

# AV News Summary

May 3rd, 2003

## SAVITRI BHAVAN

### Programme for May 2003

REGULAR COURSES continue as usual:

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

Dr. Ananda Reddy's class on *The Life Divine* (Wed. 6:00 – 7.30 pm) will resume from June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Throughout May Emmanuele's beautiful *Savitri* paintings on rough stone will be on view in the Hall.

The February and April issues of our journal *Invocation* can be picked up from Savitri Bhavan - or you can give us a call and ask to have them delivered by AV Messenger.

Office and Reading Room timings: Monday to Saturday, 9:00 – 12:00 and 14:00 – 17:00.

### AVNews Survey

A survey is being done to enable everyone to give their views about the AVNews and its future looks and contents. A feedback form is attached to this issue or can be filled in online on the AVNet. The form can also be sent to you by email attachment. Please send your request to [avnews@auroville.org.in](mailto:avnews@auroville.org.in)

## **About the News**

The old Auroville News will not appear for the time being. This news summary is a temporary replacement, until a new version of the News has been worked out. Short messages and announcements are welcome, longer items will have to be shortened. In the near future information will be given about where to obtain hard copies of meeting reports or how to be placed on mailing lists to receive soft copies of meeting reports. For the time being messages may be sent to the same email address [avnews@auroville.org.in](mailto:avnews@auroville.org.in) or given to the News office at Aurelec. Deadline is Wednesday noon.

## **FAMC Report, March 2003**

The FAMC report of March 2003 gives the names of current FAMC Regular Members and covers meetings held on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Among other things, the report covers the following subjects:

- ✍✍ *Units & Services:* Altecs Building transferred to Christoph and Friederike; Artisana Trust – Patrizia as additional executive for Auroline approved; Free Flow, Swagatam, and Sangamam Trusts will begin functioning from 1 April 2003; Auroville Exports Trust: resignation of Imagination executive Harish Joshi; Aqua Dyn: no decision on future; Transfer of CARE from CSR Trust to ABC Trust; Artisana Trust: opening of a new unit called Auroville Sangham Publishers with Alain Bernard and Serge Brelin as executives approved; Kattida Kalai Trust units re-approved; application of Freeland with Gilles Knopf and Marie Pontiaq as executives re-approved; Former Auroville Water Service: accounts of those owing less than Rs 1000 debited; Auroville Water Maintenance site approved; Auroville's Future: Joseba to be appointed as an additional executive, Pashi Kapur as an additional executive not approved. Auroville Health Centre: Deepam, a new name for Project for Disabled Children approved. Guesthouse Trust: eight guesthouses confirmed as units with their executives: Celebration (Jehoshua Freidlaender – Yoshi, Britta Friedlaender – Anando), College Guest House (Janet, Sukrit), Gaia's Garden (Kireet, Younge), New Creation (Andre T., Marie Babu), Sharnga Guest House (Sigrid Lindemann, Bernard Borg), Verite Guest House (Bhavana, Isha, Kathryn, Aurelio) Waves (Tanja), Aspiration (Dinar, AuroPrem), Centre Guest House (Tineke, Silvano), Samasti Guest House (Srimoyi), Afsanah Guest House (Afsaneh), Athithi Griha (Ashoke Chatterjee).
- ✍✍ *Housing:* Housing Policy finalization in process; Brihaspati: financial details; Sadaca Project: Request for a Line of Credit; Grace Extension; Guest House Policy; Arbitration Policy.
- ✍✍ *Land and Land Sales:* sale of an unused plot of 0.44 Acres opp. Hope.

For the full FAMC report, or if you have any questions or would like further information, please e-mail [famc@auroville.org.in](mailto:famc@auroville.org.in)

## **Note from Focus**

The members of the Focus group wish to inform the community that Focus has ceased to function. Those study groups that continue to meet are encouraged to organize and direct their meetings themselves.

## **Auroville Council Report and Working Committee Report, January-April 2003**

The AVC and WC reports of the work of the last four months are available on AVNet. Hard copies may be picked up at the Working Committee office, for those who have no email access. Anyone who would like to have these reports emailed to their e-address should send an emailed request to Valli at the Working Committee office: [wcoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:wcoffice@auroville.org.in), with subject 'WC/AVC Reports'. It has been noted that the community needs frequent regular reporting; monthly reports will be posted onto AVNet.

## **Information from AV Eco-Service / SWM group**

The AV Eco-Service / SWM group has put out extensive information on the use and disposal of plastics. Various alternative ways of disposal are discussed, such as dumping, burning, incineration, recycling etc. This information comes in response to the leaflet published by the "Dolphins" on plastics. For the full text please see AVNet.

## Connections job offers

### - 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.

### - 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 volunteers, Aurovilians or 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.

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.

The **Connections** team: Anand, Don, Jaya, Marijke and Paulien

Bharat Nivas, SAWCHU Building, Tel: 2623 440

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

## Summer schedules

### - Connections:

*Change in opening times:*

From Monday the 19th of May till Monday the 7th of July 2003 the Connections office at Bharat Nivas will be open on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** mornings from 9:00 to 12:00.

N.B.: From the 26th of May till the 9th of June it will be *completely closed*. Have a nice summer! With love from the Connections team.

### - Quiet:

The Quiet healing centre will be *closed* from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. We hope to reopen on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. See you then. The Quiet Team

### - Guest Service:

*Change in opening times:*

Please note that during May and June the Guest Service, located above the Solar Kitchen, will be open on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** mornings from 9:30 to 1:00. When the office is closed, guests can refer to:

- o Visitors Centre for general information on Auroville, or directly to the guesthouses.
- o Financial Service for registration, guest cards and opening of accounts.

Enjoy your summer! Lella for AV Guest Service

### - Homeopathic consultation:

Sigrid is in Berijam and will take up homeopathic consultation from 15th may onwards.

### **Baby girl born**

It is our great pleasure to inform you that a sweet, cute and chubby baby girl was born on the 23rd April 2003, in the morning. She is called " RESHMA MARIA" , by Her Grace.  
Love from the happy parents, Raju&Rina.

### **Tibetan Doctor**

The Tibetan Doctor Dorjee Rabten will be here on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. For appointments please call Kalsang @ 2623338 or 2622401 at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.

### **Newly released CD**

Jivatman invites everyone to listen to his newly released CD "A Call of Joy". The CD presents flute improvisations inspired by Indian Ragas.

Place and time: Tuesday 6th of May 8 P.M. at Pitanga Hall

### **Auroville Meeting in Germany**

There will be an Auroville meeting in the north of Germany, near Hamburg, from the evening of the 22nd till 25th May noon. There will be workshops, speeches, meditations, presentations, movies, music live events. Please see the program on AVnet or ask Tine, phone 26 23 033

[tine@auroville.org.in](mailto:tine@auroville.org.in) and [wjsr@gmx.net](mailto:wjsr@gmx.net) for info and registration. See you there! Tine

### **Visitors Centre evening video**

#### **Saturday May 3rd at 8 PM:**

"Dances with wolves". In 1864, one man went in search of the frontier... and found himself. 7 oscars. 1997. 2h. 53 min. With Kevin Costner. Not suitable for children under 15.

#### **Monday May 5th, 8 PM**

THE TRIAL OF LIFE - Nature Series by David Attenborough, part 5

(Provided there is no other cultural event announced at the same time)

### **C I N E M A**

Bharat Nivas AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 9 MAY - 7.30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

#### **"THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO"**

Directed by Kevin REYNOLDS, USA, 2002

With: Jim Caviezel, Guy Pearce, Richard Harris, Dagmara Dominczyk, Michael Wincott

Synopsis: Europe, around 1800. Edmond Dantes and his friend Fernand Mondego land in the island of Elba where Napoleon Bonaparte lives in exile. Edmund is unjustly imprisoned and 13 years after, he finally can escape. After going to a treasure island, he will return as the mysterious and fabulously rich Count of Monte Cristo to wreak vengeance on all those who betrayed him... Based on Alexandre Dumas' famous novel.

Original English version - Duration: 2h.11' - 35mm film - Colour (not for young children)

### **From AV-Transport Service, New Creation**

Because of complaints and suggestions from many Aurovillians, from May 1st, we are including the ECR Tax (both way Rs. 85) and Airport parking (Rs. 30) in the bill. Although the charge to us is Rs.115, we are only increasing our fares by Rs.100. The new prices are:

To Airport: Rs.1200 (old price Rs.1100); to Chennai city: Rs.1300 (old price Rs. 1200)

### **From Auroville Water Maintenance**

We undertake the following in Auroville and the surrounding villages:

Bore well works; new pump installations; pump repairs; windmill work; plumbing and pipeline connections. We also rent out generators (40KVA, 10KVA, 7.5KVA, 4KVA)

Please contact us at: 262 2899 or cell phone no. 94434 13532

At Her Service, Auroville Water Maintenance, Fraternity

## **FROM AVC / WC - regarding the recommendation concerning the Matrimandir Core Group**

As was proposed in the Community Meeting of 30/4, members of AVC/WC will be consulting with Aurovilians working at Matrimandir and will use the Wednesday afternoon meeting time-slot for a meeting with a small group of people concerned to study the proposals brought forward in the 30/4 meeting (these are available at AVNet and can be obtained from WC office). If you are interested to join this group, pls contact [wcoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:wcoffice@auroville.org.in) -

**Therefore, the next Community Meeting will take place on Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5.15 pm, at SAWCHU.**

## **Mahasaraswati Freestore update**

**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 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 with a vehicle on Sunday mornings. Call Logu at 623014 before 9am, at lunchtime 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 :***

Inkjet printer – Dot-matrix printer for Macintosh - PC speakers - Cell phone first generation – Ladies' watch - Underground telephone cable (80 mtrs, 20 pairs) - Professional walkie-talkie set with 20 receivers – Noodle-making machine (electric) - Small gas bottle with regulator - 14" colour monitor – Children's cycles for 4 to 7 and 5 to 10 years old - Baby security seat for car - Motorcycle carrier box - Stabilizer - Easy chair - Lady shaver - Epilator - 24 volt PL lamp - Camera - Spray paint gun - Electric heater - Cane Baby cradle - Home walking/stepping trainer - Electric vibromasseur - 7 volumes of the Gita, Italian translation - French dictionary - Clothes iron - Coffee machine - Table fans - Gas stove with 4 burners - Mixer/grinder/slicer - Table lamps - Ice cream maker - Electric kettle - Torch lights - typewriters - Electric pancake/chapatti hot plate - Flute a bec - headphones - Water filters - Manual vegetable slicer/grater - External modem 33.6 Kbps - Music systems / 2 in 1 - Roller skater blades - TV video game - and a lot more...

But remember the exchange store opens only on Saturdays 3 pm to 5 pm! The Mahasaraswati store is situated in the same building as the Kulapalayam Post office. See you around! Logu, Celestine, Olivier

### **From La Ferme Cheese (for full version see last week's News)**

#### **A CHEESY WAY TO RAISE ANOTHER THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE LAND**

As we would like to join the present effort to fundraise for the land, La Ferme Cheese will manufacture a special limited series of ½ kg Gouda d'Aur cheeses, and the full proceeds from the sales of this Rs. 50, 000 limited edition will be donated for land purchase. These Gouda balls will be wrapped in a beautiful cloth and label. They will therefore make a nice gift and can safely travel a few days without refrigeration, as they will be full, uncut cheeses. Buy these cheeses as gifts for your friends and relatives abroad or in India. Please join our effort to purchase the land for Auroville and order these cheeses directly from the Cheese Farm at La Ferme (Ph.2622212) or by e-mail at [LaFermeCheese@auroville.org.in](mailto:LaFermeCheese@auroville.org.in) With larger orders home delivery may be arranged. Olivier and La Ferme Cheese team wish you a good summer.

## **From House of Mother's Agenda**

*Note from Mother to Satprem concerning his question of January 9, 1962 on the capacities required to gain access to the supramental world:*

- Capacity for indefinite expansion of consciousness on all planes including the material.
- Limitless plasticity, to be able to follow the movement of becoming.
- Perfect equality abolishing all possibility of ego reaction.

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