

News & Notes

27th February 2016.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 638



28th February 2016

48th Auroville's birthday

29th February 2016

Supramental Descent Anniversary

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

"In fact, a supermind is already here but it is involved, concealed behind this manifest mind, life and Matter and not yet acting overtly or in its own power: if it acts, it is through these inferior powers and modified by their characters and so not yet recognisable. It is only by the approach and arrival of the descending Supermind that it can be liberated upon earth and reveal itself in the action of our material, vital and mental parts so that these lower powers can become portions of a total divinised activity of our whole being: it is that that will bring to us a completely realised divinity or the divine life. It is indeed so that life and mind involved in Matter have realised themselves here; for only what is involved can evolve, otherwise there could be no emergence." - The Supramental Manifestation, SABCL, Vol. 16, p. 43

Sweet Mother, what is the involved supermind?

It is the same as the uninvolved one! It is the same thing when Sri Aurobindo says that if the Divine were not at the centre of everything, He could never manifest in the world; it is the same thing when he says that essentially, in its origin and deepest structure, the creation is divine, the world is divine; and that is why this divinity will be able to manifest one day, become tangible, express itself fully in place of all that veils and deforms it at present. Up to now, all that has manifested of this divinity is the world as we know it; but the manifestation is boundless, and after this mental world as we know it, of which the apex and prototype is man, another reality will manifest, which Sri Aurobindo calls the Supermind, for it is in fact the next step after the mind; so, seen from the world as it is, it will naturally be "supramental", that is, something above the mind. And he also says that it will truly be the changing of one world into another, for so far the whole creation belonged to what he calls "the lower hemisphere" as we know it, which is governed by Ignorance and based upon the Inconscient, whereas the other one will be a complete reversal, the sudden appearance of something which will belong to quite a different world, and which instead of being based on Ignorance will be based upon Truth. That is why it will truly be a new world. But if the essence, the principle of this world were not included in the world as we knew it, there would be no hope of the one being transformed into the other; they would be two worlds so totally different and opposed that there would be no contact between them and that necessarily, as soon as one came out of this world and emerged into the world of Truth, Light and Knowledge, one would become, so to speak, imperceptible, non-existent for a world belonging exclusively to the Ignorance and the Inconscience.

How is it that even when this change has taken place, there will be a connection and this new world will be able to act upon the old one? It is that in its essence and principle the new is already enclosed, involved in the old world. So, in fact, it is there, inside, in its very depths, hidden, invisible, imperceptible, unexpressed, but it is there, in its essence. Still, unless from the supreme heights the supramental consciousness and force and light manifest directly in the world, as it happened a year and a half ago, this Supermind which in principle is at the very bedrock of the material world as it is, would never have any possibility of manifesting itself. Its awakening and appearance below will be the response to a touch from above which will bring out the corresponding element hidden in the depths of matter as it is now.... And this is precisely what is happening at present. But as I told you two weeks ago, this material world as it actually, visibly is, is so powerful, so absolutely real for the ordinary consciousness, that it has engulfed, as it were, this supramental force and consciousness when it manifested, and a long preparation is necessary before its presence can be even glimpsed, felt, perceived in some way or other. And this is the work it is doing now.

How long it will take is difficult to foresee. It will depend a great deal on the goodwill and the receptivity of a certain number of people, for the individual always advances faster than the collectivity, and by its very nature, humanity is destined to manifest the Supermind before the rest of creation.

At the basis of this collaboration there is necessarily the will to change, no longer to be what one is, for things to be no longer what they are. There are several ways of reaching it, and all the methods are good when they succeed! One may be deeply disgusted with what exists and wish ardently to come out of all this and attain something else; one may – and this is a more positive way – one may feel within oneself the touch, the approach of something positively beautiful and true, and willingly drop all the rest so that nothing may burden the journey to this new beauty and truth. What is indispensable in every case is the ardent will for progress, the willing and joyful renunciation of all that hampers the advance: to throw far away from oneself all that prevents one from going forward, and to set out into the unknown with the ardent faith that this is the truth of tomorrow, inevitable, which must necessarily come, which nothing, nobody, no bad will, even that of Nature, can prevent from becoming a reality – perhaps of a not too distant future – a reality which is being worked out now and which those who know how to change, how not to be weighed down by old habits, will surely have the good fortune not only to see but to realise.

People sleep, they forget, they take life easy – they forget, forget all the time.... But if we could remember... that we are at an exceptional hour, a unique time, that we have this immense good fortune, this invaluable privilege of being present at the birth of a new world, we could easily get rid of everything that impedes and hinders our progress.

So, the most important thing, it seems, is to remember this fact; even when one doesn't have the tangible experience, to have the certainty of it and faith in it; to remember always, to recall it constantly, to go to sleep with this idea, to wake up with this perception; to do all that one does with this great truth as the background, as a constant support, this great truth that we are witnessing the birth of a new world.

We can participate in it, we can become this new world. And truly, when one has such a marvellous opportunity, one should be ready to give up everything for its sake.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 24 July 1957

THE MOTHER

*The
Ponder
Corner*

Indeed, the expression of a true psychic life in the being is peace, a joyful serenity. Any suffering is therefore a precious indication to us of our weak point, of the point which demands a greater spiritual effort from us.

The Mother ref. MCW, vol. 2, Words of Long Ago, p.60

WORK GROUP REPORT

To: the Auroville community

From: the Working Committee and the Land Board
Response to the open letter by the Kottakarai Village

An anonymous letter has been distributed to residents of Auroville, supposedly representing Kottakarai village. This letter misrepresents facts, spreads lies and defames some members of the Land Board and the Working Committee.

It is important to understand that this letter does not represent the entire Kottakarai Village. This letter is the latest attempt to further the personal interests of one small faction.

The very first sentence which says that we are building a wall 'around' Kottakarai Village shows that the letter is nothing more than an attempt to use PR measures, when violence and heavy-handedness have failed thanks to the intervention by the police. The compound wall we have built on Auroville Foundation land has a length of 400 meters as opposed to the circumference of the village which is about 4 km.

Contrary to the statement that no encroachment has taken place, the fact is that over the last few years we have lost around 2 acres of very valuable land. Apart from the financial aspects, the more important consideration is that these are key pieces inside the Auroville Masterplan area. Once encroached, there is no way to regain control over this land in the future.

During the construction of the wall we have negotiated every meter with the people who have built their houses either on peromboke land or on Auroville land. From the beginning, it was clear that we would accept the existing status quo and not try to demolish structures on our land. Instead we moved back voluntarily in order to allow the work to proceed peacefully. The Neem trees mentioned, which we have cut, were on our land and had to be cut because we had to move back in order to accommodate encroachment.

The private developer mentioned in the letter had started to plot his land crossing the Crown Road next to Surrender, as an act of provocation to force negotiations to go his way. As per the law we have provided access for agricultural use. The fact that the personal interests of this developer, who is not connected with Kottakarai, are taken up by these people show clearly that the roots of the present conflict lie elsewhere and are not at all connected with the compound wall we are constructing. At this point it should be mentioned that Auroville has had many previous conflicts with the same group of people. They tried to interfere when we had labour conflicts at Matrimandir; and they successfully managed to prevent the implementation of the Mangalam project on Auroville land.

The Working Committee filed an FIR against unabated violence and vandalism, to which some people responded aggressively. The officers then arrested a few people when the police was being prevented from removing the roadblocks.

For obvious reasons it is very important that at this point Aurovilians should refrain from making individual and public statements in this matter. Individual members of the Working Committee and Land Board have stood up to protect and maintain the safety of Auroville residents and assets of the Auroville Foundation and some continue to be subjected to insults and threats of violence against them or their houses. We call on the community to support the groups mandated to deal with such situations with trust and goodwill.

The Working Committee & The Land Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Landboard Mandate

Dear Aurovilians,
The Auroville Council has worked on the Land Board mandate, involving some resources' persons from the community and in coordination with the Working Committee in July 2015.

The feedback received was incorporated at that time. Here is the final Land Board mandate: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/49057>

Sincerely,
The AVCouncil

From the Entry Service - N&N NO- 638 dated 27.02.2016

We would like to inform the community that our team is happy to recommend the following persons as Aurovilians and Newcomers. We will wait for two weeks (Newcomers and Returning Aurovilians) and one month (Aurovilians), from the date of this publication, for your feedback, before confirming.

AUROVILIANS:

Sandjivy DEVARAJAN (Indian from Pondicherry) - Staying at Atithi Griha caretaker house, working as a coordinator at Kalakendra.

Nicholas Paul KLOTZ (Australian) - Staying at Maitreye - 2, working at SLI and also working as a faculty member and mentor & helping in business development at Komali.

CHILD OF AN AUROVILIAN:

Arav SARDEV (Indian from Pondicherry) - born on 15/06/2005,

studying at Deepanam School.

RETURNING AUROVILIAN:

Edgar IGLESIAS LOPEZ (Spanish) - Staying at Udyogam staff quarters, working as a production manager at Spirulina.

CHILD OF A RETURNING AUROVILIAN:

Paula Nityah IGLESIAS PEREZ (Spanish) - born on 06/03/2014.

NEWCOMERS:

Sarah LEPROUST (French) - Staying at Centre field, working as a receptionist & administrator at Centre Guest House.

Veerapan (Thamu) VEERARAGAVAN (Indian from Kottakarai) - staying at Fraternity, working as a teacher at Nandanam Kindergarten.

N.B. The announcements done in the News and Notes are FOR FEEDBACK ONLY and sometimes, after announcement, there can be either an extension of status or a decision to stop the process. We have added Confirmation Section below:

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Sebastien CUENIN (French)

Rosanna ZIGONI (Italian)

Deepa MANIKANDAN (Indian from Kulapalayam)

Gael Le VASSEUR (French)

Margarita (ISORA) GONZALEZ (Spanish)

Gabriel BELLONI (Argentinian)

PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT AUROVILLE ON THEIR OWN:

Sergio GARCIA FERNANDEZ (Spanish),

Arun GARCIA VANTIEGHEM, Unai GARCIA VANTIEGHEM.

Maria De Los Angeles FERNANDEZ (Spanish)

In case the above person(s) wishes to come back to live and work in Auroville, (s)he will need to restart his/her newcomer process.

Dear Newcomers,

The Entry Service team would like to inform you of the timings designated specifically for you to collect or submit the Newcomer Kit. Please pass by our office in Town Hall during these hours only: Monday & Wednesday at 2pm to 4pm. Please return these Kits within one month or the process goes on hold.

We are open for B-Forms and Recommendation letter matters, on appointment only.

For all other matters, the office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10-12am, except for every last week of each month when we are closed to the public to do the internal office work.

The Entry Service team (B, Chitra, Eva, Ishita, Matilde, Neeti, Jitta)

Detailed Development Plan - Residential Zone 1&2

Dear Community,

As it was announced in the General Meeting with Luis Feduchi in January 2016, their team has prepared a Detailed Development Plan for the Residential Zone 1&2. The plan can be downloaded here: <https://goo.gl/fJscSG>.

You may give your feedback on this proposal by sending it to: avenir@auroville.org.in and raservice@auroville.org.in before 19th of March 2016.

The Residents Assembly Service is preparing an online feedback form that will be announced soon.

Kind regards, *Residents Assembly Service*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Housing Service & Board Questions & Answers (part 2)

Q: What happens when an Aurovilian leaves Auroville for good?

A: If it is necessary, the Auroville Council will ask the Auroville leave allowance sub-group to recommend a repatriation fund. This consists of the travel costs and several months' expenses in the new destination.

Q: Where do the funds for repatriations come from?

A: As Auroville does not have the funds for this purpose, 50% of the transfer value of a vacated house is put in a common pot for the repatriation fund, to be used for all (even for those who do not have a housing asset). There is no link between the repatriation fund and the value of the house left behind.

Q: What about the remaining 50% of the value of the house?

A: It is used by the Housing Service to offer as grants for people in need of funds.

Q: What happens to the vacated house?

A: In some cases, the house is proposed to other Aurovilians pro bono or is included in the "House against recognized work" scheme. Or it is given for transfer for new stewards in case the regular maintenance of the house is substantial.

Q: What happens when an Aurovilian passes away?

A: The house is evaluated and the Housing Board decides on its future use. If the house requires high-cost maintenance, then it is proposed for transfer at a reasonable value, and these funds are used for grants for people in need (Together with the fraternity contribution). In some cases, these houses can be given to people under the "Houses against recognized work" scheme.

Current housing situation in Auroville

Q: Do all Aurovilians have a house?

A: At present, there is a list of 123 adults and families both, on the waiting lists at the housing service, of which some with funds but not sufficient, who do not have a decent house. And 52 Auroville youth who are still waiting for a housing option.

Q: What about Newcomers?

A: There are many Newcomers who cannot make a donation for a house, so they move from one house-sitting to the next, after their first year in Newcomer housing. At present, they have to have clarity on their next permanent housing situation before they can become Aurovilians. A list of 8 possibilities is at the housing service. The minimum cost for a small house is 3 lakhs for single or couple.

Q: What are some solutions to the housing crisis?

A: Please find below a list of examples:

- The Housing Service has been allowed to make 12 temporary houses at Pony Farm.
- La Maison des Jeunes is providing 10 accommodations to volunteers and young people. A second phase is planned near the Visitor center and near Reve.

- The Sunship housing project with 40 apartments has started and they will offer a good number of pro bono houses.
- Kalpna, a project of 40 apartments, is proposing 12 apartments with substantial subsidy of 40 % of the value of the apartments.
- Serenity is proposing 10 apartments for normal transfer.
- SAILER is planning to build 16 staff quarters in the Cultural Zone.
- On a much larger scale, the Humanscapes project (entirely funded by GOI grant) will offer about 36 beds for the youth in the first phase. There will be 4 phases in total.
- There are new projects which are under construction at present, such as Invocation, Sanjana, Habitat.

In total, 307 housing accommodations will be built during the next 3 years. This could help to give proper housing accommodation to approximately 500 Aurovilians and Newcomers in need (of which 72 will be for "housing against work" and 12 with subsidy).

Newcomer units

Q: How many Newcomer houses are there in AV?

A: Thanks to Maitreye 2 (funded by GOI grant), Newcomer units have increased from 50 to 77.

Q: Are these units only for Newcomers?

A: Only the caretaker and one Aurovilian family on a 1 year temporary basis. In principle these units are only for use during the Newcomer time. Or some times this stay can be extended, while waiting for the permanent housing in a project to be completed.

Housing Service

Q: Who are the members of the Housing Service?

A: Chun-Hi, Devasmita, Ole, Satyakam, Sonja, Venkatesh, and Vika are contributing to improve the quality of the service and our organization.

Q: Who are the field people in charge of repairs and renovations?

A: Ambalagam, Anbu and Kupuraj, Auro Creation Raman. The Housing Service has recently requested more contractors to join the team.

Q: Who are the members of the Housing Board?

A: Board members: Arovici, Divya (TDC), Eva (ES), Karin, Renuka (AVC), Satyakam (HS), Sonja (HS) and Yuval. They are helping the Housing Service to take important decisions and are of great help when discussing difficult and complicated issues. The Housing Board has a weekly meeting on Wednesday mornings.



DENMARK = A very interesting bit of information is coming to us from our Danish liaison, Max Sohrbeck, who is presently in Auroville along with some 30 other members from various AVI Centres. Max told us that he had been contacted by an Indian lady, [Anusuya Kumar](#), who lives and works in Denmark. Ms Anusuya has been conducting an in-depth study on [Johannes Hohlenberg](#), a Danish painter and publicist (1881 - 1960) who had been daily interviewing Sri Aurobindo during a period in 1916, one hundred years ago, and also painted his portrait. Subsequently he published a book called 'Yoga og dens betydning for Europa' (Yoga and its importance for Europe) through which Sri Aurobindo and the Mother became quite known in Scandinavia at the time. The book was translated into Swedish and German, never in English, and currently Ms Anusuya is working on the publication of her research, 'Collected Writings on Yoga and Spirituality in Denmark', a large portion of which is dedicated to Hohlenberg's work. On Tuesday 1 March, next week, Ms Anusuya Kumar, who during her writing steadily collaborated with Auroville's Gilles Guigan, will share with us her interesting research and findings in the Unity Pavilion (see the announcement elsewhere in this N&N). A few days after that she'll also share her talk in the Sri Aurobindo Ashram.

SCANDINAVIA = Possibly prompted by this inspiring occurrence, a long overdue meeting will be held among Scandinavian AVI centres in August this year.

NEWSLETTERS = Before flocking to the City of Dawn, some of our major centres took care to have their newsletters ready and sent out into the world. The Netherlands newsletter can be found at <http://goo.gl/1irYuY>; the USA letter by clicking avisa.org/newsletter/AVIConnect_Fallnewsletter2015.pdf, and the German newsletter can be obtained via isa@auroville.de.

POSTINGS

Baby born1

Subha and Balaji (Kottakarai farm) newly born baby boy "Prathith". We are happy to inform the community that the baby was born on February 5th, 2016.

Baby born2

Our daughter Mariela Lucia was born on the 1st of February. We are all well and happy and full of gratitude. With love, *Jorinde, Sebastian, Ada Mira*

From Soham

Dear Community, I would like to recommend Dr Mohamed Ansari (homeopathy and acupuncture) working in Arka on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 am to 12 am. Aum! *Soham*

Defence for Women classes are suspended

Dear Friend, Self Defence for Women classes are suspended, because I have to recover from a little but annoying injury. Auroville Mixed Martial Arts classes will resume soon, under the supervision of the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu teacher Ion. For more info: [Giacomo 9487340778](tel:9487340778) giacomoauroville@gmail.it

AVAILABLE

Air Conditioner (used)

Used Hitachi 1.5 ton AV (Amtrex model) available. Call: 94-86-948043. *Michael K*

VISION = The latest USA newsletter shares with us the Centre's newly formulated Vision statement which is worthwhile mentioning here:

"We believe that humanity's current ecological, economic, social and spiritual crises call for a new consciousness rooted in an experience of true unity, and that Auroville is and has been a laboratory for the emergency of this new consciousness."

For all AVI matters, contact vani@auroville.org.in; this column is maintained by mauna@auroville.org.in

Thefts of motorbike back wheels

Dear friends,

In the last few weeks there have been several reported incidents of thefts of motorbike back wheels in different areas of Auroville. We request residents to be aware and question anyone who is not part of the Auroville Puncture Service crew and is hanging around bikes or garages.

Also please note that there was been an increase of petrol thefts in the afternoons and nights in certain areas of Auroville.

Sincerely, *AV Security Team*

Broad-daylight theft

Dear Communities,

Recently we have had a broad-daylight theft of an unusual kind. The thief is simply removing the back wheel of big bikes like Splendour during the afternoon or lunch time (between 12 pm. to 4 pm.). Last Sunday (14th February) a wheel was removed from a Splendour from Courage parking and we have come to know of a similar theft from Solar Kitchen parking.

So please be aware and if you happen to see someone removing a wheel from a bike, first discretely take a photo of the person from your cell phone, then ask the person why he is doing what he is doing and if you see there is no puncture, just inform Security. If all of us are vigilant in Auroville, we may be able to find this thief.

Warm regards, *Mita from All in Courage*

Auroville bakery open on 28th

Auroville bakery is open on 28/02/2016 - Sunday morning - for all kinds of croissants and cakes, for Auroville's Birthday.

Mother's Agenda Italian Readers' group

My name is Mirella, I am Italian. On Wednesday February 17th I was at the first Readers' Group at the Mother's Agenda for Italian speakers. Jannaka had organized it at Luminosity. First of all I would like to thank the Mother but also the unexpected opportunity to get closer to her. I would particularly encourage Italian Newcomers and Guests to share these insights for moments of readings selected from the Agenda. The Mother has given us her gift passing on to us deep messages with clear words. The Readers' Group takes place on Wednesdays at 5 pm at Jannaka's house. With love, *Mirella*

Sanskrit Classes in Auroville

Everyone who would like to learn Sanskrit is invited to contact us. We are planning to organize Sanskrit classes of different levels with some experienced Sanskrit teachers, and would like to hear from you. You are kindly invited to participate to the meeting on Wednesday 2nd March at 5 pm at Savitri Bhavan in the amphitheatre [sanskritam@auroville.org.in]

House clearance 1

Book shelves paddock 1,63 x 1,85 x 0,56 cm, some paintings, simple shelf work tree, dining table with 6 chairs teak hexagon, water filter Aquadyn, corner shelf, 3 panel teak screen, UPS, some books, some jewellery, ornamental figures, tools. Contact person *Victoria/ Arati 1*, ph: 2622913 / mb. 9488818074

House clearance 2

I am leaving Auroville next week. I am selling a few things at very cheap prices. If you want to come and see, please call me at this number: *Sergio* - 9585005339

2nd quality Jaggery for EM

50% discount! Siddhartha Lake Farm. *Herbert* cell 90037 38 560

LOOKING FOR ...

Export License

We are looking for someone or any Unit with Export License. Please contact us in MGEcoduties: Phone: +91 413 2623239 or 9486144074

Email: mgecoduties@auroville.org.in (*Guidelma & Margarita*).

Gardener

I need one part-time gardener. If anyone wants to share or knows one please contact *Ben (Utility)*, cell: 9159275735=

Misplaced CD of a dear friend

Does anyone have the CD: *Soulweaver* by Kalyan. If so, kindly allow me to make a copy from it to repair the mistake! Love, *Schima* (ex-Kayananda), ph. 2623038

Fridge

If anyone has a second-hand fridge, small or big in working condition for free or at a low price, I am interested. Call *Schima*: 2623038

Native English Speaker for translation

I am looking for a native English speaker to translate a 500 pages book from French into English. Subject: Greek mythology in relation with Sri Aurobindo's writings. For more information, contact: claudede-warren@wanadoo.fr or call 85 25 95 98 73. Thanks, *Claude*

Household items

We are looking for a big low table, cushions, one double and one single mattresses, fridge, washing machine and stove. If you have any of those, please contact: 7639318959 or ally@auroville.org.in. Thank you! Best regards, *Ally*

LOST & FOUND

Black reading glasses (found): On the cycle path going to Visitor Centre along the Matrimandir gate. Pass by *News & Notes* office

Mobile Phone and Key (lost): LG brand (Model L120?), lost in the Visitors Centre area, around 7 pm on Friday 19th February 2016. Also a key marked "Sunflower". If found, kindly contact: artburr@gmail.com or call 9639073640. Thanks! *Art*

A digital pen (lost): Lost at the Visitors Center - Black color, Brand: Bamboo - Contact Francisco at: 9650 678401 or mail: x.motaa@gmail.com

Glasses (lost): I lost my glasses on the main road between Dehashakti and Transformation on Friday the 19th February at around 7.45 pm. They were in a purple box with "Aravind Opticals - Aravind Eye Hospital" written on it. The glass frame is of a light brown colour. If found kindly call or write to me. I really need them. Thank you in advance - Joy (Dana -- 2622372 / joy@auroville.org.in).

THANK YOU

Kalabhumi Festival

I would like to thank my team mates for their amazing support i.e. Andrea, Saga, Suresh, Jesse and Gabriella... It was great. Thanks to the stalls people, Joe & the Sound Garden team and a big thank you to all the musicians! Thanks also to Eluciole Circus, YEP team and all the people who came and enjoyed the event. See you next year!!
Love, *Anna Taj*

APPEAL

Japanese Garden Fundraising for AV Botanical Gardens

Auroville Botanical Gardens has just begun its INDIEGOGO campaign to raise funds to build a Japanese Garden for Peace! We need YOU to help! We are building a Pavilion of Silent Reflection, Pond, and other features. You can visit our Campaign Page on Indiegogo.com to watch the campaign videos, get more detailed information, and to see the designs created by Auroville's own Jyoti Naoki Eri. We hope you will please make a donation...big or small, everything helps! You can donate through the Indiegogo site or

simply transfer your donation to the Auroville Botanical Gardens AV account.

We also need your help to spread the word around the world, so please SHARE the Indiegogo campaign on FB, Twitter, and anywhere else you have social media followers. Or if you know anyone who has an interest in Japanese Gardens, flowers, or gardens in general, please contact me, Noel, at: earthyoga@hotmail.com with contact information.

Thank you very much for your support!

Visit our Botanical Garden Indiegogo Campaign at: <http://iqq.me/at/japanesegarden/x/12519715>

Noel Parent

Fundraising for a Performing Artist

Dear Family,

My name is Drupad and I have been living in Auroville since 2007. I am an Artist and a Performer of many sorts with an experience of more than 2 decades. Currently I am focusing on the Silent Artform of MIME.

From the 21st of this month I have started a small experiment in fundraising at The Dreamers Cafe - Visitors Centre which will continue until the 29th of February. The experiment is very simple; I perform from 11 am to 12:30 pm and later from 4 pm to 5:30 pm on all the days mentioned hoping that people would improvise with me, play an instrument for me while I mime to the tune, learn some skills in mime after the act is over, pay a handsome tip and clap for the MIME ACT.

One very close friend of mine who seems to be pragmatic, recently in good humour told me "Seeing is Believing". Well I invite all of you to this Fundraising Mime Acts to see me do the **Illusionary Wall** showing you the invisible wall with my eyes closed.

I would like to thank you pre-hand for your concern and support. I also would like to mention that I shall not be performing in the evening at The Dreamers Cafe on the 28th of Feb since I shall be preoccupied with another Performance on that day at Savitri Bhavan.

With Love and Gratitude,

Drupad - drupadg@gmail.com +91 9626561256

Fundraising for the Auroville Choir concert 2016 - update

Dearest community members,

Following the success of the 2 choir concerts held in March 2015 in CRIPA, it was decided to organize the 2016 concerts in Bharat Nivas instead so as to be able to welcome more public and better accommodate all the performers. This year, we are preparing a special program: The Peacemakers by Karl Jenkins, which will include the two choirs (adult and youth) and a small instrumental ensemble.

However, this change in location brings about an increase in the budget for various reasons: Bharat Nivas renting fees, sound system, transport of materials, etc. and our current budget falls short to meet all the expenses.

We would like to thank the people who have already donated and would like to update the Auroville community and friends about the status of our fundraiser: **we would really need your help to collect the remaining Rs 23,000 that can be donated to the choir via Financial Service account number 103958.**

We are looking forward to singing for you in Bharat Nivas! :-)

Thank you so much for your support!

The Auroville Choir

Fundraising auction by "Art for Auroville Land"

Tuesday 1st March at 4:30 pm at Unity Pavilion

Paintings, ceramics, sculptures, prints & photographs by Auroville artists and some by artists of Sri Aurobindo Ashram

100% of proceeds go directly to securing Auroville's land!

Over 70 art works by 25 artists are presently on exhibition at Unity Pavilion. A part of these will be auctioned on 1st March, others will continue to receive bids online (website about to be launched). Come, enjoy, and make your offers on any work either on auction day, or any day before (by calling 94873-29480). A great way to acquire beautiful art, while contributing urgently-needed funds for Auroville's physical body!

Note: Some of the paintings donated by a benefactor from the Ashram have been seen and named by the Mother. A series of collages contain metal pieces from a travel trunk used by the Mother.

Evergreen Horses fundraiser: help us make a better place for humans and horses!

In Evergreen Horses, our aim is not to train horses or teach riding, it is to give our students the knowledge and tools to better communicate and develop their leadership. With that in mind, we would like to take it one step further and offer our students - and instructors - the possibility to push their work further or specialize in dressage and jumping. To do so, we need to revamp our riding arena with 6 lorry-loads of sand (value: Rs 84,000).

We are organizing a fundraiser on Sunday, February 28th from 2 pm to 5.30 pm.

Come and visit our stands with stuffies, macrame, crochet, pottery, bags, pots & plants, T-shirts and of course the tombola! There will also be snacks & drinks and pony rides for the little ones.

If you cannot come on Sunday to see the team and the horses but you still want to participate in this adventure, please donate to our Financial Service account number 251928. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated, every grain of sand counts!

Hope to see you there, and thank you for your support!

The Evergreen Horses team (For more information on us, please visit our website: evergreenhorses.com)

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

Room available: One room is available for a Newcomer who has some time to give a helping hand at our place (guesthouse, swimming pool, vegetable garden) - Contact *Samata, Transformation*

House sitting1: Hello, I'm *Celia*, French, 26, I'm volunteering at Eco Femme and I'm looking for a house-sitting for the next 2 or 3 months (I will still be interested by a 1-month house-sitting). Please contact me at celia@ecofemme.org or [7639469315](tel:7639469315).

House sitting2: Dear all, Anusha and I (Stefan) are going to be in Auroville from the beginning of May 2016 onwards to get engaged in the community as pre-newcomers. Together with our 2 ½ years old daughter Ananya we are looking for an opportunity to house-sit. If you would enjoy having a small family taking care of your house, keeping things clean and in order and being happily willing to cover running costs, please contact us. Since we are not required to leave India after 3

months of volunteering, we intend to stay on and are also open for a long-term house-sitting. We are currently in AV (until 1st March) so we could meet in person. Looking forward © *Stefan* 9650826622, stefangebert@gmail.com

House sitting3: This is *Shanks*. You must've seen me play guitar with Krishna and Rolf lately, riding a white bullet all over Auroville. My girlfriend Arpan and I are open to house-sit for anyone (for at least three months) who is going away for the summer and needs their house to be looked after. Please call/message me on: 9943310229/09867393326 or mail me on: chungates@gmail.com.

House sitter: My house in Quiet is available for house-sitting from 26th March to 20th April and 28th May to end of June, and involves pet care. I am looking for a neat and responsible person who enjoys animals. For enquiries please write to *Nandita*: shahnandi@gmail.com or SMS 9488483286

TAXI SHARING

February 28th: Leaving airport to Auroville around 8 pm. Sharing possible both ways. Thanks 94437-90172, lalit@auroville.org.in - *Lalit*

February 29th: Taxi Share to Chennai airport, I am one person, departing early Monday morning between 4 and 5 a.m. Please contact Marianna by email: parteralinda@gmail.com or leave a message at Aspiration Guest House. Many thanks and Blessings.

February 29th: Taxi leaving Auromode on Monday February 29th at 3 pm. Going to Chennai airport. Please call if you want to share. Tom 8940566639, 0413-2623195, 8098958679

February 29th: Taxi leaving Atithi Griha at 8.30 pm on 29th. Lufthansa flight at 1.50am on March 1st. Call: 7598867223 or email: jjpasselac@gmail.com - *Joy and Jack*

February 29th: Leaving Auroville at 5:45 pm to Chennai Airport. If you'd like to share, please email me at yoonji.email@gmail.com / SMS 894.073.2119 Thanks, *Yoonji*

March 1st: from Auroville to Chennai airport, leaving 11.30am. Can be shared both ways. Please contact *Lesley*: lesleybra@yahoo.com or call 9488373747

March 1st: If you would like to share a taxi from Chennai to Auroville on 01/03/16 early in the morning, please contact: Mobile: 9486268021, Email: sudhir@auroville.org.in - *Sudhir*

March 3rd: Taxi sharing to Thiruvanamalai. Please call *Siri* at: 9148253650 / or siri@yoga-breathwalk.de

March 3rd: My flight is leaving from Chennai Airport at 4:40 am on the 3rd. If you are interested in sharing the taxi leaving Auroville at around 11:00 pm on the 2nd of March or to take the

taxi returning to Auroville, please contact me: facebron1@gmail.com. *Fred*: 85 25 805528

March 4th: I will leave for Chennai airport at 8 am on the 4th of March. Anyone wanting to share the taxi either way, either while going in the morning or on the return in the afternoon, please contact: shahnandi@gmail.com or SMS 9488483286 - *Nandita, Quiet*

March 4th: I am traveling to Chennai airport from Auroville on March 4 to be there by 11:45 am, leaving Auroville by 8:45- 9:00 am from Atithi Griha. Anyone interested in sharing, either way. Please contact: kumarsehdev455@gmail.com or 7077 58 53 13. *Kumar*

March 5th: I'll leave Auroville at 7 am on 5th March for Chennai airport. If anyone is interested in sharing a Taxi then please let me know. Email: palakkhandelwal87@gmail.com - *Ar. Palak Khandelwal*

March 6th: I am arriving at Chennai airport at 11:10 am on 6th March. Anyone wanting to share the taxi either way, please contact: shahnandi@gmail.com or SMS 9488483286. *Nandita, Quiet*

March 6th: Leaving Auroville for Chennai Airport around 8 pm. Email: frankybarbaix@gmail.com Talk to you soon! *Franky*

March 8th: 7.30 pm leaving Chennai Airport to Auroville. Taxi can be shared both ways, only 1 person is going. ingridt@auroville.org.in

March 10th: Taxi leaving Auroville on March 10, around 6 PM to Chennai Airport. Can be shared both ways. Contact *Elke* (9486520968) or elke@auroville.org.in

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Martuvam Healing Forest (Mhf) - a unit of Auroville Foundation

Martuvam Healing Forest offers Siddha treatment and consultation in Herbal Medicine. Discover Tamil Nadu's traditional medicine on appointment by calling 9345454232.

Martuvam needs volunteers to help with the work of the maintenance of the herbal garden, the solar drying of herbs and the preparation of the herbal medicines. We are also looking for persons who are interested in helping in the Ayurvedic Healing Centre. If you are willing to learn and help, please send an email to: martuvam@auroville.org.in.

HEALTH

Sante will be closed on 29th February

Santé (Auroville Institute for Integral Health) will be closed on Monday, 29th of February 2016 for celebration and quiet introspection.

We will reopen as usual for Tuesday morning appointments from 8:45 am - 12:30 pm.

In case of an EMERGENCY while the clinic is not working, please contact the Auroville Ambulance service on +91-9442224680.

Nammal Mudiyaam



THE "WE CAN" PROJECT - Edayanchavady Youth foster Well-Being

Young women and men of Edayanchavady village have identified alcohol addiction as a primary cause of poverty, violence and lack of household resources. They want to highlight these issues, set up supportive structures and reposition a new story of a healthy, empowered, socially engaged village leading positive change.

The project begins with a one-day well-being campaign that highlights the effects of alcoholism, available recovery supports and a suggested refocus of life as wellbeing and health. The event will be presented through related talks, drama, film, art, martial arts, organic gardening and therapy by Edayanchavadi and Auroville groups in Edayanchavady Temple Square, February 28th, 4.30 pm to 9 pm (see program below).

The event will be followed by a strong alcohol recovery support structure through Alcohol Anonymous meetings, AI Anon family Counselling and De-addiction programs through Auroville Village Action Group and Edayanchavadi Healing Centre/Thamarai. The young people also hope to follow the campaign with a similar wellbeing road show that could travel to other villages and possibly a youth lead film project that will provide a deeper insight into the issues and problems that disempower local people, the underlying systems and patterns that hold them in place and the ways in which the wisdom of youth may be sourced to shape a new reality.

[Click for 2 minute Nammal Mudiyaam campaign film](#)

Please join us for this event in **Edayanchavady Temple Square, February 28th, 4.30 pm to 9 pm** (see program below). Should you like to donate to this work please use Auroville Financial Centre account (251465 Village Alcohol Awareness) and for

those in other parts of India or abroad please contact:
thamarai@auroville.org.in
"Whatever you can do or dream you can; begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. Begin it now"

Nammal Mudiyaam!

16.30 - 18.00 pm - Well Being Activities -Art Kart Event, Acro Yoga, Silambam, Capoeira presentations, Shiatsu Massage and creation of school Vegetable Garden.

18.00 - 19.00 pm - Alcohol Awareness Talks by de-addiction health specialists from Pudicherry Government Hospital, Mothercare Detoxification Centre, members of AA association and local people who have been through recovery.

19.00 - 19.45 pm - Edayanchavady Youth Drama that profiles alcohol addiction and repositions a life of health, well-being and social engagement through the help of de-addiction support structures and wellbeing activities.

19.45 - 20.00 pm - Follow up announcements of next AA meetings, Counselling and Detox supports and Well Being training activities opportunities (Silambam, Yoga, Energy Healing and Massage).

20.00 pm - 20.30 pm - Performances of Silambam traditional Tamil Martial Arts

20.30 pm - 21.00 pm - Dhanama family film drama on the effects of Alcohol by Yatra Film Foundation

Post campaign day follow up:

- AA meetings in Edayanchavady Healing Centre - Thamarai(opp. The temple) weekly from Sundays March 6th at 10 am
- Family and/or individual AI Anon Counselling in Auroville Village Action Headquarters Irumbai (opp.TNEB sub-station), weekly Saturday afternoon 2 pm by Mothercare De-addiction Ngo.
- Alcohol De-addiction placement and sponsorship
- On-going de-addiction support session at Edayanchavady Healing Centre and AVAG office
- Well-being support and daily yoga class at Edayanchavady Healing Centre
- Well-being activities and training for young Women from Sunday March 6th 4.30 pm at Edayanchavady Healing Centre.
- Silambam Martial Arts men's class weekly from Sun, March 6th 5 pm Udayi
- Well-being and Alcoholism awareness on-going programs at Auroville Village Action

For further information contact:

1. Edayanchavady Healing Centre/Thamarai 0413-2622077, email Thamarai@auroville.org.in
2. Auroville Village Action Group 0413 2678871, email avagoffice@auroville.org.in

AUROVILLE RADIO



These are the latest programs published by AurovilleRadio this week. All the recordings are available in CD or ready to be copied on your memory stick at the AurovilleRadio premises in Town Hall, opposite the Financial Service.

The Mother's Birthday (The Mother 23/02/2016)

Aurovilians gather in the amphitheatre at dawn for meditation in honor of The Mother - founder of Auroville -[English, 20 Minutes]

Songs and Poems of Kabir (Performing Arts 23/02/2016)

Kabir, a 15th century weaver-sage, is one of most loved and admired mystical poets of the world -[Hindi, 68 Minutes]

The Best of Blue Note No7 (Music 23/02/2016)

7th edition of the Best of Blue Note -[English, 65 Minutes]

East Asian Full Moon (Culture 22/02/2016)

Korean, Japanese and Chinese Aurovilians celebrated the first full moon of Asian year with a festival. -[English, 11 Minutes]

Nammal Mudiyaam English (Social Development 22/02/2016)

Well-being campaign shifting alcoholism -[English, 13 Minutes]

The Mother's Week (News from Auroville 22/02/2016)

This week many events are offered for The Mother's Week and Auroville anniversary, -[English, 11 Minutes]

Nammal Mudiyaam tamil (Social Development 22/02/2016)

Well-being campaign shifting alcoholism -[Tamil, 12 Minutes]

Ganapati by Adishakti's (Music 19/02/2016)

Drums as rhythm by Adishakti's at ritual creation of an image of Ganapati. -[English, 81 Minutes]

Drums as rhythm (Performing Arts 19/02/2016)

You can listen to all of the programs and more on www.aurovillerradio.org. For more info call 0413-2623331 or email radio@auroville.org.in

Drums as rhythm by Adishakti's - short interview with Vinay Kumar. -[English, 6 Minutes]

Live Love, the Mother's BD (News from Auroville 18/02/2016) On Saturday 20th from 4.30 pm onward Anna and Jesse inviting us to Kalabumi Festival -[English, 12 Minutes]

Tibetan Pavilion TCV Students (Performing Arts 17/02/2016)

The Tibetan students form T.C. -[English, 52 Minutes]

Unvironments 4: Arcadia (Evolution 16/02/2016)

In Arcadia, the artists become resonant chambers of mentation, projecting internal worlds onto external landscapes -[English, 30 Minutes]

The Best of Blue Note No6 (Music 16/02/2016)

6th edition of the Best of Blue Note -[English, 77 Minutes]

Jazz Reflections (Music 16/02/2016)

Early Jazz Standards by Cole Porter, Fats Waller, Hoagy Carmichael and Irving Berlin -[English, 40 Minutes]

I like Auroville, it is nice! (Guests 16/02/2016)

Auroville Experience of a guest in brief by Christine, a French national -[English, 3 Minutes]

Capoeira Festival No2 (Performing Arts 15/02/2016)

Second night of sharing with the community at the Capoeira Festival was a graceful event in thankfulness and respect - [English, 137 Minutes]

SPORTS

Tennis Tournaments Certitude: Final Rounds

Enjoy over the birthday weekend and the golden day the semifinals and finals of the singles and doubles of the adult and junior league at the certitude sports ground.

Organisers: Manickam/Frederick

EATING OUT

From Naturellement

Dear community, we would like to inform you that Naturellement and Garden Cafe will be closed on Tuesday 8th of March for Women's Day. *Naturellement Team*

Organic Lunch in Joy Community

Tuesday at 12:45: Traditional Italian Food

Friday at 12:45: World Fusion Food

Saturday at 12.45: Typical Japanese Food

We serve a beautiful organic lunch accompanied with the usual family atmosphere of Joy Community. Ingredients are all fresh (some from our beautiful vegetable garden) and depend on the inspiration of the season, garden, and the chef of the day. For Italian food, some of the dishes are homemade lasagna, gnocchi, tagliatelle pasta, ravioli, etc. For world fusion food, some of the dishes are Thai curry, Mexican enchiladas, Caribbean fried plantains, etc. For Japanese food, some of the dishes are gyoza (Japanese momo), makisushi, tempura, etc. By reservation only (1 day in advance). Please call 04132622584 or 9442328120. *Joy Community team :-)*

Pizza night in Joy Community

Date: Tuesday 1st of March / Time: 7 to 8 pm

We are happy to announce a beautiful night in great company with the usual Italian community at Joy and the most loved food of the world: Pizza! We will have even watermelon to refresh while enjoying a Cirque du Soleil show and then a Trockadero show in our open air cinema set-up. A feast for those with a light heart. Advance reservation required, please either call (04132622584 or 9442328120) or email (joycommunity@auroville.org.in) or pass by Joy Guesthouse. Fixed contribution from guests; free donation from Aurovilians, Newcomers and SAVI registered volunteers (please bring your card).

Joy Community Team :-)

Youth Center Pizza Posting

Are you hungry? Do you crave Auroville's best pizza?

Then come on down to the Youth Center every Saturday at 7PM!

An all you can eat for 200rs for a wood-fired, youth-cooked, love-baked pizza!

Hope to see you there :)

(For large groups, please inform)

Contact numbers: YC - 262-2857, *Manolo* - 9488483316, *Babu* - 8098736485

GREEN MATTERS

Sunday walk Farms & Forests

Sunday 28th of February: Auro-Orchard with Christian and Flore
10 am- 2 pm [tel 89408 72019]: Bring a potluck lunch dish to share.

Directions ; From the Visitor Center, take the tar road left to Edyanchavadi and turn right in front of the Green temple. From Solar Kitchen or Certitude take the tar road to Edyanchavadi and pass the Green temple on the left. After Edyanchavadi, follow the tar road in the direction of the NH 66 for 2 km pass Hope / Auroachana, Adishakti, Dayakara, then Auroannam. Then you should see the gate on your left, just before a TNEB transformer. Follow the signboard "Office" and park at the bike park.

Sunday 6th of March: Pebble Garden with Bernard and Deepika at 3.30 pm
Details and Directions in the next News and Notes and on Auronet.

Notes

Astrological chronicle: Auroville's 48th Anniversary

As stated in my previous chronicle (February 28th, 2015), last year was a turbulent one for Auroville, as the natal sun and moon in the chart of Auroville's creation were transited by Neptune - which was itself square to Saturn. The Neptune spiritual values of compassion, communion and fraternity clashed with the Sagittarius ideological crystallization and the rigidity of the systems, laws and regulations.

A desire for authenticity and a return to the ideological source of the Auroville charter was apparent during the Auroville Retreat and is still being worked upon by some study and working groups on some essential topics.

This year too, the 48th Anniversary of Auroville appears highly tensed with numerous remarkable planetary aspects. Jupiter transited the Auroville's creation chart natal Pluto on December 10th, 2015, as well as on February 6th, 2016. It will do it for a last time on July 31st 2016. The first 6 months of this year will therefore be strongly under the influence of Jupiter.

The transit of a planet over Pluto points to a period of purification and cleansing of the old in order to build anew. *"To die so as to be reborn"* could be a key phrase. Jupiter, the planet of expansion, is connected to ideologies, laws and regulations, with a risk to go too far and be excessive if it is not structured by Saturn.

The next 2 squares between Jupiter and Saturn in 2016, on March 23 and May 26, might bring about a conflict of interests between the expansion and the limitation of Auroville, as symbolized by those 2 planets. Should we develop the city or improve and harmonize what is there already?

Presently Jupiter is conjunct the lunar North node - the axis of the development and destiny of Auroville. This North node has transited the Auroville chart natal Pluto on February 20th, 2016 - on the eve of Mother's birthday!

On August 11th, 2015, Jupiter has started its 5th revolution (i.e. 12-year period) since the creation of Auroville, and this will last until its 60th Anniversary.

This coming February 29th, 2016, will be the 12th anniversary of the Supramental Descent. The number 12 is therefore especially important this year.

Sylas

Mani rises

Generally, when someone dies, he or she is regarded as 'fallen'. But that is only a surface view of things. In the light of mystics such as Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, only the most material part has fallen while a number of elements have dispersed in the universal nature. What is true, what is united with the central spark or the psychic being, neither falls nor disperses but rises. It rises to a very high plane of consciousness and assimilates the experiences of life on earth, rests and decides about its next adventure so as to grow stronger in the aspiration for divine perfection. What is even more beautiful is that we who are still in a body can help with a fast and happy rising. Imagine the departed person as happily walking amidst charming meadows. Imagine him or her as rising in felicity, in luminous peace. See him in a joyful state. In short, concentrate on good thoughts and good sentiments about the person departed. That way you can help him or her in rising. It is only ignorants who mourn. Best thing to do when someone dies is to stay completely calm, peaceful and concentrate our imagination lovingly on the person departed. If you can't concentrate, pray. If you can do neither, next best thing to do is forget him or her and move on with your life.

I first met Mani during my early days in Auroville in 1990. I was house-sitting at Diago's place in Samriddhi when he came in connection with his work at the Land Service. He was quite forthright, earnest and enthusiastic.

Another picture of Mani I recall is that of his talking with Peter Clarence-Smith (Peter CS) one morning at the Land Service office at Bharat Nivas. What struck me at that time was the way he was talking to Peter CS. It was as if one Tamil man was talking to another in most fluent spoken Tamil. Peter would listen, nod and it seemed as both were getting on with each other perfectly well (*As we know, Peter CS comes from England but he has grasped not just the language but also the spirit of the people of the place. I know several landowners in Auroville area who regard Peter CS as their trusted friend.*)

Earlier I said that I found Mani earnest and sincere. By this I mean that he really whole-heartedly wanted that Auroville should secure as much area as possible for a unified and harmonious development of the future city. He himself lived in a simple and, for some time, dilapidated house until Francis, as the then executive of Land Service, assisted him with funds for putting it in good shape. This means that he saw the good of Auroville above his personal comfort and convenience. Not many are capable of this beautiful trait. On another occasion, he even expressed to me his unhappiness over the skills of the executive in negotiating with the landowners. We can paraphrase John F. Kennedy's words "*Ask not what Auroville can do for you. Ask what you can do for Auroville*". Mani practiced these words without knowing them.

Tragedy is interwoven with human life largely due to our ordinary consciousness which is prone to misunderstanding, misjudgment, narrowness and the ignorant movements of mind. Mani had another Tamil colleague working with him in the Land Service. I also found him earnest, hardworking and sincere. But unfortunately, there grew distrust and antagonism between them and eventually both fell apart, both left. The other fellow even left Auroville under criticism while Mani more or less withdrew. But as long as he was there in the Land Service; many regarded him as an asset. Once, when he was sick, Edzart took note of it regretfully in a brief he published in Auroville News (now News & Notes) because his work at the Land Service might suffer.

"Hey Mani" I called Mani when I saw him at PTDC about two years back. He smiled with a tinge of shyness to it. We then exchanged a few words by way of whereabouts of each other.

And now, Mani rises. Hold him in your imagination as smiling sweetly, a little-bit shy, walking on a charming orange lane laid between beautiful flowery trees. That is the image of his soul and that is the best thing we can do to the good brother to rise in felicity.

Aryadeep (Abridged version - For complete version see AV Intranet posting dt.19th Feb.18)

Learning how to play a beautiful game

Hello Friends,

The game in question is "life in Auroville". Let's start a new game; the one we play has really nothing enjoyable.

Get back to square one - Nothing can be called Auroville if it is not Mother's Auroville.

Mother's Auroville can be only manifested if we collectively open ourselves to the New Consciousness. It is not a word but a real bath into the new Force at work in the earth atmosphere. As Mother said "*The door is open we need only to step in*".

Sorry no compromise, only the joy to discover that a new World wants to be manifested. Are we ready?

Do we not think that right now we are entangled into rules, regulations, groups who hold power? One example is how can one Aurovilian in a group have the right to judge and sanction another Aurovilian; Have we not all come for the Ideal - we are all equal, friendly to each others, as only in freedom can we realize ourselves toward the Truth.

Sorry there is only one game, but it contains the One Supreme game.

Love, *Andre*

Vedapuri

"A son of the two Mothers, he attains to kingship in his discoveries of knowledge, he moved on the summit, he dwells in his high foundation." - Rig Veda, 1.10.2.

We have already quoted Nolini Kanta's description of Pondicherry as it was when Sri Aurobindo came and settled here. Let us supplement it by a short history of the ancient town and its suburbs as published by = 1 (a symbolic figure), a quarterly organ of Auroville. We find in it that in olden times the whole place was flourishing both spiritually and materially, and was considered an important centre of learning and commerce in South India.

"The origins of Pondicherry go back into the night of time. Pondicherry means 'the new suburb'. The original name of the town, no longer used, was Vedapuri, and a big temple still stands today, the Vedapurishwara temple, dedicated to the great god, Siva, the god of Contemplatives. Vedapuri means 'City of Knowledge'. The patron saint of Vedapuri was Sri Agastya, legends of whose life tell of his coming from the far Himalayas, travelling south and settling in the country of the Tamils to teach the people the Veda. For thousands of years Vedapuri was a school for young Brahmins where they learnt to chant the Vedic hymns in Sanskrit and to perform complicated sacrifices in the proper way. - Rishabchand: Sri Aurobindo: His Life Unique, p. 368 f.

Submitted by GangaLakshmi, House of Mother's Agenda, Savitri Bhavan

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every Thursday at sunset

From 6.00 to 6.30 pm (weather permitting)

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all:

The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone: please do not to use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 to 6.30 pm.

Please be seated by 5.55 pm

Amphitheatre Team

Collective chanting of Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra On 29th February

On the special occasion of the anniversary of the Supramental descent of 29.2.1956, we aspire to invoke the power of Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra collectively on 29.2.2016 during the sunrise, from 6.30 to 7 am in the Amphitheatre in continuation of the meditation from 6 to 6.30 am.

"Om Tat savitur varam rūpam
jyotiḥ parasya dhīmahī,
yannaḥ satyena dīpayet"

*"Let us meditate on the most auspicious (best) form of Savitri,
on the Light of the Supreme which shall illumine us with the Truth."*

All are welcome to join.

The Chanting Group will lead the chant in the amphitheatre.

We invite all Aurovilians and friends around the world who are connected with Sri Aurobindo and the Mother to participate in the collective chanting.

You may chant from wherever you are in the world.

Dakshina, the Auroville Chanting Group and the Matrimandir team.

INVITATIONS

L' Agenda Di Mere In Italiano Per Soli Newcomers E Turisti

Readers Group Mother's Agenda in Italian
Gruppo di lettura in Italiano con Jannaka

".... C'è come una favola dietro a tutto questo.... Qualcosa di indicibilmente bello, una storia che Sri Aurobindo ha cercato di far scendere sulla terra: e adesso è certo che si sta realizzando!"

Jannaka invita i New Comers ed i turisti italiani a condividere

IN ITALIANO alcuni momenti dell'Agenda di Mere.

Mercoledì 24 ore 17 a Luminosity

Le fotocopie dei passi proposti sono pronte gratuitamente. Prenotatele con un messaggio al 948.762.96.48 oppure a lestellenoi@gmail.com

Global Ecovillage Network (GEN) Monthly General Meeting

Monday 29th February, 4:00 - 5: 30 pm, Ecodorm, Pitchandikulam Forest, Auroville

We invite guests, Newcomers and Aurovilians to come join us in the first of the monthly sharing of our dreams and activities!

The GEN and NextGEN teams in Auroville are actively connecting with communities outside Auroville, building frameworks to exchange ideas and solutions for a sustainable world.

We will have a brief presentation, followed by a discussion and a screening of a few short films on different intentional and traditional communities around the world.

Close Encounters

Johannes Hohlenberg (1881-1960) with Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

A Danish Artist and Philosopher's Journey from Paris to Pondicherry during 1907-1915 and the origins of Integral Yoga in the early twentieth-century Scandinavia

Presentation by Anusuya Kumar Ph.D.
School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University, Denmark

Tuesday, 1 March 2016, 6-8 pm at the Unity Pavilion, Auroville

Friday, 4 March 2016, 8.30 pm at the Hall of Harmony, Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education, Sir Aurobindo Ashram, Puducherry

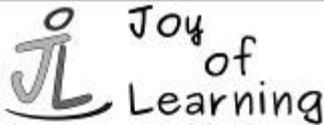


Candlelight Meditation for the Unity of Europe



Please come to the European tree on the 28th of February at 6 pm, and bring a small candle with you. We will meditate together for the unity and harmony of Europe and also for the peaceful resolution of the refugee crisis.

The European tree was planted on the 28th of February in 2015 near the Inuksuk; it is behind the Tibetan Pavilion, towards Solitude. We will stand around the tree, for a short meditation, some chairs will be available for those who need to sit. We invite people of all nationalities to come and join this meditation.



Getting Around - Mobility in Auroville

Tuesday March 1st, 4.30 to 6.30 pm at SAIER

How do you get from A to B in Auroville? How do you decide what kind of transport to use? What are the implications of our decisions for the larger community? What lessons Auroville can learn concerning transport mobility from the rest of the world? How can we avoid the worst consequences that we see happening in cities elsewhere? These are some of the questions we will address in our next Joy of Learning session on the theme of mobility. As our roads clog up with traffic and dust at this time of the year, it is time to evaluate what are the consequences of our present unplanned mobility situation, and to indicate possible alternative scenarios.

To deepen your understanding of increased mobility and its consequences, come to

SAIER Conference Hall on Tuesday, 1st March, 4.30 pm

Preferably on cycle or on foot - and join us for presentations and panel discussions on and around this important topic.

Mobility and Urban Design - an Introduction

Mobility and the Freedom of Choice

Auroville: Mobility Practices, Trends and Concerns

With panellists David, Gillian, Helmut, Sauro and our moderator Alan

Everybody is welcome!

Your Joy of Learning team (Alan, Lalit, Mike, Min)

Mark your calendar and join us for the next instalment of the Joy of Learning series:



Presents

A Conference on Consciousness

Final one in the series of 4 seminars, followed by Q&A

Dates: 29 February 2016.

Time: 4 pm - 6 pm @ MMC/Cinema Paradiso

Title: Between the Gold and the Blue

An exploration of the specificity of Sri Aurobindo's worldview that creates a unique perspective/approach to Consciousness: The meaning and purpose of life on Earth. The New Consciousness and its descent on 29th February 1956. Its implications. Sri Aurobindo's yoga as a 'spiritual adventure'. Auroville as a conscious collectivity at the service of this truth.

Presenter: Deepti Tiwari

Deepti has been in Auroville from the mid-70s. For the past 3 decades her major focus has been in the sphere of learning and teaching; exploring all that Sri Aurobindo and The Mother have offered as a field of experience in this 'adventure of consciousness and joy.'



DEJEUNER - Lunch

RENCONTRE AVEC L'ASSOCIATION AUROVILLE INTERNATIONALE France - Meeting with the French AVI
A Solitude - In Solitude

Lundi 29 février à 12h - Monday 29th of February at 12 noon

Dans un moment de convivialité, nous aurons le plaisir de vous informer sur la fonction et les actions d'AVIF

We will have the pleasure to inform you about the role and actions of AVIF

Réservation avant le 25 février au 80 98 96 04 37

Reservation before February 25 - Ph: 8098960437



INTUITIVE PAINTINGS

By *Marie-Claire Barsotti*

Paintings in "Mixed Media": Acrylic, oil, soft pastels and gold leaves

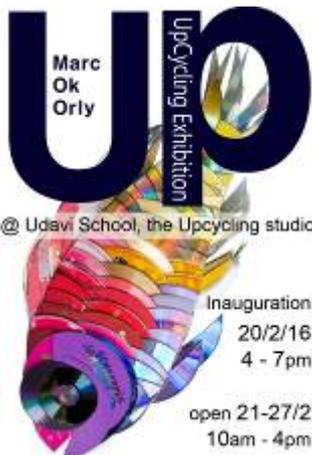
www.marieclairebarsotti.com

February 27th 2016 to March 12th 2016

Opens daily 8 am -12.30 pm and 2 pm - 6 pm

You are warmly invited to the opening celebration on Saturday 27th of February from 5:30 pm to 7 pm

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville (0413) 2622403/2622994 Pitanga@auroville.org.in



Up cycling exhibition

By marc, Ok and Orly

@ Up cycling studio in Udavi School

Will be open till Saturday the 5/3/16

10 am-4 pm

Please come with your clean waste plastic bag, we recycle them together.



From Material to Space

A talk by *Jacques Kaufmann*

Having studied ceramics in Geneva, Jacques worked on development projects in Rwanda from 1984-1986. His work deals with questions of inter-cultural exchanges, "back to origin" of the ceramic technology, "earth scale" and "site spirit". From 1995- -2014, Jacques has served as the chair of the ceramics department of Vevey's Applied Art School and has also engaged in several projects in China. Currently he is the President of the International Academy of Ceramics.

The talk is scheduled at 6 pm on Friday 26th Feb 2016, at the Golden Bridge Pottery campus, at Ovoid Atelier, No. 56, Thottakkal Main Road, Karamanikuppam, close to the Pandy bus stand.

Tel: 0413 2220289 / 2235732 / 9994378012

All are invited!

Submitted by *Adil Writer*

Insights Seminars

Presents a one-day seminar on 'INTEGRAL YOGA and AUROVILLE'

The seminar presents insights into the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and its significance for Auroville. It is designed as a structured overview that can serve as a base for further studies and explorations. The highlights are:

- Vision and Aims of Auroville
- Evolution of Consciousness
 - Yoga of Matter
- Auroville's role in the world and in the evolutionary process
- Aspects of individual and collective practice

On 3rd March 2016, Thursday

Time: 08:45 to 12:00 hrs. - Lunch break - 14:00 to 17:00 hrs.

Presented by: Ela Thole

Venue: Insight Seminar room, Ground Floor, in the Inside India building - Auroshilpam (behind Auromode).

Register in advance with Elizabeth at 2622047 between 09:30 & 12:30 hrs or 14:00 & 17:00 hrs or email at: insight@inside-india.com
A fixed contribution required for Guests. Aurovilians and Newcomers are welcome, no contribution required, but please book in advance

Insight Seminars

Invites you all for a presentation on 'Highlights of Tamil Nadu

An introduction to the cultural and spiritual aspects of:

- Chidambaram
- Thanjavur
- Thiruvannamalai
- Mahabalipuram

On 4th March 2016, Friday at 3 pm.

Presented by: Ela

Venue: Insight Seminar room, ground floor, Inside India building, Auroshilpam (behind Auromode)

No registration required, free of charge, please walk in.

Insight Seminars invites you to

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS on AUROVILLE'

Presentations made by Aurovilians on their areas of expertise and sharing of their experiences. These introductory sessions are for those who wish to explore various aspects of Auroville: whether they are Guests, Newcomers or Aurovilians.

Introduction to the Vision and Ideal of Auroville: 1st March 2016, Tuesday

Presented by Shivaya

Auroville Economy & Organisation: 2nd March 2016, Wednesday

Presented by Bunty

Wildlife in Auroville: 4th March 2016, Friday

Presented by Tim

Time: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. including question and answer session.

Venue: Insight Seminar room, Ground Floor, in the Inside India building - Auroshilpam (opposite CSR; behind Auromode Guest-house).

*The presentations are free of charge. Anyone may walk in.

CULTURAL EVENTS

SILENCE IS ALL by SRI AUROBINDO

Performed in MIME

By Performing Artist Drupad Gaonkar

On the 28th of February, 2016 (coming Sunday)

The Mime Act is of 40mins duration and starts at 6:30 pm at SAVITRI BHAVAN AMPHITHEATRE

If you wish to know more about the subject of the performance or the nature of the Mime Act please write to: mime@auroville.org.in

We suggest you to bring your torches to find your way in incase of a power failure at the venue.

MUSICAL HOMAGE TO SAINT TYAGARAJA

Under the auspices of Tamil Heritage Centre, Bharat Nivas and Telugu Samskritika Kendramu.

Event: A Musical Homage to Saint Tyagaraja

Date and Day: 6th March, 2016, Sunday

Timings: 9:30am to 12 Noon

Venue: Sri Aurobindo World Centre for Human Unity Circle (SAWCHU)

Music Lovers are Welcome

Homage to St. Tyagaraja Programme Group [Home No:2623290]

Saturday 27th February
Solo Violin performance
By Ladislav Brozman

Bach: Sonata in D-minor and Ysaÿe: 5th Sonata
In the Picture Gallery, 5 pm



JAZZ CONCERT

At Bharat Nivas
1st of March, Tuesday at 8 pm

Vocals: Kranti/ Sax: Matt/ Bass: Mishko/ Guitar: Rolf/ Piano: Mike/ Drums: Dag

BLESSINGS FROM THE EAST

Friday the 26/2 at well café

7 pm till 8.30 pm -dinner.

7.30 pm- 8 pm - magic LAURENT- magic show

8.30 pm to 9.30 pm-NIVA an Israeli singer, will take us on a journey to the root songs of Yemenite diwan and Jewish holy songs.

Vocals- Niva

Guitar, violin & vocals- Francois

Bansuri & viola- Nadaprem

9.30 to Midnight - World Dance with DJ Priscilla

All are welcome

Love

Well cafe - SVE DAME (opposite CSR) 0413- 2622219

REMINDER: AUROVILLE CHILDREN'S THEATER FESTIVAL

We warmly invite you to join us in Cripa between 3 and 6 pm on March 5th and 6th, to enjoy Auroville's first Children's Theater Festival. Udavi, Deepanam and Aikiyam shools have prepared 3 plays on the theme of Mother Earth. Each play will be followed by a short intermission to allow stage changes while some refreshments will be provided outside.

Program

3 pm: Opening with traditional Tamil music by Rishi (Future School)

3.20 pm: Everybody's Water (Udavi; Tamil) - 4 pm: The Golden River (Deepaman; English)

5 pm: Mother Earth (Aikiyam; English)

Thank you for your support and presence - Francesca, Pratha, Mahavir, Simone

SVARAM SOUND BIRTHDAY

We are joining in the celebrations of the Birthday Week with our 13th anniversary and gather musician friends from diverse backgrounds. Come and share in the atmosphere and musical offerings of Tamil traditional and folk music, overtone chant and didgeridoo, bansuri and rock, electronics and percussion.

Saturday 27, Feb 5-7 pm, Svaram Grounds

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

QUIET COURSES

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 0413 2622329 / 9488084966)

WATSU & LIQUID FLOW BASIC with Dariya & Daniel
Thursday 3 - Tuesday 8 March 2016 (5 afternoons + one morning on 8 March!) 1.30 PM - 6.00 PM (27 hours)

Watsu & Liquid Flow are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool. Watsu Basic introduces movements and body mechanics to work with someone on the surface; Liquid Flow Basic introduces and offers a unique underwater experience (with a nose clip). During this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities of moving another person in water. You will experience floating people and being floated, on the surface and under water, creating a space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit. You may also discover that

this kind of bodywork is something you would like to further explore, in which case this course serves as a perfect precursor to Liquid Flow Essence, Watsu 1 & OBA 1, or WaterDance 1. *No previous experience is required!*

SOMATIC MOVEMENT with Maggie
Friday 4 - Saturday 5 March 2016 9.30 AM - 5.00 PM (12 hours)

A 2-day neuro-muscular re-education (mind-body training) workshop in the tradition of Thomas Hanna.

Somatics is a system of slow, mindful movement. It improves the function of the nervous system, creating more ease and freedom within ourselves. Somatics teaches us to recognise and release holding patterns, resulting from pain, injury, stress or habituated posture, and enhances any kind of exercise such as yoga, dance, sport or just moving through life.

You will also learn a daily practice in order to maintain better flexibility, coordination, balance and wellness, resulting in a decrease of aches commonly attributed to stress, injury and ageing.

Maggie is a certified Somatic Movement Educator and graduate of the International Institute for Somatic Movement Education (IISME). She is also a highly experienced massage therapist, and has been working in the field of pain relief for over 15 years.

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

1st March (Tuesday)

• Overview with multimedia presentation • Questions and Answers • Practice in Daily Life • Complimentary Concentration Exercises • Creative Arts, Interactive Games • Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother • Introduction to the Reference Books
Focus this week on: 'The Inner being'

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises.

Place: Savitri Bhavan

Time: 9 am to 12.00 Noon (please be present by 8.50 am for preliminary study)

Led by *Ashesh Joshi*. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922. No Registration required (except for groups)

Fees: Voluntary Contribution. All are welcome. For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit www.integralyoga-auroville.

JOYFUL LIVING

Sat 26th March to Wed 30th March

Do you want to live with joy and ease? Find peace in a hectic life style? Cultivate mindfulness and gratitude? Improve your work life balance? Enhance your health and well-being? Join life and executive coach Julie for a 5-day Joyful Living experience in Auroville. In a warm and supportive group, we will explore how to make ordinary days extraordinary. Julie created the exclusive Joyful living program for Auroville Retreat participants to cultivate mindfulness and gratitude. The program's five themes - Waking Up, Mindful Routine, Eat joyfully, Flow, Unwind - are designed to anchor your days in the things that matter to you and bring joy into your life.

For more information & registration, email: info@aurovilleretreat.org or call: 9843948288

WOGA (Water Yoga) 1&2

With Gianni De Stefani, WOGA Trainer

Place: Sri Ma Pool (Auroville Beach)

Date: 7-8 March 2016

Participants: minimum 6 persons

Hours: total 12 hours

Pre-requisite: no prerequisite required to attend this course

Info & booking: Loretta - email: wogaeu@gmail.com

WOGA (Water Yoga) ITC Preparatory & Instructor Training

With Gianni De Stefani, WOGA Trainer

Place: Sri Ma Pool (Auroville Beach)

Date: 9-11 March 2016 and 14-16 March 2016

Participants: minimum 6 persons

Hours: total 42 hours

Pre-requisite: to have attended WOGA 1&2

Info & booking: Loretta - email wogaeu@gmail.com

8 LIMBS OF YOGA

Christine Pauchard offers two workshops based on the 8 limbs of yoga, to explore the different fields of yoga in Auroville.

One day workshop on 6 March 2016 or/and 4 afternoon workshop from 9 to 12 March 2016 at Sharnga Guest House

More details and inscription on www.auroville-holistic.com, or contact@auroville-holistic.com, or 09489805493

ADVENTURES IN COOKING AND EATING IN THE BUDDHA GARDEN KITCHEN

Every Wednesday during March you can learn to cook a range of Tamil dishes with Sivakala. Every Thursday you can learn with Efrat how to use local seasonal produce to create delicious meals. Both courses will be held in the Buddha Garden kitchen and will start at 10.30 am. Everyone will help cook the food and then eat lunch together.

Places are limited so you will need to book either by email: priya@auroville.org.in or through the website: www.earthtoeating.org which has more detail about the courses as well as a range of information about local food and how to cook it.

(For the latest in Buddha Garden go to:

: <https://www.buddhagarden.org> or

<https://www.facebook.com/buddhagardencommunityfarm>)

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL AND TROCKADERO

Venue: Joy Guesthouse garden

Date & Time: Tuesday 1st of March at 7.15 pm.

Le Cirque du Soleil: The show is a synthesis of circus styles from around the world, with its own central theme and storyline. The Show employs continuous live music, with performers rather than stagehands changing the props. The company's creations have received numerous prizes and distinction, making it the largest entertainment company in the world.

Les Ballets Trockadero de Montecarlo: this is an American all-male drag ballet corps which parodies the conventions and clichés of romantic and classical ballet. The dancers portray both male and female roles in a humorous style that combines parodies of ballet, posing and physical comedy with "straighter" pieces intended to show off the performers' technical skills.

Other information: We have set-up a fantastic open-air cinema in the gardens for those nostalgic of summers when multiplex didn't exist (drop-in ok). During the show we'll have a pizza dinner (reservation required).

AVIVA`S METHOD FOR MEN

Aviva method is a physical exercise system which ensures healthy blood flow in the lower body and regulates the related glands for optimal hormone level. One practicing it can enjoy all the benefits of the healing oxygen, minerals and hormones carried by blood to the body parts in this area. These set of exercises developed specifically for men to bring improvement for prostate problems, to increase fertility, to cease depression, and to regulate bowel movements. It uses elements of folk dances, certain habits of natural communities, wisdom of shepherds and facts stated by Western medicine.

Venue: Arka Hall

Workshop date: 27th February 2016, timing: 9-12 am

For more information please contact Zsolti at: bogizsolti@gmail.com or 8489535193

AT ARKA BY JANNAKA

Individual courses and therapies

Reiki: individual course by appointment

Reiki is not a personal power! Cosmic Energy through your hands can help you and the ones you love.

Therapy: cures physical aches and accelerates homeopathic and allopathic results. Emotional problems are dealt with special treatments.

Reflexology Individual Course and Therapy: The massage on the reflexes points of the feet, hands and legs also with crystal on Marma points.

Ayurvedic Massage Individual Course: Sri Govindan's Method, my personal master, original from Kerala.

Yoga Care - Individual Classes: restores the body's health with conscious movements and the breath.

Stop smoking! With your Homeopathic remedy prepared with your personal cigarettes - Auricolotherapy or Reiki can give support: no side effects.

Jannaka, Reiki master and therapist: 26 years of experience - Call: 9487629648 or write: lestellenoi@gmail.com

VOCAL YOGA CLASSES INTERRUPTION

The Vocal Yoga classes at ARKA are temporarily interrupted until April 2016. Sorry for the inconvenience

WATSU & LIQUID FLOW BASIC

Welcome to explore the basics of body work in warm water. Learn a complete sequence on the surface and under water, to share with friends and family...or discover that you are really passionate about the magic and potential of aquatic body work and you can continue, with Liquid Flow Essence or Watsu 1 etc...

With Dariya & Daniel, at Quiet Healing Center, 3 - 7 March, daily 1.30 - 6pm, last day 9am - 1.30 Registration required; quiet@auroville.org.in

OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP

The Russian Pavilion invites artists of all levels (beginners to experts) to participate in a two-day workshop of oil painting.

Led by Irina Tsimbal, teacher at the State University of Saint Petersburg

Date: 29th of February and 1st of March,

The materials will be provided (though a modest contribution towards covering the costs will be encouraged).

Only 5 places are left. Contact Saraswati at: saraswati@auroville.org.in for more details.

COME, EXPLORE AND DANCE SOUL MOTION

Sunday March 6th 2016 from 7 to 9 pm

At unity pavilion Auroville (next to Savitri Bhavan)

Come, explore and dance Soul Motion™ with Philippe, certified Soul Motion™ Teacher

We invite you to move into an inquiry of dance as creative expression, and as dialogue in relationship to self, other, and all. We value each participant for their unique and distinct voice in the body choir. Dancing will give us the opportunity to embody our human nature and to cultivate the presence of the soul.

THAI YOGA MASSAGE COURSE

10 Day Beginner Workshop: March 17th to 27th 2016

At TerraSoul in Windarra Farm, with Itzhak Helman & Bebe Merino (Teachers of Sunshine Network)

Principles, Foundations & Dynamics: The course is designed for all who want to start, refresh and improve their practice. We provide space and learning opportunities for all - you are most welcome. The course will have 60-80 hours intense training. The morning Vipassana Meditation session and yoga from 6.30-8 am is optional, followed by Instruction and massage practice from 9-12 am. The afternoons from 2-5 pm are fully dedicated to massage practice. Thai Yoga Massage brings penetrating massage & gentle yoga movements into profound healing systems.

Itzhak Helman and Bebe Merino are in their Newcomer process. Both are experienced Thai Yoga Massage teachers from the Sunshine Network and deeply connected to Auroville since many years. For further information please look at the website: saraswati@auroville.org.in www.thai-yoga-massage.org for more details.

Registration and info: terrasoul@auroville.org.in, or phone/sms: 852 495 3481- Itzhak

AYURVEDIC MASSAGE COURSE

Aurodam Harmony centre: 7 March 2016 till 12 of March 2016

The Ayurvedic massage is one essential contribution to heal every disease. The massage that is taught is a complete full body massage that the student learns to master during this course. The massage works from feet to head and the full treatment will be done in 1hour. The aim of this massage is to eliminate toxins and re-establish the connection between the physical, emotional, mental and energetic aspect. Attention is directed not only to learn the technique, but also at other important aspects like: the body posture of the student, cleaning of the personal energy system and the workroom.

For more information please contact: umberto@auroville.org.in / mobile 9585975330

The teacher is Umberto Grippo - He has been living in Auroville for the last 20 years and teaches three different forms of Ayurvedic massages.

CONNECTION AS LIFE ENERGY

Introduction to Nonviolent Communication with L'aura Joy, CNVC Certified Trainer

Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others?

Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want?

- March 12-13 (Sat-Sun)
- 9.30am-5pm (with lunch break)

More info & register: contact L'aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016

A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply-rooted consciousness of oneness, as well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We'll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to hear others' true (and harmless) message, which in turn leads to more connection between us. When we're connected as human beings, we're in our natural state of wanting to give and collaborate with others.

RESTORATIVE CIRCLES

Restoring Trust, Connection and Communication...

- with L'aura, supported by Janet & Shanti

Sat, March 5 - Sun, March 6

9.30am-5pm, with lunch break

Day 1:

- An introduction to Restorative Justice & Restorative Circles
- Learning how to listen for deeper meaning
- Demo of the RC process, step by step

Day 2:

- Practicing the RC process
- Discussion and next steps:
 - o Exploring justice & practical applications in Auroville
- What would a living Restorative System look like?

Restorative Circles...

- address conflict between people within the context of their community;
- support dialogue amongst those directly or indirectly involved in a conflict;
- encourage reflective listening so that everyone has an opportunity to speak and be heard;
- uncover the underlying unmet needs or concerns that trigger conflict;
- bring about holistic, transparent solutions that meet needs and restore community.

For more information or to register, contact L'aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016

SAVITRI BHAVAN

March 2016

EXHIBITION

*Meditations on Savitri***Book 2 : The Traveller of the Worlds, and Book 3 : The Divine Mother**110 paintings made by Huta under the guidance of the Mother,
continues in the picture gallery.

FILMS

Mondays 6.30pm

March 7 : *Glimpses of the Timeless when the Psychic opens*Paintings and drawings by Mirajyoti based on inspirations received at Matrimandir workers' camp in 1975.
A film by Manohar. Duration: 29min.March 14 : *On The Mother - Integral Knowledge*The Mother wanted to bring upon the earth Perfect consciousness, Integral knowledge and Power.
In Feb.1990, M.P. Pandit spoke in a precise way about The Mother's objectives. Duration: 35min.March 21 : *On The Mother - Incarnations' Purpose*M. P. Pandit speaks about past incarnations of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
and the specific purpose of the incarnation of avatars. Duration: 30min.March 28 : *Meditations on Savitri - Book 7: The Book of Yoga*A film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from *Savitri* read by
The Mother and accompanied by her own organ music. Duration: 86min.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sundays 10.30-12 noon: *Savitri* Study Circle

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 7-8 am: Chanting Sanskrit Hymns in the Hall

Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays 3-4 pm: *Yoga and the Evolution of Man*, led by Dr. Jai SinghMondays 5-6 pm: *The Upanishads*, led by Dr. Ananda ReddyTuesdays 5-6pm: *Let us learn Savitri together* led by Sudarsan in TamilTuesdays 5.45-7.15 pm: OM Choir (*details below*)Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5pm: *L'Agenda de Mère*: listening to recordings with GangalakshmiWednesdays 5.30-6.30 pm: Reading *The Life Divine*, led by ShraddhavanThursdays 4-5 pm: The English of *Savitri*, led by ShraddhavanFridays 5.30-6.30pm: Meditations with Sri Aurobindo's *Hymns to the Mystic Fire*, led by NishthaSaturdays 5-6.30 pm: *Satsang* led by Ashesh Joshi

OM Choir

*The voice that chants to the creator Fire,**The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word (Savitri p.310)*

In 1961 the Mother gave the *adesh* to Narad to bring down a new music. She said that one must go far above words and bring down the pure Music. Mother told us to sit in a circle and have no preconceptions as to what we would sing but to be silent and let the music descend in us. The OM Choir aspires to bring down the New Music for the New World in a collective body. We sing only OM, the creative and effectuating Word, after starting with warming-up and voice exercises. Narad will work with us. (*See timings above*)

Full Moon Gathering

Wednesday March 23, 7.15-8.15pm in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

Digital Library: multimedia facilities for individual study

This space offers individual computer access to a large range of audio-visual materials. All the recordings of courses, guest lectures and special events held at Savitri Bhavan are available, as well as much more. Aurovillians, visitors and volunteers are invited to make use of this opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of the vision of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and the aims and ideals underlying the experiment of Auroville.

Exhibitions, Main Building and Office are open Monday to Saturday 9-5
Reading Room and Digital Library are closed on Saturdays



PROGRAMME FOR MARCH 2016

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, (0413) 262 2403 - pitanga@auroville.org.in

Y o g a I y e n g a r

Āsanas	level 1	Mon	07.30 - 09.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	level 2	Mon	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	drop in and regular students	Tues	11.00 - 12.00	Angela
Āsanas	drop in and regular students	Tues	15.30 - 17.00	Angela
Pranayama	level 1	Tues	17.30 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women	drop in	Wed	07.30 - 09.00	Angela
Āsanas	drop in and regular students	Wed	11.00 - 12.30	Angela
Āsanas	hormonal balance	Wed	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women	level 2	Thurs	07.30 - 09.15	Tatiana
Āsanas	di - restorative	Thurs	15.30 - 16.30	Angela
Āsanas	level 2	Thurs	16.00 - 18.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	drop in	Thurs	18.00 - 19.30	Tatiana
Asanas	drop in - for women	Fri	07.30 - 08.45	Angela
Āsanas	hormonal balance	Fri	09.00 - 11.00	Tatiana
Āsana- open practice	level 3	Sat	07.30 - 09.30	Tatiana
Āsana	drop in	Sat	10.30 - 12.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for the spine	drop in	Sat	17.00 - 18.30	Angela

Note: For Iyengar classes, please come to a drop in class first and talk to the teacher about appropriate level.

Y o g a - m i x e d s t y l e

Yoga Therapy	drop in	Mon, Wed, Fri	08.30 - 10.00	Gala
Āsanas (*)	for teenagers	Mon, Wed	16.00 - 17.00	Lisbeth/Bebe
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - beginners	Tues	09.00 - 10.30	Bebe
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - all levels	Weds	17.15 - 18.45	Bebe
Hatha Yoga	drop in - all levels	Thurs	09.30 - 10.30	Marcela
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - all levels	Fri	18.00 - 19.30	Bebe
Āsanas	for children 7-9 yrs.	Sat	10.00 - 11.00	Gala

O t h e r E x e r c i s e s

Kick Boxing	drop in all levels	Wed	18.30 - 20.00	Antonello
Aviva exercise	for women	Thurs	16.30 - 17.30	SuriyaG
Discover energy body	for children, 7-9 yrs.	Sat	11.00 - 12.00	Gala

D a n c e

Ballet for Adults	drop in all levels	Mon	16.00 - 17.30	Grace
Belly Dancing	drop in	Wed	07.00 - 08.15	Priscilla
Odissi Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Tues	16.00 - 17.15	Rekha
Odissi Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Fri	15.30 - 17.00	Kanchana
Ballet for Adults	drop in all levels	Sat	15.00 - 16.30	Grace

O t h e r

Exhibitions: Intuitive paintings by Marie-Claire Barsotti, February 27th 2016 to March 12th 2016, Paintings in "Mixed Media" - Acrylic, oil, soft pastels and gold leaf... Opens daily 8am - 12.30pm and 2pm - 6pm

Homeopathy & Bach Flower Remedy Mon, Fri: 09.00 - 12.00 Tue, Thurs: 15.00 - 17.00 with Marika and Nadia

For the following therapies & treatments please book your appointment on phone, 2622403/2622994

Acupuncture with Morgana, Cranio Sacral with Krishna, Experiential Anatomy with Francesco, Oil massage with Antonello, Karim, Zsolti and Krishna, Reflexology with Priscilla, Releasing through Awareness with Rosa, Somatic Therapy with Francesco, Suction/Cupping Massage with Svetlana, Thai Yoga Massage with Juan, Bebe, Mar, Life Coaching and Journey through the memory of the body with Vani

VÉRITÉ

CLASSES in Vérité - March 2016			
Days	Drop-in Classes	Timings	Facilitator
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	6:45 to 8.15 am	Olesya
Monday & Friday	Pilates (no class Mar 28)	4 to 5 pm	Philippe
Monday	Movement & Sound Relaxation	5 to 6 pm	Balu & Jeremy
Monday & Friday	Nia Holistic Dance (no class Mar 28)	5.15 - 6.15 pm	Philippe
Tuesday	Soul Motion - A Conscious Dance Practice (no class Mar 29)	5 to 6.30 pm	Philippe
Tuesday & Thursday	Meridian Exercises and Yoga	6:45 to 8.15 am	Yaor
Tuesday & Friday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	5 to 6.30 pm	Olesya
Wednesday	Meridian Exercises and Yoga (no class Mar 2 & 30)	9 to 10.30 am	Yaor
Wednesday	Somatic Explorations	5 to 6 pm	Maggie
Thursday	Kolams	3 to 4.30 pm	Rajaveni
Thursday	Yin Yoga (starting 17 Mar)	3.15 to 4.45 pm	Stinna
Thursday	Dance Offering	5 to 7 pm	Dariya
Saturday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	5 to 6 pm	Olesya

WORKSHOPS in Vérité - March 2016			
Wed & Thu, 2 & 3 Mar	Introduction to Zen Shiatsu (2 day workshop)	9 am to 3.30 pm	Yaor
Fri, 4 Mar	Flow Through Life	9.15 am to 12.30 pm	Julie
Wed, 9 Mar	Living from the Heart	9.15 am to 12.30 pm	Julie
Fri, 11 Mar	Meridians & Yoga	9 am to 3.30 pm	Yaor
Sat, 12 Mar	Consciousness as Medicine	9 am to 12.30 pm	Dr. Yogesh
Wed, 16 Mar	Fresh Perspectives	9.15 am to 12.30 pm	Julie
Wed, 23 Mar	Flow Through Life	9.15 am to 12.30 pm	Julie
Fri, 25 Mar	Meridians & Yoga	9 am to 12.30 pm	Yaor
Fri, 25 Mar	Fate or Choice (Family Constellations)	9 am to 4.45 pm	Yuval
Sat, 26 Mar	Fate or Choice (Family Constellations)	9 am to 4.45 pm	Yuval
Mon - Fri, 28 Mar to 1 Apr	Zen Shiatsu and Meridian Do-In Retreat	5 day retreat (contact for more info)	Yaor
THERAPIES in Vérité - March 2016			
Contact for appointment:		Mobile SMS - 7094104329, Phone 91 413 2622606, treatments@verite.in	
Balu	Sound Healing with Tibetan Singing Bowls		
Christine	Thaiyoga Massage, Neurolinguistic Programming (English and French)		
Mila	Craniosacral Therapy		
Julie	Life Coaching Sessions		
Susana	Reiki Energy Healing		
Yaor	Nutrition & Lifestyle Recommendations (Including Aromatherapy), Bach Flower Remedies, Meridian Do-In Therapy, Zen Shiatsu		

F I L M S



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 4 MARCH- 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)
 "CONFIDENTIALLY YOURS" - "VIVEMENT DIMANCHE"

Directed by François TRUFFAUT, France, 1983

Cast: Fanny Ardant, Jean-Louis Trintignant, Jean-Pierre Kalfon
Synopsis: Claude Massoulier is murdered while hunting at the same place than Julien Vercel, an estate agent that knew him and whose fingerprints are found on Massoulier's car. As the police discover that Marie-Christine Vercel, Julien's wife, was Massoulier's mistress, Julien is highly suspected. But his secretary, Barbara Becker, while not quite convinced he is innocent, defends him and leads her private investigation... The film is based on the novel "The Long Saturday Night", by American author Charles Williams, and was Truffaut's last film - he died the following year. The film was shot in a beautiful black & white in homage to the best 'film noir' genre and a big success.

Original French version with English subtitles - Duration: 1h.51'.



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, February 19th, Friday

Schedule of Events:

16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour

16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest

18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club

18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films

20:00 Dinner is served

21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!!

ODYSSEY IN TWO BIOSPHERES

2015, 45 minutes, English, Directed by Michèle Decoust and Gabrielle Baud

We were all born into Biosphere 1, our earth's biosphere. This is the story of Biosphere 2, a 3.15 acre miniature world under sealed glass, built in the Arizona desert, where a team of eight from the UK, Belgium & the USA embarked on a mission to live with other microbes, plants, fungi and animals for two years (September 26 1991 to September 26 1993). This is a film about the lives of three of the original team of eight who lived inside Biosphere 2. It will review what they learned, how they are applying that today in 'Biosphere 1' (earth's biosphere) and what they are doing now with their work at the Biosphere Foundation. The story will speak of a shift in consciousness that they experienced: the health of our biosphere is synonymous with our wellbeing. Put in another way, we are all together and it is our responsibility to care for our earth's biosphere. It is ours to love.

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in.

L'HOMME APRES L'HOMME

A Powerful introduction to Sri Aurobindo's and Mother's evolutionary Action

2 filmed interviews with Satprem, Mother's confidant for 20 years.

"Satprem" - Le Chemin vers l'interieur - 30mn

"L'Homme apres l'homme" - 1hr

The 2 films will be in French with English subtitles

On Tuesday 01/03 at 4.30 pm at Cinema Paradiso - Town Hall

Please note that this is the Last Projection

THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS

Reminder

"Auroville, Retrospective of an Utopia": Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 5:00 pm

An exceptional document about Auroville, produced in 1972 by a French television crew

"Auroville, the Story of an Utopia" (2008): Wednesday March 2nd, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Venue: Cinéma Paradiso (Films in French with English subtitles)

These films, first shown in French in August and September 2008, have been subtitled by Sophie and Amy with the support of the French Pavilion.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 29 February 2016 to 6 March 2016

Indian - Monday 29 February, 8:00 pm:

- **KATYAR KALIJAT GHUSALI (A Dagger Through the Heart)**

India, 2015, Dir. Subodh Bhawe w/ Sachin Pilgaonkar, Subodh Bhawe, Amruta Khanvilkar, and others, Drama-Classical Music, 162mins, Marathi w/ English subtitles, Rated:U (G)

Based on the classic play by Purushottam Darvhekar, this debut film by the director is a rare and excellent adaptation of a theater into film. At its heart this is a classic story about triumph of innocence over ego and music over katyar (dagger). King of Vishrampur gets a dagger made to be given as an award to the winner of a music competition; a competition between two revered classical singers Pandit Bhanushankar Shastri and Khan Sahab Aftab Hussain Bareliwale. Beaten by life Khan Sahab has lost his ways. It is only music that can bring him back - but can it really? 'Art is something that comes out of your soul and it requires you to put both, your heart and brain, into it', sums up this masterpiece film - *which you simply CANNOT miss!*

German - Tuesday 1 March, 8:00 pm:

- **GANZ NAH BEI DIR (Closed To You)**

Germany, 2009, Dir. Almut Getto w/ Bastian Trost, Stefan Bieker, Katja Danovski & others. Drama, 88 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

The lonely bank-employee Phillip follows a strict pattern of somewhat compulsive actions keeping his encounters with strangers to a minimum. When his home is robbed of all content and he later meets the enchanting blind cellist Lina, he finds, however, he needs to start improvising and taking chances.

Cultural - Wednesday 2 March, 8:00 pm:

- **TOSCA: Opera from Puccini**

UK, 2012, Dir. Jonathan Kent, w/ Angela Gheorghiu, Jonas Kaufmann and Bryn Terfel, opera, 120mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Tosca, one of the most frequently performed opera, could be melodramatic; but when done right, it is a terrific piece of musical theater. The Tosca presented here at the Royal Opera House is absolutely fabulous with three great singers A. Gheorghiu, as passionate Diva Tosca; J. Kaufmann imparting Cavaradossi with the full range of his warm beautiful voice; and Bryn Terfel creating a perfect malevolent Scarpia. Conductor Antonio Pappano is masterfully captures the drama and beauty of Puccini's sublime music.

French - Thursday 3 March, 8:00 pm:

- **LOIN DES HOMMES (Far From Men)**

France, 2015, Dir. David Oelhoffen, w/ Viggo Mortensen, Reda Kateb, Vincent Martin, drama, 101 mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, rated PG.

1954. As the rebellion roars in the valley, two men who have nothing in common are forced to flee across the ridges of the

Algerian Atlas. Daru, school teacher in reclusion, must escort Mohamed who is accused of the murder of his cousin.

International - Saturday 5 March, 8:00 pm:

- **SPOORLOOS (The Vanishing)**

Netherlands, 1988, Dir. George Sluizer w/ Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu, Gene Bervoets, Johanna ter Steege, and others, Mystery-Thriller, 107 mins, Dutch w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Rex and Saskia are on holiday, a young couple in love. They stop at a busy service station and Saskia disappears. Rex dedicates the next three years trying to find her. Then he receives some postcards from her abductor, who promises to reveal what has happened to Saskia. The abductor, Raymond Lemorne, is a chilling character to whom Rex is drawn by his intense desire to learn the truth behind his lover's disappearance. The truth is more sinister than he dared imagine. A remarkable philosophical thriller about the banality of evil.

Children's Film - Sunday 6 March, 4:30 pm:

- **DANNY, THE CHAMPION OF THE WORLD**

UK, 1989, Drama, Dir. Gavin Millar, w/ Jeremy Irons, Samuel Irons, Robbie Coltrane, and others, 99mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

The story of a father and his son, the love they have for each other, and how they combine to outwit the wily, wicked, weaselly, Mr Victor Hazell.

WACHOWSKIS' Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 6 March, 8:00 pm:

- **THE ANIMATRIX**

USA, 2003, Dir. Kōji Morimoto and others, Animation/Sci-Fi, 102min, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Co-written and produced by The Wachowskis, The Animatrix is a collection of several animated short films directed by various Japanese Manga filmmakers and detailing the back-story of the "Matrix" universe, and the original war between man and machines which led to the creation of the Matrix.

Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

Kindly do not bring food, drinks, snacks, munchies or your pets into the auditorium.

As a courtesy to the fellow viewers please be sweet and stop chatting after the film starts.

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in.

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Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words. All articles need to reach us by Tuesday noon.

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THIS SATURDAY!
@ TOWN HALL
3:00 PM ONWARDS

PERMACULTURE
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FEB 27

- 3:00 pm: Circle garden permaculture workshop
- 3:30 pm : Community art project with Krupa Devi on "where does our food come from?"
- 4:00 pm Cooking workshop (green smoothies)
- 5:00 pm Talk on permaculture (as the ted talk given by Krishna McKenzie)
- 6:00 pm Emergence live
- 7:00 pm Localicious food to share

Everyone welcome!

Have you noticed?

... the abundance of tiny little flowers of various shapes and sizes on your walking or cycling paths? After the rains and before the summer sets in they put up a spectacular show. Even though many of them remain throughout the year, this is the best time to get to know and identify them.

If you are a weed enthusiast, simply curious, an ardent forager, a foodie OR somebody who would like to relax with a coloring book and let the information seep in – you can get a copy of:

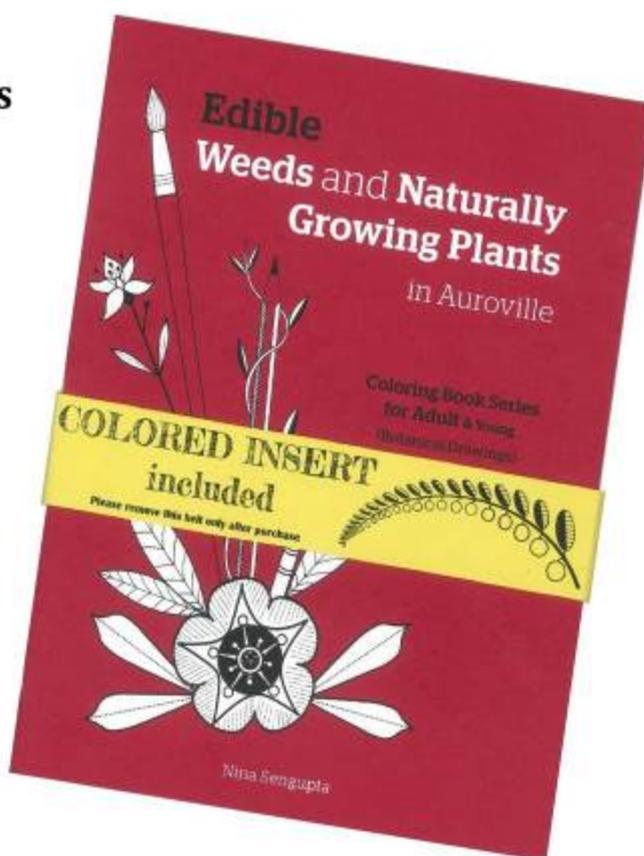
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