

People are very friendly and it is a delight to come back to Auroville after 10 years." He was on a two-month vacation to Puducherry with his wife and child.

To quench the thirst, juice made of small oranges from the farms in neighbouring villages was ready to be served to the visitors.

Tourism Minister P.Rajavelu who inaugurated the festival said that the millets, art which we had seen 30 years back are now showcased in these stalls.

42 stalls

"This festival has recreated the village life and festivities," he said.

There were nearly 42 stalls this year and more than 2,500 people visited.

"The plans to continue this yearly event would be discussed on Sunday," said A.Murugan, programme manager at Mohanam Centre for Culture and Heritage.

The festival was held between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bamboo Land or Mohanam Cultural Heritage Center (near Isai Ambalam, opposite Imagination), Alankuppam, Auroville, Puducherry.

On Sunday, the ninth year of the Auroville Marathon will be held.

Max Miller who has come from England with his child said: "I enjoy traditional food here."
