

# Auroville News

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## *Auroville is Dancing!*

at

**Bharat Nivas Auditorium,  
this Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, at 7 pm**

Come and enjoy a 3-hour programme of 23  
different items ranging from Jazz-Ballet,  
Odissi and Bharatanatyam to Balkan Dance,  
Bombay Film,  
Jazz Hip-Hop, pure Ballet,  
Spanish-Flamenco,  
Salsa-Jazz, Aerobics-Funk and  
Contemporary Dance.  
put on by around 110 performers.

# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

## LES VOIES DU DESTIN ET LE POURQUOI DE LA DOULEUR

(Le dernier chant revu par Sri Aurobindo avant son départ en 1950)

Un registre de calamités grandissantes  
Tel est le compte du passé et le livre futur du Destin :  
Les siècles empilent les folies de l'homme et les crimes de l'homme  
Sur l'innombrable grouillement des maux de la Nature ;  
Comme si le poids de pierre du monde ne suffisait pas,  
Il sème obstinément une récolte de misères  
De sa propre main dans le sillon des dieux :  
C'est l'immense moisson tragique croissante  
Sortie des vieux méfaits enterrés par le Temps oublieux.  
Par son propre choix, il marche dans la trappe de l'enfer ;  
Cette créature mortelle est son propre pire ennemi.  
Sa science est un artificier de ruine ;  
Il pille la terre pour trouver moyen de faire du mal à son espèce ;  
Il tue son propre bonheur et le bien des autres.  
Le Temps et son histoire ne lui ont rien appris ;  
Comme jadis dans la verte jeunesse du Temps  
Lorsque la terre ignorante courait sur les grands chemins du Destin,  
Les vieilles formes du mal s'accrochent à l'âme du monde :  
La guerre qui réduit à néant le doux calme souriant de la vie,  
Batailles et rapines, ruines et massacres  
Sont toujours le passe-temps cruel des tribus guerrières de l'homme ;  
Une heure idiote détruit ce qu'ont créé des siècles,  
Sa rage gratuite ou sa haine démente frappe  
La beauté et la grandeur produites par son génie  
Et les vastes ressources du labeur d'une nation.  
Tout ce qu'il a accompli, il le pousse dans le précipice.  
Sa grandeur, il la tourne en épopée de malheur et de chute ;  
Sa petitesse rampe, satisfaite, dans la crasse et la boue,  
Il appelle la rétribution des cieux sur sa tête  
Et se vautre dans une misère de sa propre création.  
Auteur temporaire de la tragédie cosmique,  
Sa volonté conspire avec la mort, le temps et le destin,  
Sa brève apparition sur cette terre énigmatique  
Se répète sans fin mais sans haut résultat  
Pour ce voyageur des cycles millénaires de Dieu  
Qui enferment sa vie dans leur vaste longévité.

# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

## THE WAY OF FATE AND THE PROBLEM OF PAIN

(The last canto revised by Sri Aurobindo before his departure in 1950)

A growing register of calamities  
Is the past's account, the future's book of Fate:  
The centuries pile man's follies and man's crimes  
Upon the countless crowd of Nature's ills;  
As if the world's stone load was not enough,  
A crop of miseries obstinately is sown  
By his own hand in the furrows of the gods,  
The vast increasing tragic harvest reaped  
From old misdeeds buried by oblivious Time.  
He walks by his own choice into Hell's trap;  
This mortal creature is his own worst foe.  
His science is an artificer of doom;  
He ransacks earth for means to harm his kind;  
He slays his happiness and others' good.  
Nothing has he learned from Time and its history;  
Even as of old in the raw youth of Time,  
When Earth ignorant ran on the highways of Fate,  
Old forms of evil cling to the world's soul:  
War making nought the sweet smiling calm of life,  
Battle and rapine, ruin and massacre  
Are still the fierce pastimes of man's warring tribes;  
An idiot hour destroys what centuries made,  
His wanton rage or frenzied hate lays low  
The beauty and greatness by his genius wrought  
And the mighty output of a nation's toil.  
All he has achieved he drags to the precipice.  
His grandeur he turns to an epic of doom and fall;  
His littleness crawls content through squalor and mud,  
He calls heaven's retribution on his head  
And wallows in his self-made misery.  
A part author of the cosmic tragedy,  
His will conspires with death and time and fate.  
His brief appearance on the enigmaed earth  
Ever recurs but brings no high result  
To this wanderer through the aeon-rings of God  
That shut his life in their vast longevity.

**Report of the Forest meeting held in Revelation on 7/3/03.**

Present; Peter S. Eva, Glen, Gemma, Julia, Wim, David, Jean, Clementina, Birgitta (Guest), Bettina, Islan, Biggie, Steve, Matriprasad, Kaniapan, Shivaraj, Yuval. Patrick, Natalie, Cristo, Arnold, Anne, George, Rick, Dirk, Kumar, Ambre, Peter T, Paul, Perumal. Jaap, Renu, Didier, Mike (Chairman), Sydo (Notes).

Evergreen; Manou, living in Abri needs water as the Abri well is dry. At present he gets water by vendi but he would prefer to have a pipe line from the Evergreen well. Bettina asked for the opinion of the group and a green group member agreed to look into the matter.

Dead trees; Because of deficient monsoons the last three years many Work trees have died. While many of the forest places are harvesting these trees with there regular people, for some it is difficult and the option of selling the wood as a standing crop is taken up. The disadvantages of this method are a) difficult to estimate the value, b) damage is often caused to the seedlings planted and regenerating under the trees. It was suggested that it is preferable to cut the dead trees carefully ourselves but if this is not possible the watchman should work together with the contract team to ensure minimum damage is done.

We talked at length about the small branches that are left after harvesting the dead trees, some people collect and shred them for compost others allow them to be taken by ammas for firewood. It was pointed out that dead and decaying wood is good for the forest and "commercial firewood collection" by groups of ammas should be prevented.

Purchase the land campaign; We had a discussion on how to contribute to the movement to buy the land for Auroville. We agreed to give all the money that goes into the "Forest fund" from sale of wood and cashews to the land fund for the next six months. We will also try to think about ways of raising money for the next meeting.

Guide lines: A document was presented that is a start of process to produce a set of green belt guide lines agreed upon by farm and forest groups. Photo-copy's were distributed and all concerned will be informed by email. If you would like to have

this information email  
Greengroup@auroville.org.in.

Birgitta: Is an artist who makes bark prints on paper, she want to do this work in AV in the future. Gemma agreed to be her contact person.

Balan: A letter from the forest group was sent to the council stating our disapproval of his conduct in Siddhartha forest and to Ann in particular, recent events bring up the question of his stewardship status, which we will need to discuss in the next Forest Meeting. In a recent AV news it was announced that a local herbal Doctor could be consulted though Balan in Siddhartha Forest, it was mentioned that this man had caused problems for the EU project that Pitchandikulam was running in the bio-region. Meanwhile Ann has been relocated to an area besides Aurodam.

Retirement: David asked for groups approval to take a loan from the financial service to retire his worker, everyone agreed.

Adventure: Adventure reported their point of view and the current process with regard to the sports-ground. Some sort of sports ground will emerge when all parties agree.

Biosphere Reserve: To apply for this UNESCO program we will have to define our core sanctuary zones before filling out the application, one can have a look at the criteria on their web sight under Unesco/man and biosphere (MAB) or contact Constance at Cruzio.com for more info.

Water Conservation: It was reported that there is severe drought In the south of Tamil Nadu. The wells are dry, many coconut trees are dead and people are being forced to migrate. The house is burning and water conservation is our only tool.

Timber trees; A report was given on an attempt to safe guard a grove of Kalimardu and Pilimardu trees growing on the pebble land above Verite. A recent seminar on the development of the Industrial zone seeks to find common ground and a new way forward taking into account the present social and environmental reality. If new units are sited there a way should be found to protect important, rare or special trees.

**AUROVILLE HOUSING SERVICE MARCH 2003****House Transactions done through AHS**

- Doris to Angira's Garden
- Joseph to Acceptance

**House-sitting-arrangement done through AHS**

- Philippe in Patrick's place , Invocation

**Financial Statement for February 2003**

- total amount of loans given : 40,000 /- Rs.
- total amount spent on repair : 52,000 /- Rs.
- closing balance Housing Fund : - 500 /- Rs.
- closing balance Newcomer Housing Fund:2.5 Lakhs

**Opening Hours**

- Monday to Friday, except Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
- If you want to come to our weekly meeting on

Tuesdays, please inform us two weeks in advance, so we can give an appointment to you.

-for repair request please come on Wednesdays or see Volker.

-NewComers please come on Tuesdays

-Present members of Auroville Housing

Service:Elvira, Yunge,Kali,Volker,Jayavel,Nagez,Joy(AVCouncil),Lila(Entry Group)

**Long term House-sitting**

Please inform the Housing service if you are going out for more than six months about who is taking care of your house.

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**A Building Application is waiting two weeks for feedback:** Elumalai, temporary structure, in Horizon near Upassana

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**Access and usage study group meeting at SAWCHU, March 24th, 2003****Facilitator - Sigrid, Notes-charudutta/ M.M.John****Present-ten people.**

The meeting was more like an opportunity to express one's opinion rather than discussion. No conclusion was arrived at. Atmosphere was generally friendly. Below are some of the ideas expressed by those present:

- Infrastructure needed.....
- More info.to visitors, make them feel welcome.
- How to present AV to all.....
- All who come to AV, M.M. in particular must be able to leave happily.
- Remember that we receive visitors on behalf of the divine mother.
- Effort to give 'Good' experience to people.....
- Filter to separate 'sincere' from 'tourist' and other curious kind.
- Nobody in a position to judge who IS/NOT serious,
- Fixed quota for access to the inner space (chamber) for concentration.
- Less people, more time, tour of gardens etc.
- Rules should apply to all equally.....
- Make the area noise free. Conduct and regulate traffic.
- Separate 'inner' aspect from the 'outer'.
- Filter needed, bookings in Pandy, bus service for those for concentration
- More use of the 'PEACE' area, make people feel invited, welcome
- We are not making M.M. but the M.M. is making us
- To make this or that has no sense.
- Things on M.M. front are basically all right, visitors' centre has to broaden
- 'Visitors' centre must 'roll into something huge, AV support is missing
- Pressure on the V.C.& the M.M. has to be addressed, V.C. must expand
- Visitor numbers growing, be practical limit the numbers now
- Money for expansion of the V.C. is now coming slowly
- Need of proper staff, more people needed at V.C.
- Space at Bharat Nivas may be available, will the BN group agree?
- We can not know who will be touched by M.M.

It was decided that we meet again next week to continue with open exchange and once things get clearer, take up specific topics for study.

**QI GONG**

Open Qi Gong Class in Wu Ji style every Tuesday, 5-6 pm, in the Verite Hall.

Feel free to join.

"Qi" is Chinese for breath and/or energy as the main meanings, "gong" means work. Wu Ji Quan is one of the internal (neijia) Chinese martial arts Styles. Just as the more popular ones such as Tai Ji, Ba Gua and Xing Yi, it has its own Qi Gong exercises, which are mainly to improve HEALTH. Wu Ji and Tai Ji are related but still essentially different. There are also Qi Gong Styles that are not connected to martial arts (Wu Shu/ Gong Fu) Styles. We will also practice some of their movements and postures.

The basics of the underlying philosophy (mainly daoistic) and TCM theory will be provided later in the year.

See You Soon, Chris

**TV interview with Stevanovitch (in French)**

On December 12th '02, the founder of the School of the Inner Way, Vlady Stevanovitch, gave an hour long animated TV interview in the well known Belgian series 'Dites-moi, de Michèle Cédric' (RTBF Belgique).

In the film, Vlady, now 80 years of age, talks about his life, his formation, the development of his chi techniques, his t'ai chi schools, his research in sound and healing, and his everlasting exploration of maintaining a long and happy state of well being.

We will show the film Wednesday, April 2nd, at 6 pm in the Visitor Centre video room, 1st floor ..

**Chi Hall time table**

Monday: AM 6.30-7.30 Zazen/Kinhin/Zazen, PM 4.30-6.30 Chi work/Tai Chi 108 postures(advanced);

Tuesday: AM 6.30-7.30 Zazen/Kinhin/Zazen, 7.30-8.30 Tai Chi 24 practice(beginners);

Wednesday: AM 6.30-7.30 Zazen/Kinhin/Zazen, PM 4.30-6.30 Chi work/Tai Chi 24 postures (beg.);

Thursday: AM 6.30-7.30 Zazen/Kinhin/Zazen, 7.30-8.30 Tai Chi 24 practice(beginners);

Friday: AM 6.30-7.30 Zazen/Kinhin/Zazen, 7.30-8.30 Tai Chi 108 pract.; PM 4.30-6.30 Chi work/Tai Chi 24post.(beg.);

Contact: Marco at the Sharnga Chi Hall tel 262-2654. Email: [miniature@auroville.org.in](mailto:miniature@auroville.org.in)

**T'ai Chi Chuan in the Chi Hall, Sharnga  
...continued from the previous news.****Body logic**

We are listening to our bodies, we never go beyond our limits. And it has nothing to do with martial competitiveness: we are looking for the body logic to come back.

**The Inner Way**

T'ai Chi Chuan is a remarkable tool to achieve this. Its martial arts originated postures enhance the body's logic, resulting in easy natural movement. While their martial arts effectiveness may have lost its interest for us, their energetic efficiency remains a genuine treasure which allows us to free the body from its restraints and re-find its true spontaneity.

Such is our quest, going along with life. Resulting health and joy are reflecting that. Do we need to say that this quest into our inner world is endless?

**The smile..**

"Let's keep our feet on the ground. Don't get carried away. And don't take it too seriously! The Inner Way T'ai Chi Chuan's secret weapon, its most effective technique is the smile.."

V.Stevanovitch

**Chi hall in Sharnga**

In the Chi Hall of the 'School of the Inner Way' located in Auroville's Sharnga settlement, we share this yang style technique, both its short and long forms.

**Auroville Electrical Service**

Abri, Auroville

We are to inform that the field and office staff of Auroville electrical service are going on their annual tour from 9 th to 12 th April 2003. Therefore AVES will not be able to undertake the regular project and maintenance work, but only emergency break down and maintenance will be attended by the skeleton staff that are on duty during that period.

Hence Please take note of the situation and Kindly co-operate.

M. Ponnusamy

Executive

Auroville Electrical service Dt. 21.03.2003

**For Sale:**

**Honda Splendour** 2 1/2 years old. Q. Reg. Good condition black and orange. Please contact Thananjayan (Prarthna 2622-840)

**For sale:**

**Petrol Enfield Bullet**, black colour, excellent condition.

Price: Rs. 25,000/-

Contact: Sheril

2.623 568/2.622170 (9am-5pm)

2.623 520 (7-10pm)

**The Art of Chi**

Tadvanam Hall

Dear friends, we will have summer timings starting this week.

beginners/intermediate

monday: 5.00-6.30

tuesday: 7.00-8.00

wednesday: 3.30-4.45 (chi) 5.00-6.30

friday: 7.00-8.00

advanced/127 postures

wednesday: 6.30-8.00

thursday: 3.00-4.30 (chi)

friday: 5.00-6.30

Greetings, Hans

**BODY AWARENESS****in Tadvanam Hall, Evergreen.**

"In the matter of positions, postures and movements, bad habits are formed too early and too quickly that may have disastrous consequences for the whole life."

(from The Mother)

Gentle, supple and effective exercises that are proposals for change.

MONDAY: 3.30 - 5.00 pm

THURSDAY: 8.00 - 9.30 am

FRIDAY: 3.30 - 5.00 pm

classes guided by Hans

**Dear friends,**

**Please note that the Application for extension of your Residential Permit for the month of June is ready to be picked up at our office in Bharat Niwas.**

**Those who have not come for April and May, please pass by immediately.**

**You have to apply atleast 3 months in advance.**

**Please pass by with your passport and Residential Permit on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9:00 to 12:00.**

**Please inform us when you have received your sanction from the RRO, as we need to have the dates upto which your Residential Permit has been extended.**

**If you give us a call that also is enough.**

**Residents Service,**

Ilse, Raji and Tanvi

**PLEASE NOTE.....**

The name 'CFL' (Center for Further Learning) is now officially retired and has been replaced by 'Future School', a unit under SAIER. We can be contacted using the following information:

FUTURE SCHOOL, Transformation

Phone: 2622776 and 2622596

email: futureschool@auroville.org.in

Reminder: All students who are considering joining the school next year (2003-2004), please let us know by April 11th.

Thank you! From the Future School Team

**C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM**  
**THURSDAY 3 APRIL – 7.30 PM (Film show**  
**starting at 7.45 sharp)**

**“EKTI NADIR NAAM” (THE NAME OF A RIVER)**

*Directed by Anup SINGH, India, 2001*

*With: Shibhuprasad Mukhopadhyay, Shomi, Kaiser, Supriya Choudhary*

*Synopsis: Docu-feature, the film is inspired by the work of the great Bengali film maker Ritwik Ghatak and presents the picaresque travels of two actors, a man and a woman, playing the role of refugees, and literary and cinematic characters. They keep meeting and parting, taking on and discarding incarnations, as they journey over rivers and borders, through cities and history, forests and memory, mountains and myths, seeking answers to their simple questions... Original Bengali version with English sub-titles) – Duration: 1h.30' - 35mm film – Colour*

**Please note that this week too, the film is on THURSDAY, not on Friday...**

**C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM**  
**JEUDI 3 AVRIL – 19h.30' (le film commence à 19h.45 précises)**

**“LE NOM D'UNE RIVIERE”**

*Réalisé par : Anup SINGH, Inde, 2001*

*Avec : Shibhuprasad Mukhopadhyay, Shomi, Kaiser, Supriya Choudhary*

*Synopsis: Docu-drama, ce film s'inspire du cinéma de Ritwik Ghatak (grand cinéaste Bengali) et présente les voyages picaresques de deux acteurs, un homme et une femme, jouant le rôle de réfugiés et d'autres personnages littéraires ou de cinéma. Ils se rencontrent et se quittent, prenant tel rôle ou tel autre et le délaissant, au fil de leur voyage au fil des rivières et des frontières, à travers des villes et des histoires, des forêts et des mémoires, des montagnes et des mythes, cherchant des réponses à leurs questions simples... Version originale en Bengali, Sous-titres en Anglais – Durée : 1h.30' - 35mm film – Couleur*

**Merci de bien noter que cette fois encore le film sera projeté JEUDI, non pas Vendredi....**

#### **Announcement From Health center**

There will be no psychotherapy service for the next months since Michael O. will be out of station.

#### **Contributing towards WORLD PEACE in the INNER WAY**

Japanese peace mantras and mudras

Workshop in Verite on Saturday April 5th 5-7 pm and Sunday April 6th 10-12 am

Offered by Kai, a visitor to Auroville

For information contact Shivaya

#### **News from Auroville Transport Service New Creation**

Dear Friends,

The Auroville Transport Service New Creation wants to share with you all our concern and our developments.

We want to stress first that we want to be at the Aurovilians service 24 hours. In the sometimes we need all your encouragements and suggestions to help us running the service at its optimum efficiency.

To be an Auroville Unit we have to comply with all the legal regulations including Govt Service Tax. When you take a taxi we want you to have nothing to think or to pay extra. Upto now for example the East Coast National Highway fees (Rs.94.00) was entirely taken care by us. The parking fees in the Airport too (Rs.30.00). So we want you to take in consideration that many others transports taxis start to flourish around attracted by the easy earning, which in our sense is a lure when we consider how much care in maintenance should be given to avoid any bad surprises and give maximum safety to the passengers.

Please note due to the heavy increase on fuels, (for example from Rs. 18.52 upto Rs. 22,65 is the price now) we have no other option to charge you from the 1st April the toll gate fees and parking charges, please bear with us the inconveniences. But it is our first increase even though the fuels have been going on increasing since last June 2002.

We hope and pray that we can have the support of our fellow Aurovilians, guests and visitors to use an Official Auroville transport in which we want you to feel that it is your cars and your concern to get involve whenever your feel is needed and share with us any difficulties you may encounter. The difference of price you may get from the outside should not be a valid reason not to support our efforts.

To be at the service of Auroville is to see only the sincere dedication to improve our collective reality in helping each other to do better.

AV. transport Service

New Creation



**SAVITRI BHAVAN****April 2003****REGULAR COURSES**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>morning</b>	<b>10.30 – 12.00</b>	<b><i>Savitri</i> Study Circle</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>evening</b>	<b>5.30 – 6.30</b>	<b>Cultivating Concentration led by Jai Singh</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>evening</b>	<b>5.00 – 5.45</b>	<b><i>Entretiens</i> – The Mother's Playground talks, 1956</b>
		<b>6.00 – 7.00</b>	<b><i>The Synthesis of Yoga</i>, led by Shraddhavan</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>afternoon</b>	<b>3.00 – 4.00</b>	<b><i>Savitri</i> reading (in the shelter)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>evening</b>	<b>4.30 – 5.30</b>	<b>The English of <i>Savitri</i> led by Shraddhavan</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>evening</b>	<b>5.00 – 6.00</b>	<b><i>The Synthesis of Yoga</i> led by Sraddhalu Ranade</b>

**Dr. Ananda Reddy's class on  
*The Life Divine*  
is suspended until further notice**

**From April 27, Prof. Kittu Reddy will start a  
course on  
*The Ideal of Human Unity*  
Sundays, 5.00 – 6.00 pm**

**Office and Reading Room  
Monday – Saturday 9 – 12, 2 – 5**

**Everyone is welcome**

**Regarding dance workshops and performance****AT SENSES AT TIMES**

As the financial situation in our growing community is not yet supporting all our needs, culture being one of them, we need to find different ways, in order not to have to stop in front of the appearing obstacles... like this once again with the help of plenty, many of us could appreciate or at least have contact with some of the dance culture from Europe...

Last but not least I would like to thank all of you who helped towards partial maintenance and realization of their program, of the Sloveene dance company (part of the project was covered by

Slovene ministry of culture and part by group members themselves).

-To Grace for transport and all the moral support from the very beginning  
-To Srimoyi, Liliana & Marco and Bernard for free lodging  
-To Nicole, Shakti, Andrei, Amuda & Sundaram, Miki and Angelika as executives of our nourishing places, to help feeding them in different ways  
-To Otto for the 'financial pot', for guest contribution exemption  
-To Tapas for Kalamitra for jumping in and covering the big gaps at the end (transport, gift, food, lights)  
-To Jean, Patrick and Jona for their priceless dedication  
-To Ursula for the first aid and wonderful talks  
-To all of you from the dance workshops for your participation and contributions and helping with little bits and ends...  
  
-And finally to ALL of you who gave this amazing response at the end of their performance....

**THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU**

Dariya, in the name of the company and Auroville's dance lovers.....

# CONNECTIONS

The work of Connections relies on your cooperation.

**Connections** wishes to continue bringing together jobs/activities in the community and Aurovilians with needed skills. Please come to us if you need help or if you want to help. With your cooperation, we will work to make Auroville a smoothly operating community.

## √ Experienced Administrator

The administrator of an important Auroville Service requires someone to take over this job. Some computer skills are needed as well as knowledge of the economy of Auroville. Good communication skills with the ability to listen and respond clearly to the requests of people with a good level of equanimity are essential.

Although this is a full-time job, timings are flexible. For more information please contact Connections.

## √ Auroville international translators

AVITRA - Auroville international translators, has a full time position to offer.

The incumbent - Aurovilian, newcomer, AV-friend or long-term guest - should ideally be :

- \* computer literate with a flair for picking up new developments in the field
- \* familiar with/ have affinity for Dbase work
- \* willing to familiarize himself/herself with Translation Memory software
- \* proficient in English and possess a basic 'feel' for one or more European languages.

some knowledge of Tamil/Hindi will be an added advantage.

- \* capable of working both independently and with the team

Contact, Michael or Tejas at **Avitra** – Acceptance, Ph-2623310 . Email ([avitra@auroville.org.in](mailto:avitra@auroville.org.in).)

## √ Multipurpose Health Centre Assistants

We are looking for two Part-time volunteer Aurovilian/ Newcomers.

Timings will be arranged so that there is a presence at the office from 8:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. We need help with our fundraising activities as well as answering phone calls. English and computer skills are needed. Please contact Dr. Beena at the Multipurpose Health Centre on Monday, Wednesday or Friday after 11:00 a.m. 2622292, or Surya at Protection Dental Centre 2622007

or Christopher at 2623567 to leave your contact information.

## √ Minutes taker during the Summer Holidays.

The **FAMC** is looking for a temporary secretary to take the minutes of their weekly meeting and to write it into a report. The permanent secretary will be out of station during the months of May and June. Please contact Connections for details.

## √ Minutes taker during the Summer Holidays.

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## √ Teacher-in-training for one of the AV Schools

The need for teachers is great. Here is a chance to learn how to teach. One of the AV Schools has opportunities for people who would like to become a teacher-in-training. You have to be able to speak, read and write English fluently. If you like working with children and students of different ages and think you would make a good teacher, come to us. The training will take place during regular school hours, Monday to Friday, 8.30 am – 3.30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Connections.

## √ A teacher of French as a second language for children

The position is for **French as a second language**. The basic qualifications are love of children and a creative approach to getting second-language communication skills into the deep memory of children. Please contact Connections

## √ Librarian Administrator cum Office Assistant

An Auroville school needs a **Librarian Administrator cum Office Assistant**. Computer skills and English knowledge are important. If full-time is not possible, two part-time people can be considered. Please contact Connections.

## √ An Executive

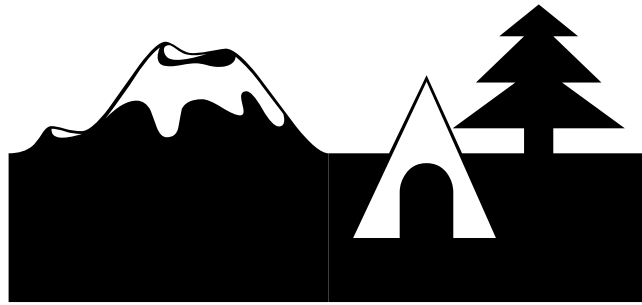
One of our service units is looking for an Executive, an active, elder person who understands Tamil. The candidate should be good at public relations and communications. Attending meetings and, at times, handling conflict resolution are also part of the responsibilities.

For more information please contact Connections

The **Connections** team

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# Berijam – 2003

Auroville International Youth Program

Forest Ecology and Environmental Living

Berijam Nature reserve, Kodaikanal

As you all know the school holidays for our children are starting soon We have started to organize this year's Summer activities. We would kindly like to inform All Aurovilians and Kids who have participated in the previous camps and people who would be interested in this years that the name and the style of organizing has been changed with the advice of senior Aurovilians and the District forest Officer in Kodaikanal.

We would like to bring to your notice, that obtaining permission to camp in Berijam this year was very difficult. But with Her grace we have obtained it, (With strict Guidelines).

**As We Already have students and Adults calling us for registering their names, we would like adults who have past experiences in the above activities or if you would like to help us in organizing to fill in a form which is available with the following persons. The last date for registering your name is 10<sup>th</sup> April 2003. So hurry up! We would not be in a position to accommodate late comers. For further details regarding finance, Set up group and dates contact Elumalai at AV Bakery (phone 2622 159 ) from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. or Rajavel at After School (phone 2622662) from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

#### Cell phone lost:

Silver Siemens S40 cell phone in black/transparent plastic cover with Airtel SIM card was lost between Auromodel - Pour Tous or Pour Tous - NCC through village on Sunday 16th, late afternoon. If found, kindly contact Girvani, Djaima 2622005, or e-mail at girvani@auroville.org.in. Reward of 1000 Rs.

#### For sale:

Kawasaki Caliber 2001 in very good condition. 12.000 km. Price Rs. 25.000 of which Rs. 5.000 will go to Land Fund. Contact Dirk 262 3811 or caddcon@auroville.org.in

**AMPHITHEATER****Tuesday 1.4. 2003 6.00 p.m. sunset**

"Savitri", the initiatic epic poem by Sri Aurobindo  
read by Mother accompanied by Sunil's music :

Book VII The Book of Yoga  
Canto 1 The Joy of Union; the ordeal of the  
forknowledge of Death and the Heart's grief and  
pain

Thursday 4.4. 6p.m.  
" Words of Sri Aurobindo " read by Nolini.

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**ROLLING STONES TICKET****April 11th Bangalore Palace Grounds**

I have one ticket available if anyone is interested.  
The cost is Rs. 1560 and we are arranging a  
bus to take a large group up there.  
Pls contact Sam @ 2623439

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**Auroville Fund and the Financial Service****WILL REMAIN C L O S E D**

For Public Transactions on Tuesday, 1 April  
2003

Due to all the inter-office work to be done for  
the transition from one financial year to  
another.

(Please note that all banks will also be closed  
for public transactions on this day.)

**The Magic Lantern Theater Troupe Returns  
with Moliers' "Tartuffe" in Tamil!** April 5 and 6  
are the tentative dates and venues planned in  
Sanjeevinagar and Kulapalayam. Aurovilians are  
donating generously in kind; (Transport, Lodging,  
Meals) but we still need an additional 10,000 for  
the lighting. Please Help support art in the village  
PT # 0576 (Tamil Cultural Development)  
contacts: Supriya or Renu

**TV DISH ANTENNA WANTED !**

Do you want to get rid or sell your old tv dish  
antenna (8" or 10")?  
Leave a message at the..... 2622349 and  
we talk about !

**10 Day Vipassana Course**

a residential course in meditation  
instructions in English and Tamil  
4 - 14 May 2003 at Ariankuppam, Pondicherry

English speakers contact Mauro 262 3269 or  
satsurya@hotmail.com  
Tamil speakers contact Mrs. Vijayalakshmi 223  
8391 or vijineel@yahoo.com

1-Day refresher courses in Vipassana  
only for those who've completed a 10-day course  
THIRD Sunday of each month  
Next one: April 20th  
Verite Hall, 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.  
Please bring your own lunch.  
Any questions, contact Mauro 262 3269 or  
satsurya@hotmail.com

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**Latest news from The Travel Shop**

There is a reason to celebrate, Auroville's Travel  
Agency, Inside India's - The Travel Shop, got  
accredited as IATA agency. This means that from  
1st of April we can issue not only Domestic but  
also International tickets on the spot.

We thank the team of FAMC and Financial  
Service who provided the financial support.

Joster  
for Inside India Team  
"THE TRAVEL SHOP"  
Ph: 2622604 / 2622078 / 2623030  
Fax: 2622081  
Email: travelshop@auroville.org.in  
www.inside-india.com/travelshop

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**"Creations for Land wants to Thank"**

Dear All,  
I'm happy to be able to thank you all for your  
participation in this 'first' exhibition, in which 34  
artists got together for the Land.  
Special thanks to the Loony Tune Trio, Rolf,  
Simon and Matteo, who created a great Sunday  
afternoon atmosphere with an excellent  
performance of jazz, to mark the end of Creations  
for Land. They also marked the beginning of the  
second evening celebratiing Earth Day. And so  
one event melts into another in a wave of growing  
awareness.



## PITANGA

### Odissi Dance for beginners

For all those who would love to learn basic odissi dance movements: Srimoyi is offering this opportunity to beginners of odissi dance in the months of April and May. Please sign up at Pitanga.

All of you who have been practicing with **Kanchana** before, please kindly note that her regular classes on **Mondays and Wednesdays are discontinued** until further notice.



### DanceWorkshop Contact, Butoh & Improvisation by Carey

Developing on certain techniques touched on in the two recent contact-improvisation workshops (by Lou and by Gregor) we will begin to explore connections between contact-improvisation and Butoh:

Max. participants: 10

Guest contribution: Rs. 500/-.

Full participation appreciated.

**Dates: Tue 1<sup>st</sup> - Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Timings: 9.00 am - 12.00 pm**



### Exhibition

"Open

Air

Atmosphere"

Oil-Paintings by

**Sivakumar**

**24/03 - 5/04/03**

Monday - Saturday,

8 am to 5 pm



### RECITAL OF WESTERN MUSIC

Featuring guest artist  
Achim Schwarz (Flute)

with

Ladislav (Violin)

and

Pushkar (Piano)

**Sunday, March 30th, 2003**

**10.30 am Ashram, Hall of Harmony, Pondy**

**4.30 pm Pitanga, Samasti, Auroville.**

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

## CALL FOR MM TORA

Having convened, chaired and witnessed various study groups on City/Soul, Lake, and Access/Usage, and gauging the general development of things, we consider it advisable that all MM Tora participants sit together and give each other feedback about the process thus far, specifically in view of the meeting between the Core Group and the Financial Committee set for April 2nd.

We therefore call for a MM Tora, attended also by those study group participants who have not formally registered as member of the MM Tora,  
**on Saturday, April 5th, SAWCHU, 5.15 pm.**

**See you there,  
Focus**

## Announcing an Academically Genial Evening

### "The Golden Mumpti Awards"

Information center on Tuesday Evening  
at 7.30 pm, April 1st.

Presentation of the coveted awards and screening of the entries in the video competition, "A Million Dollars", as well as other suitable entertainment and guest appearances.

**Ed's Note:** The "Award of the golden Mumpti" on page 1 of the Supplement is actually from Venkat. Sorry for the confusion!!!

## An urgent appeal

Dear Aurovilians,

Valentina's daughter Vika needs to go to Moscow for a period of about two years for her studies.

Valentina will go with her to help her finding the right school and getting Vika settled in Moscow. After this Valentina will return to Auroville in July. We are urgently looking for funds to help covering the travel expenses which will amount to Rs.60,000.- An account has been opened in AVMF, "Vika Ticket", Account number 3528, we would be most grateful for any donations towards this purpose.

Love,

Vika and Valentina

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## LABORATORY OF EVOLUTION - CENTRE FOR HUMAN UNITY

1/"TOLKIEN in the light of SRI AUROBINDO and THE MOTHER'

We have been treated with a wonderful DVD big screen projection of "The Two Towers" on the Certitude sportsground wall, and there will be also a second show of a video version of the film at the Visitor's Centre this Sunday, 30th of March, at 7.30pm.

Regarding particularly "The Two Towers", besides the other documentation included in the LOE-CHU's Exhibition, there are also the texts of interesting interviews, like the one of actor Viggo Mortensen (Aragorn) about his opposition to the war against Irak, and the parrallel he sees with the movie.

This week's talk (which will be the last of this series), on Wednesday 2nd April, 4.30 to 6 pm, will be on:

'GALADRIEL, THE VIRGIN MARY AND THE DIVINE MOTHER'.

2/'SHARING TIME' AT THE LOE-CHU

A time when we can share the personal experience or questions each of us may have in those two domains, Evolution and Unity, Auroville's two main goals.

THE LAST ANNOUNCED SESSION WILL BE ON FRIDAY 4th April 2003, 4.30 TO 6 PM AS USUAL.

(Bhaga)

**Open Air Cinema!** Your regular or occasional generosity to support the cost of a new bulb (23,500 Rs) will be gratefully received in PT Account # 0768. Thank You to all those that contributed!

Present Position 2001- March 2003.

Yoster for FAMC power point report FREE

Harvest for MM Power Point Report FREE

Discovery of Bulb cost

Nevi for Water Presentation Donation Rs 500

Arcosanti Presentation at CFL DonationRs 750

Lord of the Rings Certitude Donation Rs 450

Total: Rs 1,700

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## Wonderland of Wildlife

"You, my friend – a citizen of the great and mighty and wise city of Athens – are you not ashamed of devoting yourself to acquiring the greatest amount of money and honor and reputation, and carrying so little about wisdom and truth...? (Socrates, 470-399 B.C).

One lady-ornithologist (a specialist in birds) from Germany lives in Pondicherry. She phoned me at Palmyra (Aurobrindavan) : "I need a guide to Aranya. Please, wait for me near the gate! Aranya (means "forest" in Sanskrit) is my love. I willingly guide Aurovilians and guests in this place, where I waited near the gate, Jurgen appeared on his bike and asked : "Is everything okay?" Of course it was okay because I was dreaming about Aranya. Soon a taxi stopped near the gate and we started our travel through Kootroad, between villages, plantations of casuarinas and eucalyptus – exotic plants from Australia.

There were four passengers in the taxi : the lady-ornithologist, a doctor from New York, their Indian friend and I. Doctor said: "These monocultures of casuarinas and eucalyptus are bad for biodiversity". Afterwards we walked from Aranya to Hermitage region, the doctor saw the strongly eroded canyons. He said: "Badland !"

Really the places of canyons are good land for wildlife. Too many people want to receive a profit from every square millimeter of Earth. Nature a little bit defends itself. Eric in Aranya likes the mysterious birds owls and other remarkable forms of wildlife in this region. I like them too, together with funny bumblebees which live at the bottom of the canyon not far of my house in Aspiration. Wildlife has a natural right to live on the planet. But the globalisation of asuric human greed attacks the last positions of Divine green world.

Boris