

News & Notes

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The Spiritual Meaning of Flowers
Radha's Consciousness

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

"Is it possible for a human being to be perfectly sincere?" And this question continues:

"Is there a mental sincerity, a vital sincerity, a physical sincerity? What is the difference between these sincerities?"

Naturally, the principle of sincerity is the same everywhere, but its working is different according to the states of being. As for the first question, one could simply answer: No, not if man remains what he is. But he has the possibility of transforming himself sufficiently to become perfectly sincere.

To begin with, it must be said that sincerity is progressive, and as the being progresses and develops, as the universe unfolds in the being, sincerity too must go on perfecting itself endlessly. Every halt in that development necessarily changes the sincerity of yesterday into the insincerity of tomorrow.

To be perfectly sincere it is indispensable not to have any preference, any desire, any attraction, any dislike, any sympathy or antipathy, any attachment, any repulsion. One must have a total, integral vision of things, in which everything is in its place and one has the same attitude towards all things: the attitude of true vision. This programme is obviously very difficult for a human being to realise. Unless he has decided to divinise himself, it seems almost impossible that he could be free from all these contraries within him. And yet, so long as one carries them in himself, one cannot be perfectly sincere. Automatically the mental, the vital and even the physical working is falsified. I am emphasising the physical, for even the working of the senses is warped: one does not see, hear, taste, feel things as they are in reality as long as one has a preference. So long as there are things which please you and others which don't, so long as you are attracted by certain things, and repulsed by others, you cannot see things in their reality; you see them through your reaction, your preference or your repulsion. The senses are instruments which get out of order, in the same way as sensations, feelings and thoughts. Therefore, to be sure of what you see, what you feel, what you experience and think, you must have a complete detachment; and this is obviously not an easy task. But until then your perception cannot be wholly true, and so it is not sincere.

Naturally, this is the maximum. There are crass insincerities which everybody understands and which, I believe, it is not necessary to dwell upon, as for example, saying one thing and thinking another, pretending that you are doing one thing and doing another, expressing a wish which is not your real wish. I am not even speaking of the absolutely glaring lie which consists in saying something different from the fact, but even that diplomatic way of acting which consists in doing things with the idea of obtaining a certain result, in saying something and expecting it to have a certain effect; every combination of this kind which naturally makes you contradict yourself, is a kind of insincerity gross enough for everybody to easily recognise.

But there are others more subtle which are difficult to discern. For instance, so long as you have sympathies and antipathies, quite naturally and as it were spontaneously you will have a favourable perception of what is sympathetic to you and an unfavourable perception of what – or whom – you dislike. And there too the lack of sincerity will be flagrant. However, you may deceive yourself and not perceive that you are being insincere. Then in that case, you have, as it were, the collaboration of mental insincerity. For it is true that there are insincerities of slightly different types according to the state of being or the parts of the being. Only, the origin of these insincerities is always a similar movement arising from desire and the seeking of personal ends – from egoism, from the combination of all the limitations arising from egoism and all the deformations arising from desire.

In fact, as long as the ego is there, one cannot say that a being is perfectly sincere, even though he is striving to become sincere. One must pass beyond the ego, give oneself up totally to the divine Will, surrender without reserve and without calculation... then one can be perfectly sincere, but not before.

That does not mean that one should not make an effort to be more sincere than one is, saying to oneself, "All right, I shall wait for my ego to disappear in order to be sincere", because one may reverse the terms and say that if you do not try sincerely your ego will never disappear. Therefore, sincerity is the basis of all true realisation, it is the means, the path – and it is also the goal. Without it you are sure to make innumerable blunders and you have constantly to redress the harm you have done to yourself and to others. There is, besides, a marvellous joy in being sincere. Every act of sincerity carries in itself its own reward: the feeling of purification, of soaring upwards, of liberation one gets when one has rejected even one tiny particle of falsehood. Sincerity is the safeguard, the protection, the guide, and finally the transforming power.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 19 December 1956

MOTHER

**The
Ponder
Corner**

Awaken the psychic in you, let the inner being come out and replace the ego, then the latent power also will become effective. You can then do the work and the service to which you aspire.

Sri Aurobindo
ref. Letters on Himself and the Ashram, p.766

Cover photo: Radha's Consciousness (Clitoria ternatea - Butterfly pea) - *Symbolises perfect attachment to the Divine.*
Eat some, drink some at Solitude Farm's Café! (www.facebook.com/solitudefarm/)

Forest group Meeting Report 1st of July 2016, 5 Banyans—Fertile

Present: Eric, Kannianan, Segar, Joshua, Diego, Christoph, Jan, Francois, Aurora, Glenn, Chris, Malwika, Boobalan, Yuval, Kumar, Rita, Johnny, Sandeep, Enea, Tine, Iyanar, Agnes, Thananjayan, Jessamijn, Jasmin, Edzard; Santiago (guest); chairperson: Glenn; note taker: Tine;

1. **Forest Budget:** The inadequacy of the monthly budget of 2.7 lakhs per month for protecting and developing the 1350 acres of Auroville land was discussed. This budget equates to stewards getting Rs 150 per day per watchman, when in reality most stewards are having to pay Rs 350 for a worker/watchman, the disparity of Rs 200 per day per worker has to be covered by generating income or paying from personal funds. As post cyclone revenue runs out several foresters expressed their inability or difficulties to pay wages to their workers. Several ideas were shared on generating more income but the need for a different view on our budget is needed. Glenn will approach the FAMC and highlight the financial difficulties of the forest stewards.

2. **Roof repair request** reconfirmed in Miracle for Eluciole Circus School (a steel roof funded by SAIER).

Next Forest group meeting will be in Eternity on 5th of August, 3 pm.

3. The **stewardship of Thananjayan** for BO 76/8 3 near Kulilapalayam has been questioned following a letter of the Land board. A police complaint had to be filed after theft of trees was reported and an attempt of encroachment had been made by villagers threatening violence. The land is now under dispute and legal proceedings will follow. Thananjayan will check the land physically every day for any theft or encroachment.

4. **Kumar's stewardship** was put in question by the Land board for mismanagement of the Adventure sports ground. As it happens, the stewardship of this 4 acre piece of land had been handed over to the sports ground development group; it is not part of Adventure Forest. The fact that there does not seem to be a sports ground development group in place at the moment requires urgent action. Kannianan will report back to the Land board.

5. Wazo requested a **change of steward for 7 acres of Mango field** under his care for the past years. Glenn and Enea will look into the open questions and report back to the group at the next meeting.

PS: It is still necessary that Achilles helps David look after the complex Aurodam watershed situation. This was approved in the May meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clarification for TFRC membership

Dear community,
We would like to clarify / state that the members of the TFRC cannot be part of the Selection process at the same time as candidates / nominees for the selected working groups.
Warmly, *Auroville Council*

Call for Feedback from the TDC Water Group: bore well policy

The TDC Water Group has formulated a concept water/bore well policy to be presented for feed-back:

Addressing water security for Auroville.

Since we want Auroville's population to expand, we will have to face the challenge to find sustainable ways to meet our growing water needs. Kaliveli-Puducherry bioregion covers an area of 1400 km² with a population of 3.5 million, spread over 160 villages and the town of Puducherry. Until 1950 nearly all the water supply of the region was sourced from 200 village tanks and ponds, the majority of them constructed during the Chola period between 1000 and 1200 AD. From 1970 onwards, a gradual decline of these water storage tanks took place in conjunction with increased agricultural output, which was made possible through the installation of bore wells powered with electrical pumps. It is observed that 50 years of development and unrestrained water usage resulted in a dramatic decline of the water level in the main aquifers, along with saline intrusion in the water table of the neighbouring coastal areas, thereby starting to pose a serious threat to the area and its population. Although our community was one of the early pioneers in India to implement water conservation practices together with a 'zero run-off' strategy and groundwater recharge, these initiated activities are no longer adequate to counteract the effects of regional overexploitation of water resources. Today, Auroville is totally dependent on a single water resource: ground water. It is acknowledged that this will no longer be sufficient to meet our future growing demands. Creating a reliable water security management program will need a multi-sourcing water strategy. Future possibilities will combine surface water harvesting, groundwater, sea water desalination and re-cycled waste

water. The combination of the resources will depend on the different categories of usage: domestic, gardening and agricultural. Developing and integrating such a multi-sourcing program on an Auroville scale would create a durable approach towards water security.

Planning the integration of multi-water resources will happen in a phased manner. Starting with an exercise to define which of the borewells are stable, which neighbourhood supply and distribution systems should be strengthened, which borewell fields should be pooled together and protected because of their superior and/or sustainable yield performance. During this transition period the community will still depend exclusively on groundwater supply. The planning for the drilling of new community wells will be done to guarantee water supply for Auroville's activities. In the meantime the water group will start to initiate a multi-sourcing program since we believe that it is now the right time to start such a long term project.

Procedure for Application for new Bore wells in Auroville, May 2016

1. TDC receives an application for a new bore well in Auroville;
2. TDC evaluates the site for initial qualification;
3. TDC forwards application to the Water Group (WG) for topic discussion and technical evaluation;
4. WG organises a meeting with the applicant(s), stakeholders and others involved;
5. Water Group sends its report with recommendations to TDC and applicants;
6. TDC publishes new bore well project in News & Notes together with the agreed details on the proposed site, bore well depth, casing size, recommended users, other conditions if necessary;
7. TDC waits for the allotted feedback period; TDC and WG review the comments, if any
8. TDC issues a NOC or not for the new bore well, in case of comments/objections a review is taking up with WG.

Bore well application form: Link: www.auroville.org.in/article/57994

The water group: Nele, Christian, Tency, Toby, Tom.

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 656 dated 16.07.2016

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

AUROVILIANS:

Yves IRAGUHA (Rwanda) - Staying at Sharnga, working as a project holder at African Pavilion.
Neil Edward MEIKLEHAM (Canada) - Staying at Terra Soul, working as a Research scientist at Botanical Garden and also Educational program provider at Terra Soul.

RETURNING AUROVILIAN:

Selvi TRAN (Indian from Kulilapalayam) - Staying at Fraternity, working at Papyrus.

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

RETURNING AUROVILIAN CONFIRMATION:

Nicolas TRAN (French)

PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT AUROVILLE ON THEIR OWN:

Change of status from Newcomer's to Relatives / Partners of Aurovilians.

Jeyandira Saraswathi YAFAROVA (Indian from Pondicherry)

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

Dear Newcomers,

The Entry Service team would like to inform you of the timings designated specifically for you to collect or submit the Newcomer Kit. Please pass by our office in Town Hall during these hours only:

Monday & Wednesday at 2pm to 4pm.

Please return these Kits within one month or the process goes on hold.

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

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

The Entry Service team (B, Chitra, Christiane, Eva, Giridev, Ishita, Neeti)

From the Housing Service: Houses for Transfer

The following houses are available for transfer. You can have your name put on the list at the Housing Service. **Closing date: 30.07.2016:**

- **Angiras Garden** - David/Nadja - 172.5 sqm, Two storied free standing house. Ground floor: living, kitchen cum dining, stair, store, toilet, high ceiling lounge. First floor: bed room. Circular shaped wall around house, parking shed. Aesthetic building with garden.
- **Luminosity** - Nadja - 78.36 sqm. Second floor: Living room/kitchen, fire place, 1 bedroom, bathroom, rear and front passage
- **Vikas** - former George - 45.39 sqm. Ground floor apartment, consisting of hall, living, kitchen, toilet, front and rear passage
- **Auromodele** - Pierre and Anu - Flexible time frame (two houses). These assets are most suitable for artists, or Aurovilians/Newcomers who aspire to create a community. Main house - 331.33 sqm: Three storied RCC framed structure: Dance hall, large workshop, living, kitchen, store, toilet. First floor: bedroom, hall, bath and store. Second floor: bedroom, 2x bath. Separate parking shed.

Second house: 91.13 sqm - Residential building in brick cement mortar, sloped around the building. RCC roofing, kitchen and store, sit-out, bath room. Well-designed artistic model building.

- **Discipline** - Stephanie (re-announcement) - Now - 155.91 - Free standing house / two stories. Ground floor: two bedrooms with attached bath, living and kitchen. First floor: big hall, store room. Fully solar energy.

Earlier announced, closing date: 23.07.2016:

- **Arati 1** - Victoria - 121.5 sqm. Row house with small gardens. Ground floor: living, kitchen, toilet, store and verandahs. First floor: hall, room, toilet, balcony. Second floor: one bedroom.
- **Arati 2** - former Francoise - 113,37 sqm. Apartment on the first floor: living, kitchen, toilet area, bed room, two balconies.
- **Quiet** - Hilde - 100.36 sqm. Semi-permanent structure with sloped thatched roofing, supported on granite pillars with unplastered brick walls in cement mortar. Living cum kitchen, toilet, sit-out and mezzanine.
- **Sangamam** - Raji - 38 sqm. Living room, kitchen, bath, one bedroom over the kitchen and bath.
- **New Creation** - Sebastien/Child Development Centre - 191 sqm. Free standing residential building, built in cement mortar. Ground floor: one bedroom, one child bed, one class room, one hall cum living, one dining, one kitchen, two toilets and spiral stair case. First floor: one bedroom, one store room, one office room, one office store and one toilet.

For exchange:

- **Inspiration** - Vijaya, 57 sqm, Studio apartment on the second floor with balcony. This is a pro bono apartment, only for exchange against another pro bono house or apartment.

For more information have a look on Auronet or pass by at the Housing Service in Town Hall.

Housing Service: Phone: (0413) 2622658

Public Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 9:30-12:30 / Monday and Friday 14:30-16:30 / Wednesday: Closed (Housing Board in Session 9:30-12:30)

L'Avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback 16/7/ 2016

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks from the date of publication.

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.

Individual Projects

Site Applications: No new SA

Building Applications: No new BA

Collective Projects

Site application & Building Applications Feedback

Site and Building application feedback for Housing Service for 2 semi-permanent housing projects near Reve.

Project write up given by the project holder:

Project Title: Semi-permanent housing for young individuals/couples and young families (Aurovilians and Newcomers).

Proposed Site Location: Near Reve

Project Holder: Housing Service

Architect: Chun Hee

Contact Persons: Housing Service

Description / Background: After the Retreat 2015, it has become apparent that there is an urgent need to welcome more young people into Auroville, in order for real growth of all respects to happen. One of the biggest issues that Auroville faces today is a lack of housing, particularly for young Aurovilians and young people that want to join Auroville but have limited financial means. This fast-track housing initiative will at once address the needs of 14 individuals/couples and 6 families that are already in Auroville with an urgent need for housing. At the same time it will help to protect a valuable piece of land from the immediate danger of encroachment, in order to preserve it for future city developments.

These 2 projects (Project X and Project Y) should be regarded as semi-permanent, as the buildings are permanent movable

buildings with a life-cycle of about 30 years, but the site they will be built on is non-permanent, pending the further development of the city area. If the buildings need to be relocated before the end of their life-cycle, they can be fully dismantled and moved to another location without any of the materials going to waste.

Plot No: Near Reve (IR207/4A, IR207/4B, IR207/6, IR206/3A)

Total Area of the 2 projects: 7,573 sq.m. (Project X- 4197 sq.m. and Project Y- 3375sq.m.)

Build up Area: Project X - 290 Sq.m., Project Y - 280 sq.m.

For additional information, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L'Avenir d'Auroville/TDC office in the Town Hall.

For more information on the location of the plots mentioned above, you can find this same announcement with map(s) on the Auroville page of L'Avenir d'Auroville/TDC.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



NEWSLETTERS = the German, UK and USA centres have published their informative newsletters so as to keep Auroville's friends, well-wishers and donors updated regarding developments in the City of Dawn and activities in their respective AVI centres. You find links to these always enjoyable epistles here below (the Dutch one is in the making right now, but can be downloaded from the link given below in a few days' time):

- Germany: <https://goo.gl/v9NaEW>
- USA: <http://goo.gl/3UEUhf>
- UK: <http://goo.gl/oKpCKK>
- Holland: <http://goo.gl/mM0oot>

BELGIUM = the AVI Belgium liaison has become a fact: the team went through the acceptance process and is happy to start functioning. Its five members belong to the two Belgian communities, both Flemish and French speaking, are spread throughout the country, and there's a good mix of age and gender. The group, whose main goal is to make sure through a variety of activities that "Belgians will have the possibility to know more about what Auroville is and what it is not", is led by Mr Renaud Aubecq of Chaumont-Gistoux, who can be reached via auroville.belgium@zoho.com

ADDRESS LIST = a recently updated list of contact details of the 9 AVI Centres & their Antennas, and of the 26 AVI liaisons / contact persons, has been sent to the various websites concerned and can be obtained from vani@mauna@

For all AVI matters, contact vani@auroville.org.in

This column is maintained by mauna@auroville.org.in

Update from the Auroville Safety and Security Team

Dear community, the first summer of the new team was happily safe!

Bag snatchers severing around Auroville in April / May were caught by the Police and some of the goods stolen were retrieved. You might have noticed police also installed a booth close to the Pitchandikullam bridge (installed by the police) which has helped to reduce aggression on the road to Auroville. We are creating links with the police stations and officers! Every incident is reported in order for them to work as best as possible.

The Security Guards are patrolling Auroville on a regular basis to help secure the area and stand at key spots to help regulate

traffic. Additionally Aurovilians are patrolling to help the guards. Their number will increase over time. We request all of you to respect and cooperate with the guards / Aurovillian patrols.

A reminder: receiving a guest / volunteer / intern is a responsibility! To avoid unwanted difficulties we request you to have them (foreigners as well as nationals) register and have them hosted within Auroville without which we might not be able to give our full support. Inform your guests / volunteers / interns of the common safety practices and ask them to save the Security numbers in their cellphone.

If you are expecting visit of non-Auroville residents coming by car, please inform us of the date / name / destination for the check-posts to welcome them.

Always keep under supervision the people working within your unit to avoid unnecessary internal conflicts or appropriation of goods.

Safety recommendations:

- **Keep our phone numbers in your phone's directory** to be able to call us in case of emergency.
- **If you need assistance but do not have a cellphone**, inform one of the guards posted at Visitor Center Checkpost, Certitude Checkpost, Solar Kitchen, Gaia or Transition. Note, the guards have to report to us prior to intervene in a situation.
- **Travel accompanied at night.** We recommend you to travel safely accompanied in the evening and at night time.
- **Call our escort service** if you need at 9443090107. Note that we only escort people who have a cycle, moped, bike or scooter. Our service stops at ending time of public events (around 10 pm)
- We encourage each of us to be aware on the road and within the communities' premises of potentially unwanted people.
- Inform your watchman or house-sitters to contact us immediately when there are any people / incidents to be reported.
- **Do not to carry large amounts of cash or valuables** on your person unless absolutely necessary.
- Keep bags on your person instead of in cycle baskets.
- We recommend isolated communities and houses to keep a watch dog.
- **Women of all ages and modest dress codes have reported harassment.** Be wary of three boys on a bike and do not stop for local men asking for directions.
- **For post-incident support and counseling** you may call the Women's help line (open in the morning) at 262-2425 or email AV health services avhs@auroville.org.in.
- **Report every incident** even minor either by phone or email!

Our team is constantly working on improving safety in Auroville, however your support and co-operation are indispensable to move forward.

Auroville Safety and Security contacts
Save them in your phone now!

- Emergency: 9443090107
- Police Liaison: 9443362691
- Office (Town Hall: 9AM to 5PM): 0413-2623400
- Email: avsecurity@auroville.org.in

Sam on behalf of AVSST

Auroville Village Action Group (AVAG) Update



As you may know AVAG has been working, for the past 33 years within a 20km radius of Auroville, with all sections of society irrespective of caste, class, race & gender with a shared dream of a sustainable future for all. AVAG's mission is to foster participatory village transformation with rural communities in the bio-region through:

1. Community development
2. Economic development,
3. Capacity building,
4. Psychosocial support

The emphasis of our work is co-development through a network of over 337 village level self-help groups (SHGs) of 5,000 women and men in 78 settlements and 34 Panchayat villages benefiting 1,00,000 people living in the bio-region of Auroville with special attention to the immediate villages surrounding Auroville. The following are some highlights of our work over the past two months.

Should you be interested in supporting our work you can do 1) in kind volunteering some time for the organisation by contacting Anbu or Bridget at avagoffice@auroville.org.in or 2) through financial contributions - small regular contributions are especially welcome to account:

0226 Auroville Village Action Group.

Some Recent Highlights:

AVVAI Summer Camp

May and June was a busy time in AVAG with the atmosphere heightened by the happy sounds of many young ladies engaged in extracurricular activities during the AVAG summer camp which was 1) a six-week program for 14-16 year old girls, primarily with Government school education, who were awaiting results of their 10th or 12th grade exams and 2) a one-week program for college girls. These girls are at a crucial juncture where choices have to be made that will help define their life's path in a societal system that often compels them to select limited fields of study.

The summer camp aims to support the girls to improve their current capacity while opening them to a wider lens on life choice and possibility. The girls are provided with classes in essential skills that they need to pursue a higher education such as improved English speaking, reading and writing skills, maths and Tamil, computer skills, leadership and team building, drama and public speaking etc. They also had seminars on health including nutrition, personal and menstruation hygiene, female health and basic siddha medicine. They were exposed to a wide range of professions and life possibilities through excursions to Auroville and career guidance seminars on campus, in Pondicherry and at the Life Education Centre. This was backed up by administration support from AVAG staff in acquiring correct information and in processing college applications. The field trips to Auroville highlighted female entrepreneurs and sustainable life practices as well as a comprehensive introduction to Auroville.

The summer camp is part of the AVVAI program launched in 2015 by AVAG after having received a grant for girls' education from Mother's Sumi Systems Limited (MSSL) under their Corporate Social Responsibility funding. Last year the scheme

has enabled 457 girls, selected by AVAG Self Help Group network from marginalised families, to continue their primary education or pursue higher education at a college or university. Without this support, many families would have been forced to get loans from the money lenders at exorbitant rates of interest and some would have stop pursuing studies. Many girls expressed that this is also the first time that they had paid their full fees on time without the need to undergo criticism and the stigma for late payment. Though we were not able to support all who came forward, since the actual need was to the tune of Rs.2,00,00,000, this grant has undoubtedly shone the light on the lives of many marginalised girls.

The summer camp offered a valuable support to the girls to broaden their education in a stress free, creative environment, giving them extra support with their on-going curriculum and opportunity to experiment with topics that gave an integral viewpoint on life and would otherwise not be available to them. It also gave the girls valuable support in choosing careers that suited them and our AVAG team a very rewarding opportunity to serve. We look forward to continuing and expanding this program.

Drinking water for Kottakarai

The motor for the drinking water outlet had been broken for some time in Kottakarai village; a request for help from the Panchayat saw AVAG joining forces with the village to repair the unit together through donations from both sides with the support of the village self-help group.

Exposure trip for Paalam members to model Panchayat

"Paalam" (meaning "Bridge" in Tamil) is a bio-regional youth leadership training programme that emerged from collaboration between AVAG, Youth Link and the Auroville Bio-region Action Group. The aim of this project is to establish links with the youth from the villages surrounding Auroville in order to foster relationship and co creation and in particular 1) to identify the most urgent needs for the future, 2) offer training in sustainable village development and 3) initiate projects together that will benefit the whole bio-region. AVAG is just completing a 6 months training program with this group with an exposure trip to Coimbatore district that has won the Panchayat Puraskar Award 2015 for best practices in solar power, bio gas, solid and liquid waste management, drainage, bio-methanation plant, hi-tech dairy farming and tree planting. It is hoped that this trip will inspire the youth to initiate projects in this area with the help of Auroville technical expertise and Government funding.

Sports Development in the Bio-region surrounding

Building on the success of the recent bio-regional sports event that had 722 participants from Auroville and 20 surrounding villages compete for events in volleyball and athletic activities, (see table at the end of this report on prize distribution), Auroville Village Action Group (AVAG), Auroville Sports Resource Centre (AVSRC), Dehashakti and Paalam (bio-regional youth network) are joining forces for a concentrated development of sports in the bio-region of Auroville.. We wish to form a bio-regional sports federation that will foster unity and skill development through a program of local sports facilities development and coaching that will lead to regular competitions on local, district and regional level. It is also hoped that this project can be a bridge to creating career opportunities for local youth in sports with linkages to scholarships and sports colleges.

We propose to register the Auroville Bio Regional Sports Federation with the government and in each village we will form a sports club, (at the moment there are 5-15 groups in each village, we wish to form these into one body) involving all young men and women interested in varying sports activities. The village sports club will be a member of the association and will nominate members to represent them to attend meetings and seminars. Approximate, 30 settlements in 20 villages will be members of the association with Auroville and we expect at least 1,000 members from these 20 villages.

The objectives of this association are:

1. To form an association of sport between Auroville and the bio-region
2. To structure the current casual, ad-hoc sports network into a cohesive body
3. To develop the current level of skills
4. To develop the role of women in sports
5. To open up opportunities to young people that are available but largely unknown to them such as sports scholarships and careers in sports.
6. To work for further village development through this network such as infrastructural projects
7. To foster champions of change - youth who committed to health and social development rather than anti-social activities
8. To create a culture where the measure of admiration and success is perseverance, achievement and skills rather than the current cultural normative of caste and class

Results of the Bio-regional June sports event

Participants numbers for each event

| Events | No. of Participants | |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------|
| | Boys | Girls |
| 1 100 Metres | 25 | 17 |
| 2 400 Metres | 18 | 10 |
| 3 800 Metres | 20 | 12 |
| 4 Long Jump | 24 | 16 |
| 5 Short Put | 25 | 15 |
| 6 Go Go | | 60 |
| 7 Volley ball Senior | 160 | |
| 8 Volley ball Junior | 260 | |
| 9 Volley ball Women | | 60 |
| Total | 532 | 190 |

Prizes Winners per village

| Village Name | Individual Prize | Group Prize | Total |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 Kulilapalayam | 18 | 0 | 18 |
| 2 Bommiyarpalayam | 11 | 3 | 14 |
| 3 Morattanty | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| 4 Kottakarai | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| 5 Chinnamudaliarchavady | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 6 Annainagar | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 7 Auroville | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 8 Aravindapuram | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 9 Thiruchitrabalam | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 10 Edayanchavady | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 11 Dehashakti | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 12 Bharathynagar | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total Prizes | | | 64 |

Annual Women's Event

Plans are in progress for the annual women's event where 5,000 men and women come together to celebrate and honour women. This will be held over a series of four preparatory Sundays in August where dance, drama and public skills will be refined to culminate in the celebration day in September. We will keep you posted!

For further details of Auroville Village Actions work please contact avagoffice@auroville.org.in, 0413-26278871, villageaction.in/ and www.auroville.org/contents/805

In Service,
Auroville Village Action Team

Auroville Sustainable Livelihood Institute - Outreach

At SLI the first year was about establishing the project, getting systems and process, people and relationships in place. This involves capacity building, internal training and development, building relationships with the many Auroville units who contribute to the programs as faculty members and building relationships with the clients; the Tamil Nadu rural development groups as well as third-parties who have converging interests.

There were other objectives for SLI that were not limited to training people appointed by the TN Govt. This included opening up workshops to people outside of the Govt. Institutions and there is some success with this and we are making efforts to expand this element.

Some of the other targets included Outreach Programs and some activities have been growing steadily. These programs have two objectives; the first is to understand a series of issues that the communities face first hand and unfiltered. This means travel into the field. With this input we are able to map needs against the skills that Auroville has developed over many years. In turn, armed with this information means that our workshops get tailored, schedules get adjusted and new programs get developed. A recent example of this has been the health and beauty workshops that focus on natural products and therapies. We also emphasise self-development skills based on practices widely used and enhanced in Auroville that can be passed on to the rural population. This is really about ensuring our participants learn things like stress management skills. Importantly though it is how we try to engage the groups in understanding some of the philosophy and practices of The Mother in the forming of Auroville.

The other element of note involves ensuring that the population of Auroville is kept informed of developments at SLI. One of the consequences is the regular posting of information through the various Auroville communications channels. Another component, with this in mind, is the plan for an "open-house" meeting so that people can find out more about our activities first-hand. We will invite the whole community to see the facility and participate in a discussion.

In collaboration with other Auroville units we have offered occasional workshops to Aurovillians, newcomers and guests and remain open to participation with other units or practices in presenting workshops in collaboration with them. So if you have a possible program please talk with us. We also invite Aurovillians who have ideas, skills and/or projects and would like to consider working with us in partnership or joining the other 40+ people who have worked with us as faculty members, to also get in touch.

In summary it is apparent that the SLI project is growing both in quality and quantity but we still have the facility to further expand. Our next posting will share more of those ideas and objectives.

We invite Aurovillians to visit our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/tnavslis/

The website and a blog can be found:

www.tnavsli.in

Naidu House, Kottakarai Village.

0413 262 2333,

email: programme@tnavslis.in.



POSTINGS

Auroville Art Service: an umbrella that runs as a co-operative

Are you an artist or a therapist looking for an umbrella to register your activity under? The Auroville Art Service offers an

umbrella that runs as a co-operative and has the aim of supporting the development of arts in Auroville. To know more, call *Krishna* at 2623187 or email us at: aurovillearts@auroville.org.in.

Auroorchard update: temporary egg shortage... why?

Dear community,

You may have noticed that in recent weeks fewer eggs from AuroOrchard have been available. This was due to a nutritional issue, and we are sorry for that; but our efforts at finding a solution are showing encouraging results, and soon the bottleneck should be resolved. We also have a young flock that is growing up and expected to start laying eggs from end of next month onwards. Better times are ahead for lovers of Auroville eggs, and soon we will be able to bring you some good news about improvements at AuroOrchard's poultry. Stay tuned...! At your service, *the AuroOrchard team*

Studygroup needs new members

The studygroup needs new members for the preparation of the coming selection process concerning the Auroville Council, the Working Committee, the FAMC and TDC. If you feel interested to join please write to: studygroup@auroville.org.in
Regards, *Studygroup on Organisation*

4th Auroville Singing Festival 2016 (unplugged)

Dear friends,

This year the Auroville Singing Festival will probably take place on Saturday the 8th of October 2016 at the Unity Pavilion. It will be more simple and modest and will last only one evening.

We propose that participants perform, alone or in small groups, songs with a simple accompaniment or a capella, to reduce the load of technical installation.

We reserve ourselves the right to decline accepting songs which are not sufficiently in the Auroville spirit.

We would prefer that participants organize their own accompaniment as Rolf, Ananda and Gerhard may be able to help only in a limited capacity.

Application forms can be obtained by email from: avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in. The deadline for submitting application will be 14th August 2016.

Welcoming you,

Ananda, Noeul and Rolf

AVAILABLE

Office space for rent

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.> Aquadyne drinking water.> Car & Bike parking. Best regards, Auromode Trust Auroshilpam. Ph: 0413-2622193-161 / 99433 90391

Cutest Puppy



A beautiful female puppy from Pondy needs a forever home. She has been vaccinated against distemper, hepatitis and Parvo virus. Please email: nandita@sharan-india.org to make her yours or SMS 9488483286 or call 0413 2622627 during office hours.

Bike

Hero Karizma R, Grey colour, good condition, single owner, 2013 June model, only completed 21000 kms. Anyway interested contact: *Raja* 9442300516 or *Dawn* 9786626958

Various items

I have these items available.

1. Bicycle for men / 2. Gas stove (free as some little parts are missing) / 3. Power bank 6500 Lithium ion battery for mobile phone 6500mAh, new - Please contact *Ally* +91 7639318959

UPS and Refrigerator

Kevin DSP-Sinewave SB/DB UPS is 4 years old. Battery is available too. Refrigerator is LG, 5 stars and 268 liters, 5 years old. Contact *Noeul*: 8098 900 364

LOOKING FOR ...

A Family Counsellor

Do you know a good family counsellor, preferably Indian, even Tamil located in Auroville or Pondy? Please let me know - shahnandi@gmail.com / SMS 9488483286 or call 0143 2622637 during office hours. The need is quite urgent. Thank you, *Nandita*

Office Job

Dear All, Subashini, who worked as a secretary at Papyrus for more than 18 years, is looking for an office work. She is good at office maintenance, Salary preparation, preparing for accounts work, contact with costumers, etc... Please contact: 9715130079. Submitted by *Selva from Protection*.

Vinyl Records

Up-cycling Studio Auroville is looking for single vinyl records for making bags. If you still have any but don't use them anymore, can you give them to us? We are going to make beautiful evening bags. Please contact *Ok*: 9344002972 or mail: okjeonglee@gmail.com. (see us online: www.facebook.com/upcyclingstudioauroville/)

A Cycle

Hello, I'm Manmeet and I'm a volunteer in Auroville. I'm looking for a bicycle to get around in Auroville. If you have a bicycle that you're not using, I'll be happy to borrow it for some time. You can contact me on 9790944100 and dhaliwalsinghmanmeet@gmail.com. Thank You, *Manmeet*.

Someone bound to Switzerland

I am looking for someone traveling to Switzerland that could take a book (Savitri) to send to my dad. The book weighs 780gr. You can contact me on: adriane.feldmann@gmail.com. Many thanks, *Adriane*

Furniture

1. Bed frame/platform, double bed sized
2. Book shelf
Please contact *Ally* +91 7639318959

Table/Chair

Nadia and Clapton are looking for a table and one or two chairs or stools. We are available at: 9943307817 or nadia@auroville.org.in. Peace

LOST & FOUND

Bike's keys (Lost): Looking for bike's keys lost somewhere between Grace and Dinesh last Wednesday - Love, *Priscila* - 9489969875

THANK YOU

Gracias

Thanks to all the good friends that have answered my request. I think that I have got more than enough! Merci... There is also some good news: the Ashram is re-printing at the moment this Savitri's Mother's translation that is very good, and possibly they are going to publish the Spanish version when finished. Gracias!
Anandi (Realization)

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sitter

In Maitreye 2 from 21st of July for a period of 1.5 to 2 months. Contact *Maggie* at: 9787187890 / Email: nanzhiqueren@sina.com

TAXI SHARING

July 18th: Possibility to share a taxi going empty to Chennai Airport to pick up 4 people on 18th July. The taxi will be leaving Auroville the night between Sunday 17 and Monday 18 at 12.30 or 1.00 am. If you are interested to share it, please contact Rosa: rosa@auroville.org.in

July 21th: We will leave Auroville around 1.30 am to Chennai airport (2 persons). If you would like to Share, call/message: 8524953478 / Email: cfelices@gmail.com - Thanks, *Carlos*

July 21st: Leaving Auroville on the 21st at 2.30 am to the Chennai Airport. Please contact *Maggie* at: 9787187890 / Email: nanzhiqueren@sina.com

July 22nd: Afternoon trip to the Aravind Eye Hospital (south of Pondy) at 2 pm on Friday. Please contact *B* at: 9943532829 or at: bgr8ful@auroville.org.in.

July 24th: A taxi will be going from Auroville to Chennai airport to be there at 14.30/15.00. For sharing it - both ways - please contact *Mukta*: 9655422346 or mukta@auroville.org.in

July 29th: Taxi will be leaving Auroville around 9.00 pm for the airport to pick me up (Lufthansa will reach at 11.50 pm). For taxi sharing in either direction please mail me (*Steffi*): stefanie.weinert@gmx.de

July 30/31st: I am landing at Chennai airport on July 30 at 23:50, i.e. just before midnight. I would be ready for my pickup sometime between 00:00 and 01:00 on July 31. Contact: *Ulrich*, Creativity, ulrich@auroville.org.in, 94422-70639.

Aug 1st: To Kodaikanal Bodhi Zendo - Returning Aug 8th (Only one way also ok) - call *Jocelyn* (Certitude): 9486368162 or 2623339

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

An Administrative Person for SHARAN

SHARAN needs a full time administrative person for our Aurelec office. Qualifications - excellent English and writing skills, computer skills. IT skill or graphic skills would be an asset. Write to: nandita@sharan-india.org with your CV.

A lively Assistant to promote new Aqua Dyn project

Aqua Dyn is offering a full time job for a dynamic young lady, fluent in Tamil and English to assist with a new water project in Visitor Center. Please call *Sebastian* 8525017446 or Aqua Dyn 0413-2622201, 2622516.

HEALTH

German psychologist and psychotherapist

I'm a German psychologist and psychotherapist available for consulting for German speaking community members. My specialization is psychoanalysis, body therapy and gestalt psychotherapy. Please contact *Angelika*, phone 2622806 or email geliko@gmx.net.

EATING OUT

Naturellement Garden Café

Dear friends,
Our timings for this year are from Monday to Sunday, 9 am-5 pm.
We hope to see you there
Naturellement Garden Café team

Tibetan Dinner

Wednesdays and Saturdays - From 6.45 till 8 pm.
Require pre-booking and your last booking time is at 10 am for both days.
To book call 0413/ 2622401 / 8489067332. or send an email to: kalsang@auroville.org.in
Venue: Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.

Notes

Marika: we did believe in the Dream coming true

They are leaving one by one. What made those people different is not because of special virtues, but because they believed, whatever their upbringing and karma, that we would make it. It was simply impossible to accept delays and obstacles as irreversible: Auroville was a certainty, and this made everything different, the people too. It was like seeing reality through a different filter.

Marika was a grand dame, whose noble ancestry went back to the XIIth century crusades. Her house in Milano was filled with art treasures, her elder son lives in a castle somewhere around Paris. But when she came, around 1984, Marika rented an anonymous flat in Pondy waiting for her place to be built (initially, a project to house difficult children); she even went on camping for around a year in Annamaria's small flat, sleeping on a folding bed. Only in recent times her well off family accepted Marika's choice, but one of her two sons still kept refusing to see her. As a mother she paid quite a price to be here, like a few other Aurovilians.

When, in 1987, Roger and Kireet asked me to draft the concept for a preliminary master plan and a CIRHU album, I invited Annamaria (an Auroville pioneer, and a talented artist) and her friend Marika to collaborate; we put up a preliminary exhibition, I still have those early papers. When we launched a study group on the Mother's guidelines it was in Marika's garden that we met. We did believe in the Dream coming true. We did.

Annamaria, Marika and myself also came up with the first code of conduct study-group. Afterwards there was the battle to handle professionally those in need of psychiatric help, successfully achieved by our group; Marika and I had secured the assistance of the psychiatrist at Nallam Clinic. Whether for humanitarian reasons (in Milano Marika volunteered for handicapped children), or pursuing the Dream, raising above her upbringing the *Milano-bene* lady, as long as health permitted her, was on the front line.

Marika and Annamaria assisted financially people in need, especially workers, advancing money or gifting it, also to Aurovilians sometimes ungrateful; even the wealthy son of Marika offered to do the needed for the child of their gardener who was getting blind. To share with less fortunate people is a dharmic force, in the Catholic upbringing of certain old families, and the two Italian ladies thoroughly fulfilled their karma.

Most Aurovilians will remember Marika giving homeopathic remedies to humans and pets, having herself a large feline 'family', as she called them, plus a few dogs. She was also an active member of the Italian Pavilion. Hers was a conscious choice, leaving behind a glamorous lifestyle, properties and family - for *that Lady who doesn't want me yet, quella Signora che ancora non mi vuole*, as she used to say about the Mother.

Clad in a white sheet sprinkled with flowers, her only property, surrounded by Aurovilians, was the last sight of her human remains. *That Lady* had called her and Marika, in her youth a classical singer, sang her last song. I felt seeing her real self for the first time. Death is the most important event in life: stripped naked of all masks we merge back into the Infinite we are.

The early Aurovilians belonged to another century, like the foundation of Auroville. The century of idealism, as a documentary on Cartier Bresson righteously defined the XXth century. This is what is missing in today's earth atmosphere, we all miss it: the capacity of self-giving, the grand élan.

Paulette

A motivation message for youngsters

BHAGAVADGITA - Chap. XII, 13-19 - The Yoga of Devotion

Adweshtaa sarvabhootaanaam maitrah karuna eva cha;

Nirmamo nirahankaarah samaduhkhasukhah kshamee.

13. He who hates no creature, who is friendly and compassionate to all, who is free from attachment and egoism, balanced in pleasure and pain, and forgiving,

Santushtah satatam yogee yataatmaa dridhanishchayah;

Mayyarpitamanobuddhiryo madbhaktah sa me priyah.

14. Ever content, steady in meditation, possessed of firm conviction, self-controlled, with mind and intellect dedicated to Me, he, My devotee, is dear to Me.

Yasmaannodwijate loko lokaannodwijate cha yah; Harshaamarshabhayodwegairmukto yah sa cha me priyah.

15. He by whom the world is not agitated and who cannot be agitated by the world, and who is freed from joy, envy, fear and anxiety—he is dear to Me.

Anapekshah shuchirdaksha udaaseeno gatavyathah;

Sarvaarambhaparityaagee yo madbhaktah sa me priyah.

16. He who is free from wants, pure, expert, unconcerned, and untroubled, renouncing all undertakings or commencements—he who is (thus) devoted to Me, is dear to Me.

Yona hrishyati na dweshti na shochati na kaangkshati;

Shubhaashubhaparityaagee bhaktimaan yah sa me priyah.

17. He who neither rejoices, nor hates, nor grieves, nor desires, renouncing good and evil, and who is full of devotion, is dear to Me.

Samah shatrau cha mitre cha tathaa maanaapamaanayoh;

Sheetoshnasukhaduhkheshu samah sangavivarjitah.

18. He who is the same to foe and friend, and in honour and dishonour, who is the same in cold and heat and in pleasure and pain, who is free from attachment,

Tulyanindaastutirmaunee santushto yena kenachit;

Aniketah sthiramatir bhaktimaan me priyo narah.

19. He to whom censure and praise are equal, who is silent, content with anything, homeless, of a steady mind, and full of devotion—that man is dear to Me.

Submitted by GangaLakshmi

“The World is a Mess”

I met Christopher Witty in Barcelona recently, and his poem inspired me, so I would like to share it with you all:

The world is a mess
And we don't know what to do.
Each only thinks of self
And what he can gain
For him and let the rest
Look after them.
This way solutions are for no one
And just prolong
The agony.
Problems need thinking,
Need consensus, time and
Honest selfless consideration.
But man wants answers now
Within his lifetime so
He can gain reward,
A medal on his chest
And money in his vest.

For other living beings
There is only one objective -
Survival of the species
As a whole, not just the one.
The world is changing, always,
And to survive, we must adapt
And this needs time and sacrifice.
So think insects, birds and bees,
Mammals, flowers and the trees.
Who even help each other
To live and to survive
Another generation.

Are we such a super race
We silly human beings?
Rockets to the moon
And then to Mars. But
Will we be able to survive
So many generations
To find a new home
From our future dying world?
Or will we collapse upon our failings
And leave some other being
To bear the seeds of life - beyond.

Submitted by Matilde

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

EXHIBITIONS

Savitri
B H A V A N

Meditations on Savitri

Books Four to Seven

In the Picture Gallery from July 15 onwards

These four Books of Sri Aurobindo's epic Savitri - a Legend and a Symbol, tell the story of Savitri's birth, childhood and youth in Madra, her quest through many lands to find her life's partner, her meeting with Satyavan in the forest, their love and union, her return to inform her parents of her choice, Narad's prophecy that Satyavan is doomed to die in one year's time, and the reaction of Savitri and her parents to that news, the marriage of Savitri and Satyavan, their life together in the forest hermitage, and Savitri's search to find her soul, her yoga and its fulfilment.

125 paintings made by *Huta* under the guidance of the Mother

INVITATIONS

1970-1972 Reunion

To those who stepped into the 'Auroville Experiment' as kids of our sweet Mother during 1970-72 from Kulapalayam

We will be glad to meet you at Bharat Nivas
on 23rd of July, Saturday afternoon, between 3.30 and 4.30 for a get-together

Syamala and Varadharajan

THE PROBIOTICS OPEN HOUSE

Every Thursday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm in Creativity

MGEcoduties, is the "Natural Soap Chef"; making innovative delights...creative... healthy... and delicate products, without using Palm Oil that destroy Rain Forest, Parabens, Phosphates, phthalates, preservatives, additives, sodium laureth sulphate, synthetic colours and animal derivate products.

WHAT MGECODUTIES DO HAVE FOR ALL OF US THIS TIME?

A). The Arrival of the New Concept In Hair Care: The SHAMPOO BARS. Yes! BARS, as traditional way to care for our hair.

What are the ingredients in them?

1. Shampoo Bar for Normal Hair
2. Shampoo Bar for Dry Hair
3. Shampoo Bar for Oily Hair.

B). The Arrival of the New Concept by Introducing the New Dish Wash Liquid: But what is new in this DishWash Liquid?

The Natural Probiotic Liquid Inoculant for Dish Wash Liquid Formulation, using alcohol from Coconut oil and glucose!

What are the ingredients on it? Decyl Glucoside, neem powder, sea salt, certified lemongrass essential oil, purified and structured water with Probiotic Ceramic Rings.

C). The Arrival of the New Concept in Shave by introducing Happy Shave in Bar.

Also DO NOT miss our below wonderful and regularly products:

- a) PROBIOTICA: the healthy food drink supplement.
- b) PROBIOTICS Ceramic Rings: to structure your water.
- c) The Beauty Bath "Muffins" in the follow fragrances: Lemon - Rose - Lavender - Cedar wood and Essential. In net weight 90 grams.
- d) The MGEcoduties SPECIAL NATURAL BEAUTY BATH BARS in 15 different flavours. In net weight 120 grams.
- e) Cleaning products distributed in bulk: Deep Impact, Degreaser, Pro-det C, and Fabric softener
- f) Fruit & Veggies wash
- g) Our outstanding Dish wash Bars
- h) The All Natural Washing machine powder
- i) Composter
- j) The gardening, and household "little ones" friends called BM

All Natural - Biodegradable - Zero Packaging or Waste to Landfill
you are all welcome on Thursday to Creativity

MG Ecoduties - Guidelma and Margarita

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Contact Dance Improvisation

Discover and enjoy the rhythm of your body and the relation with the ground, the space and with other bodies.

Workshop on Saturdays from 5 to 7 pm in Cripa.

Arianna: 8524959680

John: 8524963049

Light & Fire Spinning Classes

The well-loved art and game of fire spinning is opening its doors again to beginners. From 10 years old onward anyone is welcome.

Classes every Tuesday and Thursday 5 pm-6 pm
@ Dehashakti.

No contributions are asked for the classes, but any donations towards the material and the activity is most welcome:FS # 0595.

If you have any questions please email:
aurevan@auroville.org.in

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

19th July (Tuesday) Focus this week on: 'Self-Mastery'

- 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

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

Savitri Bhavan - 9 am to 12 Noon (please be present by 8.50 am for preliminary study)

Led by *Ashesh Joshi* (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 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.com

Learn traditional arches and shells construction: Volunteering opportunity

Earthweavers is an emerging Design Research Centre in Auroville located near Ponyfarm. Earthweavers has been doing flat arch research for more than two years now. An early prototype testing can be seen at: <https://youtu.be/cS1MABTq6Mk>

At present, Earthweavers is making a building for the Design Research Centre where architecture, design-development, material and structural research can be carried out. The construction of this building uses the traditional technique of Arches and Shells with materials such as lime and country bricks in a contemporary way. The use of concrete is restricted to a minimum by choice.

We invite volunteers, interns, architects, designers and researchers to come and learn by doing on the site the deployment of these traditional techniques and materials for a modern building construction.

Construction site working hours are 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. A minimum commitment of 2 hours per day is recommended.

Refreshments will be available to all.

Contact no: 0413 - 2622058, 9442066836 / email: earthweavers@auroville.org.in

Restorative Circles Learning Community

****Building a Compassionate Justice System** with L'aura Joy
July 16 & 17 (Saturday - Sunday) - 9.30 am - 5 pm, with a lunch break**

Restorative Circles (RC) offer ways for individuals and communities to establish connection, discover meaning and recover power on profound levels. They create forums for reaching agreements that help sustain effective and nurturing relationships both personally and collectively.

This Circle process has developed within the Restorative Justice (RJ) movement, which in recent decades has rediscovered and adapted ways for communities to promote responsibility and healing. Rethinking justice, and engaging with the challenge of consciously building whole system responses to community well-being, has opened up revolutionary possibilities for furthering a culture of peace.

More info about Restorative Circles: www.restorativecircles.org
Conflict is an inevitable part of the diversity of life. Yet few of us individually, let alone as a community, know how to respond

to conflict with behaviors that do not produce pain and damage relationships.

The RC process offers a way to create community spaces for conflict that are safe and constructive, not destructive. It has been described as a straightforward problem-solving and nonviolent restoration method that demonstrates how community members can resolve their own conflicts when provided with a constructive forum to do so.

The establishment of a restorative system empowers communities to consciously choose how they would like to respond to conflict before it occurs - a form of proactive, preventative conflict transformation. It enables them to choose a nonviolent response to conflict that involves the whole community in discovering their own sustainable strategies by addressing immediate as well as underlying long term causes.

Contact L'aura for more information and to register: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016

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?

July 18 (Monday) - 9.30am-5pm (with lunch break)

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

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

SCHEDULES

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Dr Ananda Reddy from Sri Aurobindo Ashram takes up again, after a six weeks break, his classes:

'Revelations of the Isha-Upanishad'.

every Monday from 5 pm to 6 pm at Savitri Bhavan.

WORKSHOPS IN VÉRITÉ

(24 hour advanced registration required)

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)

CONSCIOUSNESS AS MEDICINE with Dr. Yogesh Mohan

Saturday, 23 July - 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.

CLASSES IN VÉRITÉ: (DROP-IN)

- Yoga Fusion - Yoga Class with Deepankar

Morning: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - 6.45 to 8.15 am

Afternoon: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 5 - 6.30 pm

Deepankar follows a holistic approach that includes core aspects of yoga (pranayama, asanas and meditation) structured into an easy way to understand and implement a set of practices suitable for modern daily life.

- Somatic Exploration with Maggie

Wednesdays, 5 - 6 pm

Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements (in the tradition of Thomas Hanna). Each week we will explore a different theme with the aim to unwind habitual holding patterns in the body, and increase balance, coordination and wellness.

A V ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC BUS - JULY

We are happy to inform that the Accessible Auroville Public Bus (12 seats) is running FOR EVERYONE. The differently able residents and guests who want to use the bus must call us one day or one hour in advance and they will be picked up at their community.

Bus passes :

- 10 Entries Bus Pass: Rs.420 (each entry Rs.42)
- The cost of one way ticket without pass: Rs.45

The bus passes are available at both the Financial Services (Aspiration & Town Hall); Ask for Auroville bus passes.

People who don't have bus passes and want to travel could sign on the blue sheet with their Auroville account number. The blue sheet will be available with the bus driver.

For those who would like to contribute more to support the Accessible Auroville Bus, here is the account number 251675.

We kindly request you all to provide your feedback after your journey with the bus to improve our service.

Any Suggestions or request please contact: 9443074825 - Raju / Email: avbus@auroville.org.in

| MONDAY to SATURDAY | | | |
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| 8.20 am | VERITE | 12.00 pm | ASHRAM DINING HALL |
| 8.25 am | MATRIMANDIR OFFICE | 12.05 pm | LOTUS HOTEL |
| 8.30 am | SOLAR KITCHEN | 12.10 pm | QUIET |
| 8.32 am | CERTITUDE | 12.20 pm | LAST SCHOOL |
| 8.40 am | KUILAPALAYAM (New Creation Junction) | 12.23 pm | KUILAPALAYAM (SBI BANK) |
| 8.42 am | KUILAPALAYAM (SBI Bank) | 12.25 pm | KUILAPALAYAM (New Creation Junction) |
| 8.45 am | LAST SCHOOL | 12.33 pm | CERTITUDE |
| 8.50 am | QUIET | 12.35 pm | SOLAR KITCHEN |
| 9.00 am | LOTUS HOTEL | 12.40 pm | MATRIMANDIR OFFICE GATE |
| 9.05 am | ASHRAM DINING HALL | 12.45 pm | VERITE |

| WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY | | | |
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| 4.20 pm | VERITE | 08.10 pm | ASHRAM DINING HALL |
| 4.25 pm | MATRIMANDIR OFFICE | 08.15 pm | LOTUS HOTEL |
| 4.30 pm | SOLAR KITCHEN | 08.25 pm | QUIET |
| 4.33 pm | CERTITUDE | 08.30 pm | LAST SCHOOL |
| 4.40 pm | KUILAPALAYAM (New Creation Junction) | 08.33 pm | KUILAPALAYAM (SBI BANK) |
| 4.42 pm | KUILAPALAYAM (SBI Bank) | 08.35 pm | KUILAPALAYAM (New Creation Junction) |
| 4.45 pm | LAST SCHOOL | 08.43 pm | CERTITUDE |
| 4.50 pm | QUIET | 08.45 pm | SOLAR KITCHEN |
| 5.00 pm | LOTUS HOTEL | 08.50 pm | MATRIMANDIR OFFICE GATE |
| 05.05 pm | ASHRAM DINING HALL | 08.55 pm | VERITE |

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 Save them in your phone now!

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 → Office (Town Hall: 9AM to 5PM): 0413-2623400
 → Email: avsecurity@auroville.org.in



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM
(Film starts at 7:45 pm SHARP!)

- Friday 15 July: "RAISE THE RED LANTERN" by Zhang Yimou, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, 1991
- FRIDAY 22 JULY: "RADIOPETTI - RADIO SET" - Directed by Hari VISWANATH - 2015 - India, Tamil Nadu With: Lakshmanan Koratur, Ramanujam TVV Radiopetti tells the story of an old man lost in another world, a world of the past, brought alive to his ears by a radio set. We follow this lovable man with alongside, his family, neighbours and friends and see where this love takes him. This multi-award Tamil film was screened at our Panorama of Contemporary Indian Cinema in February this year, in presence of its young director. We feel more of us should watch it!
Original version in Tamil, with English subtitles - Duration 1h.23' - General Audience

THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, July 22nd, 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!!

How the Earth Was Made: *The Deepest Place on Earth*

44mins Directed by Stefanie Kern, Simon Martin
The discovery of the Marianas Trench was one of the first puzzle pieces that lead to the understanding of the most massive process that shapes the geology of the Earth; plate tectonics and the creation of new crust in the mid-ocean ridges and its subduction under the continents.

(Reminder: Friday, July 15th: "Meru")

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 0413- 2677682 or 2677683, or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in. Or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org, facebook.com/sadhanaforest

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

21st Thursday July 8 pm

STAR WARS EPISODE VII (2016)

Genre: Sci-Fi/Action/Adventure / Rated: PG 13 / Dur:2:16 mins / Language: English/ Subtitle: English

Dir: [J.J. Abrams](#) / Cast: [Daisy Ridley](#), [John Boyega](#), [Oscar Isaac](#)

Storyline: Three decades after the defeat of the Galactic Empire, a new threat arises. The First Order attempts to rule the galaxy and only a ragtag group of heroes can stop them, along with the help of the Resistance.

22nd Friday July 8 pm

SPY (2015)

Genre: Comedy/Action / Rated: PG 13 / Dur:1:59 mins / Language: English/ Subtitle: English

Dir: [Paul Feig](#) / Cast: [Melissa McCarthy](#), [Rose Byrne](#), [Jude Law](#)

Storyline: A desk-bound CIA analyst volunteers to go undercover to infiltrate the world of a deadly arms dealer, and prevent diabolical global disaster.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 18th of July 2016 at 6:30 pm

"THE COLLABORATION OF NATURE"

Richard Pearson wanders in the Auroville community 'Transformation' and is speaking about the healing power of plants and conscious interactions with plants. He is also speaking about the darshans of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother and the atmosphere of their powerful presence and the time when The Mother started to work with flowers for spiritual education.

Sri Aurobindo wrote: "There are three ways of blessing of the Mother: by sight, by touch and through flowers. And it is through flowers that Her blessings are most effective."

Richard joined the Ashram in 1946 and was educated by The Mother in Botany and taught later Nature History in the Science Laboratory. Duration: 88min.

Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Wednesday 11 am)

The contents of *News & Notes* are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the *N&N* email address (below).

NB: Messages with large attachments (more than 1 MB) will not reach our inbox.

Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.

The Wednesday deadline (11am) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.

We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays due to work pressure.

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

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; No visitors on Wednesday. Please, no dictations over the phone unless it is an emergency or you have a medical problem.

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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 18 July 2016 to 24 July 2016

Indian - Monday 18 July, 8:00 pm:

- **TRAFFIC**

India, 2016, Dir. Rajesh Pillai w/ Manoj Bajpayee, Jimmy Shergill, Prasenjit Chatterjee, and others, Thriller, 104mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

A Mumbai television journalist meets with a fatal accident leaving him on a ventilator. In Pune, a young girl can only be saved if she gets a transplant. The mission of transporting the organ is entrusted to a traffic constable, looking to earn his stripes back! A remake of the 2011 Malayalam film of the same name, the film deals with the vagaries of destiny. On June 25, 2008, multiple characters set out of their homes without knowing what life has in store for them. *A good film!*

Italian - Tuesday 19 July, 8:00 pm:

- **TORNERANNO I PRATI (Greenery Will Bloom Again)**

Italy, 2014, Dir. Ermanno Olmi, w/ Claudio Santamaria, Camillo Grassi, Niccolò Senni, and others, Drama-War, 80 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

"War is an ugly beast that wanders the earth and never comes to a halt" says Toni Lunardi, the shepherd. We are on the north-eastern front, following the last bloody battles of 1917 on the Altopiano. In the film, the story unfolds in the space of one night. Events follow one another without any kind of pattern: at times the waiting goes on so long that fear has you counting the minutes as they pass until the moment comes when it's your turn. And subsequently, the peace of the mountains becomes a place where men die. Everything in the story told in this film really happened. And since the past belongs to memory, everyone can recall it to fit in with their own feelings.

Interesting - Wednesday 20 July, 8:00 pm:

- **PANDORA'S PROMISE**

USA, 2013, Writer-Dir. Robert Stone w/ Stewart Brand, Gwyneth Cravens, Mark Lynas, and others, Documentary, 87mins, Rated:NR (PG)

This film explores how and why mankind's most feared and controversial technological discovery, nuclear power, is now being passionately embraced by many of those who once were against it. Operating as history, cultural meditation and contemporary exploration, the film aims to inspire a serious and realistic debate over what is without question the most important question of our time: how do we continue to power modern civilization without destroying it? *The film presents the view of its maker. Audience is free to form its own opinion based on this film and other sources. A must see!*

Nordic - Thursday 21 July, 8:00 pm:

- **JOULUTARINA (Christmas Story)**

Finland, 2007, Dir. Juha Wuolijoki w/ Hannu-Pekka Björkman, Otto Gustavsson, Jonas Rinne and others, Drama-Fantasy, 83mins, Finnish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

Hundreds of years ago in Lapland, a little boy named Nikolas loses his family in an accident. The villagers decide to look after the orphaned boy together. Once a year, at Christmas, Nikolas moves to a new home. To show his gratitude, Nikolas decides to make toys for the children of the families as good-bye presents.

International - Saturday 23 July, 8:00 pm:

- **SANGAILES VASARA (The Summer of Sangailė)**

Lithuania-France-Netherlands, 2015, Writer-Dir. Alante Kavaite w/ Julija Steponaityte, Aiste Dirziute, Jurate Sodyte, and others, Drama-Romance, 88mins, Lithuanian w/English subtitles, Rated :R

Sangailė is a simple girl who dreams of becoming a stunt pilot but her lack of self-confidence and vertigo are preventing her from getting into a cockpit. She is disturbed and often inflicts injuries to herself. She meets another teenage girl, Austė, at an air show. As the two girls spend more time together Austė finds ways to highlight Sangailė's inner and outer beauty. Eventually Austė convinces Sangailė and with her support Sangailė decides to train herself to overcome her vertigo. The film ends with two years having passed since Austė and Sangailė last seen each other and both are living their dreams. Austė got into fashion school and Sangailė is flying planes for the air show.

Hayao Miyazaki Season for Childrens' Matinee

Children's Film - Sunday 24 July, 4:30 pm:

- **GAKE NO UE NO PONYO (Ponyo)**

Japan, 2009, Dir. Hayao Miyazaki, w/ Cate Blanchett, Matt Damon, Liam Neeson and others, Animation, 101mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

An adventure about a five-year-old boy and his relationship with Ponyo, a goldfish princess who longs to become a human after falling in love with him.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 24 July, 8:00 pm:

- **IDA**

Poland, 2013, Dir. Pawel Pawlikowski w/ Agata Kulesza, Agata Trzebuchowska, Dawid Ogrodnik, and others, Drama, 122min, polish w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Poland, 1962. Anna, an orphan brought up by nuns in the convent, is a novice. She has to see Wanda, the only living relative, before she takes her vows. Wanda tells Anna about her Jewish roots. Both women start a journey not only to find their family's tragic story, but to see who they really are and where they belong. They question what they used to believe in.

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

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

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

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

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