

AV News Summary

May 24th, 2003

AVNews Survey -- update

Thanks to the invaluable help of Priya Vincent, all input from the community has been registered, and now needs to be analysed. The group studying the survey outcome may meet several times this month to prepare an overview of its findings, which could possibly be presented to the Community Meeting of June 4th. A wider group may then start trying to formulate a future version of the AVNews. One of the more onerous tasks of the future editors will be to find a way to allow the community to exchange views freely, and to determine to what extent this will be possible through the printed version of the News. Please know that, as yet, no editorial policies are being drafted.

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 or given to the News office at Aurelec.

Deadline is Wednesday noon.

FAMC Report April 2003

This report covers meetings held on April the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

** This is a shortened version. Asterisks indicate where cuts have been made. For full version of this report, please see AVNet.*

Issues Related to Trusts and Units

Details regarding change of trustees etc of the following Trusts and Units are given: CSR Trust/Aurore Trust, Aurore Trust, Cynergy, CSR Trust - AVBC Research Structures, and Aurore Trust. *

SAIIR – RERS: It was announced that from April 1st RERS will no longer be a unit under SAIIR and that a new formal structure must be registered.

Swagatam Trust – New Units:

Ecoteco Pools: Approved with Giorgio Luciani of Surrender and Mario Buselli from Sangha as executives.

Freeland: Approved with Gilles Knopp and Marie Pontacq as executives. Omega will do the accounts.

Kratu's Workshop: The formation of this unit for pottery, ceramics and sculpture was approved with Kratu and Aloka as executives.

Auroville School Of Natural Health: Pending clarification with the AVC.*

Om Taxi Service: Postponed. The process is on-going. *

Units under the For All Pour Tous Trust: Recently the For All Pour Tous Trust was formed. It was proposed and approved that we should form a separate accounting group such as SAIIR or Auroville Fund directly under the Foundation for the activities of Pour Tous, the Solar Kitchen, Solar Café and Nandini.*

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Corpus Fund:

A request was made that a quarterly statement of the Corpus Fund listing outstanding loans with a quality rating be made available as a matter of course to facilitate decisions about loans or investments.

Water Maintenance Team: The Water Maintenance Team (WMT) has submitted a statement of income and expenses; construction plans and cost estimates for a building to be constructed at Rêve; a list of equipment and tools necessary for their functioning and a proposal for their future functioning. * The FAMC has proposed that the present stock of plumbing fittings and materials currently at Abri would be sold and all these funds

would be transferred to the account of the former Auroville Water Service against the amount outstanding there. Talks are continuing.

Pour Tous 2 Fundraising: Under the Pour Tous 2 Project, it is proposed to build and equip a new building of 450 m² next to the Solar Kitchen. The new building will house a new Pour Tous Stall, toilets and storerooms, a small office for administration, an outlet for the Financial Service, and a collection centre for the Auroville Farms to be shared with the Solar Kitchen.*

Now is the time for a solid community based fundraising campaign to begin in Auroville. *

Auromodele House: a proper valuation of the house has been done and the house has been valued at Rs 14 lakhs.* It was agreed to inform the community of the availability of this house. Proposals should be given to the Housing Service.

Utility House: The agreement between the Housing Service and Estelle was approved.

Sadaca Project - Line of Credit: After looking at the drawings and a financial breakdown of the project it was decided that a line of credit would be extended for the project. If more funds are necessary that can be discussed as the need arises.

Housing Policy Finalization - Percentage Contributions: It was decided to form a sub-group comprised of Joseba (Development Fund), Younge (Housing Fund), Judith (Auroville Fund) and Guy (Land Fund) to prepare a proposal with regard to the percentage contributions to be specified in the Housing Policy by the end of May. It was also expressed that this presents a long overdue opportunity to discuss the chronic under-funding that has befallen these four funds for many years. A proposal was made that a percentage of the cost of all physical structures built in Auroville could be used to establish budgets for these four funds.

Other Issues

FAMC Membership - Working Committee and ABC: Since Ananda has now become the representative of the Working Committee rather than the second representative of the ABC, it was agreed to send a letter to all unit holders inviting additional active participants to represent the ABC. It was proposed and agreed that Joster remains a member of the FAMC as the representative of the ABC.

Economy Group Dissolution and Central Fund Distribution: Since more than a year the members of the Economy Group have been telling the community that they want to be replaced by something better. All the members felt that the group needed new energy, a new approach and much wider representation of the economic concerns of the community. The continuous shortage of funds to meet the legitimate needs of services and Aurovilians without any means to change the situation made the members feel that they could not effectively carry out their mandate. As no response was coming from the community to address this issue, the members reluctantly decided the best way to force the issue into the open was to step back and see what will emerge. The Economy Group therefore asked the Auroville Council to initiate a process to form a new team. The Auroville Council referred the matter to the FAMC. In the interim the FAMC proposed that during April the present team would continue to allocate the Central Fund because of their familiarity with the work involved. The matter has been taken up by the FAMC again in May.

Filing of IT Returns: A request has been received from the Commissioner of Income Tax that any Aurovillian who owns a car, a cell phone or is the executive of a commercial unit should file an income tax return. It was decided to form a study group. * A preliminary report is to be given to the FAMC by May 16th.

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If you have any questions or would like to receive the full report or further information, please e-mail famc@auroville.org.in

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 28th, 5.15 pm @ SAWCHU

All people who are concerned about making our Development Group process better and more participatory are invited to a General Meeting on Wednesday, May 28th to see what the problems are.

A special invitation is extended to the members of the IDC, the IZG, the Green Group and to all individuals who signed a petition on March 18 stating their interest in a meeting on this topic.

Please note that a seminar on the topic is also being planned for after the summer holidays. Everyone is welcome.

AVC

From I.D.C.

To all who are involved in Construction Projects

Auroville is growing, and with it comes noise! This we know. We would like to remind you about the timings for delivery of construction materials, since lately we have had complaints from neighbours about construction noise at off hours:

All project holders and construction site managers, please remember that it has been agreed that lorry drivers should be asked to deliver on site between the hours of **7:00 a.m. and 6 p.m.** And that there should be no work on Sundays. And also that care should be taken that any generators on site be used only during this same period of time. If there is a concreting going on, please inform the neighbours so they know in advance. Just a little thoughtfulness goes a long way!

Please bear these timings in mind and make every effort to give your neighbours some rest and quiet before 7 a.m. and after 6 p.m. Thanks very much for your cooperation.

From I.D.C

As you can imagine, some of our members are on holiday, and Jacques has typhoid. In this case, we will not publish meeting notes until July, but only information regarding:

building applications:

== Vikas: Extension of a room in Shankar's house.

== Cultural Zone: Under SAILER projects of this year, 2 caretaker houses. One attached to the Future School campus, the other located next to the future arts & crafts building in Transition School. Please look for our reports again after July!

I.D.C.

From AV Vehicle Service

The Auroville Vehicle Service will be **closed** from May 22 to June 3, 2003

For inquiries and all matters regarding Driving Licenses, Transfer of ownership, purchase of bike, etc. we request you to send an email to our service at avvehicle@auroville.org.in

Share a Taxi ?

There will be a taxi to Chennai airport the night of the 28th May.

Phone 262-2871.

Invoking rains

Dear Community,

While we may differ on many issues, on one issue there can be no difference whatsoever: the worsening water situation in the area. We could use the truly collective force available to Auroville and invoke the Mother's Grace for rains.

I propose that we fix a particular day and time, and notify every Aurovilian to suggest that wherever he/she may be at that time and whatever he/she may be doing, a couple of minutes are spent in a silent prayer to HER for rains. No need to collect in one place or other formality.

By email, word of mouth or notices we could inform everyone including children, our workers and even villagers and friends abroad about the proposal. And just at the chosen time and date, we in silence and entirely individually seek Her Grace.

The time proposed is 9 a.m. on this coming Sunday 25th of May, for just two minutes.

Krishna Tiwari

From Auroville Water Maintenance, Fraternity

Activities undertaken in Auroville and the surrounding villages: Bore well works, New pump installations, Pump repairs and windmill work, Generator rental (40KVA, 10KVA, 7.5KVA, 4KVA), and Plumbing and pipeline connection.

Contact us by phone no. 262 2899 or cell phone no. 94434 13532

At Her Service, Auroville Water Maintenance.

Be with Soham

On Wednesday 21st, Soham of Transformation has been admitted to P.I.M.S., where he will undergo a serious operation on his larynx.

Dear sisters and brothers of Auroville, let us be one in our soul with him. Love is the most marvellous and powerful healer.

Soham asks us not to visit him as long as he is in the hospital.

For further information, contact Ashatit in Fraternity.

ashatit@auroville.org.in

From the Health Centre

✂ The Health Centre will be closed on 30th and 31st May due to our staff's tour.

✂ Dr. Kamala Tewari will do the consultation on 31st as usual.

✂ Nursing Care (24 hrs) and Emergency Ambulance Service (24 hrs) will be provided on these days.

(available: a 6 year old 9 kg top-load (cold water) washing machine in good condition.)

Organic Sulphur (MSM)

Organic Sulphur (MSM) is now available at HERS Shop (KK) in powder form to be easily dissolved in water or juice. Organic Sulphur (MSM) helps to detoxify the body, and relieves water retention, arthritis, yeast in the intestines, skin problems and more.

Vijnana, Angiras Garden

VISITORS CENTRE EVENING VIDEO

SATURDAY	24. 5. 03	8 PM	'THE MIST OF AVALON'
TUESDAY	27. 5. 03	8 PM	ITALIAN VIDEO
THURSDAY	29. 5. 03	8 PM	'LE BONHEUR EST DANS LE PRÉ'

THE TRIAL OF LIFE - Nature Series by David Attenborough. Monday May 26th, 8 pm
(Provided there is no other cultural event announced at the same time)

GERMAN VIDEO: DER SCHRECKEN DER MEDUSA

GB/F-1978

Darsteller: Richard Burton, Lino Ventura, Lee Rimick

Psi? Mittels Gedanken Dinge bewegen? Vorfälle voraussehen und beeinflussen? All das denkt Schriftsteller John Morlar (Burton) zu können und bittet eine Therapeutin (Rimick) um Hilfe. Bis er eines Tages überfallen und erschlagen wird. Aber er ist nur klinisch tot, seine Gehirnwellen arbeiten weiter. Und wie! Deshalb bittet nun die Therapeutin Inspektor Brunel (Ventura) um Hilfe, denn sie glaubt, dass Morlar das personifizierte Böse ist und noch im Sterben ein unfassbares Unglück plant. Und die Steine beginnen bereits abzubrockeln.....Spannend bis zum Ende!

Date and time: Wednesday, 28.5.03 20:00

C I N E M A

There will be no film this week.

Next programme: Friday 6th June 2003

TERRORIST by Santosh Shivan. English version of a Tamil film about a Tamil girl who is recruited as suicide bomber to kill a politician. 95 min. 1999

Connections is looking for:

Office assistant

SAIIR needs an **office assistant**, male or female. The person should be capable in accounting, filing and able to do emailing. The candidate should be between 25 and 30 years old. It is a full time job. For more information please contacts Bunty at 2622210 / 2622982. Email: saiier@auroville.org.in

Experienced Administrator

The administrator of an important Auroville Service requires someone to take over his 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 or Email avitra@auroville.org.in

Multipurpose Health Centre Assistants

We are looking for two part-time volunteer Aurovilians/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.

An Executive

One of our service units is looking for an Executive, an active, older 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

SAWCHU Building,

Tel.: 2623440, email: connections@auroville.org.in

From House of Mother's Agenda

"There are ten or twenty, perhaps fifty, here or there, in one latitude or another, who yearn to till a truer plot of land, a small patch of man to grow a truer being within themselves, perhaps create together a laboratory of the superman, lay the first stone of the City of Truth on earth. They do not know, they do not know anything, except that they need something else and that there exists a Law of Harmony, a marvelous 'something' of the Future seeking to be incarnated."

(From Satprem: *On the Way to Supermanhood: The Sociology of Superman*)

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