

# AV News Summary

May 31st, 2003

## **Sangamam - an invitation to participate**

The Sangamam project aims at creating an ecological and social 'model village' where Auroville workers can live in the outskirts of the Auroville Township, in an environment designed and constructed specifically for them. Construction started in 2001 near Utility. The keys of the first six houses were handed to their occupants in a very moving ceremony in April 2002. A Trust was created under Auroville Foundation.

Sangamam was made possible thanks to a donation from a regional government in Spain through AVI Spain. The project has proved to be a success and needs to be further continued.

**We are now ready to start ten additional houses. This is the reason why we are approaching all the units of Auroville who may be interested in investing in housing for their workers.** Now that most of the infrastructure has been created, we can offer the possibility of building in a short time a second phase of 10 additional houses. In case you are interested and would like to get more information about this project, we will be happy to present further details and to reply to any question or doubt. Kindly contact Joseba in Auroville's Future.

(A longer text, with more information and background can be found on AVNet.)

## **New AV Telephone & E-mail Directory**

Draft hard copies of the updated directories are now available for checking at Pour Tous, the Solar Kitchen and upstairs at the Telephone Service office at Aurelec.

**ATTENTION!! PLEASE CHECK ALL ENTRIES** relating to you, your partner, your unit or service in the main "Alphabetical" section and in the "By Community" and the E-mail Directory sections, and let us have any corrections, additions or deletions required. Don't assume that just because you were listed correctly in the last Directory you will be the same in this one, as different databases have been used and there could now be unforeseen errors or omissions!

All corrections, deletions or additions should be marked on the hard copies provided. Alternatively, for your corrections in the Telephone Directory you can e-mail [telephoneservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:telephoneservice@auroville.org.in), and for changes in the E-mail Directory you can e-mail [timwrey@auroville.org.in](mailto:timwrey@auroville.org.in).

**Be warned:** This will be your only chance to see that you are correctly listed for the next year or more. If you miss it, don't come complaining to us later!

**Deadline:** Corrections will be accepted latest by Tuesday June 3rd, 5pm so please act immediately!

## **Correction**

In a previous Entry Group announcement it was stated that Jackie and Rowland, living in Prarthna, had been working as teachers at Future School. We would like to clarify that we are both still teaching at the school and that we intend to continue teaching there for some time.

Jackie has also accepted the responsibility of becoming joint project holder for the Kailash project together with Mark, as Jean-Francois and Kripa are leaving next month.

With Love, Jackie and Rowland

## **Industrial Zone Group (IZG) meeting notes**

The notes of the International Zone Group meeting of May 14, 2003 have been put on the AVNet.

Group members present: Suhasini, Mona, Alok, Sheril

Invitees: Dotty & Stefan

### **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.

### **From I.D.C.:**

Please consider the following and send your feedback within two weeks:

Building applications for this week,

? from: Nishta, Agni community. Repair and extension of one room in his house.

? from: Svetlana, Djaima. Construction of a family house.

Regards, Jill for the I.D.C.

### **Transition School Well**

After so many years of usage the Transition SAILER Well is near collapsing. A very urgent work has to be done NOW. The estimate for this work is about 170,000 Rps, or even more if we have to purchase a new pump. This is an unexpected big expense for our tight budget. Please, do help! Contribute to P.T.account: 793, for Transition Well Repair! Thank You All. Love, Transition School.

### **Cycling for World Peace: News from Segar and Velu**

As maybe not all of you have noticed, our fellow Aurovilians Segar and Velu are on their cycling trip for World Peace. They left Auroville early morning on May 15th, heading south. By now they are already somewhere in Kerala, their butts are still in good shape and they send their love.

For more information please check out the AVNet (Articles&Letters, front-page).

If you want to support them, sign their guest-book on the Net or buy the freshly printed T-Shirts at Pour Tous. Of course also donations are still welcome.

### **News from Eco-Service**

Eco-Service has an e-mail address. Please send your observations, complaints, enquiries and suggestions to <ecoservice@auroville.org.in>

Thanks, Bala, for the Eco-Service / SWM Group

### **News from Soham**

Soham is back home since Friday 23/5 evening. The results of the biopsy are uncertain and further investigations seem necessary. He would like to thank particularly all those who have sent to him a message of compassion and support, and also everyone in Auroville.

Contact: ashatit@auroville.org.in

### **Pitanga closed in June**

Pitanga will remain closed for repair and maintenance work from Monday 02/06 onwards. All services and activities will resume on Monday 30/06/2003. A schedule of activities for the month of July will be announced in one of the next issues of the News. Pitanga Team

### **News from Quiet**

Quiet reopens (with limited staff) on June 2nd. Initially the office will be open only from 8:00 - 11:00 AM. Those wishing to make appointments should please remember to phone within those hours.

### **Soursop Season is here**

Soursop is now available from Pour Tous, HERS or Discipline Farm. Soursop, is a member of the same family as custard apple and bullocks heart. It is the most tropical, the largest-fruited, and the only one lending itself well to preserving and processing. It is generally known in most Spanish-speaking countries as guanabana. The fruit is more or less oval or heart-shaped. The size ranges from 10 to 30 cm long and up to 15 cm in width, and the weight may be up to 5 or 7 kg.

For more information and recipes, please contact jeff (jeff@..) or look on AVNet.

### **From Myriam, Repos**

Available, because we go to Germany for good:

- ? Hero Splendor motorbike, exactly 2 years old, 15800 km, very good condition, 2nd hand, all papers, new tyres, new back-brake and new matt-black-spraying, full servicing.
- ? Music-system (CD, radio and cassette), very elegant outfit, 100 watt speakers, good clear sound, 1 year and 5 month old.
- ? Speaker boxes with extra bass, 1 1/2 years old, for CD, cassette and radio.

Contact/call Myriam at 2622848.

### **From Siddhartha Farm**

- o Milk available (pick up morning or afternoon) from 2nd of June onwards
- o AV full milk available in Pour Tous fridge
- o Needed: Solar panel stand with frame (2nd hand)

Please phone: 2623386. Thanks.

### **Amphitheatre programmes**

- ? Tuesday June 3rd, 6.00 p.m.: "Savitri", the epic poem by Sri Aurobindo read by Mother, accompanied by Sunil's music. Book VII, The Book of Yoga, Canto 6. "And crossing a wall of doorless living fire there suddenly she met her secret soul."
- ? Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.: Reading from l'Agenda de Mère, 20.11.1963. English text will be available.

Come and enjoy a special sunset in a special place. Sigrid

### **VISITORS CENTRE EVENING VIDEO**

THE TRIAL OF LIFE - Nature Series by David Attenborough. Part 7

Date and time: Monday June 2nd, 8 pm

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

### **CINEMA**

"TERRORIST"

Directed by Santhosh SHIVAN, India (Tamil Nadu), 1998. With: Ayesha Dharker, Parmeshvaran, Bhanu Prakash, Vishnu Vardhan, K. Krishna.

Synopsis: Deeply affected by the death of her brother at a young age, Mali, a 19 year old girl, decides to follow his example and joins a terrorist organization in Sri Lanka. She is recruited to become a suicide bomber to kill a prominent politician...

English version - Duration: 1h.30' - 35mm film - Colour

Date and time: FRIDAY 6 JUNE - 7.30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

Place: Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

### **Dance programme**

Odissi dance, presented by SANGEETA DASH and her Group. Duration: appr. 1 hour

Date and time: Sunday, June 1st, at 7.30pm

Place: Bharat Nivas, Auditorium. ALL ARE WELCOME

## REGARDING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Several weeks ago it was decided that as long as the AVNews was in a summary skeletal form, there would be at least two community meetings per month to share information.

The AVC is willing to be present at these meetings, but not to organize them, although it can work with the organizing team, if one comes forward.

If the format is on rotating days, a member of AVC/WC can be present during each meeting.

Feedback is welcome and whoever is willing to organize the next meeting, please let us know. We suggest that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th, 2003.

Love, AVC/WC

### Entry Group Announcement

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

#### Aurovilian:

**Baskaran** lives in Angiras Garden and works at Brand New Day.

#### Newcomers:

**Liliana** (Mexican) works at Mereville and stays in Felicite.

**Johnny** (German) works and stays at Samriddhi.

**David** (British) works at the AVLibrary and temporarily doing secretarial work for the AV Council; he stays at Adventure.

**Baskar** works for SAILER (photocopy unit) and stays at Siddhartha Forest.

**Tamar** (S. African) and **Amir** (Israeli) are involved in educational activities for children and stay in Samriddhi.

*Entry Office is the contact for those Newcomers without a contact person until people return from their holidays.*

***Please bring feedback to the Entry Group office or e-mail it to [entry@auroville.org.in](mailto:entry@auroville.org.in); anonymous feedback will not be considered.***

### News Survey: methodology used

- ? Given the minimal resources available and the necessity for speed in the return of information it was decided that a self-completion questionnaire would be used. Questions were formulated and a draft questionnaire was circulated and tried out by group members to see how well it worked.
- ? A final version was made available on paper and sent out with the AVNews on May 3<sup>d</sup> this year. Survey forms were also made available at Pour Tous, Solar Kitchen and News office. It was also available on the AVNet, either to be filled in online, downloadable or by email. Copies of the questionnaire were made available in French and Tamil.
- ? A week was given for feedback and this was extended when it became clear that there were some people who had not had enough time to do it. The final closing date was May 12th.
- ? The survey contained both closed and open-ended questions for comments and suggestions. Closed questions were subject to simple statistical analysis using excel sheets. The content of open-ended comments are being analysed qualitatively and used to expand and enhance the meaning to the answers of the closed questions. Data will be available soon.

### From House of Mother's Agenda

The Heavens of the Ideal

Austere, intolerant they claim from us  
Efforts too lasting for our mortal nerve  
Our hearts cannot cleave to nor our flesh support;  
Only the Eternal's strength in us can dare  
To attempt the immense adventure of that climb  
And the sacrifice of all we cherish here.

(Sri Aurobindo, Savitri, Book II, Canto XII)

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