her grandfather dies in the earthquake. The only soul she can depend on is a 45yrs old "baseball playing gorilla" named Ling-ling. Wei-wei has no choice but to allow Ling-ling to be scouted by the materialistic sports agent Sung to play in the Korean Baseball League. While Mr.Go's delivers, Wei-wei and Sung, are blinded by the sudden success.

**International – Saturday 27 June, 8:00 pm:**

- **KUMIKO, THE TREASURE HUNTER**

USA, 2014, Writer-Dir. David Zellner w/ Rinko Kikuchi, Nobuyuki Katsube, Shirley Venard, and others, Drama, 105mins, English-Japanese w/ Englishe subtitles, Rated: NR
The story is based around the urban legend surrounding the death of Takako Konishi. It was reported in the media that she had died trying to find the treasure depicted in the 1996 film Fargo. In the film, Kumiko, a lonely Japanese woman in a dead-end job, becomes convinced that a satchel of money buried and lost in the fictional film, is in fact, real. With a crudely drawn treasure map and limited preparation, she escapes her life in Tokyo and embarks on a foolhardy quest across the tundra of Minnesota in search of her mythical fortune.

**Children's Film - Sunday 28 June, 4:30pm**
**NO FILM SCHEDULED**

**PASOLINI Film Festival @ CINECLUB**
**Ciné-Club - Sunday 28 June, 8:00 pm:**

- **THEOREMA**

Italy, 1968 , Writer-Dir. Pier Paolo Pasolini w/ Silvana Mangano, Terence Stamp, and others, Drama-Mystery,105mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: R
The mysterious visitor in the home of a wealthy Italian family, where he exerts a curious, sensual spirituality over everyone. Providing each member of the household with an apparently transcendental experience, the young man departs, leaving each to collapse in their own ways. Because they are materialistic, rich bourgeoisie, their collapses are elegant and terrifying. The daughter withdraws into a catatonic state; the son into his painting, determined to set up his own rules of aesthetics that are so mysterious he cannot be judged; the mother and father seek to repeat their experiences with counterfeits of the young man. However, the maid, the good, decent, believing peasant woman, becomes sanctified.

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