

Weltwärts - 2. Report

The highlight during the last three month was the working trip to Madhya Pradesh. It was part of the non-commercial projects from Sunlit Future.

Together with the non governmental organization „Haritika“ we installed two solar based pumping systems in a rural area in the north of the state. For me it was a challenge to proof what I had learned so far at work and a great journey which ended up with my 20. Birthday. So I'm looking forward to the planed trips to Orissa in the end of March.

The day-to-day work is also going on fine. Like it was my wish I'm now able to take more responsibility and get own projects to work on. My colleges respect me as another worker in the company and furthermore I can say, we became friends.

With the help of Mani, my college, I was also able to get my bike fully repaired and have a good running engine now. Before I had some problems with it. The traffic in and around Auroville is no problem and in

this three month from the first report I had no accident or trouble. Even to go to Pondicherry by bike is not a big deal any more.

Like the most of us volunteers I'm still living in Alankuppam in a rented flat. We cook here almost every lunchtime and evening and get almost everything from the local shops. If we need something special we get it from H.E.R.S. not far from here.

It's some kind of sad, that there is no possibility to stay like this in Auroville. Just to rent something which is not just a over prized room in one of the guesthouses. At the moment that is not possible. There is the option of housesitting in Auroville, yes that's true. But the experiences a few of us made during sitting the houses of Aurovillians are some kind of not desirable to say not ugly.



The cyclone „Thane“ I survived secure in Kanyakumari and came back two days later. On the first working day our office send me with 3 colleges to the Electrical Service to help them cutting the trenches for the power lines. I felt like I was part of the disaster control. Good luck that I had experience with the chain saw and nobody got injured. Compared to what I heard it was not everywhere like that.

My Tamil is sadly still very bad in spite of our Tamil lessons. I only know the simple things. For example how to order something, ask for someone and something or ask basic stuff. The reason for this is probably that we speak English at work. So I have less usage for Tamil. But my tamil

colleges are always happy when I learn something new. Today I just learned the tamil word for a hammer. I'll keep working on it.

What I also get to know and understand better and better is the Indian culture. In the beginning of this month my working college Ramesh married and invited me. And during my trip in Madhya Pradesh I was spontaneously invited to a north indian wedding. Additional to that the daughter of our house owner had her function and two weeks ago we visited the temple festival here in Alankupam. After all this cultural activities my conclusion is: The better you understand and be a part of the culture your are living in, the less you will be annoyed from the loudness of it. Because it's always easy to be angry from outside.

For the future my plan is already fixed. After this year I want to study renewable energy systems in Dresden, Germany. For that I only have to send my application in the beginning of June to Germany. With this plan I have no worries about the future and can fully enjoy and use the rest of the time here in Auroville.

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