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REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

A celebration to mark the occasion of the Republic Day of the India will be at 8.00 A.M on the 26th January 2003 at Bharat Nivas premises. Smt. Santosh Malik will hoist the National Flag of India. Children of Auroville Schools will sing patriotic songs.

All are requested to grace the occasion by participating in the Republic Day Celebrations.

Light refreshments will be served after the Flag hoisting.

SECRETARY-IN-CHARGE
AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

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Célébration du jour de la République

Une célébration pour marquer l'occasion du jour de la République indienne aura lieu à 8.00 h le 26 janvier 2003 dans l'enclos du Bharat Nivas. Smt. Santosh Malik hissera les couleurs nationales. Des enfants provenant des écoles d'Auroville entonneront des chants patriotiques.

Tous sont invités à participer aux célébrations du jour de la République.

Des rafraîchissements seront servis après la levée de drapeau.

Le Secrétaire intérimaire

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

SEMINAR ON INDIAN CULTURE BHARAT NIVAS

I can notice that a good deal of research has gone into the making of this Seminar and in identifying a passage from the book of Sri Aurobindo Renaissance in India, where he speaks of India's three tasks, which have to be fulfilled, if the renaissance of which we speak is not only to remain as a mere notion but is to be translated in actual concreteness. The three tasks, which have been highlighted at this Seminar, underline the continuity of the spiritual soul of India, even when they indicate a new body that India will come to weave and perfect for its integral manifestation.

The first task, according to Sri Aurobindo, is to recover the ancient Indian spiritual knowledge, and Sri Aurobindo considers this to be the essential task, without which India's future cannot be created. To my mind, this reveals Sri Aurobindo's penetrating insight into the heart and soul of India. In his great book The Foundation of Indian Culture, Sri Aurobindo has pointed out that it was the spiritual quest, the vivid picture of which we get in the living pages of the Upanishads, that gave birth to what we can call the soul of India. Sri Aurobindo has also pointed out that the highest peaks of spiritual realization that were scaled by the Vedic and the Upanishadic seers have never been surpassed. This is understandable, because the highest always remains the highest and remains unsurpassable. At the same time, Sri Aurobindo has pointed out that spirituality of India has not remained static or devoid of development in subsequent ages. Through his profound studies in the Indian science of yoga, he has perceived the development of a synthesis in the Bhagavadgita, which was not so amply present in the Vedas and the Upanishads. In matters of subtlety and in regard to the sounding of the depths of spiritual experience, India has constantly developed and put forth great waves of novelties, new findings, and new methodologies of realization. In the spiritual experiences described in the Puranas, Indian spirituality marks a process of stabilization in the realms of subtle and occult consciousness through which Reality can more easily be approached. As we turn to Tantra, there is an entire new field that was opened up in respect of the power of Shakti, in the methodologies of opening the secrets of this Shakti, and in the achievements that can be attained for the conquest of the divine power over the powers of the mind, life and the body. In the ecstasy of Sri Chaitanya, India finds a supreme expression of the love of the human soul for the divine Lord, - the depth of intensity of which was a new manifestation in the spiritual history of India and even of the world. India's spiritual history is not a mere re-treading, but also an expansion and new creation. Sri Aurobindo's own Synthesis of Yoga has been described rightly as an adventure of consciousness, which is focused on a new object of integral perfection and a new method which combines in a synthetic manner the methods of divine works, divine love and divine knowledge with integral manifestation of divine consciousness in physical life. But all these new developments can be understood properly only if we can recover the truths and realizations of the Veda, Upanishads and the Gita. Indeed, this recovery is indispensable for the future of India.

In the second task that Sri Aurobindo has put forward, there is the full admission of the need to rejuvenate the springs of scientific pursuits, which had reached great heights in India's past. He has also underlined the need to renew philosophical vigour and philosophical thought; he has also underlined the need to develop critical knowledge, which corresponds to the mood and temperament of our own times. He has also underlined the need to develop new forms of art and literature. But what is very significant in Sri Aurobindo's guidance is his insistence on the need to irrigate all these forms of activities relating to rationality, ethicality and aesthetics by the powers of the waters of spirituality that continue to flow incessantly from the resources of ancient spiritual knowledge. This is highly

insightful, since that ancient spiritual knowledge was highly dynamic, and while it has the power to stabilize human consciousness on the supreme peaks, it has also the power to keep them dynamically and continuously creative.

When we come to the third task that Sri Aurobindo has indicated, we find ourselves in the most difficult terrain. For we are here called upon to deal with the contemporary problems with some kind of originality. This implies a vast and multisided research. We are aware of a number of problems that seem to us almost insoluble. There are problems of economic stability and prosperity as also of equitable distribution and sharing of fruits of labour in a new cooperative manner. There are problems of political organization, - an organization which is not only democratic, confined only to imitative Parliamentary system but something which can be called superdemocratic. For our ideal is that each individual should be able to develop progressively towards perfection and society should also be supported by the individual members in such a manner that it is constantly strengthened and perfected in terms of cohesion and solidarity. We have also problems in respect of social institutions, and particularly problems of education. We have other problems such as those concerning environment, population, alternative sources of energy, of enhancing national uniqueness even while cooperating and contributing fully to the growth of one universal human family. These and many other problems confront us with a kind of criticality that demand urgent solutions. But Sri Aurobindo also gives us a kind of a clue, and he suggests that these problems can more easily be resolved if we make an attempt at a new synthesis, a more puissant synthesis, and if we can develop a new form of society that can be guided by spiritual motive that affirms and transforms life.

As we deliberate upon these tasks, we feel as though we are young soldiers who are still in a valley looking up to the peaks to which we have to climb up. But as soldiers we have to develop in ourselves the needed discipline and even austerity. We have before us a vision, and we trust that there is behind India a living Shakti, a powerful Bhavani, who will bestow upon us both strength and clarity by the power of which we shall be filled with the needed force of action and needed wisdom for our action.

I believe that this is the message of this Seminar and I am happy that a number of leaders of thought in our country have assembled here to pool together their perceptions and insights. It is gratifying that all of you have assembled in this land of Auroville, which is consecrated to a vision of an ideal that is fully in consonance with the tasks that are involved in creating a new synthesis and a new spiritualised society. This background is propitious, and I trust that the deliberations which have started here will continue and there will be greater enrichment of our thought and vision, which will inspire a new force of creativity that is needed.

**ADDRESS BY PROFESSOR MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI,
HON'BLE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT,
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.**

FROM AVC/WC

On January 20/03 Anbu, Balan, Durai, Gadje, Gnanavel, Kumar, Narayanswamy, Selvam and Shankar met with the Auroville Council regarding their concerns about the Entry process. It became clear almost immediately that they feel frustrated and disempowered by the fact that so few Tamil Aurovilians are involved in any of the Working Groups and they feel that the current issues pertaining to entry, land and housing persist because of this. We welcomed their interest in being part of the collective process and told them that people working in administration are always looking for Tamil members and also wish that more of the local Aurovilians would involve themselves in general Auroville matters and take part in collective meetings.

It was agreed that three of them will be part of the committees that will be formed with the AV Council to organize the seminars on Entry and Development in March. Each of them was encouraged to give his feedback on the Entry policy paper that was published in last week's News in order to get feedback from the community, in preparation for the Entry Seminar.

Some of them expressed an interest in being part of Working Groups right away. It was explained that no one can join a Working Group without community approval, but they should participate in the seminars and make their willingness to be more active in the administration known, in order that they will be considered as vacancies occur in the various groups. They pointed out that they already had received the support of more than 60 members of the community at the meeting which they had called on January 19th. This meeting had been very strong in its recommendation that Shankar, Kumar and Narayanswamy participate in the seminars and become part of the Entry Group.

AVC/WC**Report of the Forest meeting held in Aurodam on the 3/1/03.**

Present; Dirk, Jaap, Klaus, Bernt, Regina, Renu, Rick, Jonna, Perumal, Anne, Raj, Steve, Christo, Glen, Mike (notes), Shivaraj, David(Aurodam), Marco, Rosevita, Hans, Horst, Guntur, Paul, David(Adventure), Patrick, Kanyapan, Kumar (Adventure) Shivaia, Edzat, Bas, David (Guest).

- 1) Perumal is adding a kitchen to his house in Fertile field.
- 2) It was pointed out that there are still taxis parked outside Acceptance.
- 3) Regina and Renu brought detailed maps of the KK area and requested help in mapping the area's indigenous vegetation in order to have a base map of the present reality. Several people offered to help.
- 4) We spoke about the present relations with the villages. We are aware how important it is to have a correct relationship with our village neighbour's. It was expressed by a Tamil Aurovillian that there was more of a connection in the past and there is a pressure to keep up with AV standards. There is a need to build bridges, inform and collaborate. A stronger, more cohesive interface is required and a less imperialistic approach to planning.
- 5) We were informed about the sports field that will be developed in one corner of Adventure. A sports council has been formed, a puja carried out and the land will start

to be cleared for 1 Kabadi, 1 Badminton, 2 volleyball courts.

6) Bernt has returned to live and work in Hermitage and will share the stewardship with Arnold. The next forest meeting will be held there.

7) Udumbu had previously requested and was granted a forest watchman.

8) Nine Palm's has a big bill for a windmill repair from the new water service and do not have the funds to pay it. This brought up the question as to how the forest group as a non profit service of Auroville is to deal with the present economic reality. Previously when service's worked for service's there was no cash exchange but things are different now. There are comparatively few people, sometimes only a family, to pay for the infrastructure costs.

9) An attempt will be made to up date the forest blurb on Auronet, Handbook and Brochure.

10) We discussed the campaign to raise the money to buy the land for AV. As land stewards we are directly affected by this and appreciate how important it is to acquire the lands that are being offered. We support this initiative and several individuals have already pledged a monthly contribution. Paul put things into perspective for us and indeed it is true, if we take responsibility for a small piece of the huge amount of money required it does some how become do-able.

11) The Matrimandir lake.

We finally spoke about the proposed lake around Matrimandir. There were mixed feelings but a high degree of skepticism was expressed about the feasibility of Harold Kraft's plan or in fact any large water body. High potential evaporation rates have to be taken into account and from years of experience with soil and water conservation it is clear there is no extra water on this red earth plateau. Our rainfall is needed by the people, plants, animals, the soil and the fresh water aquifers. Water is a scarce commodity and will need to be shared equitably over the whole bio-region.

There was a call for an independent assessment of the proposals.

Other comments included; There should be a holistic, ecological approach. The plan is based on a very Auroville centric way of thinking. It's too soon to build the lake. It should be dug in stages. Where does the water come from? It should not be pumped from the aquifers!.

Clarification regarding Igor's situation.

In the last AV News of January 11th, 2003 the FAMC report contained a statement regarding Igor's situation. However, since November a subgroup of the Working Committee, consisting of Fredrick, Selvaraj, Ananda and Jaya have had several meetings with Igor and also his brother Alexandre and this last development has, mistakenly not been reported in the FAMC's report.

Igor's wish and intention is clearly expressed as wanting to come back to live in Auroville.

The subgroup together with Igor, Alexander and also Serge of the Auromodele Community discussed the events that led up to Igor residing outside Auroville for this time. Igor is fully aware of the complexity of the situation, he has gone through a rough time and it made him see many things.

It was clear to everyone present that Igor will not move back to his house in Auromodele but that another accommodation has to be built or found for him. Like for other Aurovilians the funds for the new housing would be transferred through the housing group, either there could be a straight exchange of houses or the people who take over Igor's old house would make the funds available for the new housing.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please email avcouncil@auroville.org.in

Minutes of the Support Service Group meeting held at SAWCHU Building on 19.01.2003.

Participants

Above 60 persons

Issues pertaining to the entry process which require further modifications to suit the growth of Auroville were discussed. One significant aspect clearly emerged out of these discussions. Participation of local Tamil Aurovilians in the Auroville administration in terms of Entry, Development and Land has been remarkably low. This is one of the major reasons why Auroville face several problems challenged by the local village population. This came up as an eye opener to most of the Tamil Aurovilians who participated in this forum. During the course of the meeting a message came from the AV Council inviting few members from the Support Service Group for a meeting on 20.01.2003 and work further on the above issues. This was a real testimony to the consistency in time and energy put by the members of this Support Service Group. Three members Shankar, Kumar and Narayanasamy who already came forward to integrate themselves with the Entry Group announced their willingness once again and it received a good support from the participants.

Interim Development Council Meeting Report Late December

Present: Jacques, Jill, Peter,

Absent: Joseba, Stuart

Consultant: Eugene

Secretariat: Sonja and Shweta

Maitreye Project

This proposed project has been causing some concerns with regards to construction, road access and noise pollution, as it will be located near Sharnga as a next phase of the Residential Zone. As a group we read out the letters we received and replied to them in our best ability.

It is another relatively low cost housing project that is much needed and the IDC feels that construction and

development in the area is a natural consequence of our growing population. The inconvenience of traffic, construction noise and limited access to the site is regrettable but necessary as the entire Residential Zone is living on a construction site. With one member out of station and another attending a special workshop, the group will be back together in the middle of January.

Conflict Resolution

In a pending case concerning Saravanam's stay in a storeroom in KK on a plot of land under the care of Ramalingam, after meeting each party, and receiving the feedback that he is not living on the spot since 6 months at least, the IDC decided that Saravanam must vacate the premises by February 1st upon which he will receive the monetary compensation already agreed between the two parties.

The storeroom in question is unsuitable for living quarters and was needed for the cultivation happening there. Anybody who can help Saravanam find a place to stay please contact us, preferably close to Matrimandir, his work place.

One member felt that conflict resolution is not our job, but the IDC felt it has a responsibility to try and resolve the situation before asking the Harmony group or the Council to intervene.

Reve II

The engineer is concerned, as construction materials are not coming in time, delaying some of the finishing work. Five future residents of the project came to present a petition concerning the architect, who is no longer involved in the project, about questionable extra fees which were not properly channeled. We have invited him to meet with when he returns to Auroville.

The cost of the electric cable was somehow not included in the original estimates, creating a shortfall that is difficult for the residents to cover, resulting in some delays in the finalization of the financial agreements. Whether the Auroville fund can give loans to Newcomers was discussed, as this would facilitate the immediate proceedings.

Idea for Common Architect's office

The IDC discussed the need for the many individual architects who are living and working in Auroville to work together. Although this has been discussed and

tried in the past we feel that if there was a common place that could cover maintenances and printing, where each interested architect could participate 2/week an atmosphere of collaboration could be created. This is important to enable an organic implementation of the Master Plan which is in touch with the general public.

More interaction between architects is definitely needed, as the planning group itself is working on Roger's galaxy master plan which does not necessarily have the consensus of the majority of architects, an example being the Line of Force and Crown Road concepts. Architects interested in this proposal are invited to contact us and to specify how they would be interested in participating. An online forum is another idea which needs to be followed up.

Mereville Trust

Anupama came to specify to the group that she requires site permission for an incense factory near Udyogam, to undertake the next phase of planning. The IDC informed her that we need to meet with the project holder, Franco, before giving the building permission, but that she has the green light for site planning granted if no negative feedback are giving the next two weeks.

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The proposed incense factory is light industry with little water consumption and the waste water treatment has been done in consultation with Harald Kraft. We discussed the access main roads of the Industrial Zone and the need for a more interconnected and interrelated planning in the area.

International Zone Group Workshop

The Workshop was a success, although there was not time to discuss all the topics on the agenda. With the finishing of the American Pavilion, emergence of the Unity Pavilion and upcoming AVI meeting, momentum is gathering to manifest educational activities promoting human unity and facilitating international co-creation. If you are interested in being involved contact Sergei or Ruslan, coordinators.

A Building Application is waiting for two weeks of feedback

Doris at Angiras Garden, Tailoring Workshop and Residence

CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM
"50 YEARS OF FRENCH CINEMA"
FESTIVAL*

- FRIDAY 31 JANUARY – 7.30 PM (the Film show starts at 7.45 sharp!)

1/ "PIERROT LE FOU" ("PIERROT GOES WILD")

Directed by Jean-Luc GODARD, France, 1965

With Jean-Paul Belmondo, Anna Karina, Dirk Sanders, Raymond Devos, Samuel Fuller, J.P. Léaud

Synopsis: A couple runs away together to the South of France. He is leaving his rich wife; she is escaping her involvement with gangsters. A collage film on the time to love and the time to die; with homages to Velazquez, Auguste Renoir, the "Pieds Nickelés", Jules Verne, Stevenson and Shakespeare... A pursuit/chase of emotions and dreams, and an essential piece in the work of Godard and the French 'New Wave' - Original French version, with English subtitles - Duration: 1h55' – Colour – 35mm film

- FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY – 7.30 PM (the Film show starts at 7.45 sharp!)

2/ "LE GENOU DE CLAIRE" ("CLAIRE'S KNEE")

Directed by Eric ROHMER, France, 1970

- SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY – 7.30 PM (the Film show starts at 7.45 sharp!)

3/ "LES GLANEURS ET LA GLANEUSE" ("THE GLEANERS AND I")

Direction and commentary by Agnès VARDA, France, 2000

* Aurofilm, in collaboration with the Embassy of France in India and the Alliance Française, Pondicherry

** With all these film festivals and special international screenings coming to Auroville, it is time we built a proper movie hall! If someone wants to help, please contact us... (aurofilm@auroville.org.in, tel. 2622 886) Meanwhile, everybody is welcome to the screenings!

**The Fertile Anarchist
 Resurgence Troupe
 would like to present for
 public appreciation:**

**The Bottom of the Deep
 Blue Sea
 on Saturday
 1st. February at
 8pm.sharp.**

WARNING from AVC/WC

In recent weeks several people have drowned while swimming near Repos Beach. A couple of Aurovilians who are strong swimmers had to have assistance getting back to shore. The undercurrent is very strong and SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN IS DANGEROUS at this time. Also please understand that the security guards are there to prevent harassment and theft. They are not lifeguards. Please take care.

Cellular Phone Service

For a long time, great hopes were fueled by what Airtel, as a provider of Cellular Phone service, professed they could provide. At that point BSNL was still in the early stages of setting up their own cellular system. By the end of a long series of meetings and discussions with Airtel, they outlined what exactly it would take for them to justify the investment into a dedicated radio tower for Auroville. The rich greenery and foliage, that we cherish so much, on the other side constitutes a considerable disturbance to the propagation of the radiowaves, thus making it imperative for any wireless service to provide such an installation. It became clear then, that we would not be able to meet these conditions and the whole project was dropped.

In the meantime, our good friends from BSNL have been catching up with the development. They did erect a tower here, ensuring optimal coverage, and are now ready to provide their service on the basis of postpaid schemes. The kind of corporate scheme, that would have been the most suitable solution for the Auroville community, is not yet finalized in Delhi and will become available a later stage. To be able to provide connections in the meantime, though, an agreement was found that allows us to issue them in the name of the Auroville Foundation with the data of the user as the billing address.

For information regarding the four different pricing packages and other details, please come to our office. Application are processed promptly (no photograph required).

The Telephone Service

Dear Friends!

Our little daughter Neha is looking for a baby Pram to go for a evening walk!

If you may have one to lend her for a year, she would be very happy! Contact her: 2622396
 Smiles, Partha and Sonali

FOUND

I recently found a fairly large and beautiful shawl on the road near Dana. If you think it's yours, please phone me at 2622.092.

Juanita

Experience the Auroville Forest

Spend a day in
Newlands/Ravena/Success Area

We offer: **INFORMATION** through
EXHIBITION PANELS and
WALKS starting at 9 am and at 3 pm near NewLands windmill
Refreshments will be available

on **Sunday, 26th January and**
Sunday, 02nd February
from **9 am to sunset**

For further information please contact Erika, Regina, Shivaya in Newlands

Seminar on sustainable settlement

on January 23th 2003 at 20.00 p.m Earth Unit Center for Scientific Research. M. Cristo is the chairman.

The main speakers are:

I. Eckhard Beuchel, Germany

Paper Title:

Sustainable constructions with mud, the building material for the past, present and future.-Movement and Guidelines For Mud Construction in Germany
Traditional and modern mud buildings in Germany

II. Satprem, Earth Unit

Paper Title:

Earth Architecture & Construction in Auroville &

III. Becker, IBE

Eco Settlements: A solution for today's dwelling and living problems

ALL ARE WELCOME

Eckhard Beuchel is the Director of the Mud Building Center, Blankenheim, Germany
Member of the Dachverband Lehm e.V. and the Advisory Board for the New Mud Regulations in Germany.

Organized by the Institute Of Bio-Architecture And Ecology (Phone no. 2622102)

GERMAN VIDEO @ VISITOR'S CENTRE

Mittwoch, 29.1., 20.00 h

"Gottes Werk und Teufels Beitrag"

USA 1999, 120 min., nach der Novelle von John Irving.

Regie: Lasse Hallstroem, mit Michael Caine, Paul Rudd. In den konservativen Suedstaaten der dreissiger Jahre versucht ein engagierter Arzt unfreiwillig schwangeren Frauen zu helfen.

NEWS FROM POUR TOUS

NEW PRODUCTS FROM AUROVILLE

- Adventure: cotton sanitary napkins, indigo dyed by Colours Of Nature with antiseptic qualities
- Ayurvedic Centre: Palm Country Sugar in jars, Pure Palm Sugar first quality in baskets
- Ganesh Bakery: Cornjaggerybiscuits (no sugar) at bakerycorner
- Royal: 0% Fat Biscuits (11 flours, dry fruits, cane sugar)
- Yuna: Camembert

SNACKBAR
>From Monday, 27.1. onwards all coffee and tea will be organic.
Your Pour Tous team.

LABORATORY OF EVOLUTION - CENTRE FOR HUMAN UNITY

PROGRAMME OF TALKS AND STUDY-GROUP SESSIONS (OPEN TO ALL)

As part of the work of the LOE-CHU, a series of talks will soon start being given there, like last year.

It will be of course about the practice of both Conscious Evolution and Human Unity, as envisaged and advised by Sri Aurobindo and Mother, but this time studied through a special focus on 'THE LORD OF THE RINGS'.

J.R.R. Tolkien's deservedly celebrated book, as well as the magnificent films now being made out of it by Peter Jackson, are much more than mere entertainment. There is a lot we can learn actually from Tolkien's still limited, but yet quite inspired vision of Evolution, from its beginnings in 'The Silmarillion' to the much later period described in 'The Lord of the Rings', and to its further envisaged future. A study of the various humanlike species and of all the main characters in the tale, as well as of their rendering in the films, will show us something of the way towards inner growth and a spirituality of Transformation that Sri Aurobindo and Mother invite us to follow. Such a study will also help us understand better this "Unity through Diversity" that is in Auroville's 'programme' too, and which we and the world at large so urgently need to discover and live by.

The main body of the talks I will myself present over the weeks.

The first talk, though, will be given by our Aurovilian musician Merry. Most appropriately, she will present "The Beginnings" as so beautifully described by Tolkien in 'The Silmarillion' (and now Science too is starting to agree):

"THE CREATION OF THE WORLD THROUGH MUSIC"

at the LOE-CHU (Bharat Nivas compound, near Post-Office), WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2003, 4.30 to 6pm.

As always, we will try to record all the presentations, and I have put up a SMALL EXHIBITION upstairs. Through many photos and posters, as well as illustrated books and magazines, some in English, some in French, it presents Tolkien's life, his inspired work, and Peter Jackson's films, including the superb music scores by Howard Shore .

(Bhaga)

THE NEWCOMER'S PARTY

What happened to the Newcomers party?

Nothing.

Why?

Because....On Wednesday evening, January 8th, Shivaya and me waited for the Newcomers to organise the the Party with and...nobody came.

So we would like to make it a bit more clear.

We want to organise a party WITH you and not FOR you. (We might be putting in a lot of energy into

organising and you might not be in the mood for a party at all. We don't know.)

So...If you think an evening of fun (no serious business) with music, sketches, games and pot luck food on the 14th of March is a good idea then, please write an e-mail or phone to tell us that you know a few good jokes, stories, a game or that you would like to play some music for us all. If you want to help us preparing the party come to our preparation meeting on Tuesday February 11th, 5.15 pm at the Solar Cafe

ANY GOOD IDEAS? THIS IS YOUR CHANCE !

love

Sonja and Shivaya

THE MAHASARASWATI FREE-STORE / EXCHANGE STORE UPDATED JANUARY NEWS...

Repair service : Every morning from 9h30 to 11h30.

You name it, we fix it or tell you how or where to fix it.

Logu will check your appliance on the spot and give you a rough estimate and advice for the repair.

But he can also come to your house to collect anything you wouldn't have the time to bring yourself or to check your fridge, washing machine, TV, and just anything.

Cane furniture repair : We can recommend a nice and honest old man who will come to your house and repair on the spot.

We will charge a basic 50 rupees on top of the repair charges for any in house attendance, pick-up or delivery.

Knife sharpening : Bring us your kitchen knives and scissors and we shall sharpen them in minutes.

Home pick-up : If you have any heavy or voluminous item to offer to the service we can come and pick them up on Sunday mornings.

Call Logu at 623014 before 9am, lunch time or evenings, or leave a message for him to call you back.

All payments will be operated through the Financial Service's Pour Tous accounts.

Here is the present list of items available for exchange :

Cloth iron - Coffee machine - Table / exhaust / standing fans - Electric oven - Gas oven with 4 burners - Table lamps - Ice cream maker - Electric kettle - Electric can opener - tennis racket - Torch lights - Amplifier/equalizer 2 x 50 watts - typewriters - Dough mixer - Electric Pan cake/chapati hot plate - Flute a bec - headphones - Water filter - Manual vegetable slicer/grater - car audio system - External modem 33.6 Kbps - Music systems - Guitar - Cycling home trainer - Baby cycle seats - Fridge 165ltrs - Roller blades - and a lot more...

But remember the exchange store opens only on Saturdays 3pm to 5pm !

The Mahasaraswati store is situated in the same building as the Kuilapalayam Post office.

See you around,

Logu, Celestine, Olivier

News from the Eco-Service / SWM Group

We herewith inform that we have recently arranged for a small change in the mode of payment. Our two waste collectors, i.e. Narayan and Arumugam upto now had been encouraged to leave all money transactions - for the pick-up service as well as for their purchase of valuable reyclables - to us, i.e. payment from the service user to the waste collector via Financial Service and Eco-Service administration. This seems to give them some disadvantage vis-a-vis other private waste collectors who pay for valuables on the spot. We therefore have asked our waste collectors to pay you directly and urge you to ask for payment from them as you do in the case of other waste-pickers. This does not refer to the general pick-up service, but to your sale of valuable waste only, e.g. metal, glass, paper etc. In case you would like us to arrange for such payments, please let us know by informing to Pratul at CSR. - Nevertheless, we request you to sell valuable waste to the collectors of the Eco-Service as this helps to make the service run better by creating an incentive for prompt and regular performance.

We would like to encourage your feedback on the waste collection schedule:

A good amount of time has gone into improving the service, and we would like to hear from you whether you are satisfied with its frequency and regularity. Please do not wait for several weeks or months when waste collection from your place has by mistake not happened; let us know any default as soon as possible. Feedback over e-mail or phone, please, to Amrit (amrit@auroville.org.in / 2622046) or Lucas (lucas@auroville.org.in / 2622044).

Thank you,
Eco-Service / SWM Group

For Sale:

- Bicycle, Hero Queen, green, new (only 6 weeks used) New price Rs. 2100,--
now Rs. 1500.--

FORSALE

- 3 packets of Agnus Castus (Moenchspfeffer), a powerful herbal drug which helps women to become pregnant, reduces menstrual bloodflow and cramps
(not available in India).
- 2 bottles of high quality bubblebaths (almond and jojoba/peach) from Europe.

phone: 2622347.

TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGE 1-7

(Creche, Kindergarten and Primary School)

The Auroville School Board invites you to a meeting where there will be a presentation of the overall current situation in the schools, the recommendations the teachers have made about admissions and an open discussion and a question & answer period with the parents.

Place: SAWCHU

Date: Sunday, February 2nd

Time: 10:00 AM

Hello everyone,

Please make a note that my mobile number is changed to 94432 23598

thanks

Bobby

Rosella available
For making
Jam, juice and fruit tea.
Cleaned and ready to use Rs53/kg
Fresh picked Rs13.50/kg
Contact Priya at Buddha Garden phone;
262 2653/2940 after 10.00am or Email;
priya@auroville.org.in

Dear friends,

Lufthansa has offered to the Auroville community a special low price for flights to all destinations in Europe which they serve with their own aircrafts. This deal is valid for all flights in the period from 1st April to December. Seats under this scheme (booking class) are limited and the purchase of tickets has to be completed before middle of February.

>From the 1st of April Lufthansa will be operating with six flights per week from Chennai.

As a special promotion we Inside India offer the above tickets at cost price for a limited period of time, so if you are planning to travel this year to Europe, then, hurry.

Love Joster

For details please contact The Travel Shop
2622604, 2622078 or 2623030



PITANGA

More yoga for people above 60 years

Ursula who has recovered from being unwell feels now energetic enough to offer exercise classes for people above 60 years. Her special interest is to work with breathing therapy and "The 5 Tibetans". While Gala is already working with the same target group on Wednesdays and Fridays, Ursulas classes will be held on **Monday & Thursday 9.00 - 10.30 am, Starting 20/01/03.**

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Dance Improvisation for guests

For all those who love to move to music: Dariya is inviting you to get in contact with yourself, with the others, with time and space.

A discovery through breath, movement, play...

A special class for guests is offered during Jan. + Feb. Aurovilians and Newcomers are welcome as well!

Wednesday 9.30 - 11.00 am, starting 22/01/03

✱

NADA - YOGA

Your sound in yourself

As human beings we are born with an individual, principal or original sound or key, which lives permanently in us. During life, it moves in different sequences in each and every moment in us. This sound within us enables us to connect with the universal sound.

Have you ever listened to this sound? We are not always able to perceive it. By combining sound exercises with yoga postures we will try to connect to our inner centre and re-discover our individual key.

All is vibration - you and I and the earth and universe.

In silence all sound comes together as one:

NADA BRAHMA

✱

Susanne, an experienced Naturopath and Yoga teacher from Germany, who is also working with light and color, offers this workshop to Auroville.

Timings: **Wednesday, 22/01 10.00 - 11.30 am**
Thursday, 23/01 02.00 - 03.30 pm
Friday, 24/01 09.00 - 10.30 am

Participation: Each session is complete in itself and can be attended separately. Signing up is not necessary, just come in time! Max. participants: 16 persons due to limitation of space.

This workshop is offered free of charge to Aurovilians and Newcomers. Guests are requested to contribute Rs. 200/- per session.

Pitanga Ph. 262 2561, mail: pitanga@auroville.org.in

NEWS FROM QUIET

Jan. 26th - Feb. 5th = your last chance (for at least six months) to learn

TRADITIONAL THAI MASSAGE

WATSU / AQUA WELLNESS

beginners course- Jan.27th - Feb.1st

For further information, or to register for either of these programs, please drop by the Quiet office or phone 262 2329 / 262 2646 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Mon. - Sat.

Native Plant Healing

Vijayan, 47 years hails from Kurumpuram (35 Kms. from Auroville west of Marakkanam) a village situated at the edge of scrub tropical forest type. He has been practicing the folk system of healing for more than two decades now which was handed down from his mother. He is using more than 400 plants collected in around this forest for his treatments. He is a general practitioner and offers to give his **free consultations** at **Siddhartha Forest, Auroville** on all Wednesdays starting from this coming week. He is available for consultations by appointment on **22.01.2003** between **9am and 12 noon**. His **herbal formulations** are prepared to suit the individual diagnosis which is costed.

For appointments contact **2623327** or **balan@auroville.org.in**

Save the environment - use rechargeable photon generators

instead of ordinary torchlights. Light lifetime is 100 000 hours which means 70 years by 4h/day use.

Cutomized products in lighting ,electronic medicine and environment friendly tecnology available with Hans, Silence, Kottakarai 100 m after Verite .

All products developed and produced in Auroville with pure solar power by Innovation unlimited - the "micro companie" 622779 - siddha @ auroville.org.in

NOTE FROM THE RESIDENTS SERVICE

Dear all -

>From Monday (13/01/2003) onwards it will not be possible to submit applications for visa extension for a while as proposed new procedures haven't yet been finalized, whereas the RRO is requesting that they be implemented from Monday 13/01/2003 onwards. In case of any questions, kindly call or mail us. We will keep you informed.

Regards from the Residents Service

WE ARE IN INDIA

Dear residents of Auroville

The Residents Service functions as coordinator to help the RRO to fulfil the requirements from the Indian Government for non-Indians staying in/visiting India.

As soon as one of us doesn't have his/her paperwork in order and comes in contact with any Indian authority it will reflect badly on Auroville and the person in question.

For as far as Entry-Visa, Registrations and Residential Permits are concerned we think that the community is doing a responsible job.

The Arrival Form is a different story.

Any person in India hosting a non-Indian is responsible for the filling in of an Arrival Form of his/her guest(s). This also means people/family staying with you personally. That is why we added on the Arrival Form a separate column "HOSTED BY".

The Arrival Form needs to be filled in within 24 hours after arrival at the place of stay also if you move from one place in Auroville to another, or if you leave for a couple of days, and come back after to the same place, you are required to fill in the Arrival Form again in Triplicate.

Due to the lack of responsibility of some community members towards Auroville, we, the Auroville Foundation, the Working Committee and the Residents Service, are again and again confronted with situations where, at the moment, are taking the brunt when things go wrong. If you don't want to stay this way, **please take better care.**

DON'T MISS OUT!!

This is a final call to anyone who has info which they feel should be included in the coming updated issue of the AV Handbook, but who hasn't been contacted by us to date, to **PLEASE CONTACT US URGENTLY** - preferably by e-mail to timwrey@auroville.org.in with a suggested short text giving basic info plus a name, location and contact details (phone and e-mail), or you can call in at the PRISMA office in Aurelec compound.

At the same time this is an invitation to anyone wanting a final check on what we have for them, to urgently get in touch, as we won't be sending anything out for final checking from here. OK?

Thanks, and warm regards - The Handbook Team
P.S. We specially have in mind new commercial units, new services, etca

We have lost one green atlas lady's cycle. It is marked #8 College Guest House. If you find it parked somewhere please call 2622165. Thanks, Janet

Hymns and Songs in Sanskrit

Dear friends

The CD of Hymns and Songs in Sanskrit which came out last year is now being distributed by Rain Tree Records. Its presentation though recognizable has been considerably improved with the complete texts added. Aurovilians who would like to have it at a discount price may contact Rain Tree Records (tel: 262 2339).

Best wishes

Joy

Dear Friends,

Creativity Project is nearly ready for Padma to move but still rs.4,000 is needed. If anyone is willing to help / donate please put in this a/c number: 250056/

padma.

Thanks DAWN

for sale:

red honda CBZ with disc brake , 3 years old, 20 500 kms.

very good condition, 37 000rs.

call Gerald at 2623 425.

Accommodation (on the way of Hermitage) available for long term guest. For details contact phone no. 2678269 between 7 A.M to 8.30 A.M. and after 4 P.M.

By Vardharajan (Promesse)

Programme On 26.01.2003 Republic Day, At Bharat Nivas.

After the flag hoisting ceremony, there will be cultural Programmes Organised by SAIER out reach schools at the Auditorium.

All are welcome.

By Auroville Out-reach schools.

Polyglots

"...remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbirdMockingbirds don't do one thing but make music for us to enjoy" (Harper Lee. To kill Mockingbird. Printed in USA, 1982, page 90).

In Auroville Library I know two editions of Harper Lee's famous book. There is an English original and a Russian translation which has the appropriate title "Ubitj peresmeshnika". In Germany they gave a wrong title : "wer die Nachtigall stort". But mockingbird is an American bird and has as scientific name "polyglottos" while nightingale is an European bird "Luscinia megarhinchos".

There are some polyglots among people. In Greek, polys means many, glotta – a language. Sri Aurobindo was polyglot with his knowledge of many Western and Eastern languages. Every Aurovillian knows the story of the police officer in Pondichery who received an order to control Sri Aurobindo's activity. This officer saw Greek and Latin books in Sri Aurobindo's library and decided that this person for sure no criminal.

In Auroville Elicha (New Creation) knows 12 languages – Greek, Latin etc. She is studying now Sanskrit and Tamil with joy. Of course the polyglots are very valuable part of mankind. It needs to take care of them. The words of different languages are so musical, like "etoile" (star) in French and "Sayonara" (good-bye) in Japanese. For polyglots it is important to have a good musical hearing. Elicha is a linguist and pianist, she likes languages and Mozart's music.

Boris.

FOR SALE: BAJAJ SAFFIRE PY 01 Q registra-tion IN VERY GOOD CONDITION. CONTACT PERSON: SUNDARAM PHONE # 2622689

CLOTH AVAILABLE AT AUROSARJAN BOUTIQUE 6–RUE BUSSY – NEAR RENDEVOUZ RESTAURANT.

USABLE FOR INTERIOR – CURTAIN – GARMENT'S ALSO RS. 24 TO RS. 30 PER METER

FOR SALE: (Like New)

-FRIDGE WHIRPOOL

-KING SIZE MATTRESS

-MARBLE TABLE

SEE AT SAMASTI 2 4 P.M to 5.30 P.M

NEWCOMER APT.

ALAIN c/o GERALD

It is proposed to have a Seminar on "Auroville and Tamilnadu" On 22.2.2003 to 23.2.2003 Morning. Those who are interested to Volunteer for the works connected with the Seminar are requested to meet at CIC premises at 4.15pm on Wednesday 29th January.

For further details please contact Auroyogi or Varadharajan

FOR SALE: BY ORIGINAL OWNER
MAHINDRA COMMANDER MFD 2000
sparingly driven. 6300 km.
Good condition. Rs. 3.4 lakh
Contact Dr. Shano @ 98423 43004

FOR SALE
SLEEPWELL Mattress Foam Blue
10cm x 183cm x 198cm
6 months old with cover
Rs. 2,800
98423 43004



Curd pots ! Are there any empty curd pots lying around your house? we will come to collect them from your place if you have at least 10 unbroken ones, to re-use at the visitor centre for potting plants in our nursery. Please call Kansha 262-3615 or email kansha@auroville.org.in
Thanks !

BODY AWARENESS

in Tadvanam Hall, Evergreen.

Our posture, the way we stand, sit, lie down or move about is conditioned by chronically contracted muscles that hold our body in a particular position.

This affects our lives, health and well-being.

-Weekly class: Thursday 8.00-9.30 am

-Workshop: 31jan, 1feb, 2feb: 10.00-12.00 am

Gentle and effective exercises that are proposals for change.

workshop guided by Hans.

Contribution for guests is 500rps.

Free for aurovilians/newcomers.

Reduced Telephone Rates

Some of you might have already heard or seen the good news: the telephone rates and rental have been reduced. The saving is actually quite significant:

1. The minimum payment, also referred to as "rental", was reduced from 360 to 300 Rs.
2. The number of free units* included in the "rental" went up from 150 to 250 (*one unit is what you pay for 3 minutes on a local call).
3. There is also a favorable change in how the unit price itself is being staggered across the first 500 units. The exact details of that would only be confusing here but can easily be looked up on each phone bill. What it boils down to, though, is this:
 - Even if you make no phone calls at all, you would save at least 60 Rupees.
 - If you make rather few calls and hardly ever get above the minimum rental, you would still make use of all the new free units, thus saving around 160 Rs per month.
 - Those who use up to a thousand units or more per month, also benefit from the new price gradation of the first 500 units and save the possible maximum of 200 Rs.

Unfortunately, not all of us can benefit from this most delightful price reduction. Because they classify as an urban municipal area, the following communities are excluded: Aspiration Auromodele, Repos and Quiet Beach. **Note:** Should your recent bill still have the old price, even though the phone is not in any of the excluded communities, please let us know so we can bring to the attention of the concerned Department officer for rectification.

Telephone Service**Exhibition in the Ashram**

"Je suis un veritable zero dans le monde" (The Mother)

There is a permanent exhibition in the Ashram, it is open everyday 9-11a.m. Many portraits of Sri Aurobindo and Mother are in it, also numerous things which is belonged to them. And the gifts of devotees. I asked a guide Ashesh Joshi (37) what income did Sri Aurobindo get after 1910? He answered that the friends from Bengal sent money (not much) to Pondicherry. When the Mother arrived she helped Sri Aurobindo. The Mother was an excellent manager. Some people in the Ashram dreamed about only sitting in meditations. She organized an effective practical work for every member of the Ashram.

Ashosh Joshi is from Baroda, his native language is Gujarati. He was born Dec. 16, 1966 – in numerology his number is five which means power and perfection. Five is Sri Aurobindo's number.

I received a gift: Ashesh's painting with flowers, insects and with a remarkable quotation from the Mother (in French). In the Bible (2 Corinthians 9, 15) there is another nice expression: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift". The exhibition in the Ashram is God's unspeakable gift.

Boris

21.12.2003

Mother's 125th Birth anniversary

28.2.2003

Auroville's 35th birthday

Inspirations and help are welcome to come together as a collective at the Amphitheater.

Please contact Sigrid, Carlos, Joy, Sri Moyi

Editor's Note:

Ignore the announcement on PAGE 1 bottom left column...THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED and the venue has been confirmed.

**The Fertile Anarchist
Resurgence Troupe
would like to present for
public appreciation:
The Bottom of the Deep
Blue Sea
8pm Friday 31st January
at the Info Centre**

CALL FOR MATRIMANDIR TORA

Following the RA of January 6th, the Working Committee and AVCouncil are convening a TORA on how to find agreements regarding issues which concern Matrimandir. The first task of the TORA will be the formation of FOCUS as defined in the resolution passed during the RA of January 6th. Thereafter it will proceed with constituting various study groups on topics such as lake, gardens & park, access/visitors/activities, interface with the city, and finalisation of pending issues on the structure.

These study groups, facilitated by Focus, will operate along the lines of The Experiment and broad-based participation of the community is essential so as to study the issues from all angles.

As per The Experiment:

If no consensus can be found at previous meetings then an invitation will be issued to all residents of Auroville, including those who were not attending these meetings, requesting them to indicate if they are willing to participate actively in the deliberations at subsequent meetings regarding the specific issue. The group of residents thus created in order to deliberate and resolve a specific issue will be called the Task-oriented Residents Assembly with regards to issue X. Their names will be recorded by the Working Committee. The group dissolves once the issue has been resolved or a policy been adopted.

The WC & AVCouncil invite all concerned to the Matrimandir TORA

Wednesday Jan 29th, 4.30 PM at SAWCHU

**In case you are unable to attend the TORA,
please give your name to the WC / AVC**

The Mother in India: The work of 'Transformation'

The Mother made India her home with Sri Aurobindo – the chosen land for their work of *'transformation of matter'*.

As a prelude to Her 125th Birth Anniversary, let us gather in the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium on February, 2003, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. to invoke collectively Her Presence, Her Love, Her Power of Action.
Bharat Nivas Group

Let us meet on Wednesday, January 29,
on 10:30 a.m. at Centre for Indian Culture
to share our energies and suggestions as
to how to create this occasion.

MARTIAL ARTS IN AUROVILLE

Philippe propose new classes of the main TAO-IST practises in PITANGA :

QI QONG-TAI CHI (chi work, concentration, meditation, use of the breath, towards a 100% healthy life) tuesday, thursday, friday from 5pm to 6 pm

KUNG FU (dance of shaolin, fitness training, coordination and power)

Monday wednesday saturday from 5 pm to 6

Beginners are welcome

FOR SALE :

Well maintained working condition 7.5 KVA UPS (Make : Numeric) is available for sale with batteries or without batteries. Interested people may contact Mr. Siva at Aurelec in person, or by phone 2622293/294 or e-mail adps@auroville.org.in

For Sale: Sparingly used 9 month old 20 inch Onida flat screen CTV (20,000Rs new, now 14,000rs with Bass Booster and 4 years warranty with all papers. Contact Mark in Periyamudaliarchavady next to Muthu Guest House, or Phone AVNews @ 2622-133

The AVC/WC has discussed some of the problems and complaints about the AV News and come up with the following:

“ People need to have the freedom to express themselves, but sometimes when this is done in the News, it has a far-reaching negative impact on Auroville’s image. This is particularly so when the target of someone’s complaint is one of our Working Groups. Many outsiders read the News and they are not all necessarily friendly towards us and in some cases may even be looking for reasons to be critical. Therefore we urge people, who can, to use the AV Net for expressing their opinions on how we function.

When this is not possible or people strongly feel they must express themselves in the News, the following procedure will be followed:

Your article will be sent to the Working Group or the individual concerned for their reply and put on the AV Net. One week will be given for the Working Group or the individual to prepare a response. Then your original letter and the replies received by the AVNews will be posted in the subsequent AVNews together.

AVC/WC

We need to open up Auroville: an Article on Entry Policy

After this discussion and pressure of some Tamil Aurovilians on the Entry Group many of us have been thinking about the role of the Entry Group and specifically the future of Auroville. In the Master plan the estimates for population include very optimistic projections that give the impression that Auroville will be a thriving township as early (or late) as 2025. With the current rate of population growth however, this seems to be quite misleading. The actual picture of development in Auroville paints a different story altogether.

The reality of Auroville is that it is economically stifling for all but the rich and more and more conditions make it a trying place to stay and live if we do not come here with ‘reserve’ funds. The policy of the entry process to join the Auroville community is ridiculously strict, expensive and unfairly long and trying. This is not conducive to a village that aspires to be a Township of an international and multicultural society.

For the future of the community, many of us feel, Auroville should be more open to new people and thereby instead of increasing the guest period to 1 year and have this unspoken hierarchy of seniority, with a false and pretentious “newcomer period” we must aim to increase specific populations which are under-represented in Auroville now. We seem to be looking at the wrong questions.

If we targeted young adults and found the means to support them to come here our society would progress faster and in a spirit of education and spontaneity that is more organic and which could complement our aging population of interesting and remarkable people. We have to open our hearts and open the doors to Auroville so that it can grow and thrive on an accelerated scale.

The policy making of the Entry Group are decisions that should be made by all of us so that each point of view can be incorporated so as to achieve some democratic level of consensus in the spirit of the Residents Assembly. I and many others feel that if the decision were up to the people, we would change this overly cautious and stingy policy and this business of reaping the full economic benefits from our Newcomers as in truth they are the ones who have the most to give and to offer the community and open up Auroville to the world as belonging to humanity as a whole.

Let us ask the Entry Group to change its mandate and invite new people to come to this place without undue stress and disparaging hassle. It almost feels like we punish people who come here with fresh energy due to our internal economic mal-adaptability. There should be a fund that subsidizes people who want to be here in Auroville but who don’t have the money, otherwise our policies favor the materialists who wish to live a carefree existence rather than the idealists of youth who are sincerely moved by the spirit of Auroville.

Furthermore business activities should be promoted and facilitated as much as possible with a support system that can encourage and advise new ventures. We already have a good number of Tamil people who will most likely grow to be the majority in Auroville yet the average age of newcomers indicates that we need more young adults from other countries who could be housed in families who can share the enthusiasm and the commitment towards the experiment of Auroville

based upon the original framework of our mini-society and the pioneer idealism of our first settlers.

A day will come when the survival of Auroville will depend upon inviting new people without exploiting them but rather inviting them as honorary volunteer workers who are ‘Aurovilians’ simply by their interest to participate through their work and being here. We must open up Auroville now to the world or become a lost society. Being a young person myself I have watched many of my peers simply grow up to leave the smallness and narrowness of an immature society that which they feel never made it to the next step!

Let’s encourage development instead of resisting it and closing opportunities for Auroville’s material and social growth. I leave you with one final question, how can we encourage not the Auroville that we necessarily want, but the Auroville that is? Nothing could be clearer since human diversity is impossible without a sufficient and diverse population. Too few Aurovilians also stunts what could be and an overly cautious pace only creates pessimism and discontent.

The number of people who come here for retirement purposes must be balanced with young people who come and share the identity of the ideal Auroville, otherwise the noble moral and transpersonal quest that Auroville represents by its charter and in the *Dream* will be degraded and neglected and one day may no longer exist. This quest is an important part of Auroville beauty and we must ensure that its spiritual flowering is complemented by an actual growth with the aim to become economically stable.

Whatever the ideal may be, if the social and economic circumstances prevent young people from coming and settling down here then the possibility of the authentic development of our society is necessarily diminished. Let us think upon this and make the next step, build a youth hostel which encourage young people with energy, skills and optimism to come and work and maybe live here. Let’s open up our doors and support the future realization. Submitted by Shweta

Lost school bag !!!

Jonas forgot his red/black school-backpack at Certitude on Wednesday evening last week. It contained all his school books and his pencil case, a school library book and a brown/black chequered shirt. If anyone has it or knows where it went to, please inform us urgently. Holger and Tina, Sharnga ph. 2623 006 or at lunch in solar kitchen.

REWARD !! LOST....LOST

Last Wednesday 21st Jan. I lost a Kalki bag with cloth in it. If you have found it, please contact Jane @ 2622-231

Lovely three/four bedroom apartment in Prathana available contact 2623 439