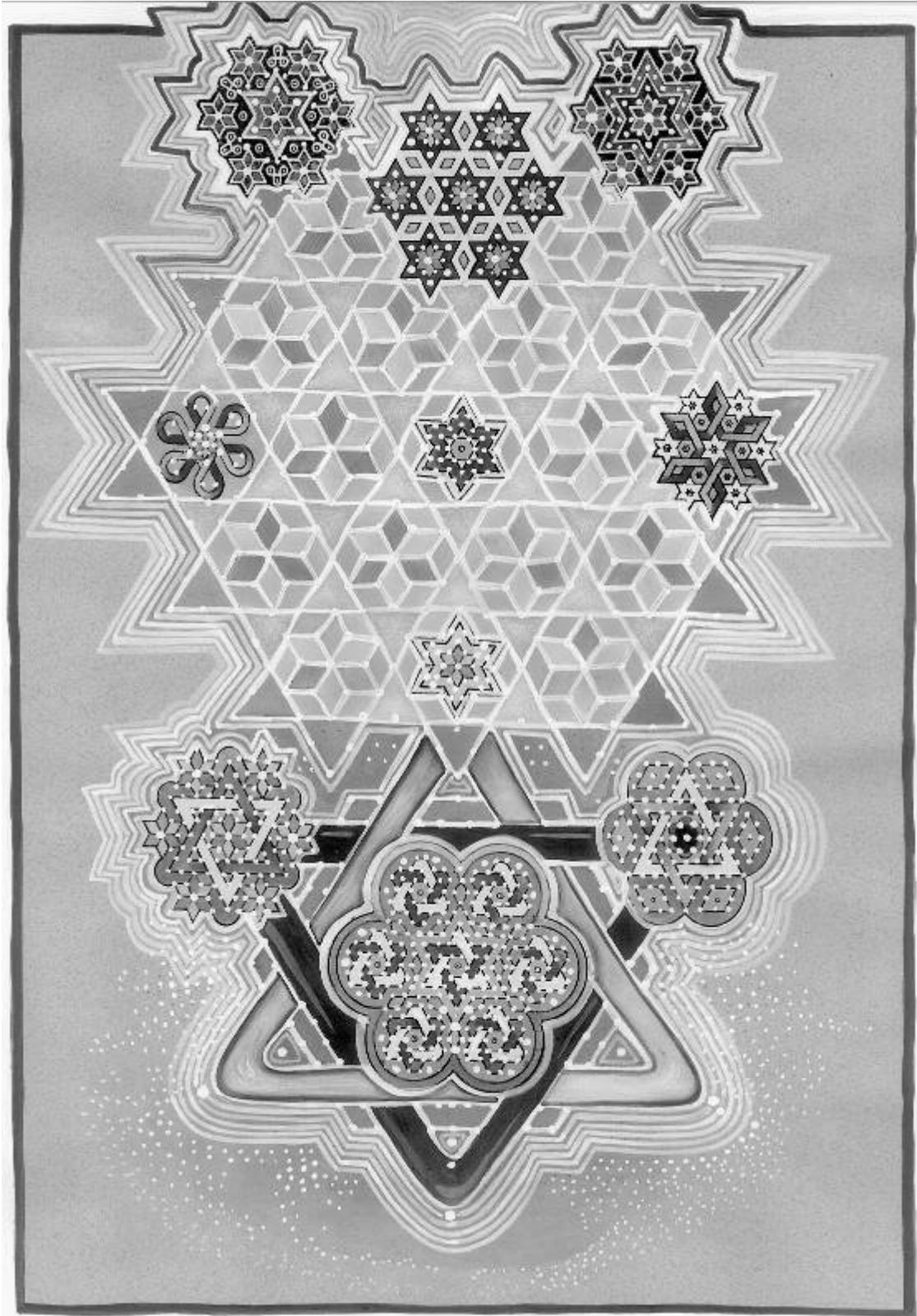


News & Notes

19th November 2016.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 674



HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Mother, there are people who come here, who have money and are very devoted, who show their devotion, but when the question of money comes up, they bargain... Then how shall we remain on friendly terms with them? What? They are devoted, they show devotion... In what way? By taking from Him all they can? ...but when the question of money comes up, they bargain, they calculate.

I tell you, I have already answered, that's how it is. They come with the idea of taking from the Divine all they can: all the qualities, all the capacities, all the conveniences also, all the comforts, everything, and sometimes even powers, and all the rest. They come to take, they don't come to give. And their show of devotion is simply a cloak they have thrown over their wish to take, to receive. That covers a wide field: from saving one's soul, having spiritual experiences, obtaining powers, to leading a petty quiet life, comfortable — more or less comfortable, at least with a minimum of comfort — without cares, without botheration, far from the worries of life. That's how it is. That covers a wide range. But when they give, it is a kind of bargaining; they know that to obtain these things, it would be well to give a little something, otherwise they won't get them, so they make a show of being very devoted. But it is only a pretence, for it is not sincere. Unfortunately for them, it deceives no one. It may be tolerated; but that doesn't mean that anybody is deceived. The bargaining is everywhere, in all the parts of the being. It is always give and take, from the highest spiritual experiences to the tiniest little material needs. There is not one in a thousand who gives without bargaining. And the beauty of the story I told you — moreover, there are many others like it here — is just this, that when the old woman gave, she didn't know that it was Shiva. She gave to the passing beggar, for the joy of doing good, of giving, not because he was a god and she hoped to have salvation or some knowledge in exchange. (*Looking at the disciple*) There is still some mischief in his mind. Now then, what is it? [...]

He wants to ask what one must do, what should be done?

Ah! at last. What should be done?... Be sincere. That's it; always, always, the little worm in the fruit. One tells oneself, "Oh! I can't." It is not true, if one wanted, one could. And there are people who tell me, "I don't have the will- power." That means you are not sincere. For sincerity is an infinitely more powerful force than all the wills in the world. It can change anything whatever in the twinkling of an eye; it takes hold of it, grips it, pulls it out — and then it's over. But you close your eyes, you find excuses for yourself.

The problem recurs all the time.

It comes back because you don't pull it out completely. What you do is, you cut the branch, so it grows again.

It takes different forms.

Yes. Well, you have to take it out every time it comes, that's all — until it doesn't come back any more. We have spoken about it, where was it?... Oh! it was in *Lights on Yoga*, I think. You push the thing down from one part of your consciousness into another; and you push it down again and then it goes into the subconscious, and after that, if you are not vigilant, you think it is finished, and later from there it shows its face. And next, even when you push it out from the subconscious, it goes down into the inconscient; and there too, then, you must run after it to find it. But there comes a time when it is over. Only, one is always in too great a hurry, one wants it to be over very quickly. When one has made an effort, "Oh! well, I made an effort, now I should get the reward for my effort." In fact, it is because there is not that joy of progress. The joy of progress imagines that even if you have realised the goal you have put before you — take the goal we have in view: if we realise the supramental life, the supramental consciousness — well, this joy of progress says, "Oh! but this will be only a stage in the eternity of time. After this there will be something else, and then after that another and yet another, and always one will have to go further." And that is what fills you with joy. While the idea, "Ah! now I can sit down, it is finished, I have realised my goal, I am going to enjoy what I have done", oh, how dull it is! Immediately one becomes old and stunted.

The definition of youth: we can say that youth is constant growth and perpetual progress — and the growth of capacities, possibilities, of the field of action and range of consciousness, and progress in the working out of details. Naturally, someone told me, "So one is no longer young when one stops growing?" I said, "Of course, I don't imagine that one grows perpetually! But one can grow in another way than purely physically." That is to say, in human life there are successive periods. As you go forward, something comes to an end in one form, and it changes its form... Naturally, at present, we come to the top of the ladder and come down again; but that's really a shame, it shouldn't be like that, it's a bad habit. But when we have finished growing up, when we have reached a height we could consider as that which expresses us best, we can transform this force for growth into a force which will perfect our body, make it stronger and stronger, more and more healthy, with an ever greater power of resistance, and we shall practise physical training in order to become a model of physical beauty. And then, at the same time, we shall slowly begin and seek the perfection of character, of consciousness, knowledge, powers, and finally of the divine Realisation in its fullness of the marvellously good and true, and of His perfect Love.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 11 January 1956

THE MOTHER

The
Ponder
Corner

Earthly life is the place for progress. It is here, on earth, that progress is possible, during the period of earthly existence. And it is the psychic which carries the progress over from one life to another, by organising its own evolution and development itself.

The Mother
ref. MCW, vol. 9, Questions and Answers 1957-1958, p.270

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Forest Group Meeting

Abri Forest- 4th November, 2016

33 participants: Hans (chair), Vengadesh, Marie-Angel, Shanti, Dominik, Edzard, Satyaaji, Rita, Enea, Iyengar, Eric, Jaap, Rishi, Yuval, Kareem, Quentin, Kumar, Glenn, Natalie, Bindu, Christoph, Dave, P. Elumalai, D. Segar, Jean-Marie, V. Boobalan, Aurore, Julia, Jessamijn, Ambre, Kannyappan, Fabian, Guy (notes).

- **The Green Belt Plan by D. Stein**

A separate meeting has been arranged to discuss the issue of plans for the Green Belt, to be held at Abri on Friday 25th of November at 3 pm.

- **AV Surya - Varuna solar plant**

After a long, constructive discussion by all present, the Forest Group came to a collective decision on the formulation of a statement regarding the proposed location for the construction of the AV Surya solar plant by Varuna. The following statement will be sent to the TDC by Wednesday 9th of November:-

Forest Group feedback on site application for AV Surya - Varuna Solar Plan

The Forest Group would first like to state that it supports the building of a solar plant in Auroville and sees the very positive aspect of feeding green energy into the Auroville grid.

Having said that, the Forest Group feels that its present proposed placement in an area that requires tree cutting and subsequent tree management for shade and storm damage, due to the solar plant butting up against a green area, is not the most appropriate location. It was expressed that the plant would be better located on existing roof space or on empty or under-utilised land, which would not require too much clearing of vegetation. The issue of its location in respect to creating a foot print of the "line of force", as per present master plan, was seen clearly as something that the Forest Group cannot support presently without a larger community consultation process on the validity of this aspect of town planning. The fact that there is a perceived division within the community about the plan and such large projects, and that community participation at this level of planning is under review, the FG could not see that it has a place supporting this without getting clear community support beforehand.

The Forest Group hopes that Varuna is also open to build this project on other land and that it is not fixed on this "line of

Force" formation. The Forest Group can understand the importance of such a solar plant and it hopes that the TDC and land board could find alternative locations. The Gaia frisbee field and Adventure sports ground were both mentioned as possibilities to explore.

- **Dana Forest - stewardship / watchman**

Marie-Angel wishes to take care of the forest at Dana. She expressed the need for more financial support to pay for a watchman. As she is presently getting a watchman budget from the Forest Group that only partially covers the wages like all stewards, it was felt that for this month this extra could be covered by the FG buffer. A longer-term solution needs to be found and as a start the FG will draft a request to the Dana Community and potteries to see if they could collectively pool funds to cover this monthly need.

- **Maintenance requests**

- **Satyaaji (Meadow)**. It was agreed that Satyaaji should receive a half-maintenance for his work in Meadow and the wider AV community.

- **Quentin (Revelation)**. Quentin presented his role in maintaining the forest at Revelation. The Forest Group recommends that Quentin should be awarded an Apprentice Forest Maintenance for his commitment to forest work in Revelation and in AV.

- **Maintenance review**

The scarcity of funds to allocate to maintenances is well known. Some members proposed that the Forest Group come up with a process to review existing maintenances. This proposal was expanded to cover a general FG review and it was decided to call a meeting in December to develop criteria and the nature of the process.

- **Hunting and firearms use**

Bindu and Kareem shared their experience of the recent escalation of the use of firearms, and even explosive devices, for hunting, (not committed by gypsies), on Pondicherry peramboke land in the canyons adjoining Forecomers. The Forest Group whole-heartedly supports their request that the Secretary of Auroville communicates with the Pondicherry authorities to explore options of how to effectively curb hunting activities in the area.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held at Revelation on the 2nd of December at 3 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation to a General Meeting

Topic:

ITDC presentation on the projects eventually coming up in the near future

4.00 pm, Thursday December 1st, at Unity Pavilion

The iTDC together with the RAS is in the process of preparing a series of General Information Meetings about various projects eventually coming up in the near future.

On **Thursday, 1st December (04.00 pm, Unity Pavilion)** a first meeting will happen in which the iTDC will present the basic project information and project parameters as given in the site/building application.

This meeting is meant as a first step to invite the community to an informed participative process. It will be structured in a basic presentation on the various projects (approx. 60 min, given by the iTDC) and an open discussion on available and possible next steps.

While the iTDC imagines as subsequent steps that each project will be presented in more details by the team of project holders and architects (if already decided) the outcome of this first meeting might bring new ideas.

For this process to be effective please make an effort to attend the meeting.

Thank you in advance, *The iTDC team and the RAS team*

Appeal Process

Dear Community,

The final draft of the appeal process is on AuroNet, please see the link: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/59896>

The major change is that Housing Board's decisions have to be reviewed first by the FAMC as it relates to Auroville assets and then the FAMC decision on the concerned issue will be appealable. Therefore, we removed the Housing Board from the working groups whose decisions can be appealed.

The appeal process will be reviewed after one year.

The Auroville Council invites you to attend a general meeting on Friday 9th December at 4 pm in Unity Pavilion to listen and answer to all remaining questions on the Appeal Process.

The final version after the GM will be submitted to your final approval before the process becomes operational.

Warmly, *The Auroville Council*

Policy on Prevention of Sexual Harassment

Dear community, as previously announced, in accordance with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act 2013 and with the approval of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation, the Working Committee constituted the "**Auroville Internal Complaints Committee**" (ICC) which took office on 24 October 2015.

The ICC will deal with issues of sexual harassment as defined in the Act that are brought to its notice, which involve a resident of Auroville, a newcomer, a friend of Auroville, a volunteer in Auroville, a student of Auroville, a guest of Auroville as well as a person employed by or working for an Auroville trust, an Auroville unit, an Auroville service, any other Auroville legal entity, or individual residing in Auroville.

The Working Committee and the Auroville council present the policy which will be applicable in such cases. As the policy is mandatory its *raison d'être* cannot be questioned and therefore is considered applicable from its date of publication.

We would like to remind the community that sexual harassment might mean any form of unwelcome physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct of sexual nature. Auroville will not tolerate any form of sexual harassment and we all are committed to take all steps to ensure a living and working environment free from sexual harassment. At the same time, Auroville will not tolerate people who abuse the law by submitting a false complaint to harm somebody else.

We invite you to go through the policy and give your feedback within the next 2 weeks. We will integrate substantial feedback and the policy will be considered approved by 3rd of December, 2016.

Please find link to the document:

www.auroville.org.in/article/59897

Sincerely, AV council

Kalpna Financial Assistance Applications update

Dear community,

The Kalpna Review and Allocation team received a total of 11 applications, 8 of which will be receiving financial assistance towards stewardship of a housing asset in Kalpna.

The process was cohesive and harmonious, and the team is satisfied with the outcome: 8 additional apartments in Kalpna are booked!

These apartments will be welcoming a nice mix of single people, couples and families, one of which is an Aurovilian youth.

Sincerely,

The Kalpna Review and Allocation team

L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 19th Nov 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 a NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens 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

1. Pitchandikulam Forest, Bore well on plot no. B071/4
2. Auroshilpam, Bore well on phot no. IR 375/3B.

• Building Applications

1. Visitors Center for Royal Elements-Kalya Tait, Kiosk for Food and Beverages on plot no. IR 228/2B for 80 Sq.m.

Project writes up given by the project holder:

Royal Element & Kalya's Delights would like to build an outlet shop to sale varieties of Cakes & ice cream at the Visitors Center.

Project Title: Cakes & Ice cream parlor

Proposed Site Location: Visitors Center

Project Holder: Ami & Kalya

Architect: Suhasini

Contact Persons: Ami & Kalya

Description:

Plot No: IR 228/2B

Total Area of the project: 110 sq/m

Build up Area: 80 sq/m

Target Group: Aurovilians and Visitors

Background:

Triggers: Quality products

Goals/Objectives: Need to generate funds for Auroville.

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

• **Site applications:** No new SA

• **Building Application**

1. Auroville Library, Library Extension on plot no. IR 416/1A for total build up area 145 sq.m.

Project writes up given by the project holder:

Auroville Library Extension Project 2016-17

Project Title: Extension to the existing library

Proposed Site Location: Attached to the western side of the existing library on the crown opposite Kailash

Project Holder: Ashatit for the Auroville library and SAIER

Architect: Auroville Design Consultants

Contact Persons: Ashatit / Suhasini

Plot No: IR 416 / 1A

Total Area of the project: 150 m²

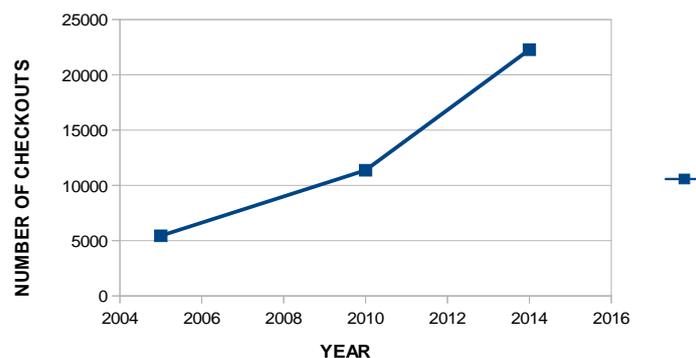
Build up Area: 145 m²

Target Group: Residents of Auroville, visitors, volunteers and guests

Background: The AV Library got a boost in 2008 when a new library building was sanctioned, and the building was completed and occupied in 2010. Below, we present a graph of how much the library has been used over the last five years. The number of books read has doubled in the last 5 years, indicating a growth rate of about 15%.

Triggers: There are about 2,000 accounts in the library now, of which 1,500 can be said to be regular users. The shelf space in the new library is 130 m², and is supposed to be for 45,000 books. However, between purchases and donations we have already reached 39,000 books, and are acquiring new books at 6,000 books per year plus donations which can be very substantial.

Goals/Objectives: the present extension should allow the library to increase the shelving space needed to absorb the growing number of books and also allow for browsing stations including e-section for research / study.



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 Auronet page of L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC.



ACRES FOR AUROVILLE land campaign

24 November 2016 - The Siddhi Day



« *To Thee our infinite gratitude* »

November 24th 1926 was the date of Sri Aurobindo's great *siddhi* or realization, opening the gates to a greater, spiritualized consciousness for Humanity. He consecrated the next 24 years to concretizing the promise of Spirit and Matter in harmony.

Auroville is the designated place for pioneering Sri Aurobindo's great vision. Over the past 48 years, it has flowered step-by-inspiring step, thanks to so many acts of individual and collective dedication. But one step is still needed - completing Auroville's material body with urgently-needed Master Plan area land.

For Auroville's upcoming 50th birthday, Acres for Auroville is building a gift of gratitude - the precious gift of land! We thank all the donors whose invaluable support has already made part of this gift possible - you have our sincere gratitude. All friends and visionaries are invited to join us in solidarity for building the City of Dawn. Setting the tone for us all, The Mother had these words engraved in the marble of Sri Aurobindo's *Samadhi*:

"May we never forget even for a moment, all we owe to Thee"

**Let's show our gratitude for the Vision & the achievements!
Help build the 50th birthday gift of land!!**

Please specify **Acres for Auroville (all Master Plan area land)** for your donations via:

- Auroville Unity Fund (checks/tranfers)
- Auroville Donation Gateway (credit/debit cards using the A4A button) on www.auroville.com/donations/
- AVI centers (www.auroville-international.org)

- Tax & campaign information at Auroville's Land website www.colaap.org -

*"Gratitude Flower" according to The Mother's spiritual signifances of flowers (Ipomea Carnea)
Inscriptions on Sri Aurobindo's Samadhi - 9 December 1950*

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Lands for Auroville Unified

Auroville Centre for Urban Research, Administrative Area,
Auroville - 605 101, Tamil Nadu, India

Acres for Auroville - 24th November 2016

"The true spirit of Auroville is collaboration and must be more and more so. True collaboration paves the way to divinity."
(The Mother, 22 October 1972)

If we regard collaboration as something growing, an evolving thing, then the above words of the Mother are relevant for us all - for those of us who live and work in Auroville, or are associated from a distance. Collaboration stands, deepens, and evolves on a number of essential pillars. Gratitude is one of them - gratitude for being able to serve a vision that leads to a better and nobler life for all. But when the fire of gratitude gets engulfed and pushed into background, another pillar is needed to sustain the collaboration. And that is patience. Wrote Sri Aurobindo: *"I am weary of the childish impatience which cries & blasphemes and denies the ideal because the Golden Mountains cannot be reached in our little day or in a few momentary centuries."* (Sri Aurobindo - *The Hour of God*, Vol: 17, Page.116-*Thoughts and Aphorisms*, SABCL)

This aphorism of Sri Aurobindo gives us a perspective of time and teaches a lesson in patience while collaborating with Auroville. The aims of Auroville - human unity, a new creation, a new world - are akin to a golden mountain, something vast, glorious and enchanting. But we should not be disheartened or discouraged if it takes time to reach them. After all, in the panorama of evolution, a few groups of centuries are but momentary.

We can apply this perspective to our situation as well. Auroville is approaching 50 years. Still we have yet to secure a unified physical base. But we should be careful not to harbor feelings of weariness or discouragement for the delay. As a friend and donor to Auroville from New Zealand recently wrote to us, "Auroville has before her an eternity, while the (private) developers would at most have a lifetime or two." With this understanding in the background, the spirit of collaboration attains a calm maturity and power of resilience while keeping the joyous flame of determination.

24th November is a major milestone on the path that Sri Aurobindo was carving out for the world to reach the Golden Mountain. At "Acres for Auroville" we regard it this date as a "Goodwill Activation Point" for a unified City area and a unified Greenbelt.

Aryadeep

Mandakini

Please specify "ACRES FOR AUROVILLE" (all Master Plan area land) or "GreenAcres" (exclusively land in the Greenbelt) for your donations via Auroville Unity Fund (checks or bank transfers), Auroville Donation Gateway (credit or debit cards) www.auroville.com/donations/, Auroville International www.auroville-international.org. For tax deductibility: www.colaap.org

A call for architectural proposals

SAIIER is planning to develop a new youth hostel along the Crown Road of Auroville, opposite Solar Kitchen (plot no. IR 218/1A between the round-about to its right and the future Line Of Force and DU CR.2.7.0 as per DDP2016).

Learning from SAIIER's last selection process, SAIIER will create an advisory board constituted of experienced architects and at least two SAIIER representatives to support this process throughout and select and recommend a final entry for approval by the SAIIER Board.

The approved project will subsequently be implemented as per SAIIER works manual.

The Background: The Mitra youth hostel, as it is in its current capacity cannot accommodate all young volunteers and interns of Auroville. Furthermore, the residential zone for many people is a sub-optimal location to host the dynamic life style of these young people.

Therefore SAIIER is planning to build a new youth hostel, along with a hostel - 'Fujiko House' - proposed by Kenji and Chieko. SAIIER has invited Kenji and Chieko to club resources, share expertise and future facilities in a combined project to explore a new way of working with mixed fund resources. It is intended to accommodate Auroville's volunteers and interns, similar to the current Mitra users.

The Brief: The project is two-fold and therefore challenges the architects of Auroville to synthesize two projects into a single harmonious whole.

The first part is the SAIIER youth hostel - Mitra2- and the second part is the Fujiko House.

The vision leading to combining these projects is based on sharing not only expertise but sharing facilities, optimizing infrastructural efforts and bringing the next stage of urbanism onto the crown road.

Details regarding program and parameters will be available on AuroNet, in SAIIER or per mail (please send your request to: saiier-construction@auroville.org.in)

The process: SAIIER, in collaboration with TDC, has designed the brief for the project and received site permission.

Interested Auroville Architects with a registered unit under the Auroville Foundation are invited to express their interest within two weeks of publication.

The day after, a compilation of required documents will be sent out by email or be available for pick-up from the SAIIER office.

All eventual questions can be mailed to SAIIER or dropped off in writing to SAIIER and will be collected.

On the 3rd of December 2016 all interested architects will be invited for a meeting with the project holders and the advisory board for an open sharing session. A compilation of all questions and their respective answers will be given to all participants at that time. A collective site visit can be organized afterwards, if desired.

SAIIER will provide the following documents:

- Brief
- Program requirements
- Site map (jpeg & dwg)
- Survey (to be given by TDC)
- Compilation of relevant details from DDP 2016
- Preliminary Estimate Format
- PSR document (CPWD issued rates)

All entries have to be submitted to SAIIER on or before the 3rd of February 2017. The submission format has to be a maximum of four numbers of A2 boards/sheets and a separate explanatory note with not more than 1,000 words. In the upper right corner of the boards/sheets, a four-digit code chosen by the participants shall be placed. This code shall be entered also in the explanatory note accompanying the project.

Submission shall be in hard and soft copy and the project materials shall not display the authors' names, their photographs, initials or logos.

The submissions shall include:

- Concept development
- All relevant plans [site, floor plans] (all to scale)

- Elevations (to scale)
- Sections (to scale)
- Material choices
- Relevant details from the DDP 2016
- Details on sustainable measures/ecological features
- Basic visuals/sketches of spaces
- Estimation (PSR from CPDW to be considered for preparing the preliminary estimate)
- A physical model is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory

Submissions after the 3rd of February 2017 will not be considered. Incomplete submissions can be considered, but no additional information given at a later stage will be considered.

The shortlisted architects will get a chance to present their proposals in person to the advisory board for feedback and revision. (Date yet to be announced.)

The start of construction is aimed for April 2017.

The project execution will follow the Works Manual of SAIIER (a SAIIER representative will be available for clarifications and support in regards to CPWD standards and SAIIER works manual)

For further Questions please contact us at: [SAIIER-construction@auroville.org.in](mailto:saiier-construction@auroville.org.in) or 9047725507 (Michael).

From the Entry Service - N&N No - 674 - dated 19.11.2016

PLEASE NOTE: In the last News and Notes the Auroville Council has announced that the Welcome Talks are now on hold. New applications will be accepted after clarifications between the newly formed Entry Task Group, Auroville Council and Working Committee. The people listed below have entered into the process previously and have fulfilled the necessary conditions to be announced as Newcomers.

The feedback process for the Newcomers is now extended from two weeks to one month (this is a new change).

More clarity on the implementation of the Entry Policy will be brought soon by the Working Committee, Auroville Council and RAS.

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED: (click [here](#) for AuroNet pictures)

- BalaMurugan GUNASEKARAN (Indian from Kulilapalayam), staying at Equality, working at Mira Computers
- Elena SAMOKHINA (Russian), staying at Horizon, working at Sankalpa and Nymphaea Creation
- Jacques ROSIER (French), staying at Auromodele, working at Road Service and Dental Clinic
- Krishnamoorthy DEVARASU (Indian from Edayanchavady), staying at New Creation, working at Progress
- Manojkumar SHANMUGAM (Indian from Erode), staying and working at Terrasoul
- Michel MUSSIES (Dutch), staying at Gaya, working at Sante
- Moon JIWON (South Korean), staying at Arka, working at Nandanam Kindergarten
- Punidhavalli THANAJAYAN aka Shanthi (Indian from Cuddalore), staying at Courage, working at Kindergarten
- Ramalekshmi ANBU (Indian from Kanyakumari), staying at Celebration, working at New Era Secondary School
- Ruchir SHARMA (Indian from Auroville), staying at Auromodele, working at Cynergy
- Saranya MONTAGNE (Indian from Chinnamudaliar Chavady), staying at Auromodele, working at Centre de Soins Naturels
- Saranya RANJITHKUMAR (Indian from Cuddalore), staying at Mangalam, working at Lively
- Savithri ADHIRAJAN (Indian from Kulilapalayam), staying at Celebration, working at Auromics
- Sri Devi VENKATESWARAN (Indian from Villipuram), staying and working at Maitreye 2 as a Caretaker, helping accounts at Housing Service
- Umaramanan UMAPATHY (Indian from Edayanchavadi), staying and working at Pitchandikulam Forest
- VaraLakshmi NATARAJAN (Indian from Kottakarai), staying at Sailam, working at Solar Kitchen
- Vasanthan KUMARASWAMY (Indian from Puducherry), staying and working at Kottakarai Farm and at Maha Travels

Venugopal RAMASAMY (Indian from Sanjeevi Nagar), staying at Celebration, working at Siddhartha Forest

Viji MUTHUKUMAR (Indian from Cuddalore), working at L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC

Vivek SINGH (Indian from Rajasthan), staying and working at Needam Guest House

Yoshiteru MUGIFUMI aka Mugi (Japanese), staying and working at Quiet as Chiropractor

CHILD OF A NEWCOMER:

Saravanavel BALAMURUGAN (Indian), born on 12.03.2013, attending Kindergarten

Meet DIVRANIYA (Indian), born on 25.12.2010, attending Aha Kindergarten

Songha MOON (South Korean), born on 27.10.2008, studying at Deepanam

Evdokia GRISHINA (Russian), born on 21.04.2004, studying at Deepanam

Kishor MUTHUKUMAR (Indian), born on 11.09.2000, studying at Kuilapalayam Trust School

Karthikeyan MUTHUKUMAR (Indian), born on 08.04.2003, studying at Kuilapalayam Trust School

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

Meenal Sanjay KUSALE (Indian from Maharashtra), staying at Humility, working at Matrimandir and Tapasia Design Studio

Neem PASINI (Italian), staying at Transition School, working at Matrimandir

AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18:

Divyabharathi IYAPPAN (Indian), staying at Courage and studying at Acharya Arts & Science College, Pondicherry

Chandra Mira KATJUSCHA (German), staying at Saranga and studying at Future School

Sruti SUNDARAM (Indian), staying at Bharat Nivas and studying at Acharya Arts & Science College, Villianur, Pondicherry

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:

Leon MATSIL (USA)

RETURNING AUROVILIAN:

Rajendran NARAYANASWAMY (Indian), staying at Siddhartha Forest

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

The following people will be confirmed as Aurovilians **ONLY after signing the B-Form**, which is the last step in order to be included in the Register of Residents of the Auroville Foundation, to become a Resident of Auroville

Divya KARUNA (Indian)

Marie-Laure PASQUARELLI (French)

Natasha JAIN (Indian)

Umavathy RAMESH (Indian)

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

Aruna DEVI (Indian)

Babu ELANGOVAN (Indian)

Jozef OVERLAET aka Sep (Belgian)

Lavanya SURESH (Indian)

Rama VINAYAGAMOORTHI (Indian)

Saranya THULASINGAM (Indian)

Swarpreet KAUR (Indian)

Yoko SASAKI (Japanese)

The Entry Service is open to the public every day from 9:30 to 12:30 and from 2:30 to 4:30 except on Tuesday morning (team meeting) and Sunday.

B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.

At your service, *The Entry Service team*.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pondy trips on Darshan days

November 24th

On November 24, 1926, Sri Aurobindo realized the Overmind and withdrew forever into his room to tread the supramental path, entrusting to the Mother the full responsibility of what will become the Sri Aurobindo Ashram. The event - Sri Aurobindo's Siddhi Day - is also known as the descent of Lord Krishna in the physical.

For those willing to reach Pondy using Auroville's collective transport, the SAIER bus will leave from Matrimandir at 9 am, stop at the Solar Kitchen and follow the ordinary route, returning from Pondy at 12 am. No tokens are required.

This is not a commercial bus and the offer is only for Aurovilians and Newcomers having darshan in Sri Aurobindo's room.

Paulette

Launch your Social Enterprise

Do you have an innovative solution to prevailing socio-economic problems?

Yearning to launch your own social enterprise?

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Are you over 16 years old, based in Tamil Nadu, and committed to your cause?

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With over 200 hours of hands-on coaching and training sessions, dedicated fundraising support and access to key networks and connections, UnLtd Tamil Nadu offers an opportunity to get customized incubation services for one full year, for FREE, to early stage social ventures.

Application deadline - 30th Nov 2016.

Restorative Dialogue across cultures

On Saturday November 5th, 21 Aurovilians met at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture to dive into a deep inquiry on the roots of cultural divides and how we can heal and overcome them.

The journey of this dialogue confronted us with stereotypes held on both sides, as "local Tamilians" and as "Vellakaras". It brought us through deep pain and uneasiness, into a powerful space of appreciation of the qualities, values and strengths of each culture. We experienced richness and Unity.

Our learning:

- When we meet person to person we mostly connect directly, we experience and value the person as an individual.

- When we talk about a person or a group, we often attach labels to that person/group, we stereotype them, put them into a box, judge them.

- We use stereotypes especially when we talk about certain groups, like Vellakaras (Westerners), or local Tamilians, or Entry Service etc.

- The Tamil culture, as also the European one and all other cultures, holds deep values. Seeing and Being in this space makes us strong, and unites us. Being in this space also helps us to work with shadows, aspects from our cultural background which are not adequate any longer, or aspects which got distorted.

- Each of us can contribute to the healing of cultural divides by careful use of language, whereby we avoid using labels and stereotypes.

- We can help each other in becoming aware of stereotypes and labels in our conversations by pointing them out.

Submitted by Shivaya

Temple Land Lease near Certitude

Land Board is happy to announce that after on-going negotiations an agreement has been reached with the Lesser of the Temple land between Certitude and Samasti. The passage has therefore been opened again.

Land Board

(Divya, Gerard, Kannappan, Sandeep, Suhasini, Sukrit)

News from Savi: an enquiry on units & services hosting volunteers & interns



While a lot of discussions are currently going on in the community on the causes of the slow growth of Auroville economy (and population), we in Savi think that the human resources should be looked at with the same attention as

financial figures. To contribute to the overall debate, we request the cooperation of all working places (units, services, activities, farms, forests, etc) to reply to a questionnaire on volunteers that will be sent out in the coming week. Its outcome will be very helpful to set a snapshot of the present situation, giving a ground to solutions that could improve the impact of external volunteers to the Auroville development and the conditions of their stay altogether.

POSTINGS

Afro/Reggae festival cancelled

The African Pavilion team would like to inform the community that the Afro Reggae festival announced last week for the coming weekend was not organised by the African Pavilion Team and without its knowing. It is therefore cancelled. Sorry for the misunderstanding. *The African Pavilion Team*

Kali/Growing in Power on Vimeo!!

This 5.31 minute short documentary film is educational, showing an installation with recycled materials placed on the AV main road, hoping to inspire all passers-by toward Future Art and Future Realization, as a part of Kino Auroville Screening #001, November 2016. You can watch it Vimeo either clicking: vimeo.com/190567847 or Google Kali/Growing in Power on Vimeo. *Celestine*

New Opening Times at Citadines Art Center

Dear Friends, from now on our gallery at Citadines is open each morning 10 to 12 am. Enjoy, *Janak*

Paola at the 'Inner Space' centre, Rome

Having presented her new book 'Savitri - La scoperta dell'Anima e la vittoria sulla Morte' ('Savitri - The finding of the Soul and the victory over Death') in various cities throughout Italy, Aurovilian author and speaker Paola de Paolis now returns to Rome to introduce the book, in the evening of Tuesday 22 November, at the much frequented cultural centre '[Spazio Interiore](#)' at Via Vincenzo Coronelli, enabling a wide range of attendees to get connected with Sri Aurobindo's epic poem and vision.

Nandini *tailoring* announcement for orders

No new order taken from Thursday 24 to Tuesday 29 of November 2016 We start again on **Thursday 1 of December**. Please, don't forget your cloth bag when you give your order. *Ira & Anne*

Call for volunteers for Auroville Women's Health Assessment Survey

We're happy to announce that the first Auroville Women's Health Assessment Survey is kicking off soon! We are looking for eager volunteers to join us in distributing the surveys in the first two weeks of December. For more information, contact *Paula* (75986 11950, paulamurphy@auroville.org.in) or *Alicja* (91672 31437)

For your information...

Today (Tuesday Nov 15), around 12noon, I was driving in the direction of Solar Kitchen, and was near the Kindergarten. I saw an Indian-looking man alongside the cycle path, and I noticed that his pants were open, and he was exposing himself to a woman who was cycling along. I stopped as soon as I could make out what was happening, and I yelled from the across the street, "hello... hello...! HELLO...! He didn't make eye contact, but clearly got my intervention. He got on his bike as quickly as he could, his belt still open. There was traffic and a car coming behind me, so I couldn't cross the street fast enough to get closer. I drove on and the woman was waiting ahead, grateful that I made a scene. I told the guard at the roundabout.

Submitted by *L'aura*

AVAILABLE

New world tree seedlings available in Baraka: Baraka community has New World tree (bixa orellana) seedlings available. Bixa orellana is a very nice ornamental tree that makes beautiful flowers. The seedlings we grew are ready to be planted by the soon coming rainy season. Please pass by: Mornings - 8.30 am to 12 noon (except Sundays). *Baraka team*

Various:

- A cloth standard made of teakwood with a bar of metal. Height 1.70 cm, width 1.30 cm.
- A multipurpose, paintable oak tree side table, hand crafted with marble knob on the drawer. Height: 21 inch, width 24 inch and depth 14 inch. Sliding draw part: 5,5 inch.
- Multipurpose, handcrafted oak tree pedestal to showcase art piece or to use as side table. Inside hollow, light polished and paintable. Height: 70 cm, width: 36 cm, depth 28 cm.
- One year old latex and natural cotton mattress. In excellent condition, adjusts to body shape and can be used on a bed of 200 cm x 150 cm. Can also be used as a Japanese futon on the floor.
- A set of 3 teakwood boxes. Can be used as side tables on the floor or as cupboards on the wall. Height: 40 cm, width 40 cm, depth 30 cm.
- Pixma inkjet color printer. Almost new, mobile printing possible.

For more info please call: 9677296426 - *Connie*

Digital piano: 7 octave Yamaha p-45 digital piano with a stand. Please contact *Yoffi*: 2622890

Ecological bamboo toothbrushes: I'm going to order some of these fantastic ecological bamboo toothbrushes and want to know if you'd like to order some too. We've been experimenting with environmentally friendly toothbrushes at WasteLess for some time and found the ones from Brush with Bamboo to be superb. The newly released version has bristles made from 60% castor oil and this young innovative company is pushing the industry to break free from conventional plastics. I'd like to place an order for both adult and child brushes and the more we order, the more discount we'll be able to get. So if you'd like to make a conscious step towards ecological dental hygiene and don't quite like that neem stick or if you just want to get a cool gift for someone, please contact me. Prices vary between Rs 240 each for small orders to Rs 175 if we can order in bulk (above 36 pieces). Call, sms or whatsapp 9488483871. Thanks, *Ribhu*

Cute Kitten: For the past 10 days or so, a little cute tiger girl kitten has been roaming around my house. Every few days I hear my other 3 cats fighting with her. Today I took her in, but I would really prefer that she has another home. Anyone interested? *L'aura*: 9442788016, laura.joyful@gmail.com

Bills of quantity and Estimates: After years of experience in construction, I can do for you bills of quantity and estimates. I can also recheck estimates. Contact me at atmarati.architects@gmail.com. *Pierre (Transformation)*

LOOKING FOR ...

Care givers for Goupi

Auroville Health Services is looking for care givers for Goupi during daytime. Goupi's mother tongues are French and Spanish. From 1966 onwards he served as a school teacher for 11 years in the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, until he came to Auroville.

For further information please phone: *Dr. Amarnath* 262 24 92 and 97 873 - 89 103 or *Mechthild* 97 876 - 26 452.

Baby Crib

Dear friends, we are expecting a baby in less than 5 weeks and are looking for a wooden crib, one that we hear has been floating around in Auroville since the '70s (or any other one for that matter!) for the baby. If you have one that your child has grown out of and you would like to re-circulate, please do mail or call us at: sindhuja@auroville.org.in or 9655964066/9047725507.

Thank you! :-)
Michael and Sindhuja

Childrens' winter clothes

We will be very happy about any really warm clothes for children 3 to 6 years old that you could give or lend to us for the winter in other regions of this planet. With gratitude,
Urvasi and Drupad: 9442069249 / ulrike@auroville.org.in.

Someone going to the USA

Letter to be posted in USA: Is anyone going to USA this month? I have a letter to be posted there. Happy to pay for postage. Thanks, *Bindu* [Prarthna, Ph -91-413-2622794]

Curd clay pots

Lilaloka needs clay pots (the rounded ones from the Auroville curd) to make a labyrinth with and for children. If you could drop them on the land of Lilaloka and give them to our watchman, we would be very grateful (otherwise too :-)). We can come and pick them up from 5 pots onwards, for that call *Rajan* (7639845821) or *Anna* (9943528729). Thank you!

LOST & FOUND

A light green poncho style raincoat (Found): Found between Health Center and Pour Tous, if it's yours, I have it. *Aurosyllie* 9486536584.

Earring (Lost): I lost a beautiful triangle shaped silver earring on Sunday afternoon on my way from Grace to Sri Ma beach,

Massage table

I am looking for a second-hand foldable massage table in correct condition. If you have any you wish to sell/give away, please call at: 7639 791087 or mail at: aurrima@gmail.com. Thank you! *Aurrima*

Household work 1

Very nice lady from Edayanchavadi is looking for a part time house cleaning job (mornings only). She does not speak English. She is excellent and honest. Pls.Call: 9443366517. *Nathalie*

Household work 2

Chandra is looking for part (or maybe full) time household work. She worked for Marike for over 20 years and now needs new work. If you have work for her or know someone that does, please contact her son Raj 9047144963 - Thanks, *Dorle*

Kitchen utensils and furniture

Hello I'm a Newcomer and moving into my first apartment and am looking for: pots, pans, cutlery, plates, cups, books, knives, mirror, cushions, chairs, curtains, curtain rail, material, pallets, lamps, light bulbs, bicycle, and culinary herbs cuttings. If you can help please call *Serena* on 8489760966. Thank you for your support.

Looking for a guitar teacher for a beginner.

Also looking for simple guitar music for a beginner, course type of material. If needed we can contribute for material as well as for the teaching. Please contact *Shivaya*: 948 960 1312 / shivaya@auroville.org.in. Thank You!

Used bicycle

Hi, I am looking for a used bicycle to buy or to borrow for a couple of months. Please contact me at: emmiarposala@hotmail7.com or Ph: 7868 099354 - Thank you, *Emmi*

with a short stop at Solar kitchen cafeteria. If found please call me: 9843678421. Thanks, *Angelika*

Rain jacket (Lost): I've lost Natasha's blue light super rain jacket. It's a thin Mac in a 'royal blue' Sac branded jacket. If you have it, please call me: 9488483871 and you'll get a special thank you reward! *Ribhu*

APPEAL

Appeal for financial support for urgent operation

Shaktivel has an appointment with CMC Hospital in Vellore for an urgent kidney transplant.

At the moment he has to do another heart check-up before getting the final okay from the doctors.

For this OP he needs to pay 6.5 lakhs in the coming days - of which up to now he only collected approximately 3 lakhs.

Please donate to his health account at Financial Service, Acct No: 252340. Any amount is needed and helpful.

Thank you, *Solar Kitchen Team for Shaktivel*

Kalabhumi

Dear friends, music lovers of all ages, Kalabhumi Studio needs to invest in a new piano/keyboard in order to continue the various music practices and classes going on all week long.

Generously contribute to account # 5137.

Thanking you, *Swaha*

TAXI SHARING

November 18th: Leaving Auroville at 1 am to go to Chennai airport (1 person on board). So, could share a taxi with someone who is going to Chennai for a morning flight on the 18th of Nov. Please contact me (*Tatiana*): 9159121258 / mahayoga108@gmail.com.

November 24th: leaving Auroville at 3.30 pm to Chennai Railway Station or/and Airport. Please contact *Anna*: annapresenza@gmail.com / phone: 9585793023

November 25th to Aravind Eye Hospital: On Friday 25 November at 2:30 pm share a taxi to Aravind Eye Hospital (south of Pondy). Contact *B* at: 9943532829. Thanks.

November 25th: Leaving Auroville to arrive at Chennai airport at 8.30 am. Sharing possible both ways - Contact Sigrid: sigrid@auroville.org.in / 9626006961

November 30th: Gertraud Erhardt-Banerjee arrives on 30.11.2016, 02.15 am, at Chennai airport with Emirates DK542 from Dubai. She likes to share a taxi to Auroville. Please contact gertraud_erhardt@web.de

November 30th: Leaving from Chennai airport around 11 pm to drive to Auroville. Sharing possible both ways - Contact Sigrid: sigrid@auroville.org.in / 9626006961

December 2nd: Starting from Auroville to Chennai Airport at about 9am and coming back at 1.30pm. Sharing both ways possible. Contact: *Sergey*, sergey@auroville.org.in , +7 960-644-5534

December 2nd: Friday. Leaving Auroville about 11am, to arrive at Chennai airport at 2pm. Please contact *Lesley* on lesleybra@yahoo.com or 9488373747 or 2622 734.

December 3rd: Taxi from Auroville to Chennai airport at 7 am on Dec 3rd, sharing both ways possible. Please call *Ally*: 7639318959 or email ally@auroville.org.in.

December 17th / Jan 4th: To Chennai airport, Dec 17 at 4 am / From Chennai airport, Jan 4th at 4 pm - Contact *Alicja*: 91672 31437

December 28th: I'm landing at 05h35 am on the 28th December 2016 at Chennai airport. I would like to share a taxi for the travel to Auroville with one or two people?! Contact: ennirocbe@gmail.com +41 78 818 05 18

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting 1

Namaste dears, my boyfriend and I are looking for house-sitting from mid-December until March 1st. We're both long-term volunteers at Taste of Nature, young, energetic and pet-friendly and would love to use our energy to maintain your beautiful place :) I've already been house-sitting for two months at a lovely place with a cat so I have some great experience that I can put into practice. If you have any questions or if you'd like to contact us, send me an email to: veramarkova@hotmail.co.uk or a what's app message to +359885468845. Thank you! *Vera*

House sitting 2

Dear Aurovillians, we are a family of four, relatives of Aster Patel, and we have been visiting Auroville every year for the last decade. Robin since childhood. Our background is Danish/Swedish/Indian and we are now settling in Auroville to do different projects and to help starting up Transformation Kindergarten. We are longing for a place to stay in Auroville, whether house-sitting or homestay. We will treat your place with much love and care and we will offer contribution. For a start we would be interested in the period between now and May 2017. Shorter periods may also work. Please get in touch through email: cjlanken@gmail.com, call or send a text to: [9751668407](tel:9751668407).
Smiles from *Robin, Cecilie, Arvind (5 years) and Ahana (4)*.

HEALTH

Tibetan Doctor

Dear Friends, the Tibetan Doctor and the team will visit Auroville for their monthly visit on Saturday the 20th of November (full day) and on Sunday the 21st (half day). For your appointment you are requested to call at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International zone Auroville. For your appointment call Namgyal or Kalsang 0413 2622401.
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

Homeopathy in your life - inviting a new being

We would like to invite you for a deeper insight into the power of homeopathy. This time we will focus on the special time of pregnancy and many things around it - Vaccinations in and before pregnancy and reflection about different situations in pregnancy. Sigrid, who will be giving the talk, has had experience in homeopathy for decades.

Tuesday, 22 November, 5-6.30 pm

Clinic for Integral Health, Prayatna

Kindly contact *Urvasi* 9442069249 for more info and registration for better planning, or just pass by.

News From Santé

Dear Community Friends,

We are happy to inform you that starting this month, Santé will be offering Aurovillians an expanded range of services including Minor Surgery using Surgitron [an advanced radio wave frequency scalpel], Ozone therapy, Physiotherapy, an expanded range of Ayurvedic and Detox therapies, sessions with a Psychologist, Group Sessions, etc.

These are in addition to the existing services: consultations with doctors and other therapists, Ayurvedic, Acupuncture and Shiatsu treatments, Psychotherapy, Midwifery and Women Welfare, Dressings and other Nursing Care, Lab Sample Collection, Medical Home Visits, First-Aid and the 24x7 Emergency Contact Line and Ambulance service.

While Santé would like to be able to bill all these services directly to the Health Fund, at present, direct billing to the

Health Fund is possible only for Doctor/Therapist consultations, Psychotherapy, Acupuncture, Shiatsu, Medical Home Visits and Ambulance.

For all other procedures, as also for Lab tests, we will have to charge your individual account at the time of service and will issue you with a bill on Santé/Lab letterhead. These bills can then be submitted by you to the Health Fund for refund, if you so require.

We encourage you to please contact the Health Fund yourself before or after treatment in order to see if the bills in your particular situation will be refunded in full or partially by the Health Fund as per the Health Fund policy.

We wish that this payment procedure could be made simpler in the future and direct billing to the Health Fund would be possible for a wider range of services.

Looking forward to continually improving our services to serve you better,

The Santé Team

Integral Health

*Classical homeopathy transpersonal regression therapy
child care*

Sigrid is back starting with consultations on Monday 21st Nov, Peter is already available!

Malar is certified in homeopathy and offers consultation for homeopathic First Aid and PC remedies.

New therapists having joined:

Angelika Kolb, highly experienced psychotherapist, Gestalt and other therapy modes, in German language only: tiefenpsychologische und körpertherapeutische Psychotherapie und Beratung - Contact: anlika@auroville.org.in / Cell: 94 86 973148 / Landline: 2622806

Camille, professional in "psychomotricité" - occupational therapist, working with children, mainly afternoons and Saturdays, in English and French - Contact: worldvibes7@gmail.com / mobile: 8098796307

First Aid Kits with 32 homeopathic remedies; brochures in English, French, Deutsch and Tamil are available again!

PC remedies, information medicine for Diabetes, High Blood pressure and Trauma have shown very effective. We provide 84 PC remedies for Trauma, infectious diseases and chronic diseases. The developer of PC remedies is Dr. Harry van der Zee is an internationally renowned homeopath and friend of Auroville (www.arhf.nl)

"Harmony and Samata" are homeopathic remedies carrying the energies of Mother and Sri Aurobindo. The remedies and information can be obtained free of cost, just pick them up in the remedy box.

Consultations are generally held in English, French, German, and Tamil

Malar is managing the office, the mailing of remedies, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12 am.

You are welcome to contact us at: integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue.

Please make an appointment beforehand via Integral Health, Prayatna: 0413-2623669

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AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners!

Here is an update from AV radio with recordings done this past week.

- In the past week we had a chance to talk to old time Aurovilian David, who has been actively involved in the work of the Forest Group for years where he does his [Karma Yoga](#)
- Within her short visit in Auroville Dr. Amina Ather has stopped at our studio and we talked about [Unani Medicine](#)
- Manisha Joshi has offered to the community Hindustani Classical [Music Recital](#) along with fusion music with her AV students.
- Recording of General Meeting on [Economy](#)
- Antonio recorded the presentation of [Ganga Yatra Team](#) on their traveling.
- Loretta reads [Savitri, B. II, C. VII, Part 2](#), and a sessions of [Mother's Q & A 11/4/56](#)
- Gangalakshmi selection in French [Selections par Gangalakshmi 101](#)
- Marlenka concludes the [introduction](#) of the Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo.
- Out of our regular programs are also [Thursday's](#) and [Monday's](#) news
- And you call chill out with [Lazy Sunday Afternoon](#) musical edition.

Wishing you a happy listening, and you are welcome to pass by the AV radio office in morning hours if you would like to take one of your favorite programs on a USB stick or maybe if you would like to participate....

Yours AV Radio Team (www.aurovillradio.org)

SPORTS



Run for the Joy of Running

Marathon Online Registration

Dear Auroville Marathon Participants,
The Online registration for the Auroville Marathon 2017 (February 12, 2017) will open on 15th Nov.2016. If you are planning to participate in this edition of the Auroville Marathon, we welcome you to register via the link: <http://avmarathon.org/>

Please note that the registration is open from 15th Nov.2016 NOON till December 31, 2016 NOON.

The manual registration will open from 1st of December 2016 NOON till December 31, 2016 NOON. The individual runners and Runners Team Organizers can collect the registration forms from SaraCon between 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.

The organization team strives to provide a safe and injury free run to all participants. Please do train well for the run and we wish you the best run at Auroville.

With regards,
Auroville Marathon Team

EATING OUT

Fundraising Feast at YC on 18/11

This Friday the 18th of November the YC will host a fantastic fundraising feast of food to help support this year's upcoming Christmas fair! We would love if you joined in the fun and be there! It will comprise of yummy gnocchi with tasty tomato sauce, unique wood-oven baked pies, super cakes and music to make sure you enjoy your experience! Starts at 7:00 pm, see you there!

Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion Of India Presents Sunday Lunch on 20/11

(Rice, Dhal, Tandoori Chapatti, Capsicum Paneer, Bitter Gourd, Papad & Salad) By Ms. Divya Karun in Atithi Griha Guest House On Sunday, the 20th of November, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Only for Aurovilians. Highlight of the lunch: Birthday Cake Please make your bookings by Saturday the 19th of November, 2016 before 5:00 pm. You can call us at 0413-2622445. Write to us at: atithigriha@auroville.org.in.

Jolly Kimbab has changed their opening hours

Monday - open for dinner (5 pm -8 pm) - Tuesday to-Saturday - open for lunch (12 pm - 2 pm) - open for dinner (5 pm - 8 pm) - Sunday closed

Roma's Kitchen closed on 22/11.

Roma's kitchen will be closed for lunch and dinner on Tuesday the 22nd November in addition to the normal weekly closure on Monday the 21st November. We will open as usual on Wednesday the 23rd November. The inconvenience is regretted. Roma.

Wednesdays NEW lunch and Dinner at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

We want to THANK all of you who have been supporting with our fundraising dinners on Wednesday at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.

With due respect and request from many of you for lunch, we are happily starting Lunch and Dinner on Wednesdays.

We would like to relate Wednesday with our concept of celebrating White Wednesday.

To get more information you can call us or send us an email @ kalsang@auroville.org.in

We request you still do the reservation in advance for the lunch and for the dinner.

For more information call Namgyal or Kalsang at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture - Phone number 0413 2622401.



Living Planet Report: an excellent Blueprint for urgent change

Global wildlife populations could drop two-thirds by 2020 if human demand continues to exceed the planet's capacity...

Every second year, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Zoological Society of London make a report on the health of the planet with an updated index of its Wildlife population.

The latest *Living Planet Report*, released last month, follows on the remarkable successes in 2015 of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the Agreement on the Sustainable Development Goals for people and planet, also ratified last year.

An essential assessment of the health of the planet, this latest report is shocking to read even for the well-informed. It corroborates the mountain of evidence showing how the Earth's systems are under acute threat in the most basic and essential aspects: climate, biodiversity, state of the oceans, water- nitrogen- and carbon-cycles, as well as agriculture.

In a recent Green Column we reported that a new geological epoch that has been defined, named the Anthropocene, an extraordinarily short and traumatic time shifting our world on its axis. The *Living Planet Report* documents how human activity affects the Earth's life support systems. Providing a new lens to see our human footprint, it conveys the urgency with which we must act now. We humans are no longer on a small world on a big planet, we are a big world on a small planet where we have reached saturation point.

From localised deforestation to global air pollution, unsustainability on all scales is putting our future at risk. Over just fifty years of exponential economical growth, its effects have accumulated to such an extent to have reached and even crashed through so-called 'planetary boundaries'. The latter is a concept used by scientists to define the thresholds of a 'safe operating space for humanity', beyond which lies the probability of irreversible and abrupt change of the Earth's environment.

In conclusion: The relative planetary stability which allowed the Earth's animal species and, more recently, human civilizations to develop and flourish, can no longer be relied upon. The only way to avert catastrophe is a great and swift transformation. Going beyond depicting a looming disaster, *this report, which is brilliantly presented, makes for spellbound reading and is easily accessible on the internet, shows a way forward*, based on the framework of 'systems thinking'. Starting from humanity's most immediate concerns, food and energy, it provides the necessary thought and vision to put the world on a sustainable trajectory to ensure a resilient Earth for future generations, and gives the momentum to move from talk to practical action.

Sections of the Report focus on *the Anthropocene*,

Biodiversity, and *Risks & Resilience*. A few points in overview:

- **Biodiversity:** The *Living Planet Index* measures biodiversity abundance levels based on more than 14'000 monitored populations of 3706 vertebrate species, and it shows a persistent downward trend with bleak figures. Populations have already declined on average by 35 - 40 % since 1970, and risk to decline by 67% by 2020!! This is more than-two thirds of wildlife on this planet lost in just one lifetime! Land-based populations have experienced a 38% decline, ocean populations have declined by 36% and fresh-water populations show a staggering 81% decline. - The pressures on wildlife are anthropogenic, i.e. man-made; the most significant drivers of the decline being: loss of habitat, fragmentation of sanctuaries, growth of human population, expanding cities, mining, logging, unsustainable agricultural practices, climate change and pollution.
- **Risks:** Consuming more than Nature can deliver endangers the key environmental systems we all rely upon. Our use of Natural resources has grown drastically since the mid-20th century. Presently the global human population consumes each year the resources of 1.6 planet Earths (some countries consume considerably less, others much more; for instance Canada's ecological footprint needs 4.7 Earths). Wildlife is paying the direct price; already there are mass migrations in response to changing climate and seasons, with animals struggling to find water and food, or fleeing from wildfires.
- **Resilience:** The 21st Century presents humanity with a dual challenge: to maintain Nature in all of its many forms and functions, so as to create an equitable home for fauna, people and flora on a finite planet. Now it is human rather than natural forces that will be drivers of Planetary Change. We can redefine our relationship with our planet from a wasteful, unsustainable and predatory one, to one where people and nature can coexist in harmony.

We in Auroville and the seven billion inhabitants of our planet all have our role to play in this momentous transition. It is hoped that the Paris Agreement will hold, and that all countries, including the new administration of the USA, will collaborate to curb climate change and uphold the Sustainable Development Goals, recognising these measures as an absolute priority to safeguard our shared home, beautiful planet Earth.

Sources: WWF *Living Planet Report 2016*; Planetary Boundary Concept (Rockstrom). The *Living Planet Report* can be downloaded in full from the WWF and other websites; it contains excellent graphics and illustrations that can be used as educational tools. *The Summary can be downloaded in English, French, German, Spanish and Italian.*

We like to hear from you on any green, environmental topic. Do write to us at avgreencenter@auroville.org.in. The Green Column is published bi-weekly on AuroNet and in the News & Notes - *For the AV Green Center: Lisbeth, Jasmin.*



Sharing on last week's "New Funds" note

RamaNarayanaji's note to the collectivity is of timely concern. I would like to add from Mother's 'To Be a True Aurovilian'-a condition that to be equally considered by all residents:

"The Aurovilian should lose the sense of personal possession. For our passage in the material world, what is indispensable to our life and to our action is put at our disposal according to the place we must occupy.

The more we are consciously in contact with our inner being, the more are the exact means given to us." (page 208 Aims and Principles MCW-vol.13)

This is Mother's guideline, concern and warning for all of us supposed to be here to manifest Her Dream. It is also my own personal experience that even a small effort on this line gave me positive results and increases the confidence and faith.

Mother has also approved to circulate a note in Auroville. It is by Sri Aurobindo (I do not now remember the source) where Inner Harmony or Union in the Mother are emphasized for external organization.

With gratitude, *Syamala*

The joy of life

"Art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life." ~ Pablo Picasso

If I had to sum up the new Art exhibit "The joy of life" by Helgard Zurmuehi opening up in le Centre d'Art, Citadine, this Saturday November 19th, this is the sentence I would choose.

If an alien or a new born mind was to go to an exhibition of Caravaggio and then on the same day to another of Mariana Abravomic, he would be extremely confused about the conception of art. And yet regardless of time, epoch, culture, individuality and trends, something remains the same, it is what is considered the thrust and the vitality of the energy of life and it is called emotion.

The artist in his river of creativity expresses emotion and the viewer cannot help feeling, and it is the subtlety of this space in between who makes the journey so interesting.

You could almost call the all process art therapy, which as a matter of fact is one of Helgard's work, and through an intermingling of vision and mind, you would go on a restorative journey of abstract work of leaves, fossils, people, numbers and mantras, all bathing in a mostly predominant white and turquoise colouring, leaving the exhibit with a feeling that you would not mind yourself to try one of those medicinal, healing art séance.

Once a textile teacher in Germany and a psychologist, Helgard has also studied in Art academy, but mostly what truly transcend through her art is her capabilities and talents in children art therapy.

Her first spiritual experience being with a subconscious relationship with a tree during a first visit in Auroville, she decided that this is where she wanted to be...and here in this place where she thinks everything is slowing down and give her the space for painting... she paints.

Like a lot of abstract artist she will tell you that she feels free not to have any concept and just wants to play using the very fashionable trend of the moment, which is blending and combining elements like cloth, paint and newspapers, which also sometimes makes me wonder if we should not call it more "manual work" instead of painting, and she will just keep on doing whatever she pleases, like destroying the white with whatever comes in her hand only because the canvas happens to be white, and of course without really knowing how this whole journey would end.

So yes, there is a lot of authenticity in the technique itself and In art therapy she says you want people to overcome their blockage, like teaching children with special need how to dive in the water and trust; you want them TO BE, knowing that there is no right or wrong, and only then through freedom of expression, peace and joy, you can connect to your true self and the divine.

Impressions of enormous leaves with detailed delicate veins, fossils, numbers appearing out of nowhere in a turquoise or white background where the imagination create fishes, mermaids and old castles lost in a Neptunian world, other pieces with numbers of her niece's birthday, others with the inscription of the Tibetan mantra "Om Mani Padme Hum", reflective of the artist attachment to the wisdom of Tibetan Buddhism, it is all there for you, but all with very happy joyful pink, white and turquoise colours.

So, you could ask yourself if this creative process is a growth producing experience or if it is just a mean of symbolic communication expressing aspect of the human experience?

Regardless, in our days and times where expression, not only in art, but in almost everything, overcomes concept, traditional teaching and structure for the better and the worst, you can still try to put all your preconceived thoughts away and reflect on a sentence as old as Plato, saying that: *"Beholding beauty with the eye of the mind, he will be enabled to bring forth, not images of beauty, but realities..."* ~

Chana Corinne Devor for AVArtservice.

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every THURSDAY at sunset: 5.30 to 6.00 pm

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** use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 pm. Please be seated by 5.25 pm.

Thank you.

Amphitheatre Team

EXHIBITIONS



JOY OF LIFE

PAINTING EXHIBITION

By Helgard Zurmühl

At Centre D'Art Citadines - Auroville

November 19 - 31

Open every day from 2:30 to 6 pm

Sunday: 10 to 12 am

Opening:

November 19th from 4.30 - 7.00 pm

All are Welcome

Park at Town Hall



DÉ(S)-MATERIALITÉS MATTER OF MATERIALITY

PHOTO EXHIBITION BY JULIE MAMAN

November 19th 2016 to December 3rd 2016



Open daily (except Sunday) 8am -12.00pm and 2pm - 6pm

**LIGHT(S) MEETS MATTER(S), AND, SUDDENLY THEY REVEAL THEMSELVES, FADED,
MISTY AND DISSIPATED. TRANSFORMATION OCCURS, CREATING ILLUSION.**

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India. (0413) 2622403/2622994 Pitanga@auroville.org.in

TALKS, SEMINARS

Bhavishyate

Sri Aurobindo Centre of Studies...India and the World - Bharat Nivas

Perspectives of Integral Psychology and our Auroville Experience

Works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother unfold perspectives of understanding ... in our individual growth and collective inter-action.

We will meet every Friday at 4 pm in *Bhavishyate*, Bharat Nivas.

The circle is open to new participants. Please join us.

To register please write to: Divyanshi at Divyanshi.0222@gmail.com.

In the next meeting i.e. on November 18, we shall concentrate "Integral Psychology: Its Broad Perspectives".

On the meeting on 25 November, we shall concentrate on "Integral Psychology: Its methods and processes"
Love, Aster

Integrality in all Spheres of Life

*Touching the essence of different aspects of life
when we place spirituality at their heart.*

A series of 10 interactive sessions

exploring 10 aspects of integral living

In the light of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

Philosophy; Psychology; Economy; Society;

Poetry; Daily Life; Human Unity; Beauty and Sustainability; Education;

Health and Healing

Offered by *Divyanshi Chugh*

Thursdays 5.30 - 7pm in the Reading Room at Savitri Bhavan

Beginning with 'Integral Philosophy' on November 24

Everyone is Welcome

For more details, contact divyanshi.0222@gmail.com

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

Invites you to

An audiovisual presentation on the Sino-Indian conflict By Claude Arpi (Author of 1962: the McMahon Line Saga)

Events Leading to the Fateful Day (October 20, 1962)

Homage to Maj Gen K.K. Tewari, PVSM, AVSM

After analyzing the events which led to the 1962 War, Claude Arpi will show rare pictures of the Battle of Namkha chu as well as photos of Krishna Tewari and other senior Indian officers in PoW camps in Tibet.

Venue: Pavilion of Tibetan Culture (0413-2622401)

Date: Saturday November 26, at 18:00 hrs



Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research (SACAR)
&
NAMAHA: The Journal of Integral Health

Organise

“Living Within” Study Camp no. 20
27th-30th December 2016

Pain: Its Cause and Cure
A Psycho-Spiritual Approach

Speakers:

Doctors and healers from various parts of India

Venue: SACAR, 39, Vanniar Street, Puducherry

For Registration please contact: sacarstudycamps@gmail.com
9994190403, 9443019172

For details of speakers and topics please visit www.sacar.in

Camp Fee is Non-Refundable

Participants may choose to come on selected days of the camp also

All are Welcome

CULTURAL EVENTS

The Auroville Theatre Group
Presents

ONCE UPON A RIVER

(A wet and wild comedy)

By Vinu Karthick

At 8:00 pm

November 24, 25, 26, 2016

Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas



"It is the eternal river story, but with a twist."

With actors: Vinu Karthick, Chetan Kumar, Shilpi, Swar, Kalou, Sophie, Deep, Renana, Christophe, Shrey, Franzi, Siddharth, Natasha, Sethupathy, Hema, Satish, Prithvi, Yeshoda, Kineret Lali, Mukesh Kumar

Music for songs composed by Hartmut, lyrics by Jill

Singing coach: Shakti

Festival music performed by Mohanam Sound Troop

Set design: Swar, Ok, Christophe, Mukesh Kumar

Lighting design: Jean L.

Sound and video design: Franzi and Myrta

Costume design: Tanya

Stage manager: Mahesh

Asst. stage managers: Sanjeevi and Gospel

Asst. director: Franzi

Directed by Jill

www.facebook.com/AurovilleTheatreGroup/

KIRTAN CHANTING

With UPAHAR and friends

Welcome to join us into this circle of celebration through singing from the heart.
Friday 25. November, 17-19, In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn

Thank you for coming on time and parking outside community gate.

INVITATIONS



CAT - Create Auroville Together - is going on!

Let us meet where we are in touch with our inspiration and feel the resonance, the heartbeat of Unity in Diversity in action!

Free yourself for the Second CAT on Integral Economy

When: Tuesday 22nd of November 2016 between 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Where: Unity Pavilion

What: Integral Economy - From Where we are to Where we can be
By Aurelio, Helena, Jaya, Torkil, Uma and others

Join the dynamic emergence of an inspired move and consecration towards a self-supportive and thriving Auroville economy: From fear, insecurity and scarcity of passing evolutionary shadows to the 'Prosperity' of a radiantly innovative and courageous City of Dawn, for "A

SIMPLY RICH AND BEAUTIFUL LIFE FOR ALL" (Sri Aurobindo, The Hour of God)

CATs will meet every week from now on till end of March 2017 on various topics

CAT is a collaborative space to move together from a relative stagnant system to a culture that unleashes our creative energies; CAT is a springboard for the future and to let Auroville build us; CAT is a Space to respond with discernment, respect and in a spirit of collaboration instead of reacting to issues based on likes, dislikes and distrust.

We invite individuals, initiatives, projects & groups to contact us and offer to share their knowledge and experience from their Inspirational Space. Enjoy and contribute with your knowledge, skills and talents to draw the amazing canvas of Auroville in alignment with the Dream we all share.

Love, Inge from Residents Assembly Service together with Mita and Sandhya from the as CAT support team
Visit us in our RAS office, Town Hall first floor or phone us under 26223701 or write a mail to us : cats@auroville.org.in

Savi is happy to invite you to "The true Stories of Volunteers" Earth Construction Projects and Tree House Construction in Auroville

Thursday the 24th of November - 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm at Unity Pavilion

After a general presentation of Auroville Earth Institute,

Marine Roubaud will present her experience in the Sharanam project in Pondicherry

Shaghayeh Rabjadeh will develop the role of calculation and digital tools in masonry construction.

Julie Maman will explain how to improve the building design according to the climate in Auroville and how to build a house in a tree!

Volunteers' input is contributing a lot to Auroville Units.

Their enthusiasm and energy bring progress and creative solutions in many areas.

Savi is happy to share with the community the beauty of their involvement.

By your presence, you will support the volunteers and the growth of our community.

Auroville - Tamil Nadu Workshop 2016

Arulvazhi Training Centre with the support of Bharat Nivas Group holds a workshop on:

Date: 27th November 2016 / Day: Sunday

Time: 10 am to 1 pm and 2.30 pm onwards

Place: SAWCHU circle, Bharat Nivas

Subject: THE MOTHER - MAHASARASWATI

Delegates from Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Auroville will participate.

(Proceedings mostly in Tamil, partly in English)

All are welcome

Coordinators for the workshop:

Rajagopalan (9176600308) / Varadharajan (9442934306) and Dhanalakshmi (9489325224)

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Connection as Life Energy



Introduction to Nonviolent Communication with L'aura Joy, NVC 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?

- Nov 19-20 (Sat-Sun)
- 9.30 am-5 pm (with lunch break)

More info & register (and for venue info): contact L'aura at joylivinglearning@gmail.com

Limited seats. Registration required. Full participation required (2 full days).

Family Constellation with Moghan

Saturday 19th from 9 am to 6 pm

Creativity hall of light

Please register: moghan@auroville.org.in / 9751110486

Limited number of motivated participants.

Inner-Work-Workshop - 22nd November (Tuesday)

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother -

- 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 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

Herbs for Health Workshop: The Monsoon Season

Pitchandikulam Forest welcomes you to a 3-hour "*Herbs for Health*" workshop with our traditional health specialist Ms Parvati of Amirtha /Meera herbas.

Join us to learn more about wild herbs and edible plants that are particularly beneficial in the monsoon season. The workshop will include a forest walk and a visit to our medicinal herb garden and nursery, where we will identify forest plants, learn about their health benefits and easy ways we can use them in everyday life. We will end the workshop with preparation and tasting of herbal tea and a healthy snack. All welcome!

Wednesday 23rd November, 2-5 pm at Pitchandikulam Forest (meet at the 'Seed Room' building opposite the parking)

Please arrive at 1.45 to register so we can start the workshop at 2 pm sharp.

Registration required and no unregistered admission on the day - we need to have the right amount of ingredients prepared.

Fixed contribution to cover costs (contact us for details).

To register email Daniela at pitchandikulam.outreach@auroville.org.in or call +91 8489818523

Wellpaper Workshop 23/11 Wednesday

Skills Handicraft Arts Recycle Education

You are invited for a 3-hour introductory workshop to create art and products from waste (mainly recycled newspaper).

Bowls Coiling introductory workshop

The WELL Women will introduce how to create beautiful bowls, containers or accessories made of flattened and coiled newspaper sticks. Most likely you will end up with more than one item.

The workshops are instructed by WELL women from the villages around Auroville. These women are very well practiced. These women have teaching experience in and out of AV.

The workshop will take place every Wednesday between 9:30 to 12:30, sitting on the floor.

Wellpaper is conducting also art workshops which are still not scheduled. Please email us for further information and if you would like to join us please email us for registrations and fees: wellpaper@auroville.org.in or call: 9626055586

With Love,

Wellpaper team - Women Empowerment Local Livelihood - A model for social Enterprise

KOLAM YOGA Learn all about Kolam Yoga:

A practice that is fuelled with the sacred geometry of Kolam dance and drawing.

A syllabus composed of imagery, patterns and designs, mirroring all life forms.

A sacred ephemeral art that has been passed on through generations of Tamil women as guardian keepers of long forgotten formulas of truth.

A powerful integral tool, for life and its purpose, co-creating personal and collective newfound intentions.

Starting January 2017 Pongal Celebrations

Ending December 2017 Margharzi Masam

A ONE-year certified course of 20 days spread over 10 months

One day every two weeks: 2x a Month, with homework practice assignment.

For entry requirements, learning material, the data and program schedule contact *Grace Gitadelila* - Certified Kolam art, movement teacher and remedial therapist from 'de Kolam school' Inst. voor Klank en Vorm, Netherlands. Also Choreographer and Dancer, teaching various disciplines of dance, and Founder of the Kolangal DD in D Center for 'Dance and Drawing', Douceur community Auroville Tamil-Nadu South India.

Contact: allgrace@auroville.org.in +91(0)413-2623446



Discover your Goddess for Women and Men

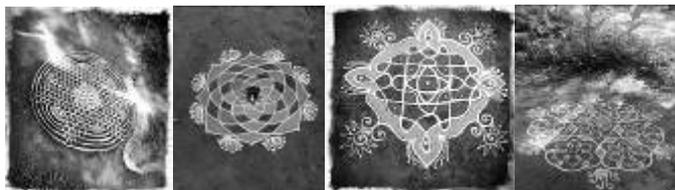
'It is the Goddesses that collect all the sublime material of the feminine. Weaving tapestries of qualities needed to nurture and assist the becoming of an Earthling. Their footprints gather and melt with those of the Goddesses. Theirs is the blueprint that manifests into the shapes of Goddesses!'



Learn how to draw their Kolam charm to help empower you and inspire you with their qualities - To better understand yourself and discover which one of them is your personal guiding force - Explore the four great aspects of the Mother Goddesses through dance and drawing.

Three times offered four mornings in a row. 3x 4mornings one after the other :) Attend to one of all four mornings in a row!

- "Maheswari": on these Wednesdays: 23th November, 14th and 28th December -9:30am to12:30
- "Mahakali": On these Thursdays: 24th November or 15th and 29th December -9:30am to12:30
- "Mahalaksmi": On these Fridays: 25th November or 16th or 30th December -9:30 to12:30
- "Mahalaksmi": On these Saturdays: 26th November or 17th or 31st December -9:30 to12:30



A monetary contribution is expected from every one to cover all expenses made in order to host you, including a spiral bound work manual to take with you. For all the participants of SEAS highly recommended :)

For more information and on prior registration contact: *Grace Gitadellila*; certified integral artist, teacher and dancer 'de Kolam school' , Institute voor klank en vorm, Netherlands allgrace@auroville.org.in at the Kolangal DD in D center. Douceur +91(0) 413-2623446

AcroYoga for beginners

- **Partner flow**: warming up with asanas and stretching with a partner

- **Inversions**: flying and playing with partners

Saturday - 8:30 to 10:15 am at Arka

Damien 90 47 72 27 40

SCHEDULES

Workshop in Vérité



(24 hour advanced registration required)
Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshop: 0413 2622045, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in
Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

- **South Indian Organic Cooking with Rajaveni & Suba**
Friday 25 November - from 9.30 am to 12:30 pm

Participants will pick some fresh organic vegetables from the garden with a local team, and then learn how to cook them with traditional recipes, and enjoy eating the results!

RAJAVENI is an Aurovilian who has been coordinating the Vérité kitchen for 20 years, and SUBA has been working there for the last 10 years. Both are Tamil women from the neighboring villages, happy to share the local culture with all.

New classes and therapy at Pitanga



- **Yoga class in French with Sylvie**

Pratique de hatha yoga basée sur la relation souffle/mouvement, le ressenti, l'attention, la visualisation, la méditation, la relaxation, Le Pranayama (la maîtrise du souffle) débute quand l'esprit est relié tout d'abord à la respiration.

- **Yoga Nidra in French with Sylvie**

Yoga nidra: Une technique ancienne dans laquelle le corps, en position allongée, est invité à abandonner ses tensions profondes et la conscience à rester éveiller et présente. Une pratique de nettoyage dans nos différents corps physique, émotionnel, mental...

- **Yoga Therapy Individual Session in French with Sylvie**

Un espace de pratique personnalisée du Hatha Yoga. Un espace d'écoute pour s'ouvrir à une qualité d'Attention, de Ressenti et pour goûter cette interaction profonde et intime entre Souffle et Posture .

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India. [(0413) 2622403/2622994 / Pitanga@auroville.org.in]

REGULAR EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Note from the editors

The *Regular Events* 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 of your event, or if you want your regular event to be added to the listing

Online Auroville Events Calendar

(no need to log in for guests! - just scroll down the page)
The schedule of events for the week can be accessed by all, including Guests and Visitors, on the Auronet login page: www.auroville.org.in

AcroYoga Class: Venue: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall, Center Field. Thursday 4.30 to 6 pm. Contact: 2622584/9442328120. 50 % discount for people under 30 years old. Multiple classes discount available. On donation basis for Aurovilians, Newcomers, and SAVI registered volunteers.

AcroYoga for Beginners: Saturdays 8:30 to 10:15 am at Arka. - **Partner flow**: warming up with asanas and stretching with a partner - **Inversions**: flying and playing with partners.. *Damien* 90 47 72 27 40

African Drumming Sessions: The African Pavilion Team is happy to announce a series of drumming sessions that will take place every Thursday from 7 pm till 9 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 the Auroville Budokan (Dehashakti): *Beginners*: Monday and Wednesday evening 6.00 to 7.00 pm and Saturday morning 6.30 to 7.30 am (mixed levels).

Advanced (morning classes): Tuesday - Thursday 6.00 to 7.30 am and mixed levels on Saturday 6.30 to 7.30 am. Please be at the Dojo/Budokan at least 15 min. before the class starts. Beginners may wear long loose pants & t-shirt with sleeves for the start (no tight fitting please), then a white "keikogi" will be required. Health Fund or private insurance necessary - Reasonable contribution required for the Dojo. For Children classes and more general info, please write to budokan@auroville.org.in or contact *Surya*: 0413-2623.813 or 9655.4854.87 Our webpage: budokan.auroville.org/

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

Argentine Tango: Mondays: Beginners' class 6.00pm to 7.00pm and intermediates 7 to 8 pm @ New Creation Sports Resource Center, Kulapalayam. 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 dance shoes.

Astrology, its holistic approach: Astrological Chart by *Uma Giménez*. You are welcome to call and fix an appointment at 0413-2623080 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.

AVYA Auroville Youth Activities: a brand new website presenting the regular Youth Activities available in Auroville: youthactivities.auroville.org.in. The primary goal is to provide the Auroville community (especially children/parents), with an organized and simple overview to become aware of the Activities available in Auroville, for the AV Youth. If you wish to add your activity to the website, kindly send your contact details (sport, name, phone number, email) to youthactivities@auroville.org.in.

"Birth awake Auroville": is offering: Birth and Parenting books and DVDs LIBRARY - Empowered pregnancy and birth circles - For details contact *Prem Shakti*: premsakti@auroville.org.in / 9489244823

Buddha Garden Activities:

1) **Introductory tour:** every Monday at 10.00 am until lunch time. For further details contact *Priya*: priya@auroville.org.in.

2) **Demonstration vegetable garden:** at the back of the Visitors Centre. Come and help us every Tuesday 4.30 - 5.30 pm. Meet at the Visitors Centre back entrance at 4.30 pm and ask for *Spiros* (8531913924).

3) **Adventures in Cooking and Eating:** every Thursday at Buddha Garden, starting at 10.30am and finishing with lunch. For further details contact *Sivakala* 9585975292

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
- **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 6-7:30pm @ Bamboo Land (Near Imagination) / Friday 6-7:30pm @ New Creation dance studio / Saturday 11am-12:30pm Music Class @ Bamboo Land (near Imagination)

Classes led by Instructor Camaleao (Jeremy) with over 20 years of Capoeira experience. Axe!

For more info call 9489322615 or visit: www.gingadocapoeira.in / info@gingadocapoeira.in.

Chinese fire cupping / Moxibustion Therapy: Fire cupping (火罐) and Moxibustion (艾灸) are both ancient therapies based on TCM theory. They can remove one's blockage and accumulated toxin from deep inside the body as well as improving your immune system, effective in acute and chronic internal organ disorders such as pain, stiffness, fever, chill, cough, wheeze, nausea and vomiting etc... By appointment only: *Chun* - 80989-00708 / chun@auroville.org.in

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

Community Permaculture Gardens: We meet every Wednesday at 3:30 to 5 pm at the Town hall permaculture site to manage the gardens and to learn more about permaculture and local food. *Krishna* 9843319260

Creativity - Life Drawing Circle: Time: Tuesdays, 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Venue: Creativity Atelier. Creativity Community. Fees: None, FREE. All are welcome to immerse themselves in our intense and inspiring session of life drawing. The idea is to explore one's creative self in a friendly and fun environment. This is not an instruction based class. A model and basic drawing materials will be arranged for. It is free, but we seek your generous donation to maintain the well-endowed studio and sustain the enriching experience. We also welcome those who would like to model for our artists. For more information or to book yourself, please contact *Lakshay* on 9810052574. Cheers!

Dance Fitness: classes have started again in New Creation with *Elodie*. **Tuesday and Friday from 5pm until 6pm.** If you want to have fun and be active see you there!

Feminine dance for all women: in Cripa, Kalabhumi: **Tuesdays at 4pm. An additional class will be held by Priscila on Fridays at 7:15 am.** 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 recommended. 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.

Hiphop classes : New in New Creation Dance Studio! By *Vijay*, for young students from 8-18 years Tuesdays from 6-7pm. Saturdays from 4-5pm.

Hormonal Dance: Led by *Suriya Gandhi*. **For post-menopausal women.** It is an on-going class every Sat. 4-5 in Creativity's Hall of Light.

Info: 0413-262-2602 (no class on Aug. 13)

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.**

Leela, the Game of the Self Knowledge: Paused- Starts again on 4th of December! Contact: *Veronique J.* 9488512678 www.leelathegame.blogspot.in

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/ vani@auroville.org.in / *Reiki and Reflexology courses possible on request*

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.

Mixed Martial Arts: Paused - Contact *Giacomo* 9487340778 giacomoauroville@gmail.com to know restart date!

Mudra-Chi Workshop: A body Prayer in a Tai-Chi Form. **First Sunday of each month, at 5 p.m. At Savitri Bhavan.** Facilitator: *Anandi*. For further information or Special Classes, contact me, anandi7@auroville.org.in

Nada Yoga: Tuesdays 2 to 4pm - 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 to 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.

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.

"Prana Vashya" Asana Yoga: at Joy Community Guesthouse Hall, Center Field. Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 4.30 to 6 pm. Contact: 0413-2622584/9442328120. This practice is a sixty asana sequence focusing on the development of strength with flexibility. The breath remains the key for practice throughout the series and the practitioner focuses on maintaining continuity in the breath and movements during the whole practice. Drop in class, fixed contribution for guests (50 % discount for under 30 with ID proof), free donation for AVs, NCs & long-term volunteers (with SAVI registration proof).

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

Réception Francophone: Tous les mardis de 17:00 à 18:30 à La Terrasse, 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.

Restorative Circles (RC): workshops, practice groups, calling a live Circle, and other questions. Contact *L'aura*: 9442788016, restorative@auroville.org.in, joylivinglearning@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/RestorativeAuroville

Russian Singing Bells -Tuning to Harmony: Workshop at CRIPA (Kalabhumi) Mondays 4.30-6.00 pm (Call to confirm happening dates: 9486247202 - vera.auroville@gmail.com) Meditation on sound and collective experience of creating music together using the elements of the Integral Yoga practice. The sound of this uniquely tuned bell plates becomes an instrument of exploring the inner dimensions of our being as well as the field of collective harmony and collective intuition. No registration required (except for groups). Contribution requested from guests. Led by *Vera Joshi*.

Salsa in CRIPA: Salsa dance class led by *Vijay*, followed by practice time. Every Tuesday 6pm-7:30pm. At CRIPA in Kalabhumi. Open to all: Aurovilians, Volunteers, Newcomers, and Guests! (on contribution)

Sanskrit Mantras: at Joy Community Guesthouse Hall, Center Field. Drop in: Wednesday 6 to 7pm. Regular students: Friday 6 to 7 pm. Contact: 2622584/9442328120. 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 rules of intonation and syllabic length will be learned in these classes in the traditional way. Drop in class, fixed contribution for guests (50 % discount for under 30 with ID proof), free donation for AVs, NCs & long-term volunteers (with SAVI registration proof)

Satsang: a sharing for spiritual upliftment; Savitri Bhavan, Saturdays 5-6:30 pm

Sketchers' Club: outdoor sketching event every Saturday, each time at a new location in and around Auroville, from 4 pm until sundown. The main purpose of starting this club is to enjoy the activity with fellow sketchers to observe and draw the location. If you enjoy the idea of being in the open, record the reality as you see it, you're welcome to join us! Note: This is not a teaching session. Bring your own preferred drawing medium, sketchpad... and whatever you need to enjoy! Love, *Lakshay* / 9810052574.

Skyworks: Tree Climbing Workshops: RECREATIONAL. 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 instructions on safety and climbing techniques, you are off and climbing! Kids of all ages welcome. ADVANCED You want to learn the ropes and get off the ground. During class we teach both the double and single ropes techniques plus demonstrate many of the new climbing devices available. You will learn to install the ropes in the trees, tie and use several climbing knots and ascend and descend both with the knots but also with ascenders and descenders. For conditions and appointment call *Satyajji* 853 103 35 45

Sound Bath - Unity Journey: Take a shower of soothing waves & vibrations. Every Wednesday 5.30- 6.30 pm in Unity Pavilion. *Aurelio & team* will create and share an experiential space of deep relaxation through a basic tuning process and an exposure to the soothing waves and vibrations of pure acoustic instruments. Gongs, bells, chimes, strings and diverse new & archaic sound sources will invite the listener into a sound journey through inner landscapes and synesthetic contemplation towards a Unity experience. Contact 0413-2622220. - svaram@auroville.org.in - www.svaram.org

Sound Therapy and Exploration in the Body for Self-Healing: Harmonizing and restoring healing sessions through the magic of the sounds from a specially designed sound bed and other music instruments that enhance the self-healing powers of your being...The aim is to put you in a state of relaxation which enables you to see or feel yourself deeply according to your own awareness. In addition to the sound journey, you will be guided through your body to explore new dimensions which has an action and a benefit on the 3 levels: Physical, Energetical and Mental. This exploration based on the concepts of Chinese Medicine will help you reconnect with your organs and holistic being. In case of emergency I may help releasing sciatica pain ("Ischias" in German). To book your appointment, please call *Isha* at: (0413) 2622192 / (+91) 99433 05092

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.

Spiritual coaching with Sitara: tools: Bach flowers, mandala and affirmation work, spontaneous writing, hypnosis, meditation, visualization and yin yoga. For appointment contact Sitara 9751798408 tara@auroville.org.in

Spontaneous Singing with Antoine: Creativity - Hall of Light Every Wednesday, 5 pm - 6:30 pm. Max 10 people - Please come on time 8940740529.

Svastha Yoga in Arka: Svastha Yoga, a holistic non-standardized yoga practice & teaching methodology as taught by Sri T Krishnamacharya. Gentle classes accessible to a broad spectrum of students, adapted to individual needs & abilities. *Jani* is a long-standing student of AG Mohan & Indra Mohan, Svastha Yoga & Ayurveda Chennai. Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00 pm and Friday: 9:00 - 10:00 am / Individual classes also available. Contact details: C *Jani* / Cell: 8531-021586 / Email: cjani4@gmail.com

Tamil Literary Classes and Craft Lessons: Ilaigarkal 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 Monday through Friday any time Also classes on languages, sewing, drawing, painting and simple handicrafts for Auroville workers and Aurovilians interested. Contact us to organize classes according to your schedule. Phone No: (0413) 2623 773. Email: tamil@auroville.org.in. R. Meenakshi (Ilaigarkal Education Centre)

Tai Chi Hall @ Sharnaga: (Restarts on 23/11) 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: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall, Center Field. Every Wed/Fri 2.30 to 4 pm. Thai Massage is an ancient healing system combining rhythmic acupressure, body rocking and deep assisted stretches to relieve muscular tension and enables more blood to be carried throughout the body. (The receiver wears loose, comfortable clothing and lies on a firm mattress on the floor). Please call Joy Community at 2622584 or 9442328120 or email to joycommunity@auroville.org.in to request an appointment. Fixed contribution for guests (50 % discount for under 30 with ID proof), free donation for AVs, NCs & long-term volunteers (with SAVI registration proof).

Tibetan Dinner and (NEW!) Lunch: On Wednesdays at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture - International Zone. We would like to relate these Wednesday happenings with our concept of celebrating White Wednesday. Advance reservation needed for the lunch and for the dinner. For more information call *Namgyal* or *Kalsang* at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. Phone number 0413 2622401 or email kalsang@auroville.org.in.

Ultimate Frisbee: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Gaia Sports Field 4.30 pm to sundown (turn left before Gaia community gate). 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!

Up Cycling Studio: Make your LFA cushion at Up cycling Studio. You will Up cycle PVC and have one cushion free. **Every Saturday, from 10:00 am**, Up cycling studio will conduct workshops for the composing of Cushion. If you need more detail, please contact OK: 9344002972 or email okjeonglee@gmail.com.

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 yajh, which was similar to the Grecian harp. *Bharata*, in his *Natya Shastra*, explains the theory of the 22 sruti's in an octave with the help of two experimental veena's. Kaanchi Kaama Kodi Aasthana 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

Vocal Coaching and Sacred Chanting: We will explore and learn how to develop your vocal instrument. The second part of the class will be dedicated to : learning Mantras, Kirtans and Bajhans. (devotional and peace songs). **Mondays From 2pm to 4pm** at Creativity at hall of light. Contact *Hamsini* 9487544184.

Welcome To The Women Temple: In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn Wednesday 23 November, 7 to 9pm - (Also 7 & 21 December) - (door opens at 6.45 & we start together on time!). 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). Please park outside the community gate!

Wellpaper workshops: *Skills Handicraft Arts Recycle Education* You are invited for a 3 hour introductory workshop to create art and products from waste (mainly recycled newspaper). **Bowls Coiling introductory workshop-** The WELL Women will introduce how to create beautiful bowls, containers or accessories made of flattened and coiled newspaper sticks. Most likely you will end up with more than one item. The workshops are instructed by WELL women from the villages around Auroville. These women are very well practiced. These women have teaching experience in and out of AV. The workshop will take place every Wednesday between 9:30 to 12:30, sitting on the floor. If you would like to join us please email us for registration and fees: wellpaper@auroville.org.in, or call 9626055586. Wellpaper is also conducting art workshops. Please email us for further information.

Yoga classes - asanas & pranayama in Iyengar tradition: suitable for all levels - Tuesdays and Saturdays: 7.00am to 8.00 am / Fridays: 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at New Creation Sports Resource Center Hall (opposite basketball ground), Kuilapalayam. For further information, please write olesya@auroville.org.in or contact: 915 905 2743

Youth Entertainment Program presents the YEPweek: a program especially designed for guest kids, to enjoy their stay, and discover Auroville. We will take them from place to place, where the kids will participate in various activities facilitated by Aurovilians. This program (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm) offers a good balance between visits, activities and free playing time. Joyfully, *Yep Team* (+91-9626565134)

ATTENTION ALL News&Notes READERS:

- Please remember to let us know if you are travelling so we can pause the delivery of your News&Notes paper-copy until your return. This small gesture saves a lot on our community budget and resources.
- We are also calling all communities to let us know if copies are not being picked up in their common area so we can pause those deliveries too.
- Just email us at newsandnotes@auroville.org.in or call 0413-2622133 with Name & Community Name

ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS - NOVEMBER



We remind you that the bus is Accessible to All, it means that everybody will be able to use it.

People who have no physical problems, wheelchair users, mothers with buggies, people with temporary or permanently reduced mobility included. 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 communities.

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

With Gratitude

AV Bus Team (- Email contact: avbus@auroville.org.in)

Morning Trips:

MONDAY to SATURDAY

8.20 am - Vérité
8.25 am - Matrimandir office gate
8.30 am - Solar kitchen
8.32 am - Certitude
8.40 am - Kuilapalayam
(New Creation Junction)
8.42 am - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
8.45 am - (Former) Last School
8.50 am - Quiet
9.00 am - Lotus Hotel
9.05 am - Ashram Dining Hall

12.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall
12.05 pm - Lotus Hotel
12.15 pm - Quiet
12.20 pm - (Former) Last School
12.23 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
12.25 pm - Kuilapalayam
(New Creation Junction)
12.33 pm - Certitude
12.35 pm - Solar Kitchen
12.40 pm - Matrimandir Office Gate
12.45 pm - Vérité

Afternoon Trips:

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

4.20 pm - Vérité
4.25 pm - Matrimandir office gate
4.30 pm - Solar kitchen
4.33 pm - Certitude
4.40 pm - Kuilapalayam
(New Creation Junction)
4.42 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
4.45 pm - (Former) Last School
4.50 pm - Quiet
5.00 pm - Lotus Hotel
5.05 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

8.10 pm - Ashram Dining Hall
8.15 pm - Lotus Hotel
8.25 pm - Quiet
8.30 pm - (Former) Last School
8.33 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
8.35 pm - Kuilapalayam
(New Creation Junction)
8.43 pm - Certitude
8.45 pm - Solar Kitchen
8.50 pm - Matrimandir Office Gate
8.55 pm - Vérité

NEW Short afternoon Trips:

MONDAY & SATURDAY

2.50 pm - Vérité
2.55 pm - Matrimandir office gate
3.00 pm - Solar kitchen
3.03 pm - Certitude
3.08 pm - Kuilapalayam
(New Creation Junction)
3.10 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
3.12 pm - (Former) Last School
3.18 pm - Quiet
3.30 pm - Lotus Hotel
3.35 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

6.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall
6.05 pm - Lotus Hotel
6.17 pm - Quiet
6.23 pm - (Former) Last School
6.25 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
6.27 pm - Kuilapalayam
(New Creation Junction)
6.33 pm - Certitude
6.35 pm - Solar Kitchen
6.40 pm - Matrimandir Office Gate
6.45 pm - Vérité

FILMS

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 21st of November 2016 at 6:30 pm
"SIDDHI DAY - THE DAY OF VICTORY"

On 24th of November 1926 Krishna's consciousness descended into Sri Aurobindo's body.

Dr. Alok Pandey speaks about this important event of the descent of the Overmind Godhead and about the realisations of Sri Aurobindo and the renunciations he did in his life and for his work. Yoga implies a double movement: yoga of accomplishment and a movement of renunciation.

Dr. Alok Pandey puts light on the renunciations of Sri Aurobindo and explains that they were a preparation for a next step. After the experience of Nirvana Sri Aurobindo plunged in outer political activities, then in jail he had experiences of Vasudeva and experiences of Supramental Oneness. After this Sri Aurobindo was busy with 'Divine man making' and his Parabrahman realisation opened the doors to further evolution and he was supramentalising the Overmind which brought some challenges for the gods and the human beings.

In 1953 Mother speaks about another renunciation: "Sri Aurobindo has given up his body in an act of supreme unselfishness, renouncing the realisation in his own body to hasten the hour of the collective realisation."

Narad interviewed Dr. Alok Pandey in November 2014.

Duration: 47min.



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

Reminder: Friday 18 November "a passage to india" - by David Lean - UK-USA, 1984

Friday 25 Nov: NO SHOW

- Aurofilm will be at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), in Panaji, Goa, in view of preparing its "10th Panorama of Contemporary Indian Cinema" which will take place at Bharat Nivas in February 2017.

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

24th November Thursday 8 pm
THE LEGEND OF TARZAN (2016)

Genre: Action/Adventure / Rated: PG 13 / Dur:1.50 mn / Language: English/Subtitle: English
Dir: David Yates / Cast: Alexander Skarsgård, Rory J. Saper, Christian Stevens

Story Line: Tarzan, having acclimated to life in London, is called back to his former home in the jungle to investigate the activities at a mining encampment.

25th November Friday
NO SHOW

THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, November 25th 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!!

BOOK OF SEASONS: A YEAR IN KANAZAWA

54 mins, 2010 Directed by Kaori Brand/UNU Media Center
A recent multimedia project on Biodiversity in Kanazawa, Japan, which was initiated, designed and funded by UNU Institute of Advanced Studies Operating Unit Ishikawa/Kanazawa (UNU-IAS OUIK) under the coordination of the Unit's Director, Anne McDonald – creatively "packages" OUIK's cutting-edge research on cities and biodiversity. Here, we look at how the "Book of Seasons" documentary explore complex aspects of the urbanization-biodiversity nexus in a form accessible to researchers, students, policy makers and civil society, both in Japan and around the globe.

(Reminder: Friday - November 18th:- Human Vol.2)

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

LE PAVILLON DE FRANCE Presents

« HUMAN VOL. I »

"Love - Women - Work - Poverty"

Saturday 26th November 2016 - 5:00 pm

at Cinema Paradiso (Town Hall)

Director: Yann Arthus Bertrand - Duration 83 mins

French documentary without English subtitles

5 years after the worldwide success of the film HOME with more than 600 million spectators. Yann Arthus- Bertrand presents his new project. "I am a man among seven billion others. For 40 years I have been photographing our planet and its human diversity and I feel that humanity is not going ahead. We still cannot live together. Why? I looked for the answer, not in statistics, not in analyses, but in Man." HUMAN is a diptych stories and images of our world to create an immersion in the depths of the human being. Through the testimonies of happiness filled with love but also with hatred and violence, HUMAN confronts us with the Other and brings us back to our own lives. Aerial pictures with music as an opera, show the beauty of the world and offer us moments of breathing and introspection. The film allows us to embrace the human condition and to think about the very meaning of our existence. "I dreamed of a film where the power of words resonates over the beauty of the world". Beyond the film itself, the ambition of the project is to re-create links and gathering of strong values of solidarity and commitment in order to live together in the long run. We hope that this film will be an opportunity to debate and allow the local networks to present their own initiatives.

IMPORTANT:

We are going to show the 3 films at the Paradiso:

« HUMAN VOL. II » on Saturday 10th December 5 pm

« HUMAN VOL. III » on Saturday 14th December 5 pm

Birthing and Parenting Awake
Films that inspire us
3 December 4 - 6 pm
Cinema Paradiso
Presented by Birth Awake Auroville
Adult content

Important information about News & Notes

(Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm)

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 Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.

Any modifications of the submitted *News* items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday.

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

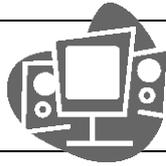
Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words. All articles and reports need to reach us by Tuesday noon.

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; **No visitors on Wednesday.**

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News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 21 November 2016 to 27 November 2016

Indian - Monday 21 November, 8:00 pm:

- **PARTY**

India, 1984, Dir. Govind Nihalani w/ Deepa Sahi, Ila Arun, Raju Barot, and others, Drama, 110mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: U (G)

A social gathering is held to commemorate Divakar Barve for the award he receive pertaining his contributions to Indian Arts and Films. Socialites and important public personalities mingle. They expect Amrit to attend. Amrit is an activist who, as we get to know via conversations, works among tribal people trying to protect their land and rights. The atmosphere of the event changes drastically, when Avinash, a friend and co-worker of Amrit arrives. *This is an AMAZING film that has remained completely relevant and topical through all these years. If you look through the slightly grainy picture quality, a bit archaic décor, dress, and lack of mobile phones you will find yourself in the present. Issues and relations depicted in this film made then is exactly what we're dealing with now. A MUST see!*

Potpourri - Tuesday 22 November, 8:00 pm:

- **UÇ MAYMUN (Three Monkeys)**

Turkey, 2008, Dir. Nuri Bilge Seylan w/ Yavuz Bingol, Hatice Aslan, Ahmet Rifat Sungar, 109 mins, Drama, Turkish w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

Near the Bosphorus, Eyüp and Hacer live in a modest flat with their son Ismail, who is in his 20s and doing poorly in his studies. Memory of a tragedy hangs between them. On a rainy night, Eyüp's boss Servet, a wealthy businessman who's entering politics, hits a pedestrian on a lonely road. He drives off and offers money to Eyüp if Eyüp will take the fall - probably a six-month sentence. Eyüp agrees, and while he's in prison, Ismail wants his mother to ask Servet for enough money to buy a car. Servet, in turn, desires Hacer. How can this play out?

Interesting - Wednesday 23 November, 8:00 pm:

- **CITY OF GOLD**

USA, 2015, Writer-Director. Laura Gabbert w/ David Chang, Roy Choi, Jonathan Gold, and others, Documentary-Biography, 96mins, English, Rated: R

The film is about the transformative power of food and food writing in how we experience where we live. Pulitzer Prize winning critic, Jonathan Gold, is our guide, casting his light upon a vibrant and growing cultural movement, a movement in which he plays the dual roles of high-low priest and culinary geographer of his beloved Los Angeles.

East Asian - Thursday 24 November, 8:00 pm:

- **KISEKI (I Wish)**

Japan, 2011, Dir. Hirokazu Koreeda, w/ Kirin Kiki, Masami Nagasawa, 128 mins, Drama, Japanese w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

In Kagoshima, the boy Koichi lives with his mother Nozomi in the house of his grandparents. Koichi misses his younger brother Ryunosuke and his father Kenji, who live in Fukuoka, and he dreams of his family coming together again. One day, Koichi overhears that the energy released by two bullet trains passing by each other would grant wishes and he invites his two best friends, Tasuku and Makoto, to travel to the point of intersection of the two

trains. Koichi also tells his plan to Ryunosuke that invites his three best friends to join him. Soon the seven children arrive to the meeting point in the journey of discoveries. The film's Japanese title, Kiseki, literally means Miracle.

International - Saturday 26 November, 8:00 pm:

- **ALTAMIRA (Finding Altamira)**

UK-France-Spain, 2016, Dir. Hugh Hudson w/ Clement Sibony, Rupert Everett, Javivi, and others, Drama-History, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

Marcelino Sanz de Sautuola y de la Pedruca, in 1868, accidentally discovered Paleolithic paintings with the help of a hunter named Modesto Cubillas inside Altamira's caves, located in Cantabria, north to Spain. Trying to expose their discovery to the academic world for that they study the paintings, Sautuola crashed against the skepticism and discredit of all experts, who claimed that the caves were false and the paintings made for the own Sautuola, in a effort to get rich. Looking for the truth, Sautuola was the rest of his life fighting to prove that those paintings were real, trying to restore his innocence from the accusations of falsehood launched against him.

Children's Film - Sunday 27 November, 4:30 pm:

- **ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

USA, 2010, Dir: Tim Burton w/Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter and others, Fantasy, 108mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Nineteen-year-old Alice returns to the magical world from her childhood adventure, where she reunites with her old friends and learns of her true destiny: to end the Red Queen's reign of terror.

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Ciné-Club - Sunday 27 November, 8:00 pm:

- **BANANAS**

USA, 1971, Dir. Woody Allen w/Woody Allen, Luise Lasser and others, Comedy, 82mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

The sharply satirical, uneven and often bizarre Bananas comes from Woody Allen's zany period and tells the story of New York nebbish Fielding Mellish who ends up El Presidente of San Marcos, a tiny war-torn Central American banana republic after he falls in love with a radical political activist who is more interested in making revolution than love.

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