

# Auroville News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

## L'Adoration de la Mère Divine

À la source de la naissance et des luttes et du destin,  
Elle est là.  
La lente ronde des cycles tourne à son appel;  
Elle seule, par ses mains, peut changer la base du  
dragon qui porte le Temps.  
Le mystère caché sous la Nuit est son mystère;  
L'alchimie des énergies de l'esprit est son alchimie;  
Elle est la passerelle d'or, le feu magique.  
Le coeur lumineux de l'Inconnu est Elle,  
Elle, le pouvoir silencieux dans les abîmes de Dieu;  
Elle, la Force, le Mot inévitable,  
L'aimant de notre difficile ascension,  
Le Soleil qui allume tous nos soleils,  
La Lumière qui se penche depuis les Vastitudes irréalisées,  
La joie qui nous appelle à l'impossible,  
La Puissance de tout ce qui n'est encore jamais descendu.  
Muettement, toute la Nature crie vers Elle seule  
Pour que ses pas guérissent les battements blessés de la  
vie  
Et brisent le sombre sceau sur l'âme des hommes  
Et allument son feu dans le coeur fermé des choses.  
Tout ici-bas, un jour, sera sa maison de tendresse,  
Tous les contraires préparent son harmonie;  
Vers Elle, nos connaissances grimpent, nos passions  
tâtonnent,  
Dans son ravissement miraculeux nous habiterons,  
Son embrasse changera notre peine en émerveillement.  
Par Elle, notre moi sera un avec le moi de tout.  
Assurée en Elle, parce que transformée en Elle,  
Notre vie trouvera sa réponse complète:  
En haut, les calmes béatitudes sans limites  
En bas, la merveille de l'embrassement divin.

# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

## THE ADORATION OF THE DIVINE MOTHER

At the head she stands of birth and toil and fate,  
In their slow round the cycles turn to her call;  
Alone her hands can change Time's dragon base.  
Hers is the mystery the Night conceals;  
The spirit's alchemist energy is hers;  
She is the golden bridge, the wonderful fire.  
The luminous heart of the Unknown is she,  
A power of silence in the depths of God;  
She is the Force, the inevitable Word,  
The magnet of our difficult ascent,  
The Sun from which we kindle all our suns,  
The Light that leans from the unrealised Vasts,  
The joy that beckons from the impossible,  
The Might of all that never yet came down.  
All Nature dumbly calls to her alone  
To heal with her feet the aching throb of life  
And break the seals on the dim soul of man  
And kindle her fire in the closed heart of things.  
All here shall be one day her sweetness' home,  
All contraries prepare her harmony;  
Towards her our knowledge climbs, our passion gropes;  
In her miraculous rapture we shall dwell,  
Her clasp shall turn to ecstasy our pain.  
Our self shall be one self with all through her.  
In her confirmed because transformed in her,  
Our life shall find in its fulfilled response  
Above, the boundless hushed beatitudes,  
Below, the wonder of the embrace divine.

**Reply to letter of Gnanavel**

Dear Community Members,

The Auroville Council recognizes that a review of the policies governing entry into Auroville need to be reviewed. This however requires an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding.

In this light we call upon all members of the community to act with maturity and restraint and not misuse the freedom to express ourselves that exists in Auroville.

In the supplement of a recent edition of the Auroville News, Gnanavel has written a long note against the Entry Group entitled "Auroville Apartheid".

We are deeply disturbed by this action as it invariably results in maligning Auroville in the public eye while creating division and discontent between the diverse parts of Auroville, which is a multifaceted society.

Terms like "Auroville Apartheid" and "racial discrimination" create an atmosphere of mistrust and division, totally counter productive to an open look at the problems, which invariably arise when people from many different cultural and economic backgrounds try to find a way to live together in peace and harmony

We would also like to remind the community that the Entry group is composed of people from very different backgrounds and includes a long time Aurovilian who hails from a neighbouring village. Furthermore, in all cases of admission of applicants from the neighbours of Auroville, two other respected Aurovilians Hari and Dhandapani, who are familiar with the local culture are always consulted. The omission of these facts is resulting in a largely distorted view of the situation.

We trust this note has clarified the matter.

The Auroville Council

**IDC Combined minutes for First half of December 2002****Pour Tous II**

The project holders of the new Pour Tous came to finalize discussion about the planned structure. Despite difficulty in funding, all agree that a move into a new building is necessary as the present infrastructure of Pour Tous is insufficient to handle Auroville's growth. Gilles G. would like to be part of a management of an area devoted specifically to a new economy where no exchange of money would gradually be implemented and where providing for the needs of all would become a living ideal where the services could support our basic needs. This should not be continued to one area but should exist everywhere in Auroville.

The IDC had some questions concerning density, integration of service and commercial projects and the strength of the foundation so that it can accommodate further vertical development. Suhasini, who is the architect, made it clear it is an open plan which enables future development on the first floor; however, landscaping and the "arcade" section would probably not begin in this first phase.

The idea of the Crown area is that it is going to be the most public, urban and lively of areas with planned residences on top of public buildings - where a 24 hour presence would facilitate the growth and activity of the area. The IDC would like the project holders to consider related services that could join in the proposed Pour Tous like Nandini tailoring service, the Freestore, Mahasaraswati exchange, repair service and other related services. The IDC also requested that estimates be given for a reinforced foundation which would have the integrity for ground floor and first floor.

This urgent project was given the green light by the IDC on the provision that civil engineering details of the foundation would be given with complete breakdown.

**Harald Kraft**

We had the privilege of having Harald Kraft present his pre-feasibility study of water management for the area with the Master Plan as the guide in a future Auroville where a population of 50,000 residents must be supported. His idea consists to a great extent of the efficient harvesting of rainwater, where even in the driest year on record there would still be 4 times the needed

amount of rainfall to supply us with the total consumption for the entire future township.

The written draft of his study, which will be completed soon, is roughly 200 pages and the visuals, which are extensive, are complete. Some of the details available to us now are: An Auroville-wide water system network, which will use a separate system for drinking and irrigation, is necessary in the future. Pipes have to be designed for peak flow; the maximum demand, which is calculated to be 2.7, times the average flow. Underground water storage is necessary, which would cover a minimum backup for 1 day for the entire township.

The topography and road lay-outs in the Master Plan are ideal for drainage and water irrigation channels. Rain harvesting and other techniques of water conservation in the household can be adopted, like what is being currently implemented extensively in countries such as Sweden and Germany. The central lake is essential in this plan, where its function is to purify the water, which undergoes 5 stages of treatment until it is ready to be used as drinking water. Due to phosphor levels it is safer if the central lake is larger rather than too small; the ideal size of the central lake has been calculated. Harald also mentioned that the Greenbelt lands where water catchments areas with storages to catch excess run-off would be located, are essential.

### **Land Use Coordination**

The members of the dormant LUC came to discuss its situation with the IDC. The LUC was recognized as an official committee as it would have the possibility of seeking legal protective status for the lands of Auroville. The following groups are all closely related: Land Fund, Land and Estate Management and LUC. Here is an outline of their main work:

- o Obtaining Funds to acquire lands for Auroville (Land Fund)
- o Obtaining protective status for lands in the Auroville area (LUC)
- o Purchasing and selling land (LEM)
- o Village Relations and joint planning

It was tentatively agreed that one body to coordinate these activities is needed.

The time calls for our best efforts to communicate with regional and governmental authorities so that our physical future can be secured through obtaining protective status which is within the mandate of the Foundation Act. It was suggested that this work be coordinated by Frederick, Luigi and Pashi respectively.

We defined our most urgent needs:

- 1) Develop joint task forces to coordinate our own priorities within Auroville.
- 2) Improve our ability to meet the Villagers to discuss their concerns as well as our own.

### **Maitreye Project**

We received several letters of objection to the proposed site of Maitreye. It was stated by those who objected that it is inconvenient for the people of Sharanga who live near the future entrance site. The IDC has proposed to build a green wall as a sound barrier.

We would like to remind the community that development in the Township is a natural aspect of Auroville's growth and that we are living literally in a construction area. As the Residential Zone begins to fill out in terms of density, solutions to construction and traffic noise must be found, as they are not valid objections to a much-needed housing development.

Anupama came to clarify that in Maitreye's layout, several spaces are reserved for community spaces like a proposed Creche, Youth Dormitory and sports facilities, however nothing is finalized yet. The idea is to reserve some space for public buildings in the Residential Zone. The IDC will call an information sharing meeting with some of the residents who will be affected.

### **Vikas Well**

Vikas urgently needs renovations of its well for internal casing and the installation of an electric pump. The IDC in this exceptional situation is going to give 93,000 to Vikas community. The community decided to keep the Windmill as a backup.

Paulien came to discuss developments at Vikas where a simultaneous electrical installation and a shifting of a Saylam community cable is taking place. One member of the IDC mentioned that Vikas has encroached the Green Corridor through the building of many leg-aum type structures, etc

### **Building application for Mereville Trust**

Anupama came to present details of a new development which is occurring in the Verite Area. The project holder is Franco. It will be an incense factory located in front of Aurosoya. Regarding the present drawings, we advised that environmental and aesthetic conditions must be up to date and workable. As it is a rather large factory its impact upon the area needs also to be studied. As part of the planning group, Anupama is also working on a development plan for the area.

### **Housing Service**

The IDC requests a new representative from Housing Service to attend a meeting with us weekly. Our current representatives are Peter from the International Zone group, Jill AV Council + International Zone Group and Stuart from the WC).

### **Two building applications are waiting two weeks for feedback:**

Rolf and Nicoletta, at Kalabhumi; extension Mereville Trust, at Udyogam (closed to Verite), Factory

**FROM THE ENTRY GROUP**

The Entry Group requests your feedback (two weeks) on the following announcements:

**Residents of Auroville:**

- .. Anne (French) is doing Greenwork and lives in Darkali.
- .. Chaitanya (French) teaches at Deepanam School and lives in Vikas.

**Newcomers:**

- .. Laura (USA) teaches at Deepanam and lives at Bobby's KK; contact person: Ilse
- .. Lauro (USA) works at the AV Library and lives at Bobby's KK; contact person: Josette
- .. Oliver (German) is a nurse and lives in Djaima; contact person Franz
- .. Renata (Polish) works at Avitra and lives in Djaima; contact person Kansha
- .. Atmajyoti (Belgian) works at Martimandir and lives in Celebration; contact person: Chris Gray
- .. Zacky (USA) works in Aurelec with Alok and stays in New Creation; contact person: Dawn
- .. Satyajit (Indian) works at Village Action and lives in Fraternity (Youth Camp); contact person Alain G.
- .. Mary Ellen (Australian) teaches at Transition and lives in Fraternity (Youth Camp); contact person Alain G.

**Babies:**

- .. Ilian is 11 ½ months old and his parents are Renata and Oliver.

**Long Term Guests:**

- .. Bertrand (French) works at the Free Progress School, New Creation and stays at New Creation; contact person: Bhaga.
- .. Stefan: works and stays at the Buddha Garden; contact person Jurgen (Quiet)

**Students:**

- .. Impi (Irish) studies at CFL and lives in KK with her guardian, Bobby.

**Civil Volunteers from Germany:**

Christophe: teaches and stays at the New Creation. Contact person: Tine (Aurogreen)

**Erratum:** In the last AVnews, under Civil Volunteers from Germany, the name Soeren Tillmann was published. His full name is: Ivo Soeren Tillmann Syndicus and Auroville name is: Ivo Syndicus

**This is meant to be in the 'Messages section'. AVNews**

## **'Roma's Kitchen' is fully booked for dinner on Sunday the 29th and tuesday the 31st.**

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Roma

**Solar Kitchen News**

We are looking for people, willing to serve food at Dinning Hall.

timing -11.15 am to 1.15 pm

Please contact Ramesh & Vijaya ( phone: 2622197 )

**Old News from the Health Centre:**

In spite of previous announcements, that Auroville Health Centre is not burning anymore outside waste. Aurovilians or their workers still sneak in to dump their garbage at our incinerator.

We ask again to comply.

**DO NOT bring any waste to the Health Centre.**

**Start the New Year with a noble deed.**

Donate blood at Auroville Village Action Resource Centre, Irumbai.

Just 1 km after the ancient Shiva temple, Opposite TNEB (Tamilnadu Electricity Board) sub-station On 1st Jan. 2003 Between 9am and 12pm.

This blood donation camp is organised by Auroville Village Action Group in association with JIPMER Hospital.

All the people living in Auroville (and their friends) are welcome. This will also give us a chance to know the people of our bio-region as well as the activities of AVAG.

**This will be followed by a delicious lunch.**

Register your name at AVARC at the earliest. If you are unable to register before 31st Dec. 5.30 pm "no worries" , just land up there.

Contact: Raju, Banou or Satyajit @ 2678872 or 2678871 Or avagoffice@auroville.org.in

**See you there!**

## CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM SATURDAY 4 JANUARY - 7.30 PM (Film

show starting at 7.45 sharp)

### "THE NEVER ENDING STORY" / "DIE UNENDLICHE GESCHICHTE"

Directed by Wolfgang PETERSON, Germany/UK,  
1984

With: Noah Hathaway, Barret Oliver, Tamy Stronach,  
Moses Gunn, Patricia Hayes

Synopsis: The film is a magical, timeless fantasy built  
around a young boy who visualizes what he is reading  
from a mystical book: a boy warrior is the only hope  
of saving the empire of Fantasia from being swal-  
lowed up by The Nothing... (General audience)

Original English version - Duration: 1h.32' - 35mm  
film - Colour

Meditation, Music and  
Flowers  
to start off the New year  
together.....  
1.1. 2003 @ 6 a.m.  
Amphitheater

Amphitheatergroup  
Carlos, Joy, Sigrid, Srimoyi

## HAPPENING DALA FUNSCHOOL

STUDENTS OF AUROVILLE FROM THE AGE OF 10-20  
ARE WELCOME TO CHARLAR GARDEN (AMI) TO  
LEARN HOW TO CARVE WITH HIMAL.

WE WILL BE CARVING EVERY MORNING FROM  
MONDAY THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, TILL SATURDAY THE  
4<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY.  
LOVE HIMAL

### Available from the 2nd of Jan onwards at Pour Tous.

- 1) Skimmed AV Farm milk available.
- 2) Comes down the price of pure ghee
- 3) Crystal Palm sugar 1/2kg available in palm  
leaf cups. Best for medicinal and Beverages (like  
coffee, Tea, Milk, etc) uses.

Wish you all A Happy and Healthy New Year  
2003.

Ayurvedic Center.

## INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON BUILDING ARCHES, VAULTS AND DOMES

The Auroville Building Centre/Earth Unit will be conducting  
a special course for the High School of Architecture of la  
Cambre, Belgium.

The course will be attended by 15 Belgians, a few Indians  
and a few French.

The first week is consecrated for the theory of vaulted  
structures; where one learns how to calculate their stability.

The second week will be the construction of various arches,  
and vaults of actual size, and the construction of models of  
various domes.

Dates: 30<sup>th</sup> December till 4<sup>th</sup> January = Theory – 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>  
January = Building

Eligibility: all skills, from architect/engineer, mason/student  
to layman

Venue: AVBC/Earth Unit Campus at CSR.

Timings: Morning = 8.30 (Sharp) to 12.30 – Afternoon = 1.30  
to 6.00

Anybody is most welcome to join the course. Aurovilians  
and Newcomers will be asked to contribute for the actual  
cost of the documents and training course expenses. Guests  
should pay for the normal fees. Please contact us at our  
office for the details and registration.

## Welcome to the workshop

Satprem Maini

## NEWS FROM QUIET

### Learn Traditional Thai Massage at Quiet.

Jan. 3rd - 7th (This is an advanced course open  
only to individuals who have completed at least  
one beginners course.)

Jan. 9th - 18th.....beginners

Jan. 26th - Feb. 5th...beginners

These are intensive programs involving approxi-  
mately six hours per day of instruction and prac-  
tice. An additional two hours per day of hatha yoga  
and vipassana meditation are offered, but are  
optional.

A certificate is given upon completion of the  
course.

**LOST**

I lost 2 (for me) very valuable golden rings – between certitude and New lands last Friday night. My parents gave them to me and therefore I would be very happy to get them back. Please leave a message at Quiet Healing centre.

Thank you,

Agnes Phone : 2622329

**LOST****LOST****Yoke Of Nature**

“Sri Krishna tells Arjuna : ... nature will yoke thee to thy work” (Bhagavad Geetha).

For a short time E. Sivakumar exhibited his paintings in Aurobrindavan. But in Alliance Francaise (Pondicherry) this exhibition has place from Dec.13 to Jan.4. It includes 43 paintings: one self-portrait and others Landscapes. We all know these places. The lakes with lotus flowers, shores of sea, village houses with keet roofs, canyons with reddish walls, dams, palms.

The talent of the artist is in every painting. He helps us to see the world through a fresh look. Sivakumar was yoked to his work by nature. His artistic things have the musical vibrations, it is Sri Krishna's tunes.

Sivakumar lives in Yantra (Auroville). He was born on June 25, '79- his age reaches twenty three. In Numerology Sivakumar's number is three, it means harmony and spirituality. He didn't receive a special education but has an art experience for ten years. The paintings in the exhibition are the result of his work during last year. The self-portrait and landscapes are professional and inspired.

Thank you, Sivakumar, for your Divine Art of Nature! Happy New Year! Let 2003 be as successful for you as 2002!

Boris

Dear community we are HAPPY to share our joy of completing two years of AV CLEAN GROUP.

Yes, we have been doing this SERVICE past two years and still going on sundays!

Thanks for all your support and encouragement Smiles.

NEW WORLD THEATRE GROUP

For any suggestion or help to improve this activity freely contact: Padpanapan (Last School)

**We hope to give you a play on the year of 2003**

**Dear community,**

We are happy to share our joy with the birth of our beautiful daughter **ABITHA**, born on the 20th december.

love Anbu.V and Tamiz Vani

**This weeks AVNews** has been condensed and is without the Supplement. Wishing you all a very happy New Year!

AVNews team



## PITANGA New Activities

In January 2003 the following activities will start at Pitanga. For details of other activities please refer to the schedule elsewhere in the AV News.

**Aikido with Cristo**

New classes of Aikido will start from January 03 onwards:

Tuesday 6 - 8 pm, Friday 5 - 7pm

Beginners are welcome!

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**Yoga for guests**

A workshop specially designed for the needs of guests coming from different approaches and levels of Hatha Yoga. For January and February there will be classes on

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 - 11.00 am.

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**“EXPLORATION”**

Paintings and sculptures

by Eva Mikulski

**January 3 to 27, 2003**

**Mon - Sat 8 am to 5 pm**

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Pitanga remains closed for

**PONGAL**

**Friday, 17/01/2003.**

Pitanga Ph. 262 2561, mail: [pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:pitanga@auroville.org.in)

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Rs. 2500

Contact Michael or Jurgén 262 2329 / 262 2646

**I am looking for a second hand Splendor-Honda. If interested in selling please contact. Ashok Phone: 2622897/2623302**



**We wish to invite you to join us in an unusual kind of 'learning experience'!**

A programme of Brainstorming Sessions is being organized  
on

- "A History of Indian Culture" under the theme -

### ***The Sense of the Infinite***

The Venue is: Sri Aurobindo Auditorium  
Bharat Nivas

Dates are : December 29, 2002 to January 1, 2003

About 20 eminent thinkers, scholars and media personalities from various parts of the country will be with us during these days - to share their experience.

The Lt. Governor of Pondicherry, **Shri K.R. Malkani** will give an inaugural address on the morning of the 29th. The Honorable Minister of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, **Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi**, will address us on the evening of the 31st.

For details of timing and content of each session, please check your E-mail.

With love,  
from the Bharat Nivas Group