

# Auroville News

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## AMPHITHEATER

*All Aurovilians are invited to listen to Sunil's music with Mother reading the poem of Savitri.....*

*every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Amphitheater.*

*Savitri has come on Earth to defeat Death thus allowing the advent of a new Creation based on Light, Love and Truth.*

*All are invited to share a wonderful moment together at the very center of our community.*

*Tous les Auroviliens sont invite....tous les jeudi a 18h a l'Amphitheatre d'ecouter la voix de Mere lire SAVITRI sur la musique de Sunil.*

*savitri est un poeme epique ecrit par Sri Aurobindo.*

*Savitri est venu sur terre pour combattre la Mort, et ainsi permettre la venue d'une Nouvelle Creation basee sur la Lumiere, l'Amour et la Verite.*

*Tout le monde est invite a partager ce magnifique moment ensemble dans le centre meme de notre communautaire.*

## **மாத்ரிமந்திர்-ஆம்பித்தியேட்டர்**

உண்மை, அன்பு மற்றும் சத்தியப் பேரொளியின் துணையோடு, இப்பூமியில் மரணத்தை அழித்து, மரணமிலா புதிய பிறப்பை ஏற்படுத்திய 'சாவித்திரி' கவிதையை ஸ்ரீஅன்னை சுனில் இசையோடு படித்த-இசைத் தட்டினை கேட்க அனைத்து ஆரோவில்வாசிகளையும் வருக என அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.

**இடம்: மாத்ரிமந்திர்-ஆம்பித்தியேட்டர்**

**நேரம்: ஒவ்வொரு வியாழக்கிழமையும், மாலை 6:00 மணிக்கு.**

## HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

### ***L'hindouisme et la mission de l'Inde***

*[...] qu'est-ce donc que je cherche ? Je cherche une lumière à la fois nouvelle et ancienne, en vérité la plus ancienne de toutes les lumières. Je cherche une autorité qui, acceptant, illuminant et réconciliant toute vérité humaine, rejettera pourtant toute erreur purement humaine et s'en débarrassera en l'expliquant. Je cherche un texte et un shâstra qui ne soit sujet à aucune interpolation, modification ou remplacement, que mites et termites ne pourront détruire, que la terre ne pourra recouvrir ni le temps mutiler. Je cherche un ascétisme qui me rendra pur et me délivrera du moi et de l'ignorance sans rendre vains Dieu et Son univers. Je cherche un scepticisme qui interrogera toute chose mais aura assez de patience pour ne rien nier qui ait quelque chance d'être vrai. Je cherche un rationalisme qui ne se fondera pas sur l'intenable supposition que tous les siècles de l'histoire humaine, à l'exception du dix-neuvième, étaient des siècles de folie et de superstition, mais qui s'attachera à découvrir la vérité au lieu de laisser un nouveau dogmatisme, un obscurantisme et une furieuse intolérance qu'il choisit d'appeler bon sens et lumières de la raison, limiter sa recherche ; je cherche un matérialisme qui reconnaîtra la matière et l'utilisera sans en être l'esclave. Je cherche un occultisme qui portera tous ses procédés et toutes ses preuves à la lumière du jour, sans mystère, sans jonglerie, sans jeter à la face de l'humanité cette vieille absurdité : « Homme, sois aveugle, et vois ! » En un mot, ce n'est pas la science, ce n'est pas la religion, ce n'est pas la théosophie que je cherche, mais le Véda – la vérité sur le Brahman, non seulement sur Son essence mais sur Sa manifestation, non point une lampe sur le chemin vers la forêt, mais une lumière et un guide vers la joie et l'action dans le monde, la vérité au-delà des opinions, la connaissance que toute pensée s'efforce d'atteindre – yasmin vijñate sarvam vijñatam. J'ai foi que ce Véda est le fondement du Sanatana Dharma et qu'il est la divinité cachée au cœur de l'hindouisme – mais il faut écarter le voile, soulever le rideau. J'ai foi qu'on peut le connaître et le découvrir, et le mettre en pratique, non pour renoncer à la vie mais pour vivre dans le monde parmi les hommes.*

*Dans ces articles, je n'essaierai pas d'annoncer la vérité, mais simplement d'examiner quels sont, dans l'hindouisme, les éléments qui peuvent nous guider pour atteindre à la vérité. Je tenterai d'indiquer – autant qu'il me sera possible de le faire dans le cadre de ces articles – certaines des raisons qui justifient ma foi en ces guides que je me suis choisis, et comment, à mon avis, il faut les suivre. Je suis poussé à entreprendre cette tâche parce que je sens qu'il est nécessaire de tourner les esprits de la jeune Inde vers nos vraies richesses, nos vraies sources de pouvoir, de purification et d'espoir pour l'avenir, et de les protéger, au cours de notre quête, à la fois des lumières trompeuses et des défis criards, des découragements prodigués avec assurance – que nous assène le nouvel et bien fragile esprit de refus. Je ne m'adresse pas à l'orthodoxe, ni à ceux qui ont découvert une nouvelle orthodoxie, Samâdj ou Panth, ni à l'incroyant. Je m'adresse à ceux qui croient en la raison sans pour autant l'identifier au matérialisme occidental ; qui sont des sceptiques mais non des incroyants ; qui admettent les revendications de la pensée moderne et ont pourtant foi en l'Inde, en sa mission, son message, sa vie immortelle et son éternelle renaissance.*

## HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

### Hinduism and the Mission of India

[...] what then do I seek ? I seek a light that shall be new, yet old, the oldest indeed of all lights. I seek an authority that accepting, illuminating and reconciling all human truth, shall yet reject and get rid of by explaining it all mere human error. I seek a text and a Shastra that is not subject to interpolation, modification and replacement, that moth and white ant cannot destroy, that the earth cannot bury nor Time mutilate. I seek an asceticism that shall give me purity and deliverance from self and from ignorance without stultifying God and His universe. I seek a scepticism that shall question everything but shall have the patience to deny nothing that may possibly be true. I seek a rationalism not proceeding on the untenable supposition that all the centuries of man's history except the nineteenth were centuries of folly and superstition, but bent on discovering truth instead of limiting inquiry by a new dogmatism, obscurantism and furious intolerance which it chooses to call common sense and enlightenment; I seek a materialism that shall recognise matter and use it without being its slave. I seek an occultism that shall bring out all its processes and proofs into the light of day, without mystery, without jugglery, without the old stupid call to humanity, "Be blind, O man, and see !" In short, I seek not science, not religion, not Theosophy, but Veda – the truth about Brahman, not only about His essentiality, but about His manifestation, not a lamp on the way to the forest, but a light and a guide to joy and action in the world, the truth which is beyond opinion, the knowledge which all thought strives after – yasmin vijñate sarvam vijñatam. I believe that Veda to be the foundation of the Sanatan Dharma; I believe it to be the concealed divinity within Hinduism, - but a veil has to be drawn aside, a curtain has to be lifted. I believe it to be knowable and discoverable. I believe the future of India and the world to depend on its discovery and on its application, not to the renunciation of life, but to life in the world and among men.

In these articles I shall not try to announce truth, but merely to inquire what are those things in Hinduism by following which we may arrive at the truth. I shall try to indicate some of my reasons – as far as within these limits it can be done – for my faith in my guides and the manner in which I think they should be followed. I am impelled to this labour by the necessity of turning the mind of young India to our true riches, our real sources of power, purification and hope for the future and of safeguarding it in the course of its search both from false lights and from the raucous challenges and confident discouragements cast at us by the frail modern spirit of denial. I write, not for the orthodox, nor for those who have discovered a new orthodoxy, Samaj or Panth, nor for the unbeliever. I write for those who acknowledge reason but do not identify reason with Western materialism; who are sceptics but not unbelievers; who admitting the claims of modern thought, still believe in India, her mission, her gospel, her immortal life and her eternal rebirth.

**MEETING OF THE MATRIMANDIR TEAM****6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 02.**

Present: Arjun, Charu, Gajendran, Jithu, John,  
Kusumben, Lakshmi Narayan, Rakesh,  
Shiva, Shivaraj, Somu, Walter.

Chair: Rakesh

**1. Amphitheater Usage/Fund Raising.**

- We noted that the AV news of June 1<sup>st</sup> carries an announcement asking for donations for a screen for amphitheater use, to be given into a separate "Amphitheater" account.

- Considering the questions of tax exemption for Matrimandir involved, and the possibilities of creating confusion in the Matrimandir Accounts it was found completely unacceptable that the Financial Service has allowed the opening of this separate account for a part of the Matrimandir work.

- What we want is collaboration, we welcome the new energy of the Amphitheater group, but we must work together.

**Conclusion:**

We will write to the Financial Service with copies to the Working Committee and FAMC stating that the opening of the separate account is not acceptable, and that it should be closed.

**2. A Letter was Received from Dr. Karen Singh who wrote:**

"It was a joy to visit Matrimandir again and to see that great dome nearing completion.

I do have one suggestion. People with physical disability or heart problem will not be able easily to reach the Inner Chamber. It would be useful if you could provide 2-3 wheelchairs for such persons. The approach is in any case largely through ramps and even the few steps can surely be modified. As you know, this facility is routine in many Western institutions but in India we seem to be curiously insensitive for disabled persons. There is no good reason why they should be deprived from entering the unique Inner Chamber. Perhaps your group may like to consider this suggestion further."

We noted that this is an often raised topic, which definitely calls for a solution. A copy of this letter will be sent to the Working Committee and to Roger.

**3. Financial Requests:**

# 21	Cement for the Petals	Rs.13,050.00
# 22	Maintenance contract for Photocopy machine (25000 copies)	Rs. 7,759.00
# 23	Material for cushion covers in the Chamber	Rs. 4,800.00

4. We noted that in the next meeting we should focus on work reports from the various areas.

There was a lot of laughter in this meeting!

**Forest Group Meeting (June 7th at Udoumbu).**

Present:

Jaap , Dirk , David , Clementina , George , Anita ,  
Kanniappan , Rita , Perumal , Christo , Kumar , David  
(Adv.) , Arnold , Mike , Sydo (notes)

Christo requests all greenbelters to kindly inform him about their annual compost use for a study he is conducting. (how many vandy, tractor or lorry-loads?)

Matters concerning the green group and its formation will be dealt with in July when most of us will be back in station again.

Maps of greenbelt lands needed for the data collection that Regina is managing , are available with the Lalit's secretary in B.N.

Hunters are active just outside Forecommers and Success North of the Pandy airport. Pandy state seems to have relocated a group of gypsies next to the sewage plant in a row of identical huts. They are hunting anything that moves.

It was suggested that the WC should contact the Pandy Forest Departement and complain about the situation.

Due to a lack of rainfall (over the last 3 years ) numerous work and cashew trees are dying . Considerable amounts of work tree timber are piled up in forest communities. The price has come down and this wood is available to the community but it is noted that Aurovilians are utilising relatively little of this locally grown resource .

Kanniappan asked for and was granted permission to extend his house with a kitchen and bathroom.

The EC TDEF project has made several social

surveys and is now processing the results. David updated us on the situation with the Village Handicraft society that still has their minds set on a piece of land in the Aurodam canyon area.

Perumal announced that he will be leaving for the U.S. for some time. Johnny will be the contact person for Fertile Field and caretakers have been found as well.

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### **From the Economy Group — The Central Fund**

During the Central Fund meeting for June, the Economy Group squarely faced a sobering situation. There was not enough income to cover the regular expenditures, and the situation is unlikely to improve until the end of the year for several reasons. To recap briefly, due to both the global and regional situation, there have been and are likely to be many fewer guests. Compared to last year for the same period, the income from guest contributions is 1/3 less. The contribution from the Financial Service which represents the interest accrued on pooled deposits from individual Aurovilians as well as those of activities such as units and projects, has also decreased because interest rates have gone down. The amount of this contribution is unlikely to increase in the near future. Also, several commercial units have informed us that they would have to decrease their regular contributions and have done so. And, this year, unlike the last several years, it has not been possible to build up a buffer to help through a period of lower income.

In June the CF needed to pay out Rs 80,000/= less for maintaining Aurovilians because a number of people had gone out of Auroville, but most of them will be returning in July. Similarly, the requirements for the Children's Nutrition budget were less but will return to a higher amount next month. We have already mentioned in our report in April the anticipated annual request for an increase in the all Auroville education budget for the beginning of the new school year in July.

However, with the present level of income it will not be possible to meet the regular budget expenditures in the coming months, let alone assume any budget increases. In the past we have tried to cut budgets or share out a budget cut for one or two months during a difficult period, but we have decided not to entertain this as an option. Since the budgets are already very minimal, cutting is not a good long-term policy, it being detrimental to many of our most vital collective services and activities. We have to find expansion techniques.

As an attempt to turn the tide towards a more dynamic future we would like to conduct a detailed look into the needs of each service and activity so that every aspect of the Central Fund may be revitalized and find its proper place. This exercise would not have as its goal the diminishing of possibilities but rather to highlight the actual needs in an effort to realize the potential of each activity. Likewise, there is a review needed of present and possible sources of income. As we have repeatedly mentioned over the last months, we recommend that a restructuring, if not a radical change, be elaborated and proposed for the functioning of our Central Fund. To this effect your ideas, suggestions and participation are most welcome.

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### Some Information from the Auroville Electrical Service

Dear Friends,

Recently, we have been in contact with the Economy Group, looking at ways to help improve the situation in the Central Fund which is struggling to cover the budgets of the many services and activities under its umbrella. It has been suggested that the Auroville Electrical Service revise its billing policy so that it could become a self-supporting service that would no longer rely on the CF for any portion of its income, however small.

Over the next days we will be working out the details and in next week's AVNews we will give you more information. Thank you for your attention and cooperation, with love, from the Auroville Electrical Service and Economy Group.

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### **Newcomers, students or retired Aurovilians wanted.**

The Development Council, Engineering Division, is looking for 2 or 3 people to complete a survey of all existing wastewater treatment facilities in Auroville. The job consists in visiting communities in all parts of the township and asking a few technical questions. This work must be completed within the next two weeks. This is an excellent opportunity to discover places and people you would otherwise have no idea they exist. You have to be fluent in English, have your own vehicle and agree to work with dedication. We shall provide you with all necessary means to do the work like covering your petrol bill, etc. Applicants kindly contact M. Cristo at 622 056 or via e-mail at [developmentgroup@auroville.org.in](mailto:developmentgroup@auroville.org.in).

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**CINEMA – Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM****FRIDAY 28 JUNE – 7.30 PM**

(Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

**HARRY POTTER The Sorcerer's Stone**

Directed by: Chris COLUMBUS, 2001

With: Daniel Radcliffe (as Harry Potter), Rupert Grint (as Ron Weasley), Richard Harris (as Dumbledore)

Based on J.K. Rowling's book

Synopsis: Harry is an orphan. Whisked away from his miserable surroundings on his eleventh birthday to study wizardry at Hogwarts, Harry proves that he has the magical qualities that the school knew he had... Original English version – Duration: 2h.30' - 35mm film – Colour

**CINEMA – Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM****VENDREDI 28 JUIN – 19H.30**

(le film commence à 19h. 45' précises)

**HARRY POTTER A L'ECOLE DES SORCIERS**

Réalisé par Chris COLOMBUS – U.S.A. 2001

Avec : With: Daniel Radcliffe (as Harry Potter), Rupert Grint, Richard Harris - Based on J.K. Rowling's book

Synopsis : Harry est orphelin, ses parents – tous deux magiciens- ayant été assassiné par Lord Voldemort. Retiré de son misérable entourage le jour de ses 11 ans, il est placé à Hogwarts pour étudier la sorcellerie. Là, Harry prouve qu'il a les qualités magiques que l'école suspectait bien qu'il avait ...

Version originale Anglaise, Durée: 2h.30', Couleur, film 35mm

**GERMAN VIDEO @ VISITOR'S CENTER**Monatsprogramm fuer Juli und August

(immer Mittwochs, 20.00 Uhr)

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| 3.7.  | <b>Zugvoegel-einmal nach Inari</b>     | D  |
| 10.7. | <b>Gladiator</b>                       | US |
| 17.7. | <b>Kurz + Schmerzlos</b>               | D  |
| 24.7. | <b>Marrakesch (Hideous Kinky)</b>      | UK |
| 31.7. | <b>ACHTUNG: Doppelprogramm</b>         |    |
|       | <b>18.00 Uhr Der Schuh des Manitou</b> | D  |
|       | (Western Klamauk-auch fuer Kinder)     |    |
|       | <b>20.00 Uhr Lebenszeichen</b>         |    |
|       | (Proof of Life)                        | US |
| 7.8.  | <b>Jackie Brown</b>                    | US |
| 14.8. | <b>Kelly Bastian</b>                   | D  |
| 21.7. | <b>Chocolat</b>                        | F  |
| 28.8. | <b>Es geschah am hellichten Tage</b>   | D  |

Aenderungen vorbehalten.

Naehere Informationen zu den Filmen wie ueblich in den jeweiligen AV News, im AV Net Kalender und auf den Flyern in PT, SK und Bakery.

Einen schoenen Sommer wuenscht  
das deutsche Videoteam

**Walt Disney's film****Fantasia**

120 Minutes/Color/ General audiences, all ages permitted

An extraordinary sight and sound experience that has emerged as a milestone in the history of motion pictures.

Fantasia has captivated generations of moviegoers all over the world.

Enjoy this meticulously restored video version of the original full-length film

**Visitor's Center, Sunday 30 June, 6 pm**

See the music, hear the pictures,  
bring your kids and the kid who is in you!

### New Acupuncture Service at Pitanga

**What is acupuncture?**

Acupuncture is an important part of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Over the past 2500 years medical scholars in every age have contributed to the development and refinement of the art of acupuncture.

To diagnose and meet a disease in the Chinese Medical System, all aspects of human life are included. Lifestyle, diet, climate, mental and emotional patterns, family history as well as spiritual dimensions of an individual are all elements to define where the natural harmony of a person's energy system is fallen into disharmony and disease occurs.

With the help of acupuncture as well as, if necessary, changes in lifestyle, diet etc., harmony can be re-established and healing takes place. This inclusion of all aspects of being makes Traditional Chinese Medicine a truly wholesome, wise medical system.

May all beings  
be happy & healthy.

**Are you interested?**

Newcomer Petra, highly qualified practitioner of Chinese Medicine offers acupuncture treatments at Pitanga. Petra received her qualification by e.g.

- Study of Chinese Medicine at Westminster University, London
- Acupuncture course at Beijing University, China
- School of Naturopathy, Berlin

For appointments with Petra, contact Pitanga entrance desk please.

Pitanga Ph. 622 561, mail: [pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:pitanga@auroville.org.in)

**Video in English @ Visitor's Centre  
Saturday 22.06.02 at 8 pm**

**“SCENT OF A WOMAN”**

With Al Pacino, Chris O'Donnell  
Dir. Martin Brest  
1997/2h 37'

**TAI CHI HALL & DOJO**

Sharnga Present

- Every morning, Monday to Friday  
AM 6.30 – 7.30 Zazen  
(guided meditation from the Zen tradition)
- Monday: PM 4.30 – 6.30  
Chi, Tai Chi 108 posture
- Tuesday: AM 7.30 – 8.30  
Tai Chi practice 24 posture
- Wednesday: PM 4.30 – 6.30  
Chi, Tai Chi 24 posture
- Thursday: AM 7.30 – 8.30  
Tai Chi practice 24 posture
- Friday: AM 7.30 – 8.30  
Tai Chi practice 108 posture  
PM 4.30 – 6.30  
Chi, Tai Chi 24 posture

We'll start our classes from the 1th. of July  
Information Marco ph. 622654

**To the Units:**

WE ARE HAPPY TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY THAT AUROMA IS READY TO DO THE ACCOUNTS FOR UNITS WHO NEED SOME HELP. Please come and meet us at AUROMA in the Aurelec building premises; we will be there for you.

Auroma Team.

**News from Naturellement**

We need all the empty jars back for further filling. Bring the jams, jellies, marmalades and pickles jars to Naturellement, Bharat Nivas. Looking forward to meet you with plenty of jars. Naturellement.

**CREATIVITY HOUSING.....AVAILABLE**

Creativity is an intercultural community based , housing complex , situated in the residential zone next to 'Vikas' and is expected to house up to 50 people, including newcomers and guests, It is envisaged as a test site for the integrated use of eco technologies with resource management.

These include the use of terracotta pot ceilings, hollow terracotta roofing and stabilised rammed earth walls for construction. The eco-systems will include root zone wastewater treatment, rainwater harvesting, and a hybrid electrical system with battery storage. We envision converting to a solar hybrid / TNEB system when we can .

The data regarding the usage of the water and power systems will be gathered and the social experiment will be closely documented through residents co-operation.

The physical complex is designed to facilitate an interactive cooperative community with a common kitchen, garage, laundry, hot water showers, storage facilities, a creative studio, an Internet room and a large hall that can house many other activities.

The future residents of Creativity have been meeting on a monthly basis for quite some time and are involved in the finishing decision making of their apartments and the collective areas also.

Although many of the units have been allocated the following units are still available:

3.. independent single units..These units have one large room with balcony and seperate bathroom and small kitchen

7.. collective single units - These units have one large room with balcony and will be sharing kitchen and bathrooms.

1.. small double unit.....This is a mezzanine unit .

3.. family units

If communtiy based living interests you please call us at 622-190 ..we will be happy to meet with you at your convenience

The Creativity team

**HOUSE SIT IN THE GREEBELT**

Good for couple, or family

Available now through September.

Paka house, some duties

Call 6 to 8 pm. 622 344 for info.

Dear Communtiy,

Please bring in work for the off-set printing. We print labels, bill books, vouchers etc..

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### **Can you find the activity that will give you what you want out of life?**

#### □ Caretaker of the infrastructure of the Health Centre

The caretaker the Health Centre is looking for should be skilled in all aspects of the maintenance of a plant's infrastructure: electricity, plumbing, masonry, UPS systems, etc. Of course, proper building maintenance needs the cooperation of the whole staff, so another essential function of the caretaker would be to train the staff in proper daily usage and care for the various parts and systems of the infrastructure. In other words, the caretaker must feel that s/he is part of the Health Centre's team and be devoted to the work of the Centre.

For information and sharing ideas concerning this work, as well as discussion on timings, etc. please call Albert at the Health Centre 622 123 or by email [avhealth@auroville.org.in](mailto:avhealth@auroville.org.in)

#### □ Solar Kitchen Technician (Urgent)

Solar Kitchen is looking for a competent technician to operate and maintain, with the help of two assistants, its technical installations: solar bowl, diesel-fired boiler, diesel generators, LPG burners, various kitchen equipment & machinery, electrical and water systems. Sense of responsibility and team spirit are indispensable. Please contact: Angelika, Valery and Gilles G. at Solar Kitchen

Ph: 62-2197 or mail to:

[solkitchen@auroville.org.in](mailto:solkitchen@auroville.org.in)

#### □ A Maths and Physics teacher

The Last School needs a teacher of Maths and Physics. Besides knowledge of the subject, someone who has an affinity for youth 13 to 20 will make the job fun for both teacher and learner. The timings are flexible. Please discuss details with Jean, Deepti or Jean-Yves at 622195, or email

[lastschool@auroville.org.in](mailto:lastschool@auroville.org.in)

#### □ French translator

Auro-Traductions, needs a French translator on a voluntary basis. (Perhaps a Newcomer whose first language is French). The translation work must be done weekly according to the tight printing schedule of the AVNews. The time involvement should be a minimum of 20 hours a week. Please contact either: Claude or Swar at Auro-Traductions (622713; [avtraductions@auroville.org.in](mailto:avtraductions@auroville.org.in))

Connections will be open in June: on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 9.00am till 12.00 am and on appointment.

The Connections team

Paulien, Don and Jaya

SAWCHU Building,

Tel.: 623440, email: [connections@auroville.org.in](mailto:connections@auroville.org.in)

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Dear Community,

Its been a long time giving news on AV CLEAN GROUP, we are glad that this wonderful service is going on with dedication since a year. And I think we should give our whole appreciation for this group of youths who does this service, cleaning the plastics and garbage to keep our AV roads clean and green. I cannot imagine AV beautiful muddy roads with flying plastics and etc: So lets keep encouraging this group and it would be lovely if others could join once in a while.

Cleaning takes place every Sunday afternoon 4 to 6. This week it took place on the way to matrimandir till info. So anybody interested to show up do contact :Padpanappan for the meeting place. And it would be again marvelous if we (aurovilians) could support this youths little financially (not for buying bikes or truck) but to buy some hand gloves and cloth bags and to make the pickers. Even a rupee of 5 or 10 (quite enough) could be transfered to AV clean group account. If many of us could do that, I am sure our boys will carry on with their work. This is another way of appreciation too!

Thanks

Partha

p.s: Regarding this please feel free to call up [Padpanappan](mailto:Padpanappan) , Ph:622257 for any suggestion to improve the service or for any help.

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#### An insight into the working of groups and organisations

This story concerns four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but in the end Nobody did it.

Somebody got very angry over this because it was really Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody would do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody had asked Anybody!

Love .....ricardo



## Auroville's Future - City Networking/Exhibition Notice

For those who have been following the Asia Urbs project on City Networking for Sustainable Development and Human Unity, here is an update. Luigi, the coordinator of the project, along with his team at the Centre for Urban Research at Auroville's Future, have put into effect a multi-dimensional implementation strategy for promoting city-to-city networking between Europe and Asia and initiating links for sustainable partnerships. The first of the major activities undertaken/planned by the Centre was the very successful **International Conference on City Networking for a Sustainable Future and Human Unity** held in Auroville from February 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Given Auroville's experience in facilitating cooperation and sustainable living among people of diverse cultures and nations, the conference was productive in its being centred within a space that was able to foster a spirit and consciousness necessary for networking on the international scale. Over 60 delegates from India, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and Europe, comprising of urban specialists, city representatives, town planners and NGOs, attended the conference and made use of the excellent opportunity to network for long-term cooperation in urban management and city-to-city networking. This event was effectively covered by Auroville Today and Auroville Outreach in their April 2002 issues.

Partially funded by the European Commission, and in partnership with the City of Venice, the City of Paris, and the Province of Treviso, this project formally began in October 2001 and will reach completion on September 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003<sup>2</sup>. -To coordinate all the activities of the project, the Centre for Urban Research is building a secretariat along the lines of a city networking service unit that will continue operating after the conclusion of the project. The main activities through which the project is increasing its capacity for interactions and networking between European and South East Asian partners, besides the recently concluded conference, are:

- Roving exhibitions in India and Europe
- Creation of a database of Indian and EU cities
- Publications, newsletters, website, and press presentations

The 'Roving Exhibitions' as their name suggests, are travelling, interactive, networking public forums that seek to share, within the context of the Asia Urbs

programme, an accessible exchange system of information on urban management practices currently being implemented in some Asian and European cities. The exhibitions, also referred to as 'Best Practices Expositions' include space for seminar/workshops that provide the forum for discussion in the fields of water management energy usage, environmental education and health, eco-building, waste management, heritage conservation etc.

The exhibitions have a number of cities on their May to September itinerary that include three Indian metros – Delhi, Chennai, and Mumbai, and also the cities of Paris, Venice, and Treviso in Europe. The recently concluded Delhi and Chennai exhibitions, successful in their scope of activities and level of interaction, were instrumental in drawing local participation and institutional support to develop effective means of urban governance and networking. A short report with photos is available on the Auroville webpage.

The 'Roving Exhibitions' will be moving on to their European destinations from the last week of June '02 with the aim of furthering the networking prospects between Europe and South East Asia. The city of Treviso will be the first European stopover, and then in July the exhibition will move on to Paris and then to Venice, before finally concluding in Mumbai in the second week of September 2002. For those Aurovilians who might be in Europe during the summer and are interested in participating, here are the details regarding dates and venues:

- **Treviso – June 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> at Palazzo del Trecento**
- **Paris – July 5<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> at La Maison de l'Inde**
- **Venice – July 19<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> at the Candiani Exhibition Centre in Mestre**
- **Mumbai – September 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> (venue to be finalized).**

Further updates of events and activities will be posted on the Auroville Website, as well as on [www.citynetworking.net](http://www.citynetworking.net), a special website which shall be operational by July 2002.

— **Abha P.**

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1. Three in one philips CD player - Rs. 4,250.00
  2. VCR/P (Sanyo) - Rs. 3,000.00
- Contact 622 054.
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**RESULTS OF NEEM SPRAY TRIAL AREA**

Herbert of Sidhartha Farm is a happy man right now. He has purchased the cashewnuts harvested from the Neem Spray Trial Area and is processing them for consumption in Auroville. The total harvest came to 165.5 Kgs, for which the sum of Rs. 6,206/- is being paid to Land and Estate Management.

Herbert is happy because the harvest from the Trial Area is giving him, on an average, 250 gms of edible nuts out of 1 Kg of whole nuts (i.e. with shell). For his purchases from other sources, he is getting 240 gms, 230 gms, 220 gms and even less. Make the calculation of how much he benefits for the same amount of processing work and you will understand why he is happy. We are happy too, that NEEM OIL WORKS AND WITH GOOD RESULTS.

The better results at the Trial Plot could also be due to the FRUIT/NUT BORER factor. We systematically searched for and destroyed the larvae of this borer. The larvae feed voraciously on the fruits and nuts causing loss of the edible part for humans. Since this borer pupates on the soil surface, Dr. Narayanan advised to bury the picked ripe fruits fairly deeply into the soil (30 cms at least). Better option, he said, is for the cows to eat them, borer and all. The local custom of leaving the cashew fruits in heaps in the fields, he advised against, as this provides excellent opportunities for borer multiplication. FIELD HYGIENE IS ONE OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT.

Rita and Njal

**Dear Community !**

One more time this is Ashok ( from the Av-vehicle service and the AVAA-team )calling on your support. As you might have read two weeks ago I've got this chance to attend an International Youth Camp next month in Colorado with all the travel arrangements sponsored by Melissa Michaels and her "Wild Life Production".

The last weeks we had concentrated on the - for Indian Citizens very difficult - process of getting the visa, and we are happy to let you know that we are on the way to create a better contact and agreement with the consulate for future educational exchange programs.

So I'm in the last preparations for the travel and still appeal to you to help me in getting some pocketmoney and presents together ( just for the first application for the visa which so many times is not granted I had to spent Rp3800 non-refundable ). Any contributions in kind (small give-aways ) or cash ( Pour Tous A/C is # 3430 )are still very much welcome.

I have a nice folder prepared on the background of the program and there is even an introductory video of 10 min. which I'm happy to share with anybody interested in this very special Youth work. Offering my service for the good of all

- Ashok

**Co – operation in Detoxication**

“ the period from 1946 onwards has been described as the “Age of pesticides” divided into three phase: the era of optimism ( 1946-1962), the era of doubt (1962 – 1976) and the era of integrate pest management (IPM) (1976- )...(M.Begon and others, “Ecology”,Milan, 1996, page 627).

Rita and Njal's efforts have a significant success. This year Aurovillans and villagers have suffered less from poison. More birds appear in Auroville bioregion. In previous years the natural system (ecosystem) of cashew plantations and surroundings was quite damaged by chemical insecticide sprayings. Now nature is in joy and helps homosapiens to restrict the pest population.

But an evil of a pesticide spray isn't dead. It has many heads like a legendary dragon. Every kind of chemicals is ahead of this venomous monster. Each of us in Auroville and in neighboring villages received a dose of poison. There is a law: a quantity of poesticide in the soil and water can be low, but level of toxic agents in plants and animals (in people also) multiplies-10,100,1000 times and more. The specialists named this effect “the biomagnification of pesticide”.

Our bodies have the residues of toxicants. A detoxication of Auroville ecosystem and tissues of Aurovillians, villagers has only started . o lord, save our bodies – we you in a co – operation. Let the integral pest management ( a practical philosophy) change an endless chemical war strategy in our environment. IPM includes the biomethods, cultural methods, use of replents and deterrents (nonkilling scaring matters).

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**AUROVILLE WATER SERVICE**

The FAMC is in the process of reorganizing the Water Service in Auroville. However, there is still the need for repair and maintenance of the pumps and water installations in Auroville. Therefore, the Aurovilians who have been doing this work for the last years are still ready to continue the work until the new water maintenance system is in place.

If you need our help, kindly contact us at the following phone numbers: 622775(Babu) and 623018(Jaymurthi). Thanking you,

Babu, Shanmugam, Nagappan, Jaymurthi.