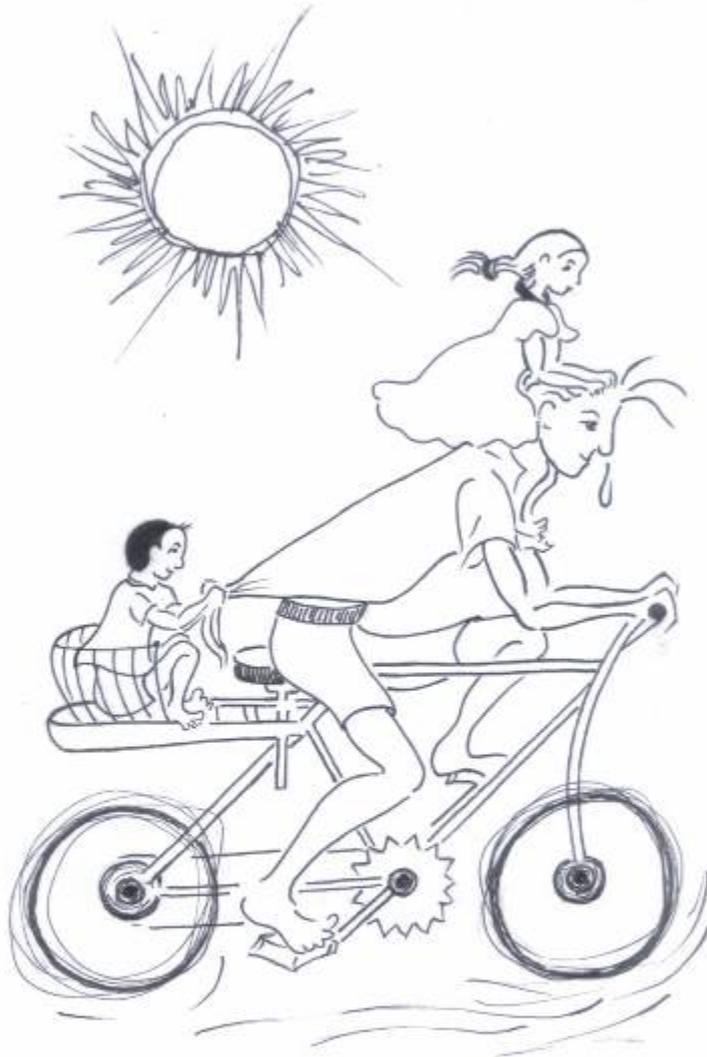


News & Notes

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*Life is like riding a bicycle.
To keep the balance
you must keep moving.*

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

That's why I have created Auroville.

I had a revelation, in the sense that it was more of the order of a vision. For external reasons, I was looking at the sorry state in which all countries find themselves, the truly painful and dangerous conditions of the earth, and there was a sort of all-embracing vision showing how nations (men taken as nations) have acted and are increasingly acting in a growing Falsehood, and how they have used all their creative power to create such formidable means of destruction, with, at the back of their minds, the really childish notion that the destruction would be so terrible that no one would want to use them. But they don't know (they ought to know, but they don't) that things have a consciousness and a force of manifestation, and that all those means of destruction are pressing to be used ; and even though men may not want to use them, a force stronger than they will be pushing them to do so. Then, seeing all this, the imminence of the catastrophe, there was a sort of call or aspiration to bring down something that could at least neutralize that error. And it came, an answer ... I can't say I heard it with my ears, but it was so clear, so strong and precise that it was indisputable. I am obliged to translate it into words; if I translate it into words, I may say something like this: "That's why you have created Auroville." And with the clear vision that Auroville was a center of force and creation, with ... (how can I explain?) a seed of truth, and that if it could sprout and develop, the very movement of its growth would be a reaction against the catastrophic consequences of the error of armament. I found this very interesting because this birth of Auroville wasn't preceded by any thought; as always, it was simply a Force acting, like a sort of absolute manifesting, and it was so strong [when the idea of Auroville presented itself to Mother] that I could have told people, "Even if you don't believe in it, even if all circumstances appear to be quite unfavorable, I KNOW THAT AUROVILLE WILL BE. It may be in a hundred years, it may be in a thousand years, I don't know, but Auroville will be, because it has been decreed." So it was decreed and done quite simply, like that, in obedience to a Command, without any thought. And when I was told that (I say, "I was told," but you understand what I mean), when I was told that, it was to tell me, "Here is why you have made Auroville; you are unaware of it, but that's why..." Because it was the LAST HOPE to react against the imminent catastrophe. If some interest is awakened in all countries for this creation, little by little it will have the power to react against the error they have committed. I found this very interesting, because I had never thought about it. And naturally, when I was shown that, I understood; I perceived how the creation of Auroville has an action in the invisible, and what action. It's not a material, outward action: it's an action in the invisible. And since then, I have been trying to make countries understand it, of course not outwardly because they all think they're much too clever to be taught anything, but inwardly, in the invisible. It's fairly recent; it dates from two or three days ago. I had never been told this. It was said very clearly "said", I mean seen, shown like this (gesture of a scene offered to the sight). So my interest in Auroville has considerably increased since then. Because I have understood that it isn't just a creation of idealism, but quite a practical phenomenon, in the hope ... in the will, rather, to thwart and counterbalance the effects the frightful effects of the psychological error of believing that fear can save you from a danger! Fear attracts the danger much more than it saves you from it. And all these countries, all these governments commit blunder upon blunder because of that fear of the catastrophe. All this is simply to tell you that if nations collaborate in the work of Auroville, even to a very modest extent it will do them good, it can do them a lot of good, a good that can be out of proportion to the appearance of their actions.

Mother's Agenda, 21 September 1966

Submitted by Ricardo

*The
Ponder
Corner*

Turn your eyes more to the coming light and less to any immediate darkness.

*Sri Aurobindo
ref. Letters On Yoga, vol.24, Difficulties Of The Path-IV, p.1687*

MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE FARM GROUP FOR JANUARY 2016

1. **FARM FESTIVAL;** this was held on the new Foodlink land just before Pongal. It was felt that the festival successfully showed the community what Auroville farmers are doing. The farmers and Foodlink personnel all worked together to serve 125 meals using local organic food as well as the other activities that were part of the festival. Gratitude is expressed to everyone who participated and helped to make it a success. Building on this success more activities have been planned for next year and financing is being sought.
2. **NEW FOODLINK BUILDING;** Site permission for the new Foodlink building has been delayed. A formal meeting has been requested where the Farm Group can meet with the TDC to discuss both the Foodlink building and the Foodlink Farm store room. A solar pump system has been donated so that it is important that the store room is built as soon as possible so the pump can be installed. Then farming can start.
3. **ALANKUPPAM LAND;** despite repeated requests to various relevant groups the Farm Group still does not know exactly what land has already been allocated and what is available for farming. The Farm Group needs written confirmation of this before it is able to allocate the unutilized land to a farmer.
4. **SIDDHARTHA FARM;** it was decided to go ahead and start negotiation with MM compost. Various issues concerning the building on wetland have to be addressed before any building at the new place can start.
5. **DEALING WITH ENCROACHMENT;** in response to repeated occurrences of encroachment by outside people an encroachment sub group has been set up. They will respond to any encroachment on behalf of the Farm Group, co-opt further members if they need more help and circulate their report of the situation to all Farm Group members and the relevant groups.
6. **DATA COLLECTION FROM FARMS;** as part of an Auroville wide data collection exercise the Farm Group is participating with Auroville Consulting in collecting relevant data from farms and Foodlink. It will take some time to set up and stabilise the system and it may take some years to decide the best way that this data can be used.
7. **SUCCESSION PLANNING;** the FAMC have requested that the Farm Group 'study and reflect on succession planning' as it affects farms. A sub group has been set up to look at this and it is hoped that a report will be submitted before the end of the month.
8. **WINDARRA;** the Farm Group have been increasingly concerned about the lack of communication between the Implementation group and the Farm Group. This is especially acute when it comes to the allocation of assets and the splitting up of the land. The Farm Group has requested that in future all agreements are submitted in writing to the Farm Group.
9. **CHOLAI FARM;** the Farm Group wrote to the Land Board requesting stewardship of the 3 acres of land in front of Cholai farm. The Land Board replied that they see the land being used as a wood lot for the foreseeable future. They pointed out that there is a lot of 'un-utilized farm land' that the Farm Group is not taking care of. The Farm Group has requested a list of such 'unutilized land' from the Land Board for which they are awaiting a reply. They were also requested to say how long Land Board needs the use of this land as a wood lot and whether there is another party interested.

If you have any feedback or would like further information please contact Vivek farmgroup@auroville.org.in

L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE / TOWN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC)

January 2016 report

Reminder: This report is a synopsis of key topics discussed in regular meetings. It does not include any communication that has been published in the News & Notes or on the Auronet webpage of L'avenir d'Auroville / Town Development Council (TDC), such as community announcements, financial reports and site or building permissions.

Regular members: Cristo (Regional Development) is TOS, Elisa (WC representative) present one meeting a week, Jacqueline (Urban Design), Sauro (Overall Coordination and Facilitation), and Toby (Township Development).

Occasional attendees: IZ representatives (Luigi & Prasad)

I. TDC-RELATED TOPICS

A/ TDC restructuring

Dr. Doshi, the Working Committee and the TDC have been working on preparing a document on the TDC restructuring to be presented to the community. Some of the topics of discussion were the nomination of a client body and definition of the residual activities of the TDC.

II. FINANCIAL TOPICS - *nothing new this month*

III. HOUSING TOPICS - *nothing new this month*

IV. LAND-RELATED TOPICS

A/ Under-utilized land

Discussions were held around the nomination of a TDC representative for the city area as well as the Greenbelt. The TDC was initially thinking of proposing Toby as TDC representative for the city area and Cristo as TDC representative for the Greenbelt.

However, Cristo is not in a position to attend meetings for the time being and the current TDC currently comprises of only 3 active members, it may be a better idea that the new and upcoming TDC team (or Town Development Department, or Town Planning Department, or Technical Planning Office, or Town Development Service, or whatever it will be called) takes this up.

B/ Developments around private land

The Land Board and the TDC are working together to find solutions regarding developments (roads, etc.) around private land.

V. ROADS

A/ Verite radial closing

The TDC and the Road Service were going to start road work on the Verite radial. This was temporarily put on hold due to unforeseen village-related issues.

VI. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A/ Update from Cristo

Dear Community,

Since about 3 years the TDC has signed with the Panchayats of Bommayarpalayam and Irumbai Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) covering six villages.

The purpose of these MOUs is to provide these villages with technical assistance in the field of infrastructures planning (Clean drinking water, Solar electricity, Solid Waste Management (SWM), individual toilets, sanitation etc.)

We have been having regular meetings with the Development Committees created by the Panchayats to fulfill the obligations stated in the MOUs.

The members of those committees are drawn from leaders of women associations, youth clubs, and representatives of various communities, etc.

The work has been proceeding harmoniously in most fields that were taken up during this period. We are particularly appreciative of the cooperation of the following people:

For Bommayarpalayam Panchayat :-Miss. Sugana Rajendiran (Panchayat President), Mr. Vijayaanandh (Vice President), Murugan (Council), Mr. Gnanasegar (VDC member & ward member), Mr. Rajendiran (VDC member & ward member) and Mr. Sankar (Secretary).

For Irumbai Panchayat:-Mr. Ranganathan (Panchayat President), Mr. Tamilarasan (Secretary), Miss. Selvi Ranganathan (PLF Secretary), Mr. Palanni (Joint Secretary), Mr. Anandan (VDC member & ward member).

In view of the recent disturbances and serious incidents associated with Kottakarai village, we are cautioning the Residents of Auroville to believing that the entire village is involved in these sad events.

Since one and a half years the Auroville Working Committee and Town Development Council have been holding peace meetings with Representatives of Kottakarai village, regarding planning issues of concern to both parties. These meetings have been progressing towards mutually agreeable solutions. It is to be clearly understood that a few trouble-makers do not represent or speak for the villages as a whole. A mutual understanding was reached and an agreement between the villagers and Auroville has been drafted. This would not only have solved the conflict but also be a step towards future collaboration. Unfortunately, we have been forced to halt signing the agreement as Auroville has suddenly been facing an onslaught of vandalism and violence.

During our meetings with Panchayat leaders, we have also learned that Auroville Institutions are sometime perceived as having not always dealt in good faith on many issues concerning some villages' issues. We have to remember that one of Auroville main aim is to realize human unity. This call for Auroville Residents to be united in the first place and then to unite with their neighbor's the villagers to build a future together.

It is therefore essential that the work of Regional Development promoted by the TDC is strengthened and receives the full backing and financial support from the Community as a whole to ensure continuity in the flow of good will that we have experienced while working with the Panchayat Development Committees.

Sincerely yours, Cristo-(TDC Regional Development Coordinator)

B/ Bioregional work

As Cristo is TOS, the TDC is discussing the option of having other people who could eventually take on some activities such as coordination of projects and social actions, or village development plan.

VII. GROUPS, ZONES, SERVICES

A/ International Zone

The TDC has met with IZ representatives and exchanged a substantial amount of emails regarding the following topics:

a) Loop road

Regarding the loop road, a decision must be taken whether the road and infrastructure will follow each other or if they will have 2 different paths due to the issue of cemetery and peramboke land. Survey data and feedback will enable further study.

b) Pavilions

Several pavilions and their parameters are being discussed.

c) Bharat Nivas development plan

The TDC has received a development plan for BN and will study this proposal and provide feedback.

d) Youthlink hub

A new proposal has been received and issues regarding peramboke land, infrastructure and road were cleared.

VIII. OTHER TOPICS

A/ New office space

Several services are requesting new or additional office space. Options are being studied.

B/ Water percolation

Globally, good feedback has been received regarding the digging and bunding work that has been done for water percolation.

C/ Waste water

Maitreye's waste water problem needs to be tackled. The technology should be expandable and is being discussed with various groups and interested people.

LAND BOARD REPORT - FEBRUARY 2016

1. The Land Board is happy to report that Auroville has negotiated a purchase of 5.18 acres of City area land around Reve in Irumbai panchayat. IR 206/3A IR 207/4A and IR 211/1A1. This is done via a third party exchange of Auroannam.
2. Unfortunately as a follow up of the disturbance of January by Kottakarai an anonymous letter was spread amongst Aurovilians. Land Board and Working Committee have responded to the anonymous note and are continuing to work to protect Auroville against the threats and aggression to Aurovilians. We request all the Aurovilians to refrain from making individual and public statements in this matter.
3. A presentation was made by some members at the AVI meeting in Unity Pavilion detailing the efforts of the Land Board in purchasing and protecting the lands of Auroville various sectors.
4. A gala fund raising efforts were made by a Land Party on 7th Feb at the Unity Pavilion with the screening of "Landing Auroville" done by Rakhal. The event helped in a jolly interaction and was followed by tea and snacks. We thank all the artists who have contributed their works generously. The fund raising team will be doing an Art Auction with these works and the funds will go towards land purchase. Thank You.
5. A new issue of encroachment has occurred at Auro Orchard where a private developer has broken our wall and changed the boundaries. Working Committee and Land Board along with Farm group has approached the contractor to solve the issue and lodged a complaint at the police station. This issue is on going
6. As you already know that we have a serious legal case of land grab and fraud for land in Hermitage area. In this regard with the advice of our lawyer Auroville has lodged a criminal complaint against the encroachers for their fraudulent and criminal activities against Auroville.
7. The process of completing and updating the land records is on-going at Sub Registrar Office Vanur which is a vital and important step to correct the Government records. The systems for registering pattas has changed from manual to an online system. A total 21 pattas in Bommyarpalayam village have been transferred to Auroville's name.
8. Continuous follow up is being made with the Assistant Director Survey, Villupuram, to push for 13 pending surveys including those at Hermitage and Kalabhumi.
9. The Land Board would like to appeal to all Aurovilians to monitor the fences around their settlements, forest and farms to prevent encroachment and contact the green group and then land board if there are encroachments and land grabs. If Stewards are unable to protect Housing Service can be approached to allot places for Aurovilians and Newcomers seeking houses.
10. ₹ 2,29,476/- was received from timber/firewood sales in February.
11. For all units and activists interested to buy fire wood or timber - please contact Kannyappan or call 0413 262 2657 and fix an appointment.
12. Aurovilians who like to contribute to consolidating Auroville lands can send in their contributions to the Financial Service account no 0100.

Land Board (Divya, Gerard, Kannyappan, Sandeep, Suhasini, Sukrit)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACT Closure

Mobility - The Joy of Experimenting

ACT is permanently discontinuing its service from April 1st 2016.

From that date forward no trip to Pondy will be conducted by Auroville Community Transport:

1. Early trip - Discontinued
2. Morning trip - Discontinued
3. Afternoon trip - Discontinued

ACT team regrets any inconvenience caused and wishes to thank all those who have supported the service for the last eight years.

Taj for ACT team

RAD for the new ES/FAMC mandate

Dear Community members,

The Auroville Council together with the Residents Assembly service is announcing the upcoming Resident Assembly Decision making event (RAD) for the newly proposed Entry Policy and FAMC mandate.

As you are aware, both the processes involved several months of ground work by Resource Persons and the AV Council, and integrated several rounds of feedback into the documents.

The finally revised documents now need to be agreed upon by all of us, enabling our Community to move forward together in strength and in the spirit of welcoming change. And a holistic approach of our economy.

As a first step, we're inviting you to:

What: An informative General Meeting in which we'll present/introduce a new format of a RAD and emphasize the changes/modifications of the new documents posted on Auronet.

Where: Unity Pavilion

When: Saturday 19th of March 2016

Time: 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

The AV Council

L'avenir d'Auroville: 5th March 2016

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks. The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval. The final approval is given when L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC issues an NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens only once the feedback period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, a final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start. It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a

project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of the TDC.

Collective Project:

Building Application Feedback:

1. Building application feedback for Louis in International Zone, for Habitat phase 2

Project writes up given by the project holder.

Project Title: *Habitat International Zone - Phase 2*

Proposed Site Location: *International zone*

Project Holder: *Louis C.*

Architect: *Anupama and Sonali*

Contact Persons: louis@auroville.org.in

Description: *This project is phase 2 of the first block of the habitat in the International zone.*

It has 3 nos. of single bedroom apartments spread over ground + 2 stories accessed by a common staircase. The apartments have attached private terraces have a common roof terrace at the top.

Build up Area: *163 sq.m. for 3 nos. of single bedroom apartments*

Target Group: *The people who are working in the International zone.*

Background:

Triggers: *The development of the international zone and housing options in all parts of Auroville.*

Goals/Objectives: *The proposed space will establish more residential facility in the international zone helping in maintenance and the development of the area.*

TDC asks for feedback from the residents of Auroville within two weeks from the date of publication. If anyone wishes to have detailed information, feel free to contact TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville office: 2622-170 or come personally to the Building Application section.

Call for Proposals

Each year we receive a small grant from the Government of India (GOI) for carrying out innovative programs in the fields of education and / or culture.

We invite those with proposals for such innovative programs, both from those who are part of SAIER as well as from those not directly linked to SAIER, to submit an application for the financial year 2016-17.

Please write to: saiier@auroville.org.in to request a proposal form, specifying 'Research', 'Activity' or 'Publication' (includes books, CD's, educational materials).

We request that applications be submitted by 31st May 2016.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your creative and inspiring ideas!

The SAIER Team

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Important information about the "Pass it on scheme"

Did you know that you can contribute your electricity bill savings to AV kids' scholarships? If Varuna is paying your bill you can channel that same amount to any AV projects, such as the Scholarship and Education Fund.

Since last month, Naturellement contributes the entire amount of its electricity bill to the Scholarship and Education Fund. You can do the same! Just contact Lyle at: lyle@auroville.org.in

Thank you Varuna and thank you Lyle.

Let's share and pass it on!

Martina

O B I T U A R Y

Roy of New Creation left his body



On 29 February, Roy (Alistair Wicks) of New Creation passed away due to kidney failure in his UK home in the presence of his daughter and son. He was 92 years old.

In 1989, British Roy, a retired police sergeant and school welfare officer, visited Auroville after the demise of his wife and was approached by Andre Tardeil, who at the time was setting up extended vocational training at New Creation for village youth and needed someone to coordinate the educational efforts there. Half a year later Roy returned and started the long way towards funding and establishing New Creation Bilingual School, now the well running CBSE-accredited Aikiyam School.

Throughout the years, Roy's house in New Creation became an organised and educative boarding for pupils of the school who had no relatives taking care of them. 'Roy's Boarding' has been a caring home from where many youngsters from the village have been guided into the world with concern and love, an institution which survives today in collaboration with Aikiyam

School's support group and efficiently run by two of Roy's pupils who grew up in the very home.

In 2001, suffering from a serious knee infection, Roy left for UK from where he has not been able to return. He has always been in contact via phone, email and skype with 'his children' whom he dearly missed and vice versa.

Thank you, Roy, for the enormous work you have done for Auroville; you will be remembered with love and gratitude by numerous youth from the village who now occupy a solid place in society thanks to you.

Our love and sympathy go out to Roy's son and daughter in UK, and his many adopted children here, in particular Tixon and Vanitha, who now run the boarding.

OM~

P O S T I N G S

Change of name: Please notice that I have changed my name to SCHIMA-DORIT. Previously *Kayananda*.

Baby born: There is a new love in our life, we are happy to share the birth of our baby boy VETRI born on 21.02.16. Happily, *Sandar and Shamba and grandparents Narayanasamy and Vishva*.

Nandini distribution will be closed for purchase & stock taking: From Monday 7 to Saturday 12 of March - Reopens Tuesday 15th of March - Thanks for your understanding. *All Team of Nandini*

A V A I L A B L E

Pressure cooker: I have a pressure cooker Prestige Deluxe 4 Liters used once only. Is someone interested to have it - included 3 rubber gaskets/ seal for a long use? If yes, call *Luca* on mob. 9443385563 or 2623177.

A brand new teak wood chest: From Auroville trees. Contact *Ambre* 9489325088

PDF books: Collections of PDF books - convenient for tablets, smartphone & E-book reader. Contact: 9940072682 or mail: vikrant.india12@gmail.com. *Vikrant*

Some items left: Dining table & 6 teak chairs, bookshelf pothook, pictures, jewelry, some tools, sewing box, some French books, Spanish Agenda (5). Contact person *Victoria /Arati*. ph 2622913. mb. 9488818074

Row houses with garden in Sanjana Housing Project: The work is going on in Sanjana Housing Project between Arati and Sukhavati communities. There are still row houses with garden available in our last block. You are most welcome to have a look and choose between different sizes. The construction of this block is expected to be completed middle of 2017. For appointment and details please contact *Veronica* at: veronica@auroville.org.in.

An Amma: For full or part-time job. We were very delighted to have Dhanalaxmi of Edayanchavadi working for us temporarily for a couple of months while our regular Amma

was recovering from an accident. Now Dhanalaxmi is keenly seeking a new job. If you need an Amma please contact *Heidi*, Vikas: 9442357661.

Bike: Mongoose stunt bike in a very good condition - 20" wheels. Love, *Ohad* 9443763298

Office Space: Completely newly renovated office space (40 square mtrs) very quiet and green surrounding for rent at Auromode with following facilities: 24 hours Security service; 24 hours Generator back-up; Aquadyn drinking water; Car & Bike parking. Best regards, *Auromode Trust*. Auroshilpam, Auroville - 605101 / Tel: 0413-2622193-161 / mobile: 99433 90391.

Royal Enfield: 350cc Machismo from 2006. Properly serviced. Contact 08605232995 or hermanboots@gmail.com. *Herman*

Bajaj Pulsar: 150 cc, 2009 model, super black color, in good condition is available for sale. If interested, you can reach me at +91-978 6294 262. *Gopal*

"Carnets d'une Apocalypse", Tome 12 at Freeland Bookshop: We are happy to announce the release in French of Vol. 12 of Satprem's "Carnets d'une Apocalypse", already available at our bookshop. Looking forward to seeing you. *The Freeland team*

LOOKING FOR ...

Book of Dr. Wolf Dieter: Does anyone have the book of Dr. Wolf Dieter "storl, borreliose natuerlich heilen"? Or is anyone coming from Germany who can bring it for me? Urgently needed, kindly ph. 2623 038, *Schima (Transformation)*

Motorbike: Hello. I'm looking for a motorbike. If you have one in good condition and not too old for sale, please contact Fred (+80 98 299 472, frederic_latour@yahoo.fr)

A baby-sitter: I am looking for a French speaking baby-sitter for my daughter (3 years old). From February 20th till May 5th. Timing to be defined. Contact Celine: celineperroud@yahoo.fr / 7639459647

Indian music playlist: I am looking for a jolly, interesting, representative Indian music playlist! Music from old movies, and other, for the launch party of my cook book in Israel in April. It's not music for dancing but more of a background music for the launching event. (We leave on 27/3) - Please

contact me if I could download it from you: efratdevir@gmail.com Thanks, *Efrat*

A homestay in Rome

I need to be at the University of Roma Tor Vergata for a week from Apr 11-17 located near the [Grande Raccordo Anulare](#) highway connection, in the eastern sector of Rome. If anyone has any connections, home-stay or couch-surfing opportunities in that area, I'd be grateful for the info. Pls. let me know. Thank you! *Bindu*

Sewing conversations

I'm really interested in fabrics, quilting and patch working, both traditional western style and Indian classical gudri and kantha ralli. Just recently I started to make my first liberated quilt in a more modern style. If you know what I'm talking about send me an email (muccalla@gmail.com) - I would love to have sewing conversations over a cup of chay. *Agata*

LOST & FOUND

Small black bag with purple zip (Found): It was found on the road between Sigdi and Dinesh. Tell me what's inside to get it back! *Petra* 8098958679, 04132623195, petramo@auroville.org.in

Left at Forecomers Dance: A lady's handbag belonging to an Anjana Suchitha/Malhotra - Pls contact Renu at 2622261 if you know her. Also a pair of men's size 47 leather chappals.

THANK YOU

A big thank you from Evergreen Horses!

For your help - in cash or kind, goods or services - the team would like to thank Flame Pottery, Gecko, La Ferme, Miniature, Naturellement, Tree Care, Visitors Center and Youth Center; as well as all the individuals who transferred a donation onto our account; including all of you who came to visit and support us at the fundraiser event in Evergreen!!!

We would also like to thank all the children who came with their smiles, energy and good will to help us fill this day with laughter and colors!

Divya on behalf of the Evergreen Horses team

Latin-American Activities

Thanks to the people that have made the activities a success: Brazil was amazingly displayed with Ashamam and Vera interpreting Villalobos, Jlvatman his sensitive songs and Singa-Saroba(Capoeira) doing a very good performance. As usual the Av. Tango has made alive Buenos Aires at Auroville. Trovadores present with Krishna reading Borges as he would like to be listened to. Thanks to the people that came to all the activities, the Visitor Center, Cinema Paradiso and Bharat Nivas. And to the participants at the Opening Ceremony of the America site, that we share with Canada and the USA. A moment of deep and hearty sharing, with Aurelio's team on drums, bells and flutes, and two small eagles at the end, dancing around us.

From Anandi (Realisation)

For the Art for Auroville Land

The number and quality of art works was so impressive, together with the superb ambiance of the unity pavilion I felt like in one of the most prestigious art galleries I have ever seen. We were prepared to receive anywhere from ten to one hundred art lovers...

Even before the start there was something far more deeply touching and uplifting, a sense of generosity and dedication that pervaded in the space, along with an anticipation of a significant beginning...

An intimate and friendliest auction took place, if one would still call it an auction where bids were collective offerings for the Land of Auroville, like in a sacred haven. For 20 art works from 10 artists, 12 art lovers have offered over 2 lakhs for the land of Auroville, in an unforgettably beautiful gathering.

Thank you to all the artists, Unity Pavilion, and each and every one joining in this collective effort.

Aravinda

The true story of Auroville's birth?

A lot of **Gratitude** and many **thanks** for all those who contributed to put together the evening event on the 28th February in Unity Pavilion: **The true story of Auroville's birth?** Our Korean chef cook Wonja and her dedicated assistants Alap, Chun Hee and Seo Kho... and the Korean pavilion for lending their tableware.

The serving crew of 15 Aurovilians, Newcomers and volunteers for their effort and gentleness to learn togetherness in serving gracefully 80 participants in Unity Pavilion hall: Uma, Manjini, Béatrice, Pavel, Michael, Sudhakar, Andrey, Johan, Jonathan, Claude, Tony, Pascal, Rajkumar, Viguess and Martin.

The resourceful team in charge with registration, transportation, and hall installation: Alain, Joshua, Prabu, Anne-Sophie, Jasmin, Aravinda, together with the experienced support from Inge (RAS); thanks also to Mariana for her beautiful flower arrangements and to Slava for his back office support in communication.

A special thanks and gratitude also goes to Jaya, Shivaya and the team in Unity Pavilion for their help which made it possible to happen; Tanto and PTDC for providing tableware; Colors of Nature for their gift of beautiful indigo fabric.

Thank you Jean L., Rolf and Mathias as well as the Bharat Nivas Ali Baba's Cave of equipment.

And of course thanks to the inspired readers: Marlenka, Soundarya, Leena, Sheba, Frederick and our tireless Norman. Thank you Fif for your advices to improve so inspiringly the stage management.

Much gratitude also to Aster for her essential testimony about this moment when Sri Aurobindo left his body.

Thanks to Rakhal and Dominique for the overall organisation.

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House Sitting1: Hello, I am Bitna who have been volunteering in Sadhana Forest for a year. Now I am joining Auroville as a pre-newcomer. So I'm looking for a long-term house sitting. I am a South Korean girl who can take care of your house, keep things clean, look after your pet and do some small garden work. If it necessary to cover maintenance expenses for the house, I am ready to pay for it. Looking forward. Please contact me at: hen1112@hotmail.com. *Bitna*

House Sitting2: We are Pallavi and Nandini, long-term volunteers looking for a home-stay or house-sitting in Auroville from March onwards. We'll be in Auroville for 6 months and would love to take care of your house, pets, garden and/or bike. We will keep your place clean and organized. Please contact us: agarwal.nandini@gmail.com/ pallavi.malkarnekar@gmail.com / call Nandini on: 9943575293. Thank you, warm regards, *Nandini Agarwal*

House Sitting3: "Hello dears, I'm Camille, a French Newcomer working in Quiet and Deepanam School. I'm looking for a house-sitting in Auroville for the summer time or longer. I'll enjoy taking care of your pets and plants if you have any. I'm serious, quiet and clean. You can go and be sure that your place is safe. Please contact me: 80 98 79 63 07 or worldvibes7@gmail.com. Gratitude to you and Auroville! Thanks, *Camille*"

House Sitting4: We are a NC family of 4, looking for a long-term house-sitting (more than 1 year). Small houses which can

fit a flexible family will do as well. Sent with love, *Ohad & Priscila*: Mobile 9443763298 / Landline 2623107

House-sitter1: We are leaving on May 11th, coming back on July 14th. We are looking for someone or a couple or a couple with a baby (no small children, no students) to take care of our house and especially our cat during that time. Contribution to running costs. Please contact us at 2623407, *Yvelise and Emanuele*, Sukhavati community.

House sitter2: House-sitting available from May 1st in Auromodele. 1 or 2 people only, Aurovilians or Newcomers. Running costs to be covered. Please contact only after 10:30 am, until 7:30 pm. marinonimonica@gmail.com, 9443085323, 04132623332 - *Monica M.*

House sitter3: Looking for a responsible ecofriendly person to house-sit at Nilatangham main house, preference given to a couple. Mid of April till mid of August. Contact Ambre@auroville.org.in or 9489325088. *Ambre*

House sitter4: We are looking for someone responsible who would like to take care for our house, dog and cat from 28/3 until 25/5 basic expenses required the house is in Happiness, one gate from Felicity, near Gaia gardens please contact *Efrat* at efratdevir@gmail.com Thanks, *Efrat*

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

TAXI SHARING

March 5th: Hallo, we are leaving for the Chennai international airport on Friday to Saturday night, March 5th, 0.30am to reach our flight at 5:40 am. Does anybody want to share a taxi? Please contact *Jasmin and Nico*: 9634364791 or Jasmin.stueve@rwth-Aachen.de

March 7th: Monday 7th of March leaving to Chennai airport around 10 pm. Please contact Hilde on 809 847 8790. "Thank you! *Hilde*

March 8th: leaving Auroville at 9.30 pm to Chennai Airport. Contact *Regine*: regine.kumar@gmx.at

March 9th: Anybody planning to go to Mumbai on Wednesday the 9th of March? I have to go for my passport renewal, and would like to share the taxi ride to and from the Chennai airport. Contact: tineke@auroville.org.in *Tineke*

March 10th: Taxi leaving Auroville on March 10, around 6 pm to Chennai Airport. Can be shared both ways (2 seats available). Contact *Elke* (9486520968) or elke@auroville.org.in

March 11th: I am leaving for Chennai airport on the 11th March at 6.30 am. For sharing either way, please contact shahnandi@gmail.com or SMS 9488483286 - *Nandita*, Quiet

March 11th: From Auroville to Chennai Airport around 3 am departure. Contact deffija@hotmail.com or 9585264724. *Delphine*

March 14th: I am going to Chennai International Airport, starting from AV at 9.30 pm. 2 seats are available and an empty taxi is available on the way back to AV at about 00.30 am. Please contact *Peter*, mobile: 9047017342 or email: peter.loegstrup@gmail.com

March 15th: Are you leaving for Chennai on 15th March? I need a taxi in Chennai on the 15th at about 3 pm to return to Auroville. If you would like to share, please write to shahnandi@gmail.com or SMS 9488483286. *Nandita*, Quiet

March 16th: Vipassana 10-day course in Chennai from 16th to 27th March. Starting from Pondicherry and passing Auroville. If someone would like to join, please contact me. *Ushi* 87 54 13 68 74 or umemail.india@mailnull.com

March 18th: I arrive on 18th March 2016 at midnight at Chennai Airport. If you are interested to share my taxi, please phone: 904 701 3086 to get more information. *Valeria*

For Chennai: Need to go one day (in the next couple of weeks) to register a Birth Certificate at the Ministry of External Affairs, Chennai. Would like to share a taxi. Need to be there at 10 am and pick up the document later around 4 pm. Free time in Chennai in between. Heading back to Auroville around 5 pm. Anyone interested please contact *Aurora* 94435 35087.

To Tiruvanamalai: Someone interested to accompany me to Tiruvanamalai on 7 or 8th March (flexible), please Contact deffija@hotmail.com or 9585264724. *Delphine*

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

YouthLink is Recruiting!

Our team has identified a new structure, based on the 12 qualities of the Mother's symbol. We are open for various youth (suggested age group between 18 and 35) to join in different ways - full, part, or quarter time commitments... and for high school students as a summer job experience.

This opportunity is open to Aurovilian youth and youth who have gone to Auroville schools/work in Auroville. We are also open to receiving volunteers (through Savi). We have exciting initiatives and various areas to work on, therefore different skills are necessary. Above all, we call for youth who are truly inspired by the Auroville vision to step forward.

We look forward to meeting you and discussing how best you could join our team. To get more information on our work please visit our website and then schedule an appointment by email to meet us. Our office at Bharat Nivas is open every

Friday 4:00-6:00 pm for informal walk-in introductions to our work.

Warmly, *YouthLink Core Team* [youth@auroville.org.in, www.youthlink.org.in]

Teaching Opportunity at Aikiyam School

Right away! Here in Aikiyam School we are looking for a Hindi teacher, 5 hours a week, teaching 4,5,6,7, and 8th grades. We can organise the schedule so that the person can come and do all on two days.

If you are interested and available for this teaching opportunity, please contact us at: aikiyamschool@auroville.org.in, or by phone at 2622358.

Thank you,

Aikiyam Support Group with Shankar, Principal

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 Best of Blue Note No8 (Music 01/03/2016)
8th edition of the Best of Blue Note - [English, 60 Minutes]

In the Atom of a burning Star (2) (Sri Aurobindo 29/02/2016)
We should develop on different spheres like mentally, physically and spiritually. But how to integrate all of them? - [English, 146 Minutes]

In the Atom of a burning star (1) (Sri Aurobindo 29/02/2016)
What use does the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo have for our all day life? Vladimir about the Integration of Knowledge. - [English, 111 Minutes]

Art for AV Land (News from Auroville 29/02/2016)
Jasmin and Aravinda invites us to participate in securing AV land at the fundraising art auction 1st of March at UP. - [English, 17 Minutes]

Soiree lecture (Literature 28/02/2016)
Soiree Auteurs en francais -[French, 56 Minutes]

Sacred Groves Tour (Housing 26/02/2016)
Sacred Groves project will provide low-cost, low-maintenance, and off-grid ecological housing -[English, 18 Minutes]

Russian Singing Bells by Vera (Music 26/02/2016)
'Flame of Love' performance by Vera Lipen on Russian Singing Bells -[English, 48 Minutes]

Savitri Music (Music 26/02/2016)

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

Sunil's music has an unmistakable texture: whether on pedal-organ or the timbres of synths. -[English, 34 Minutes]

Golden Day (News from Auroville 26/02/2016)
Sunday 28th at 5 am Auroville's Birthday Meditation, and a collective chanting of Gayatri Mantra on 29th -[English, 13 Minutes]

Meditative Concert (Music 25/02/2016)
A Meditative concert at Matrimandir by Jean Christophe Bonnafous and Indre Jurgeleviciute -[English, 64 Minutes]

An Hydroponic farm (Farms 25/02/2016)
In Auroville Akash and Monica are experimenting in hydroponics and aquaponics. A form of urban rooftop farming -[English, 15 Minutes]

It is a big step for Auroville (Guests 24/02/2016)
It is a big step for Auroville, an interview with Mr. Biswajit (A Visitor of General Body meeting at Unity Pavilion) -[English, 4 Minutes]

Oneness among a myriad cultures (Social Development 24/02/2016)
Oneness among a myriad cultures an interview with Mr Luigi - [English, 6 Minutes]

Meeting of the International Zone (Social Development 24/02/2016)
General Meeting of International Zone in Auroville -[English, 129 Minutes]

SPORTS

Conclusion of the tennis tournament in certitude

Finals: single winner Arvind runner-up: Sukrit
Double: Arnold/Prashant runner-up: Joseph/ Georgio
Junior: Kirill runner-up: Akshay
All participants received a card and a T-shirt; the winners and runner-up a gift.
Thanks to the well-wishers and contributors
Love all, *Manickam / Frederick*

Auroville Table Tennis Open Tournament 2016.

Held at Dehashakti Sports Complex on the 12th March. 2016, from 9:30 am. till 2:30 pm. (Saturday).
Sign up: send a message to: 9943385507 or mail: suresh@auroville.org.in
It'll be fun!!!

Auroville Ultimate Frisbee update

Dear community,
Here is an update from Auroville Ultimate Frisbee.

Next week the Auroville team will be travelling to Mumbai for a national tournament. And travelling still further this year, the World Ultimate Frisbee Championships are going to be happening in June in London.

4 National Indian teams will be going: a women's team, a men's, a mixed and a masters.

We are very happy that 2 players from Auroville, Bhavya and Manjula, will be playing for the women's team.

Also happening this year is the Under 19 championships in Poland in July for which 2 of our young boys from Auroville, Guru and Chandru, have been selected.

If you can offer any kind of support, it would be much appreciated, acc no 252301.

We would like to take the opportunity to invite you to come and try the game whatever your age or fitness.

We practice at 4.45 pm till sundown on Mondays in Certitude and Wednesday and Saturday at the Gaia field.

Hope to see you there,
Av Ultimate :-)

Auroville Badminton Tournament 2016

Dear Friends,

The Auroville Badminton Tournament had started on the 19th of February and finished with the Finals on Sunday the 28th of February.

This year we have had 156 players who participated, including women, children and men from the community, between the age group of 7yrs to 65yrs.

It had once again been a beautiful moment that we all had come together with fun & joy and we hope to bring in this joy every year through Badminton.

Thank you to the players, volunteers, audience, supporters and our donors, for supporting us every year to put a community event.

See you all soon, dust your rackets and get ready to participate in the next event.

Certitude Badminton Team

TRAVEL

Latest News from the Travel Shop

Located at Inside India in Auroshilpam. We are open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00

Latest Offers from Airlines:

Lufthansa announced special promotional economy class fares ex India to Europe and North America.

Qatar Airways revised its baggage policy for travel to Europe from one to 2 pieces of 23 kg each (conditions apply).

Oman Air has special Business class fares to Europe.

Insurance: We strongly recommend availing of a Travel Insurance for all foreign travels. Please ensure that you have all the required travel documents for your entire journey i.e., valid passport & necessary visas and that you have had the recommended inoculations for your destination(s). You can check with us in advance if flight schedules have changed.

International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622078, travelshop@auroville.org.in,

Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 -2622604 / 2623030, domestic@inside-india.com, doulat@inside-india.com / Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622047, insideindia@auroville.org.in

EATING OUT

Well Cafe

Set up in the forest of Sve Dame, a beautiful combination of a vegetarian and vegan Mediterranean restaurant and an Art and craft shop. We welcome you to enjoy our falafel plate. Mediterranean plate ...our cheese cake and much more...

Our opening hours for March are: Monday to Wednesday from 8.30 till 4.30 pm.

Thursday to Saturday 8.30.till 9 pm. **Sunday closed!!**

Hope to see you!!

Love, *Well Cafe team*

GREEN MATTERS



Following the last column on 'Growing Rice in Auroville', we take a look at agriculture in India and the challenges it faces.

India has become the

world's fastest growing economy, but what does this mean for the over 800 million people who live and work in its rural areas?

Statistics never yield the full picture, but when taken with the necessary grain of salt, they can reveal important facts. Some figures to ponder: India's economic growth rate is presently ca. 7.5 percent (this does not take into account the loss due to environmental damage, estimated at almost 6 percent!). In contrast, agriculture - which is still the primary livelihood of at least half of India's people, though generating less than a fifth of the GDP - has a growth rate of less than 2 percent. And ironically, the rate of inflation is higher in the rural than in the urban areas! Income from farming is estimated to be a third or less than that from non-farming occupations. Thus the gap between urban and rural India continues to widen, and today, 80 percent of India's officially 'counted poor' live in rural areas.

Farming is under extreme pressure from many sides. Agricultural land is increasingly lost due to environmental degradation, urbanisation and industry. Several reasons have led to the average size of landholdings decreasing, so much so that today 90 percent of India's farmers are in the small and marginal category ('small' means 2 hectares - 5 acres - or less, 'marginal' one hectare or less). Together they cultivate over half of the country's overall cropped area. When droughts hit the already precarious lives of the farming population, the result is termed 'massive rural distress'. Basically there are three ways of trying to cope: The first is by taking up some non-farming work, mostly in the informal sector; many rural households today combine several livelihoods and show astonishing resilience even within the most limited opportunities. As we witness in our own surrounding, today's rural economy is a lot less 'agricultural' than it used to be. The second reaction is migration to the cities, mostly ending up in slums, traumatic for the individual and disruptive for families and communities. And the third is the desperate step of farmers ending their lives to escape the debt trap, which has resulted in an epidemic of suicides (over 300'000 over the last decade) which as yet shows no sign of abating, and increasingly also affects Tamil Nadu.

"Agricultural growth is twice as effective in reducing poverty, compared to growth in other sectors" declares the World Bank's 'World Development Report. And the FAO has now officially recognised that small farming is the key to feeding the planet, not the unsustainable agri-business, for multiple reasons. According to *Samaj Pragati Sahayog*, an NGO based in Madhya Pradesh, 'public investment should be the key to make rural India come alive again, taking into account climate resilience and creation of quality employment'.

Until now, 55 percent of India's cultivated area has no access to irrigation. Last year's droughts affected almost 40 percent of India's farm land and half the country's population (302 districts across 18 states were officially declared drought-hit!). Rain-fed agriculture, which produces around 40 percent of India's food grains, pulses, millets and oilseeds, is in urgent need of drought-mitigating measures, such as watershed & water conservation, afforestation and other natural resource management programmes. If wisely used, the '100 days of yearly employment' guaranteed to all rural households by the MGNREGA scheme - the ladies from the villages we often see digging in kolams and along road sides - could be put to excellent use...

Reports of the drastic decline of soil fertility in many states of India are now official, as is its main cause, indiscriminate use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides, until now heavily subsidised by the government. Healing and restoration of the soil (and undoing the damages of half a century of "Green Revolution") is being recognised as essential, along with sustainable farming practices. Among these is a return to crop diversity, and promotion of traditional millets and pulses (both more resilient, and more nutritious than conventional rice, and ideal for inclusion into lunch schemes to reduce pervasive under-nutrition of children, girls and pregnant women). Funding for agricultural research - now only 0.7 % of the agricultural GDP - needs not only to be boosted but to be shifted to sustainable methods. In rural areas, public organisations such as KVK (Krishi Vigyan Kendra) and ATMA (Agricultural Technology Management Agency) can and will have to become active agents in promoting a new era of organic farming.

The BJP-led government in its new Annual Budget has expressed its aim 'to provide socio-economic security to every Indian, especially the farmers, the poor and the vulnerable (!)', and pledged to spend 359 billion rupees on doubling the income of India's 120 million farmers over the next five years, through measures including a crop insurance scheme and

better access to markets. In the same context, it is admitted that from the direct food subsidies meant to be distributed through the public distribution system, nearly 54% of the wheat, 48% of the sugar and 15% of rice, are lost as 'leakages' and sold on the open market... It seems clear that along with all other measures, a deeper transformation will have to bring forth the solutions, and the 'resurrection to a higher and truer life'...

For the Auroville Green Center: *Lisbeth, Jasmin & Bridget*, avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

Sunday walk Farms & Forests

The first five walks started with a visit to Annapurna farm in January, and were followed in by visits to Discipline farm, Urban Garden City Center, Revelation forest and AuroOrchard farm.

The four walks in March will take you to other surprising, tucked-away places, where the stewards will show you their work, from Pebble Garden to Pitchandikulam and from Samridhhi to Fertile Forest. The walks will soon be announced on the March poster on Auroville's main noticeboards and on AVNet, with details (dates, places & directions) published weekly in News & Notes.

Sunday 6th March, at 3.30 pm: Pebble Garden with Bernard & Deepika

Pebble Garden is situated on once-highly eroded pebble land, regenerated into a seed conservation garden and bio-diverse forest. Started in 1994 by Bernard and Deepika, Pebble Garden is built up without any external inputs (no soil or organic matter from outside, no hired labour).

Directions: ca. 30 min cycling from Solar Kitchen. Follow the road from SK to Certitude corner, turn right and follow the 'AV Main Road' past Rêve, Udavi, Hope & AuroOrchard, till you meet the National Highway 45 to Tindivannam. Cross it and follow the left, smaller road towards Kootroad/Trichitrumbalam, past the fruit and bamboo sellers. Pebble Garden is on the left ca. 500 m after the Palmyra Sports ground/Aurobrindavan. Look for a small brown metal gate with yellow Auroville symbol. Someone will wait at the gate from 3.15pm.

Sunday 13th March: Pitchandikulam with Joss at 7.30 am; bring something for shared breakfast. More details in next N&N.

Notes

Nirvana

"May all beings never be parted from the happiness that is without suffering, the great joy of nirvana, liberation..." (David Michie, "The Dalai Lama's Cat", printed in India, 2013, p. 5).

Sometimes we meet in Auroville an amazing bird - the paradise flycatcher. The adult male is white with an extraordinary long tail. The female is brown with a modest tail. But not long ago I met near my house in Aspiration community an adolescent male of this bird: it was brown with a very-very long tail. It will be white during next year.

On 5th Feb. I saw about 15 adolescents - human beings. They were Tibetans, mainly girls of about 14 years old each, in the Tibetan Pavilion, together with two adults - Kalsang and Namghal. The youngsters were singing. I heard and lost my gravitation, forgot the Samsara wheel of Samsara and was in levitation. With these angels' voices I reached heaven, was in nirvana, satori, moksha. It was possible to remember all my past incarnations.

In one past life I was a Siberian shaman and had the telepathic contact with some Tibetan lamas. They gifted me with a mantra: Om Mani Padme Hum - "Oh treasure (the Lord Buddha) in the lotus" and taught me the famous Tibetan medicine. I used it in my shamanic practice with success.

I was a dolphin in my other life and asked the Lord Shiva: "Why did you destroy Repos?" And the Lord answered to the dolphin: "It is a punishment. Auroville was an ecovillage but it transformed in a motovillage. Let Aurovilians be mostly pedestrians and cyclists".

In one life I was in the Auroville summer camp in the Nilgiris - the Blue Mountains. Madame Blavatsky wrote a detailed essay about the tribes in the Nilgiris, the Toddas who care about cows and Kurumbus - the hunters in the forest. There is a marble sculpture of Blavatsky and her American colleague, the Colonel Olcott, in Adyar (Chennai).

It was great to hear the songs of the Tibetan adolescents and be in nirvana.

Boris

Roy Wicks changes the raiment resplendently

Roy, that energetic lieutenant of Andre, departs on the most momentous day in the history of evolution on earth: the day the Mother came to regard as the Day of the Lord because, if we trust her words, a new consciousness - the Supramental force - became operative on that day which will transform the human life and create a new species beyond the human.

The Mother: "For Sri Aurobindo "coincidences" do not exist. All that happens is the result of the action of the Divine Consciousness. The Force which is at work at this moment is a Force of harmony that makes for unity—the unification of all the symbols that express the Divine Truth." (5 May 1967)

Tixon, Vanitha, 'Malarchi', take heart. Lift up the spirit. Go for swimming or jogging. Roy has shed his worn-out raiment on the most glorious and gracious day since the earth (and the universe) was made.

Imagine Roy suddenly becoming a 19 years old of beautiful youth with curly orange hair, gracious sparkling face, climbing a charming mountain with rare gusto. He has a long way to go and he is confident of reaching the marvelous summit.

Aryadeep

Town Planning, Master Plan, Villages etc.

Dear Community,

Re: the topic of Town Planning and the idea that has come up in the Governing Board recently about "outsourcing" the Master Plan details to Mr. Doshi's office, I would like to share some ideas. Would be happy to get feedback. Open to all ideas including about how to take this forward.

Happy 48th, Auroville, Bonne Double Fête!

Love, Mita

On Town Planning, Master Plan, Villages etc

Two leap years ago, on 29.02.2008, something quite special happened: On the Anniversary of the Supramental Transformation, at Cinema Paradiso, the "Dreamcatchers" made a PowerPoint presentation of a new vision for the city, inspired by Roger Anger's Galaxy plan.... some 30+ architects and others had worked together to take each of Roger's concepts and really work with them, churn them inside and out, adapt them to ecological considerations, and the then ground realities of Auroville, and the result was spectacular and inspiring. This work was presented to the community for the first time on that day. Finally in that vision of the Galaxy, there was a plan that everyone could be inspired by and united around. It allowed us as a collective to dream again, to envision the town, that shining bright beacon of the future... a totally new fresh approach to town planning. It was ecological, and did not displace anyone. It united the different approaches. Really it was and still is a most inspiring presentation, and what is wonderful is that it was not just the work of one or a few people, but an enormous collective effort. Roger saw this work when he was in Auroville late 2007, and he loved it. This plan/approach had, and still has, the possibility to harmonise us: Finally, a plan that we can all agree on! This "Dreamcatcher's vision of the Galaxy" opened up the possibility of a unifying, ecological Master Plan.

Before the 50th anniversary, Auroville must resolve the basic controversies, sought to be brushed under the carpet, around the Master Plan basic features. Outsourcing the technical details to an outside agency, no matter how qualified or good, will result in a failure, unless the work to modify the basic features of the Master Plan happens to make it more ecological and unifying.

The exercise to bring Aurovilians together in a fundamental unity around the Master Plan has never been done and needs to

be done in a collective exercise which can only be internal. It cannot be outsourced. There are some outside agencies with experience in community participation in planning who could facilitate this process.

Legal opinion can be sought, if need be, about the actual value/validity of the Gazetting of the Master Plan which was done several years ago. It was in an Appendix rather than in the Main Gazette, and was never gazetted in Tamil Nadu.

A new, unifying, ecological, Master Plan which integrates the population of Auroville and the population of the villages is needed. The so-called "basic structure" based on two parallel perfect circles does not fit with the original Galaxy Plan, which was based on an outwardly expanding spiral and was much more integrative. The perfect circles cut Auroville off from whatever is outside, besides the fact that nearly every mobility expert Auroville has consulted, has advised against them! An Auroville which needs walls to "protect what is inside the Plan" will not receive true support in Tamil Nadu. Conceptually, at the Planning level, something fundamental needs to change.

So what if 48 years passed without this exercise happening? Let Auroville do this exercise now, so that we finally get a Master Plan that is ecological and truly unites Aurovilians within ourselves and with our neighbours, rather than cutting us off from them. That would be the best preparation for the 50th anniversary!

I do hope that we as Aurovilians, will be able to change the parameters of the discussion of Town Planning and that a new unity will emerge, which can take Auroville to a higher level.

In the eternal hope that opposites can unite, because we are all different sides of the same coin, all part of that One Reality.

Mita R.



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*

International Women's Day Celebration

*(On International Women's Day we salute the women throughout history who have stood up against injustice in our society and those women who continue to fight for change and a better future).
Long Live International Women's Day!*

Introduction: For the last fourteen years Mirra Women Group has been celebrating the International women's day along with AV residents and the surrounding villagers. Women are often firmly tied to their homes, children, environment and their place, and this rootedness influences the outcome of development programs. One could quote various reasons such as shyness, proper guidance, financial background, etc. which prevents women from performing and developing their talents and skills.

Monday - March 7th, from 4.00 pm to 7.30 pm at SAWCHU building, Bharat Nivas.

Kolam competition: The Kolam patterns are mostly created based on dots arranged in different types of grid patterns. However, many non-dot based Kolam patterns are also available. The purpose of Kolam is not merely decorative. Kolam drawing has several social, spiritual and symbolic meanings attached to it. Those who practice it believe that drawing a Kolam purifies the entrance space and this in turn will invite the goddess of wealth Laxmi to enter the house. This they believe would give the all the inmates wealth and prosperity.

Dance Program: Deepa's group presents dance performance at 5.30 pm on the same day. Little Tara (she participated at the dance performance in Kalaingar TV - Oodiveliyadu papa) is going to dance at 5.45 pm.

If anybody would like to teach circle dance please contact: Grace@auroville.org.in, Madhi - 2622771 or Jayanthi 9786852675.

Need a Support: The full program will cost Rs. 12,500. We always welcome your small or big contributions which are the biggest help for us. Send your valuable contribution to our Pour Tous account number: 103868.

Your encouragement and support can be exhibited by sending the women who are working at your units & houses to this programme. After all it's a day of enjoyment for the women together.

*Share this event with Aurovilians, Newcomers, Guests, Friends and Ammas
Please come and join the fun!*



Singing & Dancing Celebration

Around the fire in Yatra

Joyful spiritual songs from all over the world
Keyboard and drums
Osiva, Antje and friends
Bring your instruments and join us!

Thursday, 3rd of March 2016, 7.30 pm.
Monday, 7th of March 2016, 7.30 pm.
Thursday, 10th of March 2016, 7.30 pm.
Monday, 14th of March 2016, 7.30 pm.
Thursday, 17th of March 2016, 7.30 pm.
Monday, 21st of March 2016, 7.30 pm.

Near New Creation Sportsground/La Piscine - Auroville, 605-101, Tamil Nadu
Osiva phone: 00919629832216

World Café

On Monday, 7th March 2016 at 7pm in Le Zephyr
"Restoring Connection" - finding unity in community

What can we do as a community to openly share past pains and to restore connection and trust?

Come and join us as we explore some of the reconciliation processes being used in different parts of the world.

We are hosting a series of conversations in the co-creative World Café format throughout the year 2016.

The first Café in January was about the Truth & Reconciliation process in South-Africa, where the philosophy of *Ubuntu* - "I am because you are" is the strong basis for community building.

How to create unity in community is the subject of this second evening, using the example of Nepal.

It starts with excerpts from the documentary "Raamro Aakha Ma - In the Eyes of the Good", telling the story of former Maoist combatants, conflict victims, and government officials engaging in a restorative dialogue, following the aftermath of the 10-years armed conflict in Nepal.

One of the participants highlights: *"Without other human beings, we are like fish without water. In this peace process there is a need for unity among everybody. Until we are united, we will not get justice, we will not achieve peace in our society."*

After the film, we will share our thoughts and insights, inspired by the film.

At our breakout tables, we will also develop ideas of how we could use this process to restore connection in Auroville.

*A program of "Restorative Auroville" (L'aura, Janet, Shanti, Hélène and Kati),
Facilitated by David Nightingale*



Argentine Tango Performance & Latin Dinner

As every year to kick off the Holi Tango Festival we have asked our teachers to offer a little of their tango to the community at large. This year we present to you three international tango couples of exceptional quality: Caterina Inglese & Pino Trozzola - Italy, Marianna Koutandou & Vaggelis Hatzopoulos - Greece, Natalia Cristobal Rivé & Diego 'El Pajaro' Riemer - Argentina.

Wednesday 9th of March 2016 @ Visitors Center:

7:00 pm > Special Latin dinner à la Carte

8:30 pm > Demo

9:15 pm > Milonga

Pavillon de France

Meeting with the Cards of Souls Families - Catherine Marquette, artist of the Soul.

After the 1st exhibitions of her paintings at Auroville in 2008, Catherine will present with enjoyment her new Cards of the Souls Families. This inspired game will help you discover our celestial families, with their gifts and specific qualities as well as their messages. The opportunity is offered to you to see and feel the colored and vibrating energies of our Light costumes.

On Tuesday, March 8th from 6 pm till 7 pm.

Center of Art of Citadines (projection room)

Volunteer Introduction Program (VIP).

The Savi Team is happy to launch a 4-day discovery journey in Auroville for volunteers, interns and for those who are interested.

Dates: 17, 18, 21 and 22 March 2016

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

This program is designed for you to live for 4 days a concentrated experience of the outstanding diversity of Auroville ground realities; we'll explore Auroville history, bioregion life, spiritual insights, environmental projects, educational activities and much more. On Saturday evening we organize a potluck to have moment to socialize and share.

You will visit projects on site and meet dedicated Aurovilians, eat together, share and have some fun too.

This program is optional, but highly recommended if you wish to deepen your understanding of Auroville.

Please register as soon as you can at: study@auroville.org.in, and be aware that you will then commit for the full length of the program.

EXHIBITIONS

Kala Kendra, Center for Arts in Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India

Celebrates the International Women's Day by

Presenting an Exhibition titled

MIRROR CANVAS

A Group Show by 21 Women Artists from Auroville, Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu, Kerala & Karnataka

Starting from Tuesday the 8th of March, 2016 till Wednesday the 30th of March, 2016

Gallery Timings: 9:00 am to 5:30 pm

Inauguration on Tuesday the 8th of March, 2016 at 5:30 pm (Refreshments will be served)

At Kala Kendra-Center for Arts in Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India

TALKS, SEMINARS

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

We are pleased to announce a five-day teaching by Geshe Dorji Damdul, the Director of Tibet House - Delhi, at the Tibetan Pavilion in Auroville from 8-12 March 2016 from 9am-12 noon and 1.30-4pm.

Geshe Damdul has been the translator for HH the Dalai Lama and has translated many important Buddhist texts from Tibetan to English. He is currently in the process of writing two books "Journey into the Paradox of Brain and Mind" and the "What Constitutes the Ultimate Reality: The Effects of Understanding the Ultimate Reality."

This teaching has been requested by the students of the Indian Psychology Institute, Pondicherry, and will focus on "Philosophy and Psychology of Buddhism and their Application in Life Challenges." All are welcome!

Insights Seminar presents

A one-day seminar on:

'SHAKTI' - the female creative energy, active executive force of the Divine and the great Divine Mother
In the Integral Yoga she is recognized as the evolutionary force that accompanies the growth of the new consciousness.

On 10th March 2016, Thursday 08:45 to 12:00 & 14:00 to 17:00

Presented by: Ela

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

Register in advance with Elizabeth at 2622047/ 555 between 09:30 & 12:30 or 14:00 & 17:00 or e-mail at: insight@inside-india.com

A fixed contribution required from Guests. Aurovilians and Newcomers free of charge; but book in advance

THE ANCIENT MARINER

CRIPA, Tuesday 8th March at 7h30

The Rime of the Ancient Mariner is the longest poem by the English poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge, published in 1798. Along with other poems in his book 'Lyrical Ballads', it was a signal shift to modern poetry and the beginning of British Romantic literature.

Norman Bowler has performed with this poem many times.
Holger Jetter composed music especially for this performance.
Matt Littlewood and Nadaprem play with him.



Yatra Arts Festival

Saturday 5th March 2016 and Sunday 6th March 2016
From 10.00 am to 10.00 pm
At Yatra Arts Foundation

Art Workshops from 10.00 am. to 6.00 pm.
Painting, Bharat Natyam Dance, Meditation, Drama, Flea Market, Games for Children, Artist Camp, Art Exhibition, Yoga Class, Kolam Class and Delicious Food

Cultural Programs

Saturday and Sunday 7.00 to 10.00 pm
Bharat Natyam Dance, Veena Music,
Singing and Dancing Celebration

Yatra Arts Foundation
Near New Creation Sportsground/La Piscine
Auroville, 605101 Tamil Nadu

Phone: 00919629832216 (Osiva) / Mail: osivaarts@gmail.com



“Tracks of the Unicorn”

Promenade Performance: A journey into the fantastical.
Friday 11 & Saturday 12th of March.

Where: Meet at the security booth opposite Solar Kitchen, at the entrance of Maha Lakshmi Park.

When: Walk starts at 17.30h

Parking: Solar Kitchen.
Bring your torch :-)

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

AYURVEDIC MASSAGE WORKSHOP

AT PAVILION OF TIBETAN CULTURE with KALYANI
From 14th March to 19th March 9am to 12am

This massage includes the treatment of pranic points and is practiced on the floor.

Using herbal oils, it strengthens the organs, vitalises the nerves, and nourishes the skin, joints and muscles.

It also regenerates the energetic system.

Registration with Kalsang: Tel: 84 89 06 73 32. Mail: kalsang@auroville.org.in or with Kalyani, Mail: loechu@auroville.org.in

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

8th 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: 'Soul and Psychic 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 (pl 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

WELCOME TO THE WOMEN TEMPLE



In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn

Wednesday 9 March, at 7 pm - 9 pm

(Door opens at 6.45 & we start together on time)

"The relationship we have to other women reflects the relationship we have to our own feminine essence. We take a stand for a new way of being a woman together on this

planet. Together we can heal and transform into a relationship of celebration and empowerment" - Chameli Ardagh of Awakening Women Institute

In the temple group we explore, worship and celebrate our feminine power through meditation, movement, touch, introspection, beauty and wisdom of sisterhood.

The space we create together and the exercises help us towards soulful connections - we meet behind our personal stories.

Welcome to bring a friend and a flower or two! (No registration needed)

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)**
- **9.30 am-5 pm (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.

MEDITATIVE CHANTS/EVOLUTIVE CHANTS

With Claude Brame

Based on Mantras from various horizons, a collective improvisation to get in tune with each one of your voices whatever it sounds like.

Monday March 7th, from 7 to 9 pm, in Butterfly Barn (Sve Dame)

SYMPLEXITY

5th of March to the 6th of March

UnLtd Tamil Nadu invites you to experience a "Holistic Leadership Retreat". The workshop offers new ideas and tools to lead your business and life in sync. Break down the complexities in your world, and introduce simplicity. Mind, Body, Soul.

During this two-day retreat our expert facilitators will guide you towards clarity, confidence, and connectedness. It will feature workshops in:

Co-Creation - Gain the tools to realize the oneness that manifests when a group of people comes together with a shared purpose and attitude.

Awareness Through the Body (ATB) - Better understand yourself, and the complexities of your being, so you can harmonize them in the innermost center of your being.

Life Coaching - Listen more deeply, identify your core values, and connect with the leader within.

You will leave with the peace of mind to work and live inspired.

For registration, fill out our registration form.

For pricing, and other inquiries e-mail Daniella at: capote.daniella@gmail.com or call at +91 97 86 274997"

LIQUID FLOW ESSENCE with Dariya & Daniel

Friday 11 - Thursday 17 March 2016 (7 days + one evening)

8.45 am - 6.30 pm (50 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 0413 2622646 / 9488084966)

This 7-day course with the main Liquid Flow sequence is for those who wish to dive deeper into the beauty of aquatic bodywork. During this course, you will expand your basic sequence and experience a deepening of the multilayer effects of this powerful and softening work.

Developed at the Quiet Healing Center, Liquid Flow is inspired and based on the forms and qualities of Watsu, Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA), Healing Dance, and WaterDance. It offers an opportunity for profound relaxation and letting go, building trust, being nurtured and held, expanding inner and outer boundaries, releasing emotions and traumas - ultimately, for freeing body and mind in a flow unique to each client and each session.

Prerequisite: Watsu & Liquid Flow Basic or Watsu & Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA) Basic. Liquid Flow Essence is part of the Watsu India learning program and gives 50 hours of credit for registration as a supplemental class with WABA (Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Association) and as an elective with Watsu India.

SPECIAL ATB WORKSHOP FOR FORMER STUDENTS OVER 21

5th March 2016

This workshop is specifically for people who attended ATB classes in Auroville schools and would like to refresh their connection with ATB. The workshop will take place in the ATB Hall at Transition on Saturday from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

SACRED HENNA INITIATION

With the question: Which energy do I want to invite into my life through guided meditation and visualization. Everyone receives a symbol and a mantra - Applying the symbol on our skin we chant the mantra inwardly, enjoying the cooling, healing and rejuvenation of the sacred henna plant. A talisman on our skin, the henna bestows blessings, good fortune and protection, a catalyst for change, it colours our skin and reaches our spirit.

March 2016 - Every Monday and Wednesday from 10 am to 12.30 am

In Surya Nivas, Auromodel

Registration required - Call Sitara: 97517 98408 or email:

tara@auroville.org.in

AUROVILLE BIOREGION EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



Village Tour

Saturday 05/03/16, Sunday 13/03/16, Saturday 19/03/16, Sunday 27/03/16

Meeting Point is the Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai plaza at 9.30 am (please bring your bike)

Come and enjoy the authentic village experience and celebrate cultural heritage!

Cook like a local (Traditional)

Saturday 05/03/16, Saturday 12/03/16, Saturday 19/03/16, Saturday 26/03/16

Learn to make delicious local dishes and learn how to make flower drawing (Kolam).

Meeting Point is the Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai plaza at 9.30 am (please bring your bike), we will finish around 1:00 pm.

See also Bioregion Tour, Pottery Training, and Lampshade Workshop in the "Regular events" section of News & Notes Please register for all the programs in advance by contacting 04132623806,2623394

Or Mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

Please visit: www.mohanam.org or www.harmonyvillagepromenade.weebly.com

MUDRA- CHI WORKSHOP

"A Body Prayer in a Tai-Chi Form "Based on Mother's Mudras
 March, the 6th - From 4.30 till 6 pm.
 At Savitri Bhavan - Facilitator: *Anandi*
 Everybody Welcome

LEC COOKING CLASS: COOK WITH LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES

The next session this season will be on Mar 5 (Saturday) in Life Education Centre (LEC) at 10:30 am.

The session will include demonstration of *aviyal*. A fine preparation with vegetables and coconut, getting a unique twist in flavor with curd and coconut oil, this dish should not be missed.

Come watch the demonstration and be inspired to cook with local vegetables, millets, and legumes. Copies of recipes will be made available during the class. The bi-monthly cooking sessions are offered by Buvasundari.

LEC is located opposite Isaiambalam School in Kotakkarai.
Life Education Centre team

SCHEDULES

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER MARCH - 2016

Phone: 0413-2623799 / Website: www.arka.org.in

THERAPIES

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Cranio Sacral, Lomi Lomi massage & Bare foot body massage	Silvana by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Body Logic, Soft Massage and Deep Tissue Massage	Pepe by appointment 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Hypnotherapy and Chakras Healing	Marcella- by appointment 9443338734	Also in Italian
Acupuncture	Dr. Mohammed Sahel Ansari by appointment 9994208068	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Yogic Healing Therapeutic Massage	Basu - by appointment 9443997568	Monday to Friday 8 to 9:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Saturday & Sunday any time.
Psycho Spiritual Tarot, Deconditioning Self-Inquiry & Innervoice Dialogue	Antarjothi By appointment 0413-2623767 or Email : antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Also in French.
Deep core massage	Sumit by appointment 07839062619	Monday to Saturday
Reiki Mind Therapy, Foot reflexology, Courses of Reiki and Ayurvedic Massage	Giannaka by appointment 9487629648	Also individual

BEAUTY PARLOR

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Holistic Reflexology, Full body massage, Face Massage, Cleaning, manicure, pedicure, threading, waxing, henna & hair coloring.	Meha by appointment 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Hair dressing	Ongkie - by appointment 9843930178	Monday to Friday
Hair dressing	Yuval appointment 7639291546	Monday to Friday

REGULAR CLASSES IN THE MULTIPURPOSE HALL - 1ST FLOOR

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Hatha Yoga Classes	Briony - 07738671045	Beginners & intermediate classes on Tue & Thurs at 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Beginners class on Wednesday at 8:00 to 9:30 am
Meditation and Yoga -Personal Practice	Briony - 07738671045	Tuesday and Thursday at 8am to 9am. Wednesday at 9:30am to 10:30am (meditation). Tuesday, Thursday at 8am to 9am (yoga)

Internet facility is available in Arka Monday to Saturday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

WORKSHOPS IN VÉRITÉ: (24 hour advanced registration required)

LIVING FROM THE HEART with Julie

Wednesday 9 March - 9.15 am to 12:30 pm

Are you at a cross roads in your life? Do you want to figure out the path you're meant to walk on, and walk it?

In this dynamic and interactive workshop with certified life coach Julie, you will get more insight into how to align your life to your dreams. You will connect to the answers within and learn how to work with your inner critic.

JULIE is a Certified Life Coach from the Coaches Training Institute in London. She combines her extensive coaching, yoga and business consulting experience to facilitate clients finding insight and purpose.

MERIDIANS & YOGA with Yaor

Friday 11 March - from 9 am to 3.30 pm

The term "meridians" comes from Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and describes the energetic channels that move and flow inside the body. TCM discovered 12 main meridians that are responsible for the circulation of Qi (life energy or prana). People often carry blockages in one or more meridian, which can result in pain, problems and disease. The purpose of this workshop is to open the meridian channels.

Part one - you will learn about the functions of the meridians and the five elements theory. Part two - You will learn a series of meridian exercises and yoga asanas (standing, sitting, prone and supine) which are easy to practice at home on a daily basis. Kids age 10 and above are also welcome!

YAOR is in Auroville as a Savi volunteer. He has completed a 2 year senior diploma in Zen Shiatsu therapy and Traditional

Chinese Medicine, and has studied Hatha Yoga with Surinder Singh.

CONSCIOUSNESS AS MEDICINE with Dr. Yogesh Mohan
Saturday, 12 March - from 9 am to 12:30 pm

A consciousness approach to dealing with stress, common health problems and diseases, beyond what is written in medical texts. Experiential knowledge from a practitioner's perspective on inner healing.

DR. YOGESH MOHAN, MD (JIPMER), PGPM (ISB) brings the essence of 20+ years of work. Professor & Head Medical Education, Saveetha Medical College, Former Head Integrative Medicine Apollo Chennai.

Please contact *Vérité* to register for the following workshops: 0413 2622045, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in

Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

Bamboo Centre Training Program for March - 2016



Auroville Bamboo Centre (www.aurovillebamboocentre.org) runs many workshops throughout the year for visitors who book and pay for the courses. We do have various conditions

that we hope you understand and agree.

The importance of Bamboo as an Eco-friendly raw material capable of meeting many needs and is gaining global acceptance among many people.

Being a natural gift to mankind, bamboo is very popular due to its multipurpose use, fast growth, easy propagation, soil binding properties and short gestation period.

The Auroville Bamboo centre offers training to individuals and groups in:

Bamboo Furniture

14th of Mar to 16th of March: a 3-day BAMBOO FURNITURE WORKSHOP

Bamboo Construction

28th of Mar to 31st of March: a 4-day BAMBOO CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP

Bamboo Jewellery

Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday of March - 9.30am to 12.30pm - HANDS ON EXPERIENCE ON BAMBOO JEWELLERY

Bamboo Toys

Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday of March - 9.30am to 12.30pm - HANDS ON EXPERIENCE ON BAMBOO TOYS

Bamboo Musical Instruments

Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday of March - 9.30am to 12.30pm - HANDS ON EXPERIENCE ON BAMBOO MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Bamboo Carving

Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday of March - 9.30am to 12.30pm - HANDS ON EXPERIENCE ON BAMBOO CARVING

The program will consist of learning inputs: theory, instruction, demonstration, and practical work.

Contribution: Contributions requested from Guests/Volunteers. Flexible training dates offered to groups.

Contact: 0413-2623806, 2623394. or bambooworkshop@auroville.org.in

REGULAR CLASSES

Note from the editors

The *Regular Classes* column is published once a month.

Guest-houses are kindly requested to put this page up on their notice boards.

Kindly inform us of any changes/cancellation in your regular event

the next regular events schedule will be published on: **On April 2nd, 2016.** - Editors.

African Drumming Sessions: The African Pavilion Team is happy to announce a series of drumming sessions that will take place every Thursday from 5,30 pm till 7,30 pm in the African Pavilion to fund raise the ongoing construction. Help support the project joining the drumming circle around an inspiring fire. Enjoy the beat!

Aikido classes: at Dehashakti/Dana, "Auroville Budokan" - Morning classes: Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday 6.00-7.30 am - Afternoon: Monday-Wednesday 6.00-7.00 pm. Beginners welcome on Saturday morning and the 2 afternoon classes. All students & users need to be part of AV Health Fund or insured by personal insurance. A yearly contribution is asked to all. Guests and Volunteers are required to contribute per class (50% discount for Vol. and -25) About Children classes and more general info, write to budokan@auroville.org.in or visit <http://budokan.auroville.org/> You can also contact Surya (Adult classes): 2623813 - 9655485487 - Cristo (Children classes): 2622356.

Alcoholics Anonymous: meeting (open) every Saturday 6pm, Centre Guesthouse (Merriam Hill Centre). Contact: Ingrid 9443843976 or Shankar 9442010573.

Aquagym Class with Elisa at La Piscine, New Creation Every Thursday from 4 to 5 pm.

Argentine Tango: Mondays: Beginners' class 6.00pm to 7.00pm and intermediates 7 to 8pm@ New Creation Sports Resource Center, Kuilapalayam. Wednesdays: Practica (tango dance space open to all) 7.30pm @ Sawchu, Bharat Nivas. Fridays: 'An hour to study' 8.00pm @ Naturellement. For milongas or further information please contact: tango@auroville.org.in Bring socks or danceshoes.

Art Corner: An open space for creative expression, for all ages! Different themes each week, as part of research on art-making in our community and to help advocate and answer questions about Art Therapy. New timings: Tuesdays from 6 - 9 pm, upstairs at Le Zephyr Café at Visitor's Center; and Fridays from 4-6 pm, at our Art Cart parked on the Visitor's Center stage. We occasionally

move the cart elsewhere for events, please follow our FB page for updates: [facebook.com/sankalpajourneys](https://www.facebook.com/sankalpajourneys) or email krupa@auroville.org.in.

Astrology, its holistic approach: Astrological Chart by Uma Giménez. You are welcome to call and fix an appointment at 2623080 or 9443697972 (Surrender). The reading can be held in English, Spanish, French and Italian.

Authentic Tamil culture: Meena, a Tamil Aurovilian, offers courses every Sunday morning to explore the beauty of the authentic Tamil Culture. Meeting point: Courage Gate. The course can be tailored to your choice including: 1. Cooking lessons, 2. How to make kolam, 3. How to wear a sari, 4. Henna design on hands and feet, 5. How to make flower garlands 6. Tailoring. If you are interested, please call Meena to talk about the details of your class and fix the time. During the day call: 9787702180, after 5 pm you may use the landline: 0413 2623263.

Bioregion Tour: Date: Every Saturday - Time: 12 pm to 6.30 pm. Meeting point: 11.45 am at Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai Plaza. Please contact us on 0413 2623806 or at mohanamprogram@gmail.com. Tour will only take place once a minimum of 10 bookings has been received. We aim to run this tour every Saturday, dependent on number of bookings received. Contribution amount is confirmed on enquiry. Transportation will be arranged according to the number of people.

Capoeira (Ginga Saroba Group): Join our Capoeira family! Classes open to all levels, led by Prof. Samuka da Índia and his students
● ADULTS >> Monday: 5.15 PM - Bharat Nivas (Sawchu) | Tuesday & Thursday: 6.00 PM - Deepanam | Wednesday & Friday: 7.00 AM - Town Hall (Plaza)
● KIDS >> Monday & Friday: 1.15 PM - Deepanam School - Contact us prior bringing a new kid
● CONTACT >> 9488328435 (Prof. Samuka) | info@ginga-saroba.com | www.ginga-saroba.com

Capoeira (Grupo Gingado Capoeira): Monday 7-8:30pm @ New Creation dance studio. Wednesday 6-7:30pm @ Bamboo Farm (near Imagination). Friday 6-7:30 @ New Creation dance studio Saturday 4:30-5:30 Music Class @ Bamboo Farm (near Imagination) Classes led by Instructor Camaleao (Jeremy) with over 20 years of Capoeira experience. For more info visit www.gingadocapoeira.in / info@gingadocapoeira.in .Axe!

Chess: Chess enthusiasts! Anyone who is interested in playing chess or only learning is warmly invited to join us playing chess every Tuesday from 6 to 8 pm in Grace community. Tea and cookies will be served. For more info call 9159377976 or 2623182

Circus class: Every Monday: with Romain Timmers acrobatic, aerial, balancing work, juggling. Please wear yoga type clothing. From 4pm to 6pm at Eluciole circus. Miracle community

Clay classes for children and adults with Saraswati and Anna. Please mail to aurokatrusya@gmail.com for details. Regards *Saraswati* 9787571633

Cooking class: Every Monday from 10 am to 2 pm there will be a cooking class for 4 months starting from December. These classes will include north Indian, Italian and Thai cooking. Anybody interested to learn these mouthwatering recipes are most welcome and I assure you that by the end of the sessions you will be able to please anyone with your cooking talents. Contact number: 9443635114.Meha.

Cultural & spiritual experience: Irbumbai legend Shiva temple visit. Every Monday & Saturday, 11am to 12.30pm & 3.30pm - 5.00pm (Please bring your own vehicle) Contributions requested from guests/Volunteers, Volunteer reduction by advance application only. Please register for all the programs in advance by contacting 0413-623806,2623394, Mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

Dance Offering : Listening - Allowing - Unfolding - Celebrating - Offering: with Dariya and friends **Thursdays, 5 to 7 pm in Vérité Hall** Sharing a unique space to be, to express, to connect, to communicate and offer our prayers with free dance and contact improvisation. Everyone is welcome! Thank you for coming on time to begin together!

Drawing: Every Tuesday in Creativities Atelier/Studio is an open studio focused on drawing. Help is there if you want it 2-4:30. From 5-7 is figure drawing. All materials provided for both.

Eco Femme Visit: Open hour at Eco Femme! Every Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30am. All are welcome to join us for a weekly discussion: on menstruation and the environment, Eco Femme's work, eco-friendly menstrual products, how we related to menstruation world-wide. We are located in Saracon Campus (opposite Svaram Workshop, and near Ganesh Bakery and HERS). +91 9487179556 / info@ecofemme.org

Exploring Meditation: Every Wednesday from 5.15 to 6.15 PM. Witnessing our inner world using different meditation technique that were used by spiritual traditions around the world. No previous experience needed. Venue Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone.Auroville. Facilitator- Yahalom Emet from Djaima Community. For information call 0413 2622401 or 8489067332 or 7639404518

Farmers market: Farmers Market every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm at Youth Center

Feminine dance: Tuesdays at 4:00 at Cripa hall (in Kalabumi). Feminine Dance has historically been a mystical art, a dynamic method to experience the energies of the Universe. We will create an opportunity to reconnect joyfully to our body, reawaken the flow of feminine energy, move to the living pulse of life and have fun in the loving presence of other women. Bring comfortable dance clothes. A flowing skirt and hip scarf are helpful. galit@auroville.org.in

Flamenco In Cripa Every Wednesday: From 3:15 to 4:45 pm. We will practice the flamenco position and attitude for dancing, the movements of hands, arms, body, legs and foot. We will listen to flamenco music to understand the roots of this dance. We will create a flamenco choreography. Come and enjoy with us, *Flamenco team*.

Foot reflexology: A massage that applies pressure to the feet with the thumb, fingers, and hand techniques. Approx. 60 min. Call 9843948288 or email vikram@auroville.org.in for an appointment.

French classes at Savitri Bhavan, House of Mother's Agenda: French classes at House of Mother's Agenda, every Monday and Friday from 5 pm to 6 pm.

From the Food Lab: Horizon. (In front of Sve-dame). Mon., Tues., Thurs. 4.00 to 6.00pm. Call Lorenzo before coming at 09443362274. All relevant information about the after effects of food on your body for e.g. allergies, intolerance, chronic pathology. Homeopathic Immunopharmacology is available.

Hatha Yoga Classes In Arka: For beginners and intermediate. Bryony has been teaching Hatha Yoga for the last 12 years in the south of France. The yoga she teaches is based on the Shivananda tradition and includes relaxation, pranayama and 12 basic asanas with some variations. The sessions always follow the same format enabling the student to develop his or her own personal practice. **Beginners and Intermediate classes: Tuesday and Thursday at 5:00 to 6:30 pm**
Beginner's classes: Wednesday at 8:00 to 9:30 am

Hypnotherapy and Chakras Healing at Arka: Marcella, Aurovilian, is a qualified Hypnotherapist and Past Life Regressionist from the reputed California Hypnosis Institute (India), now Ekaa. Languages: English, Italian Contact: Tel. 9443338734 or email: abalancedstate9@gmail.com

Hypnosis enables conscious access to the memory of a consenting person, which then provides the tool to therapeutically work with earlier experiences still influencing a person today. This includes fears and phobias, addictions, trauma, inner child work, discovering personal resources, past life regression.

Chakras Healing works with our thought processes and there is a corresponding thought processes for every chakra. Our thoughts affect our emotions (how we feel), then the energy field of our body, and finally generates changes in either our physical body or our physical space. It is possible to heal each chakra and hence heal physical, mental and emotional states.

Improvisation Theatre Workshop: Our training program is dedicated to surveying the breadth of theatre improv and providing a transformative experience that will empower you to explore improv at whatever level of mastery to which you aspire. For more information contact: Veronique J.(9488512678) or Emanuele (9943970834). **Fridays from 4.30-6 pm Venue: SAWCHU.**

Introduction to Sustainable Food Growing: Every Monday 10.00 am till lunch time in Buddha Garden. Contact Priya for more details at priya@auroville.org.in or 94432 22653

Leela, the game of the self knowledge (2000 years old): Come and play the game of your Life!

Sundays, 9.30am to 12 noon (above 15 years old), in SVEDAME, at the Butterfly Barn.

English, Spanish, French, Italian and Russian versions all available
Contact: Veronique J. 948 85 12 678
www.leelathegame.blogspot.in

Marbling & Lampshade Training: Marbling is a method of play of creative painting with surface design, which can produce patterns similar to smooth [marble](#). The patterns are the result of color floated on either plain water or a viscous solution known as [size](#), and then carefully transferred to an absorbent surface, such as [paper](#) or fabric.

Every Thursday and Saturday from 2pm to 4:30pm. Contribution requested (you will take one lampshade with you). Please register in advance by contacting 0413 - 2623806. mohanamprogram@gmail.com

Martial arts: At terrasoul community, in Windarra farm. classes every **Tuesday and Thursday, from 5.30 pm to 7 pm**. They will be taught by Martin Bastide who has more than 10 years practice in different martial arts, including Kung Fu, Pencak Silat, Krav Maga, Kick Boxing, Thai Boxing, Taekwondo and Tae Jitsu. The style taught is a synthesis of the principles of these different martial arts, with a clear orientation towards effectiveness and practicality. All levels are welcome. Come and join us to train in a respectful environment.

Meditation for Peace and Healing: Join us from 5:00 to 5:45pm every Thursday around the Peace Table at the Unity Pavilion to build and 'hold' a Collective Space for Healing and Peace. Please offer your Presence to help in this collective experiment, whether

you need healing yourself or simply want to support others in their healing and well-being.

Nada Yoga: Monday 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm (for new students with appointment) / Tuesday 1.30 pm to 3:30 pm / Wednesday 1.30 pm to 3:30 pm - In Creativity hall of light. Nada Yoga or Yoga of Sound teaches us to perceive sounds in different parts of the body that are connected to the central energetic channel. These ancient Yoga techniques re-align the energy flow and give peace and quiet serenity. In addition, with these techniques. During the classes we will also learn many devotional songs. Contact *Hamsini*: 9487544184. She has been a perpetual student of Nada Yoga for 14 years and has been teaching it for 5 years.

For NVC (Nonviolent Communication) and RC (Restorative Circles) in Auroville, please contact *L'aura*: 9442788016, laura.joyful@gmail.com.

Odissi & Semi-Classical Bollywood Dance Class With Tejas: Private Dance Classes at the Shakti Dance School in Felicity. Learn grace, discipline, and the beautiful temple dance of east India. +91-8489477222. tejas@shaktidancetroupe.com.

OM Choir: "The voice that chants to the creator Fire, / The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word" Every Tuesday at Savitri Bhavan, 5:45/6:00pm - and at the OM Choir in the Ashram School, opposite the Ashram Entrance, Pondicherry, Fridays at 7:00pm.

Online Auroville Events Calendar: The schedule of events for the week can be accessed by all, including guests, on the AuroNet login page: www.auroville.org.in (no need to log in!)

Pilates with Savitri at New Creation Dance Studio on Mondays at 5pm, basic level on Tuesdays at 7.30am, intermediate level. on Saturdays at 7.30 am, intermediate level

Pizzas Nights: The Youth Center welcomes you for delicious fresh pizzas from a cyclone-wood-fired oven. Every Saturday evening 7:00pm onwards

Pottery ceramic Training: Come & learn How to create your own pot! Every Wednesday and Saturday, from 10am to 12:30 and 2pm to 4:30pm. Contribution required, please register in advance by contacting 0413 - 2623806. mohanamprogram@gmail.com

Pregnancy Classes: We hold a space for pregnant mothers to share information and work on reflecting on pregnancy and moving from emotional blockages, getting advice to overcome difficulties, fears & doubts about birth and bringing more joy into the birthing journey. Time and place will be determined by mutual availability of the pregnant mothers and Ally. For more information please contact: ally@auroville.org.in. *Allison*

Psycho-spiritual work, tarot and other sessions: To bring more clarity and freedom on life issues where there was confusion and entanglement in order to allow new steps in life. Tarot, deconditioning self-inquiry, "inner personalities" discovery and balancing, guided meditation and other tools...by Antarjyoti in English or French, tel(land): 0413-262 37 67 or email: antarcalli@yahoo.fr

Sacred Henna Initiation: with the question: "Which energy do I want to invite into my life?" and through guided meditation and visualization, everyone will receive a symbol and a mantra. Applying the symbol on our skin we will chant the mantra inwardly, enjoying the cooling, healing and rejuvenation of the sacred henna plant. A talisman on our skin, the henna bestows blessings, good fortune and protection - a catalyst for change, IT COLOURS OUR SKIN AND REACHES OUR SPIRIT. EVERY MONDAY and WEDNESDAY: 10am to 12.30 in Surya Nivas, Auromodel. Registration required, call Sitara 97517 98408 or email: tara@auroville.org.in

Salsa in SAWCHU: Salsa dance class followed by practice. Every Tuesday 6pm-8pm. SAWCHU in Bharat Nivas. Free and open to all Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests!

Sanskrit Mantras: Venue: Joy Community Hall Fridays: 5.30 - 6.30 pm. Chanting Sanskrit mantras is performing an ancient prayer. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition and participation in the chant, the mind gains clarity, the ability to concentrate increases and a person becomes more tranquil. Through daily chanting the mind gains qualities which are essential for students of Yoga & Spiritual Scriptures. The specific pitches and rule of intonation and syllabic length will be learned in these classes in the traditional way. Drop-in.

Satsang: a sharing for spiritual upliftment; Savitri Bhavan, Saturdays 5-6 pm

Skyworks: Tree Climbing Workshops: Recreational tree climbing workshops. You want the experience without learning all the knots? The ropes are already positioned in the trees. The knots are tied and tested before. You "hook on". After being fitted with your "saddle" and some short instruction on safety and climbing techniques, you are off and climbing! Call *Satyaji* for conditions and appointment 958 516 58 82. Thank you

Somatic Explorations: with *Maggie* every Wednesday from 5 to 6pm in Vérité Hall. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging. Open to all, for further info call 94866 23465.

Sound Bath / Unity Journey: With Aurelio and Team. Every Wednesday 5.30-6.30 pm in Unity Pavilion!!

South Indian Classical Dance (Bhratnatyam): Bhratnatyam dance classes offer by Bhratnatyam Dance classes offered for beginners. Weekly twice. The classes are offered for children and adults. If you are interested please contact me after 4pm on my mobile. *S. Caveri*: 7598368514

Spanish Tertulia: A gathering for cultural exchange, every Friday from 4pm to 6pm at La Terrace. We welcome anyone interested in Spanish culture and those who practice colloquial language.

Spontaneous Singing: Every Wednesday, 5-- 6:30pm. In Creativity Hall of Light. Contact: 8940740529. *Antoine*

Réception francophone: Tous les mardis de 17:00 à 18:30 à La Terrace, en haut de la Cuisine Solaire, Ananda et Michiko sont à la disposition des visiteurs francophones qui voudraient poser des questions sur Auroville. Les auroviliens et newcomers francophones peuvent aussi participer.

Tamil Classes (Basic): in Joy Community Hall, every Saturday 2:30 to 3:30pm. If you are interested to learn some basic Tamil phrases and grammatical structure, join us at Joy Hall (behind the Kitchen Garden). Drop-in.

Tamil Literary Classes: - Ilaignarkal Education Centre organizes Tamil Literary Classes every Thursday evening 5 pm-6 pm. Regular attendance is appreciated. Lectures by seasoned professors in Tamil Literature, history and culture are opened to all / Classes on sewing, hand embroidery, drawing, painting and simple handicrafts for Auroville workers, their wards and Aurovilians interested. Better fix your schedule with our craft instructor / - We have created facilities for simple natural Beauty Corner for women only. Contact. *R. Meenakshi* (Ilaignarkal Education Centre, Phone No: 0413 - 2623 773, Email: - tamil@auroville.org.in)

Tai Chi Hall @ Sharnga: Monday 7.30am-9am Chi and 24-form; Tuesday 7.30am-8.30am Chi; Tuesday 8.30am-9.30am 24 form; Wednesday 7.30am-8.30am 127 form; Thursday 7.30am-8.30am 108 form; Friday 7.30am-8.30am 108 form; Saturday 7.30am-8.30am 127 form=

Thai Yoga Massage Practice A inner exploration of the body, energy and spirit .Every Sunday from 9.30 to 12am, in Terrasoul Community (Windarra Farm), In the Sunspace. All levels welcome. *Juan*: 9443434182

Therapies - Vani: Journey to the memory of the body: Journey through the trauma memories in the body, emotional blockages and belief systems in order to release and heal these traumas, by getting aware & deprogramming these past believe systems that keep you from living a very joyful life in the present. Fusion of Hladina Method, Hypnotherapy, Radikal Healing. Awakening the intelligence of the body. Awakening your own healing power, experiencing the Presence within by quietening the thought process and contacting your inner body. Fusion of deep guided relaxation, visualisation, energy work, pranic healing, acupressure & reflexology. Life Coaching: Using awareness, visualization & imagination techniques. Life coaching is very useful in period of changes and doubts in order to get in contact with your intuitive self and find the creative & dynamic thread of your life again. For appointment contact Pitanga: 2622403 or Vani: [9488818072](tel:9488818072)/vani@auroville.org.in. Reiki and Reflexology courses possible on request

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Ultimate Frisbee: Ultimate Frisbee: Every Monday at Certitude & Wednesday and Saturday at the Gaia field at 4.45 pm till sundown. Helps improve stamina, hand/eye coordination, and focus through running, throwing, & catching the disc; along with patience & teamwork and Spirit of the Game. Bring running shoes if you have them. Contact avultimate@auroville.org.in with any questions or just come ready to play!

Vedic Astrology: Chart reading and interpretation. Call 9843948288 or email vikram@auroville.org.in for an appointment.

Veena Musical Classes: As one of India's most ancient string instruments, the veena's origin can be traced back to the ancient yash, which was similar to the Grecian harp. *Bharata*, in his *Natyashastra*, explains the theory of the 22 sruti's in an octave with the help of two experimental veena's. Kaanchi Kaama Kodi Aasthan Vithvaan Thiru Ravi (*Ravi* for short) conducts regular veena

musical classes for everyone at Yatra Arts Foundation, near New Creation sports ground. Come and learn an ancient art form in pleasant and friendly surroundings. **Who:** Everyone! Children & Adults. **When:** Every Friday evening from 5pm to 7pm. **Contact:** 0413- 2623071 / 9786772209

YEP for kids aged 7 to 12: To enjoy activities with other kids & discover Auroville. Every week from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 1:30pm - Information & registration: yep@auroville.org.in or 7639321750

Yoga classes: New Colors invites you all, for a yoga class on every Sunday at 8:00 am. This class is for all ages. For further details contact; 95855 13279 Mail id: newcolors2002@gmail.com

Yoga Classes: Vinyasa flow classes by Bebe in Creativity every Thursday 5 to 6.30 pm starting on Thursday October 8th , open to all levels .

Zumba classes: With *Lakshmi* at New Creation Dance Studio on Mondays 6-7pm and Thursdays 6-7pm...

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C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

Reminder: Friday 4 MARCH - "Confidentially Yours" (Vivement DIMANCHE)

FRIDAY 11 MARCH- 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)
"AND THE SHIP SAILS ON" - "E LA NAVE VA"

Directed by Federico FELLINI, Italy, 1983

Cast: Freddie Jones, Barbara Jefford, Victor Poletti...

Synopsis: Summer 1914, in the port of Naples. An elegant and diverse crowd, composed of opera singers, musicians, critics, actors, aristocrats and highnesses - and a rhino - boarded the Gloria N., a luxury liner. All are there to accompany the ashes of the great singer Edmee Tetua to her final resting place, her native island. During the trip, the crew shelters Serb refugees fleeing the Austro-Hungarian Empire after the assassination of Sarajevo. Two worlds collide against the backdrop of the beginning of World War I... Fabricated entirely in Rome's famed Cinecittà studios, "And the Ship Sails On (E la nave va)" reaches spectacular new visual heights with its stylized re-creation of a decadent bygone era.

Original Italian version with English subtitles - Duration: 2h.8'.



THE ECO FILM CLUB

SADHANA FOREST, MARCH 11TH, 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!!

MONKEY KINGDOM

2015, 81 minutes, English, Directed by Mark Linfield and Alastair Fothergill

A nature documentary that follows a newborn monkey and its mother as they struggle to survive within the competitive social hierarchy of the Temple Troop, a dynamic group of

monkeys who live in ancient ruins found deep in the storied jungles of South Asia.

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.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

"GLIMPSES OF THE TIMELESS WHEN THE PSYCHIC OPENS"

Monday, 7th of March 2016, at 6:30 pm

Paintings and drawings by Mirajyoti based on inspirations received at Matrimandir workers' camp in 1975 until 1978. The paintings and drawings are arranged under the captions: 1. The Psychic and Transformation, 2. The Supramental Boat, 3. The Light, 4. To know Oneself and 5. Moments of Psychic Joy. Music by Sunil Bhattacharya. Film editing by Manohar in 2006. Duration: 29min.

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

OSCAR MONTH at VISITOR CENTER

10th March Thursday 8 pm

SPOTLIGHT (2015) (WINNER OF BEST PICTURE)

Genre: Biography/Drama/History/Rated : (R) Above 18/Dur: 2 hrs 08 mins/ Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: [Tom McCarthy](#) / Cast: [Mark Ruffalo](#), [Michael](#)

[Keaton](#), [Rachel McAdams](#)

Story Line: When the Boston Globe's tenacious "Spotlight" team of reporters delves into allegations of abuse in the Catholic Church, their year-long investigation uncovers a decades-long cover-up at the highest levels of Boston's religious, legal, and government establishment, touching off a wave of revelations around the world.

11th March Friday 8 pm

ROOM (2015) (WINNER FOR BEST ACTRESS)

Genre: Drama/ Rated : (R) Above 18/ Dur: 1hr 58mins/

Language: English/Subtitle: English/

Dir: [Lenny Abrahamson](#) / Cast: [Brie Larson](#), [Jacob](#)

[Tremblay](#), [Sean Bridgers](#)

Story Line: After five-year-old Jack and his mother escape from the enclosed surroundings that Jack has known his entire life, the boy makes a thrilling discovery.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 7 March 2016 to 13 March 2016

In celebrating the International Women's Day and Women's History Month celebrated in the USA, UK, Australia and elsewhere - we bring you a Women Series. Here you have a potpourri of films made by women, about women, (often assumed) role of women and from the point of view of women. Hope you enjoy the spread.

Women's Series- Monday 7 March, 8:00 pm:

- **KELAI DRAUPADAI (Listen Draupadi)**
India, 2011, Dir. Sashikanth Ananthachari, Documentary, 117mins, Tamil-English w/ English subtitle for Tamil, Rated: G
Every year in > 200 villages in Tamil Nadu, a 20 days long festival is celebrated where the epic Mahabharata is narrated. At its core this narration is anti-war, from the point of view of Draupadi (one of the prime female character in the epic) who is the listener and also the protagonist in this form. Draupadi here stands for all people unjustly affected by war. Please find a detailed description in Auronet. The film will be presented by the director himself. He will be present for a detailed Q&A session the next day, Tuesday, 1st March 2016 @ 5 pm at the India Session - held @ Bhavishyate building at Bharat Nivas. Don't miss this amazing film and opportunity to interact with the director.

Women's Series - Tuesday 8 March, 8:00 pm:

- **LES PLAGES D'AGNÈS (the Beaches of Agnès)**
France, 2008, Writer-Dir Agnès Varda w/ Agnès Varda, André Lubrano, Blaise Fournier, and others, Documentary-Biography, 110mins, French-English w/ English subtitles, Rated :NR (PG)
At nearly 80, Agnès Varda explores her memory - growing up in Belgium, living in France, discovering photography, making a film, being part of the New Wave, raising children with Jacques Demy, losing him, and growing old. She explores her memory using photographs, film clips, home movies, contemporary interviews, and set pieces she designs to capture a feeling, a time, or a frame. Shining through each scene are her charm, inventiveness, and natural empathy. How do people grow old, how does loss stay with them, can they remain creative, and what do they remember? Memory, she says, is like a swarm of confused flies. *Don't miss the memoir of this amazing woman!*

Women's Series - Wednesday 9 March, 8:00 pm:

- **YUGANT (What the Sea Said)**
India, 1995, Writer-Dir Aparna Sen w/ Anjan Dutt, Rupa Ganguly, Pallavi Chatterjee, and others, Drama, 135mins, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)
In this award winning film which literally means ever-lasting, Deepak and Anusuya is a gifted and ambitious couple. Deepak is a Creative Director and Anu an established danseuse. While spending a week together in a remote seaside village where they had spent their honeymoon their feelings for each other rekindles yet - there are barriers.... Made in the aftermath of the Gulf-war (a war for oil) this is an introspective film - even lyrical and surreal at times, that looks at life and environment we create and live in. In doing so it also departs from the traditional gender roles we tend to assume. *Must see!*

Women's Series - Thursday 10 March, 8:00 pm:

- **THE GIRLS IN THE BAND**
USA, 2011, Writer-Dir. Judy Chaikin w/ Geri Allen, Jane Ira Bloom, Clara Bryant, and others, Documentary-Biography, 81mins, English, Rated NR (PG)
In the world of jazz, women have long been marginalized as singers or piano players. Little documentation exists about the enormously talented female musicians who struggled for recognition but were cut off from any meaningful employment

by men who didn't want women on their bandstands. This film traces the history of the all-girl bands and the struggles of the handful that broke through the male bastions, and brings us into the present day, where gifted women are going toe-to-toe with the finest jazz musicians of their day. *You can't miss this one!*

International - Saturday 12 March, 8:00 pm:

- **BRAVE**
USA, 2012, Dir. Mark Andrews, Brenda Chapman & Steve Purcell w/ Kelly Macdonald, Billy Connolly, Emma Thompson, and others, Animation-Adventure, 93mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
In this Oscar winning film, determined to make her own path in life, Princess Merida defies a custom that brings chaos to her kingdom. Granted one wish, Merida must rely on her bravery and her archery skills to undo a beastly curse.

Children's Film - Sunday 13 March, 4:30 pm:

- **THE BFG (Big Friendly Giant)**
UK, 1989, Dir. Brian Cosgrove w/ David Jason, Amanda Root, Angela Thorne, and others, Animation, 87mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G
A young girl called Sophie is snatched from her orphanage early one morning by the BFG whom she witnesses engaged in mysterious activities, and whisked away to Giant Country.

WACHOWSKIS' Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 13 March, 8:00 pm:

- **V FOR VENDETTA**
USA, 2005, Dir. James McTeige w/ Hugo Weaving, Natalie Portman and others, Thriller-SciFi, 132mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R
Loosely adapted from David Lloyd famous cartoon, written and produced by The Wachowskis the film is one of the best films of this decade for its powerful script, strong character depictions and the sheer excellence in quality. Set in a totalitarian Britain where the government runs the country with an iron fist it tells the story of V, a man deformed by fire and hiding behind a mask and who is determined to free the UK from dictatorship by blowing up the Houses of Parliament. Then comes Evey, a young woman who is unwittingly embroiled in his plot and soon understands what V's real motivations are.

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.

We appreciate your continued support. Please make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account (#105106) at the Financial Service.

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group - Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

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