

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

The Fire King and the Messenger

THE FIRE KING

O soul who com'st fire-mantled from the earth
Into the silence of the seven skies,
Art thou an heir of the spiritual birth?
Art thou an ancient guest of Paradise?

THE MESSENGER

I am the Messenger of the human race,
I am a Pioneer from death and night.
I am the nympholept of Beauty's face,
I am the hunter of the immortal Light.

THE FIRE KING

What flame wearst thou that wraps thee with its power
Protecting from the Guardians of the Way?
What wanderer born from the eternal Hour?
What fragment of the inconceivable Ray?

THE MESSENGER

It is the fire of an awakened soul
Aspiring from death to reach Eternity,
The wings of sacrifice flaming to their goal,
The burning godhead of humanity.

THE FIRE KING

What seekst thou here, child of the transient ways?
Wouldst thou be free and still in endless peace?
Or gaze for ever on the Eternal's face,
Hushed in an incommunicable release?

THE MESSENGER

I claim for men the peace that shall not fail,
I claim for earth the unwounded timeless bliss,
I seek God-strength for souls that suffer in hell,
God-light to fill the ignorant abyss.

THE FIRE KING

Ascend no more with thy presumptuous prayer
But safe return to the forsaken globe,
Wake not heaven's Lightning from its slumber's lair
To clothe thee with the anguish of its robe. (*Incomplete*)

God to thy greatness

God to thy greatness
Of utter sedateness
Has given a name
That fills it with light
Of His sovereign might.
He has lavished a flame
Of passionate fleetness
On thy stillness and sweetness.
His ecstasies seven,
O daughter of Heaven,
Have seized thy limbs
That were motionless dreams.

COLLECTED POEMS - SRI AUROBINDO

It is from within that you must become master of your lower nature by establishing your consciousness firmly in a domain that is free of all desire and attachment because it is under the influence of the divine Light and Force.

The Mother
ref. Some Answers from the Mother, vol.16, p.303

The
Ponder
Corner

Working Committee report November 2016**Updates on Old and New Topics:****1. New Governing Board**

By notification dt. 23-11-2016, Dr. Karan Singh has been reappointed as Chairman, Auroville Foundation by the Minister of HRD for a period of 4 years. The remaining Board Members, other than the ex-officio Board Members from the HRD Ministry, have yet to be notified. The Working Committee has thanked the hon'ble HRD Minister for making this appointment and Dr. Karan Singh for accepting to chair the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation once again.

2. 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Frederick, Chali, Fabienne and Mariana have agreed to be the core Organisation Team for the 50th Anniversary Events as approved by the Governing Board. While the request for a special grant to the HRD Ministry is still pending, the team has started preliminary work.

3. General Meeting.

In a general information meeting on October 29th, the Working Committee presented aspects of its work to the residents. The meeting was attended by 15 people and there was an animated question and answer session.

4. Protection of Auroville against unwanted developments.

Jointly with members of the Auroville Council and the interim Town Development Council, the Working Committee has issued an invitation to participate in three half-day workshops to study how Auroville can be protected from developments in contradiction to the Auroville Master Plan.

The workshops will take place on Saturday December 10, Sunday December 11 and Saturday January 7th, from 9.00 till 12.30, at the Unity Pavilion.

A detailed note on this topic was published in the 26th Nov. News and Notes #675.

5. FAMC selection process.

The Working Committee and Auroville Council have done an evaluation of the three-day selection process regarding the FAMC and have identified a number of lapses in the process.

An extensive note on this issue is published elsewhere in this News and Notes.

6. Forensic audits.

At the request of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, and in cooperation with the FAMC, the Working Committee / FAMC has ordered a forensic accountancy to assess accounts and management of Water Harvest and the Tamil Heritage Centre.

7. Visa matters.

The Government of India has recently approved a liberalization, simplification and rationalization of the visa regime of India. The approval will facilitate entry of foreigners for tourism, business and medical purposes. It is unclear as yet to what extent this will be of relevance to Auroville, in particular with regard to people who visit with a tourist visa.

8. Entry Policy 2015.

Jointly with the Auroville Council, the Working Committee is looking into the implementation of the community approved Auroville Entry Policy by forming a subgroup called the Entry Task Group (ETG). The six-fold scope of the ETG was published in the 26th Nov. News and Notes #675.

A note on further development on this topic is published elsewhere in this News and Notes.

9. New executives for Matrimandir.

The Working Committee will soon start the process of selecting new executives of the Matrimandir, as the term of office of the present executives Elumalai, John, Pierre, and Srimoyi has expired. The present executives have expressed that they will remain working at Matrimandir after the new executives have been appointed and will be on hand to facilitate the handover of responsibilities to the new team. We are looking at what work needs to be done, what skills and qualifications are needed to do so, and for what time period the new team should be appointed. The areas under consideration are labour, finance, gardens, lake, oval road, maintenance and further development of the Matrimandir building, construction of a

new service building to replace existing old offices and facilities for visitors' access.

A call for new Executives will be made separately.

10. Sea Erosion Management.

In the month of November, the core SEM group met two times and revised several proposals. Following a presentation on the subject, it was agreed not to pursue the long-run proposal given by Mr Kumar (expert on sea erosion) which is based on SAB technology. The sub-group is collecting and discussing more proposals, including the GOI plans to build nine more groynes along the beach, and the expansion of the Pondicherry Beach Restoration Project (PBRP) to include Auroville beaches. The National Institute of Ocean Technology, one of the agencies collaborating on the PBRP has been approached and invited to Auroville, in order to discuss the latter proposal. Another short-term proposal by Mr Kumar was also submitted but not yet discussed.

In the meantime, the immediate efforts to mitigate the erosion in front of Gokulam are continuing.

The Hindu reported on December 3 that over 100 fishermen from Bommayarpalayam blocked traffic on the East Coast Road on December 2nd for over an hour demanding that work on the construction of groynes at Bommayarpalayam be resumed at the earliest. Sivanandam, president of Bommayarpalayam panchayat, who led the protest, claimed that Bommayarpalayam had been affected due to coastal erosion. A number of houses and boats had been destroyed due to coastal erosion and sea water incursion.

The next report of the Working Committee will contain the follow-up information.

11. Security Guards.

Security informed that the guards are often insulted or disrespected by Aurovilians. We condone this as unacceptable and boorish behaviour and invite all those who have issues with the guards to take up the matter in person with the Security Service and not with the guards who are there to secure the safety of us all.

12. Emotional and Mental Health Group (EMH).

A proposal prepared by the Wcom and AVC subgroup (Inge & Sandhya) and approved by the two groups has been circulated to interested Aurovilians and Newcomers. These have been invited to get together and discuss how to move forward. The outcomes of the meeting and the follow-up will be published in next month's report.

Completed topics (Topics that we were involved in and have either been resolved or flagged with the relevant working group. We will not be reporting any more about these topics, but they do remain on our radar):

13. Complaint against Isaimaiyam Institution by Rayapettai.

The dispute between Rayapettai village representatives and a few Aurovilians is on-going. It appears that, contrary to the statements of the villagers, the Aurovilians concerned are neither trustees nor executives of Isaimaiyam. Only an Aurovilian of Tamil origin is trustee since 2012.

As neither the villagers nor the Aurovilians concerned are willing to participate in a peace meeting to be organized by the Working Committee, and since the matter has been brought to court, the Working Committee closes its involvement with this issue.

14. MM Access for Special Guests

Jointly with the Auroville Foundation and the MM Access Team, the Working Committee has revised, simplified and established a mutual understanding of the handling of Special Guests in the Matrimandir.

15. Strengthening of Integrated Animal Care Centre (IACC).

The Working Committee and the Auroville Council subgroup (Inge, Marc, Sunder) have invited and met with 12 people who are interested to pick up and/or pursue the work at IACC. A SWOT analysis was conducted, roles and responsibilities of each team member were established, and next steps were laid out. The community will be receiving updates and communications from IACC itself. The subgroup will continue

to follow up, offer support and advice to IACC, whenever needed.

On-going topics (topics that are still on our table for which we have no noteworthy update to provide this time):

- i) Impact of GST on Auroville
- ii) Auroville Child Development
- iii) Mobility
- iv) Auroville Health Services
- v) Land Purchase Policy

Clarification reg. individual houses/plots

The TDC frequently receives applications to build individual houses in the City and Greenbelt area. Usually, the application also requests a piece of land around it. To regulate the process of these requests, especially for individual housing, we would like to communicate the following:

The Greenbelt is mainly managed by the Farm and the Forest Group (with the Green Group). These official groups are in charge of the development in these areas and are the stewards of these lands. Housing possibilities arise only when the activity of the "steward-to-be" corresponds to the directives and guidelines of the Farm and Forest Group. The application of any building or house should be related to the activities undertaken in perspective of forest and/or farm in the Greenbelt.

In the city area (including some bordering communities), lands are reserved for projects according to land use. Projects proposed by project developers and the Housing Service find

their way to the TDC and are processed according to community-approved guidelines. In this respect, some areas are reserved for low-density housing as clusters, but only on a project basis. Thus, the TDC will not be approving free-standing houses in the city center for the moment and for a foreseeable future.

All zones need detailed development plans and some zones (like the Cultural Zone and the Industrial Zone) are areas with very specific utilization and restricted number of housing assets.

Therefore, the development of additional housing assets in these specific zones goes against this and for these reasons, we unfortunately cannot accept these applications.

The TDC has made an agreement with the Housing Service and the Land Board to protect lands which are vulnerable to encroachment. The Housing Service will propose temporary housing projects on those locations for the specific purpose of protecting the area.

Several housing projects are being built (in the Residential Zone) and residents are encouraged to search among these (details to be found at the Housing Service).

The developments mentioned above imply that space for individual houses is limited and only possible with consent of the Forest & Farm Group, the Housing Service or as a project initiated by a project developer/architect. In any case, final approval is granted by the TDC.

Yours truthfully,

L'avenir d'Auroville / iTDC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Entry Policy Petition Update

As you are aware, the AVC and WCom recently paused the Welcome Talks and new applications for Newcomer status on the 10th of November (published in N&N 673 of November 12th) following a Mentor Pool gathering where several concerns on the process were raised. Simultaneously these 2 groups formed the Entry Task Group (ETG) (detailed scope published in the N&N 675 on November 26th) mainly to look into these concerns and address them before re-starting the Entry Process.

At the same time, a petition was raised signed by 65 Aurovillians, asking for an RA vote to halt the entire Entry Process until clarity was reached on several points of the implementation of the policy, mainly concerning the mentors and the Mentor Pool. The RAS organized a meeting between the petitioners, ETG, AVC, WCom and Entry Service where the ETG presented their work update and the concerns of the petitioners were voiced again. Around 30 of the petitioners attended this meeting.

This meeting ended with a request from the present petitioners to stop all announcements from the Entry Service until a General Meeting was held on this topic. Following this, the AVC, WCom, ETG and Entry Service met to discuss this request - it was decided that this request cannot be fulfilled due to the following reasons.

- 1) The concern in the petition's request had previously been addressed by the working groups and action was taken with the pausing of the Welcome Talks and the processing of new applications (as previously announced). Currently, no applications are being received and no Introduction Talks at the Entry Service with applicants and their mentors are scheduled. At the moment 75 people are stopped in their processes at different stages. The only announcements that have been made in the past few weeks are of those who have fulfilled all criteria to be announced, including the consent of all 3 of their mentors.
- 2) The decision of stopping the entry process further, including all announcements, should not be made only by the petitioners, nor the AVC and WCom but should include

the wider community. The mandated process of calling for a General Meeting would be the best course of action to take at the present time to allow for this wider participation. Please see announcement from RAS on a date for this General Meeting.

Meanwhile, the ETG has continued its work of identifying areas of unclarity based on feedback received so far, and has already come up with some proposals to address these points, which will be presented to the community in a General Meeting. Some of the areas of work are:

- Adding a Tamil Welcome Talk, eventually progressing to other languages
- Identifying application pre-requisites and updating the Application Form
- Reflection on verification of data submitted
- Guidelines and workshops for mentors
- Addressing the need for more mentors and designing intermediate and long term solutions, while keeping the spirit of participation intact
- Feedback guidelines, for both giving and processing feedback, with clear criteria and responsibility
- Addressing wider implications of population growth in Auroville

The ETG intends to publish further details in the next N&N so that the community can come prepared to the General Meeting to be held soon.

In light of this decision, today's Entry Service announcement will include those who have entered in the process previously (before the pausing of new applications) and who have fulfilled the necessary conditions to be announced as Newcomers. Please note also that the period for receiving feedback on announced Newcomers is no longer two weeks, but one month.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Members of the Working Committee, Auroville Council, Entry Service and Entry Task Group

Invitation to a General Meeting

Dear Community members,

Following up on a petition from more than 60 concerned Aurovilians the Entry Task Group formed by the WCom and AVCouncil (Angela, Mandakini, Ranjith, Elisa, Enrica, Sandhya, B, Noel and Sindhuja) are inviting you to a General Meeting on:

Tuesday the 20th of December 2016 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm in the Unity Pavilion.

Petition received by RAS on December 7th, 2016

"We, the undersigned, request an immediate Resident's Assembly vote to suspend the current Entry Policy until a review is conducted by an independent group appointed by the Working Committee, and that all processing of entry is suspended until such a review is completed, its recommendations are published, and a Resident's Assembly vote on any changes to the policy is completed. The reasons for suspension of the policy are as follows:

- 1) Successful implementation of the policy is dependent upon clear and approved guidelines for Mentors. No such guidelines have been presented to the community.
- 2) The entry group is processing applications and assigns mentors without approved mentor guidelines.
- 3) The community was assured that there would be a training program for mentors, but no such program has been put into place.
- 4) The community has been misled into believing that training of mentors would be a criterion for participation in the mentor pool. This has not been the case.
- 5) There are inappropriate relationships allowed between mentors and the newcomers. For example, employers can be mentors of employees, relatives of newcomers can be their mentors."

Love,

Inge for the Residents Assembly Service

Information / update regarding Entry Secretariat members

Dear Community,

We would like to give you an update about the current membership situation in the Entry Secretariat.

B will stay and is already a confirmed member from the previous Entry Service. Ishita shifts her work to the Foundation Office independently from the Entry Secretariat, Segar and Selvam are confirmed members after their trial period of 3 months, which ends on Dec. 8th. Dhanalakshmi, Antim, Muriel and Joel have resigned and Taj never took office. Antim, Muriel and Joel offered their services as resource persons to stay as long as it is required in order to have a smooth transition and handover to new members.

New applicants for the Entry Secretariat will be preselected by AVCouncil and will afterwards go to a community feedback process of 2 weeks and a trial period of 3 months.

We again remind all of you to step forward for this important service / work to Auroville.

Best regards, *AVCouncil*

From the Entry Service - N&N No - 677 dated 10.12.2016

Our team is happy to announce the following persons as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville. We will wait one month for Newcomers and for Aurovilians from this publication for your feedback before confirming.

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

Deven SHAH (Indian from Mumbai), staying at Arka, working at Web Office

Geetha ARIVAZHAGAN (Indian from Edaiyanchavadi), staying at Petite Ferme, working at Naturellement

Mimansa CHHADVA (Indian from Mumbai), staying at Shakti Homestay, working at Auroville Radio

Narmadha SANDJIVY (Indian from Pondicherry), staying at Adithi Griha Caretaker House, working at Deepanam School

Romel CHHADVA (Indian from Mumbai), staying at Shakti Homestay, working at Auroville Radio

Shaalini SRINIVASAN (Indian from Trichy), staying at Arka, working at Nandanam School

Suresh SEKAR (Indian from Kulilapalayam), staying at Acceptance, working at Alipsa Farm

Vasuki PALANI (Indian from Villupuram), staying at Auromodele, working at Omega accounting service

CHILD OF A NEWCOMER:

Simran SHAH (Indian), born on 27.09.2007, studying at Deepanam

Arya ARIVAZHAGAN (Indian), born on 29.06.2008, studying at Udavi

Keerthivasan ARIVAZHAGAN (Indian), born on 14.12.2009, studying at Udavi

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:

Sabrina PRASSEDE (Italian)

PARTNER/RELATIVE OF AN AUROVILIAN:

Kalaiselvi MURUGAN (Indian)

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

Axum KIROS (Ethiopian)

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

FAMC Membership

Dear community members,

The Working Committee and Auroville Council have done an evaluation of the 3-day selection process after having received feedback on the outcome regarding the FAMC membership. After many deliberations and discussions, we have identified a number of lapses in the process, which at the time were overlooked:

1. The Temporary Feedback Review Committee had not been informed about the condition that prospective FAMC members had to be resident of Auroville for a period of 5 years, not-including their Newcomer period, in order to be eligible to serve as FAMC member. This mistake was corrected, but only at the last minute.
2. The Auroville Council and the Study Group had not given thought to the fact that both the old and the new FAMC mandate stipulate that a member cannot serve longer than 2 consecutive terms of 3 years, and that the new FAMC

mandate has an omission: it does not contain a provision that a person who had already served 2 terms in the old FAMC cannot immediately serve in the new FAMC. This omission should have been brought to the notice of the participants at the beginning of the 3-day process, and a decision should collectively have been taken, but this was not done.

3. No thought has been given to the condition in the new FAMC mandate that the membership of the FAMC shall be staggered. The mandate states that in the first appointment, the Residents Assembly shall decide on the terms of those appointed, with 3 members being given 2-year terms, 3 members given 3-year terms, and 3 members given 4-year terms. As the RA had delegated the selection of the first FAMC members to the participants of the 3-day selection process, the decision on the staggering of the terms of office should also have been made by the participants, but this was not done.
4. The 3-day selection process was not concluded properly. As the vote counting took longer than had been anticipated, the decision that the 7 elected FAMC members would decide who to choose from the group of prospective candidates who had an equal number of votes, was made rather quickly as people were waiting to go for lunch. The outcome was declared during lunch, after which most people left. No proper closing of the 3-day process happened since there was no opportunity to come back and collectively bless the final outcome.

We regret and apologize for these mistakes.

This evaluation led to our earlier joint decision, as published in the News and Notes #672 dt. 5th November 2016, that Ulli cannot serve as member of the new FAMC.

The FAMC members, however, have asked us to reconsider our decision and we have had a long discussion with them. They pointed out that neither the Working Committee nor the Auroville Council have been mandated to unilaterally change the outcome of the three-day selection process. They also stressed that the new FAMC mandate, approved by the community, does not contain a provision that a person cannot be selected as member of the new FAMC if s/he has already served two 3-year terms in the previous FAMC and that, if mistakes had been made, the outcome should nevertheless be respected.

Faced with these conflicting views, which also have an element of truth, the Working Committee and Auroville Council jointly propose to respect the outcome of the selection process, in spite of the above identified lapses. This also means that the earlier announcement of the Working Committee and Auroville Council that Ulli cannot serve in this FAMC will have to be withdrawn.

However, if the community is not satisfied with this outcome, and within a period of 2 weeks from the date of publication of this note, at least 60 people inform the Auroville Council about their objection, we will refer the matter back to the participants of the 3-day selection process.

We will request the FAMC members to make a proposal for the staggering which we will submit to the community for feedback.

Any vacancy arising because a member of the FAMC resigns before the termination of his or her term of office will be handled as per the RA approved FAMC mandate.

The Working Committee & The Auroville Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

OutreachMedia News

Dear Friends,

There are two representatives in Auroville from the ICON Magazine, Italy.

Nicola (photographer) will be in Auroville for approximately 5 weeks and Davis (Editor) is leaving on December 11th. They will be working with OutreachMedia and Suryanai Clarence-Smith. The subject of the article is about Auroville and Human Social Experiment through interviews, architecture and design. The article will be approximately 10-14 pages and published in April 2017.

We appreciate your co-operation and support for this project. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. If you have any doubt please ask to see the OutreachMedia card they are carrying.

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The OutreachMedia Team

Addendum to "In support of non-polluting transport in Auroville"

The N&N article of December 1st in support of non-polluting transport in Auroville wasn't signed with all the names of our Electric Vehicle Service group members, so here they are:

Aravindjasmin; B; Chandresh; Christopher; Govindaraj; Helmut; Hemant Shekhar; Jocelyn B.; Marlyse; Matthias; QuTee Anand; Rena; Ulrich.

New members have joined after publication: *Manohar and Raju.* Welcome!

If you receive only the paper copy of N&N, here are the links from the article that you can type them in your browser - or see the News&Notes online at www.auroville.org/contents/186 and click on the hyperlinks as given in the article.

For joining the Electric Vehicle Service group:

<https://groups.google.com/a/auroville.org.in/forum/?nomobile=true#!forum/electric-vehicle-list>

For the site of Tata's motorcycle Tork: torkmotorcycles.com/

For Wikipedia information about Ather's S340 scooter: en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ather_Energy#The_Ather_S340

Thank you for your support,

Marlyse for the Electric Vehicle Service group

POSTINGS

Savitri Mahasaraswati seminar

The seminar on Savitri Mahasaraswati concluded successfully on Sunday the 27th November at SAWCHU. The event was conceived by the organisers, especially Rajagopal and Danalakshmi, under the Arulvazhi outreach school. Delegates from various towns of Tamil Nadu were entertained with a Dance recital followed by a demonstration of Yoga asanas by children & a documentary on Mother's Balcony Darshan was shown to the delegates. The seminar took place in the presence of senior Aurovilians Sri Varadarajan & Sri Thillai Ganapathi. The chief guest, Sri G.Balu, Principal of councion matric H.S.School, kovilpatti, narrated on the main theme

from his own experiences. The seminar ended gracefully with other delegates sharing their views.

K.Sudharsan

Kochi Biennale trip

We are planning a trip for Aurovilians to the Kochi Biennale over the weekend of February 25 and 26 (tentative dates). Those who would like to join the trip, please email aurovillearts@auroville.org.in with the subject 'Kochi Biennale'. This is the second announcement we are making about this trip. *Auroville Art Service* (2623083)

Baby born

Rajaram from PTDC and his wife Mahalaxmi are immensely happy to share with the community the news of the birth of their baby boy on 2nd December. All went well. The baby is a sweet and peaceful new presence among us

Helgard's exhibition

Centre d'Art of Citadines is pleased to inform you that Helgard's exhibition is going on until December 10. Enjoy!

A V A I L A B L E

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From Av Gokulam Farm -excellent for cooking, hair and skin care, massage etc...Contact *Anand*: 986 562 3504

Guitar Pedal

Compact Multi effect Processor. Zoom 505. Contact: eric@auroville.org.in or 9442646250. *Eric (Svedame)*

Queen size bed

A queen size bed is available. About two years old, in good condition. Made of particle board. Please, contact *Terra*: terra@auroville.org.in

Two Adorable Kittens



We are growing up and need to move into a new loving home! We are two beautiful energetic kittens, a sister and a brother. We grew up with loads of sibling play-time, mother's milk and showered with love by mama cat and our human caretakers since birth! We are potty trained and eat by ourselves. Come and see us and let us melt your

Jade Beautysalon

Jade Beautysalon is happy to welcome you for beauty and time for yourself, manicure, pedicure, waxing, facial treatments, support for any kind of skin problems. Now you can find me in Aurosarjan complex next to Rangoli pink door. Also vouchers for a nice gift card are available. Beauty - the smile of divine, feel good with yourself! Write a sms or call for appointment 809 876 0113, with love, *Julia*

hearts - then adopt us! Contact *Aurora* 9443535087 or *Chandana* 9626651380

Seedlings

Hello! Planting season, even if the monsoon shunned us...At Joy GH we do have some seedlings available: tomato, salads and some more...Please come morning times from 9 to 12. *Sara for Joy*

A scooter

TVS Scooty pep plus, 3 years old, purple color, in good condition. Any interest, give a call to *Kyung*: 89404 53961. Thanks.

Kittens!

We are 7 little Kittens in all shapes and colors. They were born in La Ferme community and looking for new homes. Please contact sarah@auroville.org.in, mobile--9047421044

Office space and Rooms Available for rent

Anyone interested in renting a rooms or for office space at AuroAnnam can contact me: Mawite@auroville.org.in or 8523915031

L O O K I N G F O R ...

Inviting the players of eco-musical percussion group "Phoenix"

Eco-musical percussion group 'Phoenix' is looking for the players of percussion who takes interest in using recycled instruments. We are performing in Upcycling Festival in March 2017 to encourage the awareness of upcycling trend and creation. We are planning community participation of willing to join or learning our music with recycled materials. Please contact us and enjoy together. Contact details: seeseese@auroville.org.in - *Coordinating by Community Cultural Colors (See See See)*

Tripod

Outreach Media is looking for a tripod to borrow for one month. If you have one you could lend to us please pass by the office in the morning or call 9443602194. Thank you very much!

Guitar amplifier

Hello. I'm *Shanks* the bald guitar player on a white bullet. I'm looking to purchase a used guitar amplifier. Would anyone have one they're looking to part with? Please mail me on: chungates@gmail.com

Spanish speaking person needed!

Dear all, I need some help with translating and understanding some audio-files I recorded in Santiago de Cuba. They will be part of a book I currently write about the island. If you have a good ear for Cuban Spanish or simply Spanish and wanna put in a couple of hours over the next weeks, please let me know. I am happy to offer coffee or cakes in return. Gracias, *Dennis* - Mobile: 8270404938 / dennis.freischlad@gmail.com

A used solar fridge

We, the German volunteers, are looking for a used solar fridge. A Sundacer would be perfect. In case you have a working one you don't need anymore please contact us at: indien@weltgefahrten.org or call at: 8531012679. Thanks for your attention, *Theodor*

Auroville Chamber Choir needs new members

A chamber choir was created recently with the support of the Centre d'Art - Citadines. And we are still looking for new male members. You like to sing in the shower? Step out of it and join us for the newly founded Auroville Chamber Choir. We are a bunch of singing enthusiasts who are looking for a few more men (tenors and basses) who would like to join us. We offer great fun and music. Why you should come? Well, singing is good for your body and soul! Rehearsals are every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Citadine Centre d'Art.

What we do: We sing a-capella pieces from different centuries and different genres in all kinds of languages - currently we are rehearsing pieces from the Renaissance as well as a modern piece. We are singing in English, French, Spanish, Italian and Hungarian (let's see what will be next).

Here you can listen to some of the songs we are working on: [So ben mi ch'a bon tempo](#) (Italian renaissance) - [Rose madrigal](#) (modern Hungarian) - [Sing and Swing](#) (jazzy)

What we are looking for:

- You should be male - You love *a cappella* music - You have time on Tuesday evenings 6 to 8pm for rehearsals - Good point if you know how to read a music score - It would help, if you have some singing/choir experience - Interested...?

Contact *Antoine*: 8940740529 - antoine@auroville.org.in. Hope to see and hear you soon, *Anandamayi, Divya, Elke, Friederike, Laura W., Shivaya, Steffi, Véronique J., Christian, Emanuele, Jacques, Janaka, Rakhal, Antoine.*

LOST & FOUND

Scarf (Found): Pale green, soft, woolen scarf was found at Unity pavilion, most probably left behind after the General meeting last Tuesday, but could also have been the week before. If it is yours, please come and collect at Unity Pavilion office. 2623576, unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

Phone (Lost): I lost an Iphone 6 with a black cover on Saturday Dec. 3rd, between Transformation and Town Hall. If found please call Elaine 9952463904 or email me at me@nicolacarinani.com. Thanks, Nicola

THANK YOU

Atithi Griha Guest House

I have been visiting Auroville over the last few years and always stay at Atithi Griha Guest House. The atmosphere, staff and stay is always lovely and homely, but this time I was really impressed with the new additions and changes being made. The coffee machine, the painting on windows, the decor,

screens on windows, the new furniture. It was a pleasant surprise and made the stay even more pleasant and lovely. I would like to thank Atithi Griha Management for this. *Sudarshan Rodriquez, Tata Institute of Social Sciences - Submitted by Martin Scherfler Saracon*

A P P E A L

Appeal For Financial Support For Urgent Operations

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

For this OP he needs to pay 6.5 lakhs ,of which only 3.2 lakhs have been collected.

Before this operation can be executed he has to do a heart stent operation, which will cost aproximately another 2 lakhs.

Please donate to his health account at Financial Service, Acct No: 252340

Any amount is needed and helpful

Thank you

Shaktivel and Solar Kitchen Team

Auroville Art Service - support request

We are looking for financial support for our Aurovilian office staff:

- Nilen Jha: administration
- Ivana Frousova: accounts

Specified contributions or regular monthly support may be made through the AVArtS account number 251527 with the description 'office staff'.

Both of them are also looking for housing. Nilen is accompanied by Arati and Aiyana; Ivana is single.

Their work with us is greatly appreciated and we would be grateful for your support!

Auroville Art Service (Krishna, Marco, Ramesh, Renu, Pushkar)

Proskills Cooking Program

Looking for second hand cooking, pastry and dining room equipment.

Dear community members, we need you!!

Proskills cooking program (PCP) has been going on for 5 months now with 8 apprentices and 2 main teachers: Amrit and Matteo.

PCP first year is aimed to provide youths of Auroville with cooking skills so that they discover the wealth of various nationalities cooking cultures and also be able to work as commis in restaurants. It is a mean for the youths of Auroville to acquire the practical knowledge of a job that is of value in Auroville or any other country. The cooking classes are hosted in PTDC kitchen.

Up to now we have been using PTDC equipment for cooking (By the way thank you so much to Anandi and Marie Ange for their help!!).

We would like to start setting up an application restaurant and for doing so we are in the process of buying our own equipment for cooking, pastry and diner room - But we also need your help to get to this point.

We are looking for second hand cooking, pastry and dining room equipment.

If you, individuals, restaurants, guest houses, potters, factories have cooking, pastry or dining room equipment that you don't use, please give it to this free program for Auroville Youths.

Thank you to all of you,

Laurence for Proskills cooking team - For more details, you can call me (mobile phone number : 80 98 95 15 62)

Opportunity to support and contribute.

Dear Auroville Family and Friends, Individuals and Units, this is a Chance to Support another Vision Come True!

Some of you I contacted in person, and here I'm reaching out to the extended community.

If you enjoy creativity, connections, children, moments of being inspired and listening inward; if you like to be part of circles that together support and make ideas become reality, you might like to read further.

"The ever-changing story of the living goddess - Kumari, the flower girl"

This little 'Tea table book' for adults and children, is just completed and ready for print! It is a visually beautiful, colourful book, dedicated to the child in each of us and I am raising funds for self-publishing it. The link will give you a visual and written idea about the book and what is needed for its birth: gogetfunding.com/gift-for-the-child-in-each-of-us/

Some of you who already noticed my on-line crowd-funding campaign, asked for the possibility to contribute within Auroville. This is your opportunity to donate towards printing & designing and/or pre-ordering the book.

You can contribute on the links in the campaign above or (via FS acc. - registered under Auroville Arts Services) Butterfly Barn Acc. 252424, description: *a. book donation (or b. book pre-order 600rs for Av.; or c. book donation & pre-order)*.

Small or larger contributions together will help it go to print; and all of it shall bring me a sense of belonging and 'family' support. THANK YOU!

Welcome to contact me with any further questions or creative ideas how to make this dream reality, dariya@auroville.org.in; or even better, stop me in person and talk to me. Thank you for reading and considering to chip in.

"Step by step, dream by dream, our stories are being born for a better world!".

Dariya

ps. Interesting, I am noticing how writing the above, there is certain insecurity and fear of judgement and not being supported by my own community...and with all these here it is ... Hreeemmmm...

A C C O M M O D A T I O N S A V A I L A B L E A N D N E E D E D

House-sitting

Hi, I'm *Roberto* (Aurovilian) and I need a house-sitting from March 2017 for a short or long period. Contact: roberto@auroville.org.in

TAXI SHARING

December 14th: Leaving Auroville to Chennai Airport at 9:00 pm on 14th December, if you want to share call me Tel: 2623170 or 9585790368 - *Sylvie*

December 14th: I will arrive at in Chennai airport on Wednesday Dec.14 at 8.15 am with Emirates. Anyone wishing to share the taxi by coming from AV to Chennai or going to AV, please contact me by email: sigapro@web.de - *Sibylle*

December 14th: Taxi leaving Auroville to be at Chennai airport around 7 am - for sharing it both ways. Contact *Nathalie*: natnat101@hotmail.com

December 15th Taxi sharing to go to Chennai Airport around 7am empty car and coming back at 10am with one person. Please write to *Ally* (ally@auroville.org.in) if you want to share either way.

December 16th: From Chennai airport (arrival 8.15 am) to Auroville; the taxi is also available for the trip to the airport in the early morning. Please contact *kati* by phone: 8489265342 or email: kati.hoetger@web.de

December 19th: Taxi leaves Auroville on 19th of December around 12 pm to go to Chennai Airport with no passenger and will return from there at around 4.00 pm with 2 passengers. If you want to share, please contact *Fred C*: fred1@auroville.org.in, 9626017247.

December 21st: We, a family of four persons, are leaving Auroville on the 20th at midnight for Chennai airport (full car). The taxi is coming back empty around 3 o'clock in the night of

December 21st. Anyone interested please contact me at elkej@free.fr or 7868075934. *Elke*

December 21st: To Chennai leaving approx. 3.30am. Anyone interested to share please contact *Tim* 0413-2622296 (work) 0413-2622381 (home).

December 25th: A cab will leave AV at 6.00am (earlier possible) in the morning to reach Chennai airport latest by 9am and pick up 1 person who will come to Auroville . For sharing the taxi (both ways) please call *Stefan* 9442041433 or email stefangebert@gmail.com

January 2nd: 3 persons will go from Auroville to Chennai Airport at 6am to reach latest by 9.00am. If you would like to share the taxi for the way back, please contact *Stefan* 9442041433 or stefangebert@gmail.com

January 5th: I am arriving at Chennai Airport on Air India Flight #172 on January 5, Thursday at 3:15 pm and will be travelling to Auroville. Anyone interested in sharing the taxi either way, please contact me by email: kumarsehdev455@gmail.com / My phone number in Canada is: 1 647 740 8567 / or, contact Prem Shakti in Auroville at: [8489764602](tel:8489764602) to finalize. *Sehdev Kumar*

January 5th: A cab will come from AV to reach Chennai airport latest by 5pm and pick up 2 persons who will come to Auroville . For sharing the taxi (both ways) please call Stefan 9442041433 or email stefangebert@gmail.com

HEALTH

Camp for chronic Chest diseases

There will be a camp for chronic Chest diseases (like Asthma and COPD) at Av Health Centre on Friday 16 Dec 2016, from 9 am-12 noon. There will be free testing of Pulmonary Function Tests. A Chest Diseases Specialist will be available if needed, on an additional charge of Rs 100/-. Please register your names at the HC Reception in advance if interested.
Av Health Center

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners!

Following is an update from AV Radio with programs made in the past week:

- Our volunteer Steve has managed to record the first session of [Integral Yoga seminar](#)
- Pedro Fernades kindly recorded Interactions with [Working Committee](#)
- Loretta reads [Mother's Q & A 2/5/56](#), and [Savitri, B. II, C. VIII, Part 2](#)
- Gangalakshmi continues with [Selections](#) in French
- Out of our regular programs are also [Thursday's](#) and [Monday's](#) news
- For music lovers [Funky Love](#)

Of course you are very welcome to pass by AV Radio if you would like to take any of the programs on your USB stick... or if you would like to share something with us (and the audience)...if you would like to volunteer, participate in any way... if you have any suggestions, feedback, thoughts.

We are located on the ground floor of Town Hall opposite the Financial Service.

Wish you a happy listening!

Yours, *AV Radio Team*
(www.aurovillerradio.org)

SPORTS

Mixed Martial Arts

Dear Mixed Martial Arts Friends,

Starting from Monday 12th of December we will start to train again together in MMA and Grappling (Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Sambo). Soon we will have exciting developments, like a Self Defence for Women workshop and some other Martial Art Masters as special guest in our laboratory. Stay tuned.

Venue: Dehashakti Gymnasium - When: Every Monday, 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Starting from the age of 15, I can teach only 13 persons per lesson, so be regular and punctual. No zip, no jewellery, not dirty or sweaty clothes. Short nails. Clean feet. Please stay at home if you are sick / you have open wounds or infections or skin diseases.

Aurovilians and Newcomers: free contribution; volunteers: 100, guest: 200.

See you in the fray,

Contact *Giacomo*: 9487340778 / giacomoauroville@gmail.com

EATING OUT

ATTENTION : Change of date: Well Studio Café is happy to invite all to the Big Unity Potluck celebration on 17/12

Due to the special circumstances this week, this event has been postponed to the 17th December, from 7pm onwards

- 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm: Let's celebrate life in unity and light with a big vegetarian potluck, sharing food from all our different origins and cultures.
- 8.30- 9.30: movie screening "Laya Project"
"Laya Project" is a world music documentary produced by EarthSync, a world music audio-visual production company based in South India. The project is a "personal and collective musical tribute to the resilience of the human spirit", and is dedicated to the survivors of the December 26 2004 Asian tsunami. A team of sound engineers and camera men took a two-year journey through six countries, including India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Maldives and Myanmar, and recorded film footage and music with the local musicians. The material was mastered at the Clementine studio in Chennai. The film was directed by Harold Monfils. The music was produced by Patrick Sebag.
- 9.30 - midnight: D.J PRISCILA -music from all over the world.

Well Café, Sve Dame community - Mark IT in your calendar!
Please bring your favourite dishes to share with all.
For details contact: wellcafe@auroville.org.in / 0413-2622219
With Love and Gratitude, *Well-Café team*

BHARAT NIVAS - THE PAVILION OF INDIA presents Sunday Lunch

By *Minal & Sanjay*

In Atithi Griha Guest House

On Sunday, the 11th of December, 2016

between 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM

Please make your bookings by Saturday the 10th of December, 2016 before 5 pm.

Write to *Ms. Geetha Selvam* at atithigriha@auroville.org.in.

You can call her at 0413-2622445.

Goyo

Goyo, Korean silent restaurant, is opening 3 times (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) a week for lunch during the season.

We are very happy to host you with authentic Korean home style vegetarian food. We are using organic veg as much as we can. For booking please send SMS via mobile: 9489693809 or email: goyo@auroville.org.in

We have some good quality organic green tea bags (50g) from Korea (Jiri mountain in south part of Korea). Green tea is good for detoxing. If you would like some, please send SMS to *Goyo*.

Notes



Your Presence

No more rain
No more storm
No more blown leaves
No bird cries
Nothing
Nobody
None
But
Your Presence
Close
Resonating
Swelling in waves
Anandi

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

ANNAM kitchen opening

Dear community members,
We are happy to announce the opening of the ANNAM kitchen (old Indus Valley) at Bharat Nivas on 9th December 2016 at 9.30 am. Snacks, tea, juices will be available and Thali lunch at 12 pm.

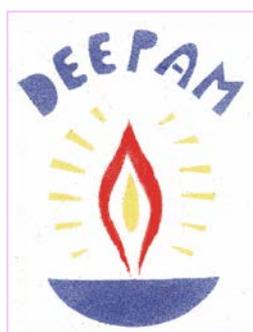
All are welcome.
Regards, Ramesh V, for ANNAM kitchen

All Auroville X-Mas event at Certitude on 25th Dec 2016

In continuation of last week's announcement, we invite participation to prepare a joyful creative program.
Please come to Certitude sports ground @ Kids Café on Saturday 10th Dec 2016 at 5 pm.

If you are not able to come, but want to participate, please email: avsrc@auroville.org.in
or sms your idea to: Fred mobile: 9486475457

Thank you,
Fred, Jothi, Luise, Senthil, Nadia



Deepam Celebration of Light

Monday 12th of December 2016 at 6 pm

Once again we will light more than a thousand oil-lamps which create a warm atmosphere. Karthigai Deepam has for centuries been celebrated. It originates from the legend of Lord Shiva who had transformed himself into a divine flame. A big fire is lit in this night on top of the holy mountain in Tiruvannamalai. At Deepam we work with children and youth with special needs from the surrounding villages. Deepam means light - we chose this name for our project because we want to bring light into the lives of children who are disadvantaged.

Please drive from Kulapalayam about 100m down the road towards the beach and enter on your right through the big orange gate into the Aspiration Campus. Follow the lights to reach Deepam.
Kindly be on time as there will be a short program by our children.



Lilaloka Open Day

on Wednesday, December 14th, 4 to 6 pm

(And every following Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm)

Every Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm, starting on the 14th of December, Lilaloka will have an open day for kids, adults and whoever wants to know more about the project and what's happening. There will be activities organized like Landscaping, Fairy gardens, Labyrinth... You can also simply sit and enjoy the atmosphere, talk, read about Lilaloka... Looking forward to see you :-)!
Lilaloka's team



Meditation with the Peace bell

Pavilion of the Tibetan culture
14 December - 5.00 to 6.00 pm

For when the Peace is established, this higher or Divine Force from above can descend and work in us - Sri Aurobindo

Make peace and calm your friends and call them: «Come peace, peace, peace, peace, come!» - The Mother

All are welcome to join the Peace Bell ringing!



New Auroville Economy for Manifesting the Dream

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!

Unity Pavilion, Monday 19th December 2016 between 4:00 - 6:30 pm

Creating a new paradigm of what economy could be for Auroville and the world. During 2017, Unity Pavilion intends to hold a space for re-appraising and re-designing Auroville's economy to harness our values, manifest the Vision and live Auroville's Dharma in the world. CAT 4 will present the larger vision behind this in alignment with some of the efforts presently taking place within Auroville as well as in the world at large. The fields of work in 2017 will be introduced and platform created for community participation.

CAT is a springboard from a relative stagnate system to a culture that unleashes our creative energies. CAT is a collaborative space and the CATs team is not influencing the content.

Love, Inge, Mita, Sandhya and volunteers from the CAT team
For more info please write a mail to us: cats@auroville.org.in

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.
The circle scheduled for December 9 has been cancelled.

We will meet on December 16 (Friday) to deeply reflect on "How to recognise psychic discernment?"

At 4 pm in *Bhavishyate*, Bharat Nivas.

You are free to join anytime you like.

To register please write to: Integralpsychology.auroville@gmail.com

Love, Aster

BHAVISHYATE - Sri Aurobindo Center of Studies - Bharat Nivas

INDIA SESSIONS: past, present and future challenges

We would like to announce our upcoming session on December 13th, Tuesday - 5 - 6:30 pm

Topic: Oral Tradition of Sanskrit

Anchors: Professor S. Swaminathan and Uma Swaminathan

The talk will cover:

An overview of Sanskrit literature from the Vedic times till modern period, Its scientific alphabet, the innovative methods of orally transmitting the Vedas over 5,000 years using poetic meters and modes of chanting, the oral tradition of Paninian grammar and metres of the classical period and its extraordinary oral tradition.

Chanting and singing in Sanskrit will support the presentation.

Professor Subramaniam Swaminathan taught Mechanical Engineering at IIT-Delhi for more than 30 years. His field of research later expanded to Indian music, Sanskrit, ancient Tamil literature, Tamil prosody, development of scripts, Gandhian philosophy, etc. He has recently authored books on Mahabalipuram monuments and Ajanta caves. He continues his work to spread awareness of the values of Indian wisdom and cultural heritage

All are welcome to participate.

Those interested in further information or announcements for upcoming sessions, please send a mail to mona@auroville.org.in or cicbn@auroville.org.in

Integrality in All Spheres of Life

Revitalising the lustre of spiritual truth in all life.

A series of 10 introductory sessions as an exploration of 10 aspects of life in the Light of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother's works.
Offered by *Divyanshi Chugh*

Every Thursday in the Reading Room at Savitri Bhavan from 5:30 till 7 pm.

Last Thursday, the session on Integral Psychology was cancelled due to heavy rain. The session will be rescheduled. Notification about the same will be published in the News & Notes.

For December 15, 2016, the theme is Integral Poetry.

We will explore: What is the essence of Mantric Poetry? How can it be used as a tool for transformation?

For more details, please contact Divyanshi.0222@gmail.com

LE PAVILLON DE FRANCE Presents

«KAZA ECO-COMMUNITY CENTRE»

Building in the Spiti Valley: AVEI's Award-winning

Directors: Satprem - Lara K. Davis

Lara and Satprem from the Earth Institute will give a presentation on AVEI's recent project the "Kaza Eco-Community Centre", which won the "Low Carbon" award at the UN Climate Conference in Marrakech.

Presentation given exceptionally in English (90 mn)

Saturday, 17th December 2016, 5:00 pm

Cinema Paradiso (Town Hall)



This Centre was built in collaboration with traditional raw rammed earth masons in Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh, a Tibetan constructive culture which has been passed down in the valley for hundreds of generations. Building in a remote, high-altitude desert climate in the Himalayas has particular challenges: shortages of power and water, dangerous mountain roads which are closed for most of the year, extreme temperatures and weather that permit construction for brief windows of only 4 months. For many of these reasons, vernacular construction is the greatest source of intelligence for innovation in sustainable, contemporary buildings. The presentation will focus on the construction of the Centre, while giving some perspective on the context of this magnificent and striking mountain valley.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Full Moon Dance @ Svaram

When: Wednesday, 14th December, 7-11pm, Svaram, Kottakarai

Join us for a celebratory gathering on the auspicious eve of Karthikeyan Full Moon. DJ Jean Phillipe from Holland is here sharing the 'NATURAL HIGH' setup (with world music and natural local snacks/spirulina...).

Let's celebrate the collective vibe and dance to the earthly rhythm while the moon shines in its full luminosity.

This is an alcohol & smoke free event - Queries to Abi @ 998-899-0100



Another year, another fire spinning performance...

A fresh new brood invites you to:

'In the blue of the sky, in the green of the forest...'

An Auroville Fire Spinning Performance

At Dehashakti at 8 pm > Friday 16th & Saturday 17th December.

Piano Recital by Heinrich KW

Sat. 17th December - 7.30 pm at CRIPA

Debussy from Clair de Lune to L'Isle Joyeuse

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|--------------------|---|--|----------------------|
| 1. Clair de lune | 4. La fille aux cheveux de lin | 7. Feuilles mortes | 10. Reflets de l'eau |
| 2. Arabesques no.1 | 5. La terrasse des audiences du clair de lune | 8. Les sons et les parfums tournent dans l'air du soir | 11. La cathédrale |
| 3. Arabesques no.2 | 6. Brouillard | 9. Jardins sous la pluie | 12. L'Isle joyeuse |



Bharatnivas presents

FOOTPRINT

A Contemporary Dance Performance

Saturday, 10 Dec. 2016 at 8:00 pm

Sri Aurobindo Auditorium

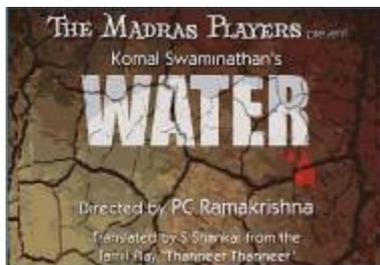
India meets Denmark in this fully integrated fusion of dance and music that merges tradition with innovation.

Four of today's most acclaimed and prolific dancers from both countries share the stage under the direction of choreographer Birgitte Bauer-Nilsen.

Footprint is inspired by the story of Siddhartha's journey towards enlightenment. Our walk of life tells a story about who we are and what makes us recognisable. When we share footprints, we gain new awareness and follow new paths.

Voluntary contribution is welcome: Account No: 251532

For booking, please e-mail us: Contact: 0413 2622 914 (bharatnivas@auroville.org.in)



Bharat Nivas presents

"WATER"

(Author Komal Swaminathan) - A Play in English Interpreted by the Madras Players, A reputed Chennai based Theater Group

Directed by P.C. Ramakrishna

Translated by S Shankar from the Tamil Play "Thanneer Thanneer"

Sunday, 18th Dec '16 - Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Sri Aurobindo Auditorium,

'Water' is set against the backdrop of the parched village of Athipatti in Tirunelveli district where a stranger arrives.

How this man stirs this village into action is the inspiring story of what happens next.

"...the play is poignantly relevant as a social statement on water and the environment." - The Hindu

Voluntary contribution is welcome: Account No: 251532

For booking: see details on Auronet next week. You can also e-mail us.

Contact: 0413 2622 914 (bharatnivas@auroville.org.in)

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Exploring Color

2-Day Workshop - Fri.-Sat. / Dec. 9-10

Time: 9-12 & 2-5 (2hrs out for lunch)

Where: Creativity's Studio

Guest fee applies, otherwise donations happily accepted.

No materials needed. Attendance: Please reserve with Audrey at 2622641 as soon as you decide for she does not give it for less than three or more than six. Thank you. Audrey

Classes of Spoken Tamil

Do you want to learn practical Tamil?

Come to Solitude, every Saturday (starting December 10th)

2:30 pm with Krishna.

We will learn Tamil through actual conversations.

For any enquiry contact: hhedia@gmail.com.

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to

the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

13th December (Tuesday) - This week on: 'Synthesis of Yoga'

- Overview with multimedia presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books

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

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

Women Circles

on full moon of every month in Terra Soul at 7:15pm-9:30pm.

Next circle is on 13th Dec.

(in case of heavy rain: relocated to Angiras garden (on the back side of Ganesh bakery) in 6th house). Few men from security service will be available to accompany women safely home after the circle. For more info and registration contact *Prem Shakti* 9489244823 premsakti@auroville.org.in

Traditional Thai Yoga Massage Course

Principals, foundations & dynamics.

10 days (80 hours) December 12th-22nd

6.00-7:30 am silent meditation and Yoga - Qi Gong (optional)

9:00-12:00 am instructional and massage practice.

12:00 -2:00 pm Lunch. 2:00-5:00 pm massage practice.

With Bebe Merino, Juan and Mar Silverio

Place: Sunspace in Terrasoul Farm Community, Windarra.

Information: *Bebe* (8940557864) *Mar* (9159349266)

Registration: terrasoul@auroville.org.in

A Fundraising workshop for Terrasoul Farm Project

Submitted by *Juan*

Improvisation Theatre - For all and everybody!



- Every Thursday, in French
-4:30 pm in LILALOKA
(Opposite the new Last School building)
- Every Friday in English
- 4.30 pm at SAWCHU
(Bharath Nivas)

Contact *Véronique*: 9488512678 / *Emanuele*: 9943970834

Special ATB workshop for former students over 21

This workshop is specifically for people who attended ATB classes in Auroville schools and would like to refresh their connection with ATB.

The workshop will take place in the ATB Hall at Transition School on Saturday 17th of December from 3 pm to 5 pm.

If interested please let me know at: aloka@auroville.org.in

Women's Self Expression Group

An invitation to join certified coach and dance therapist *Julie* for a weekly women's self expression group - a space to show up authentically, to share and dance from the heart. Explore where you are in the present moment through words, free movement and silence. You will be listened to, and no one will try to fix you. Fridays 4.30-6.30pm starting on 16th December. Contact 9988091609/julie@maitreecoaching.com for more info by Monday 12th Dec if you're staying in Auroville until mid-March.

Dance Beyond 2016

27 December 2016 to 2 January 2017

A journey into body wisdom and body-orientated spirituality with *Trager®* bodywork, *5Rhythms®* and *Soul Motion®* Mindful Movement with *Martin Steixner, Austria*.

Investigate and develop one quality in bodywork skills and in dance every day, and expand the ability to be in presence every moment, alone and together.

Venues and Dates:

Evening Dance units: Starting on 27 December at Unity Pavilion 7:00 to 9:30 pm with exception of 31 December: 10:00 pm to 1:00 am.

Morning Trager Body work: Starting on 28 December at Unity Pavilion 9:30 am to 12:30 pm; 29 December onward at Tibetan Pavilion 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Possibility to participate in dance sessions only, or just in the morning Trager body work

More information: info@soulrhythms.at

Registration: Unity Pavilion, 0413 2623576 or 9489601312

Contribution for the course requested from guests and registered volunteers

Holistic presents Trauma - the unseen wound

What is trauma? How to identify trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder? How to recover a person's full potential, energy and zest for life? And even integrate the wisdom of it all? A 2-day workshop with theory and interactive exercises - A toolbox of techniques to apply in your therapeutic work

The workshop is designed for therapists of body and mind, psychologists, and all who work with trauma.

Date December 26, 27: 9- 5.30 pm.

at Sharnaga Guesthouse Yogahall (www.sharnaguesthouse.in)

Reminder:

"Explore your mind" 3-day Workshop in hypnotherapy 16-18th Dec
All registration: contact@auroville-holistic.com ph: 9626006961
Website: www.auroville-holistic.com - Workshops and retreats in Auroville with international faculty.

Nonviolent Communication Practice Group



Hosted by *L'aura* and *Hamsini*

December 7, 14, 21, 28 (4 Wednesdays)

Time: 4.30-6.30pm

Theme of the month: Cultivating Gratitude (honouring the abundance in our lives)

Advance registration and contribution required. We ask for full commitment (4 sessions) and prior NVC experience.

For more info and to register, contact *L'aura* joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016. [Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

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?

- Dec 10-11 (Sat-Sun)
- 9.30 am-5 pm (with lunch break)

More info & register (and for venue info): contact *L'aura*: joylivinglearning@gmail.com / 9442788016. Limited seats. Registration required. Full participation required (2 full days). [Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

Restorative Circles Learning Community



Building a Compassionate Justice System
- with *L'aura Joy*

Dec 17 & 18 (Saturday-Sunday)
- 9.30 am - 5 pm, with a lunch break

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

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

More info about Restorative Circles: www.restorativecircles.org
Conflict is an inevitable part of the diversity of life. Yet few of us individually, let alone as a community, know how to respond to conflict with behaviors that do not produce pain and damage relationships.

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

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

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

[Other upcoming RC events: joylivinglearning.org]

SCHEDULES

Workshops in QUIET

- **Somatic Movement Workshop with Maggie**
Saturday 17 - Sunday 18 December 2016 (2 days)
9.30 AM - 5.00 PM (12 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

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

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

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

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

- **Couples in Flow with Dariya & Daniel**
Saturday 17 - Sunday 18 December 2016 (2 days)
9.00 AM - 6.00 PM (15 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

A 2-day journey for couples to relax, connect and celebrate. We offer a safe space and simple explorations on land and in water, where you can rediscover one another in new ways of intimacy. You will also learn easily applicable skills to hold space for each other, fun ways to be together, and connect with others in the group.

This workshop is inspired by aquatic bodywork (Watsu, Liquid Flow etc.), Tantsu (simple ways of holding and massaging on land), free dance, deep listening... and our innate longing to play, connect and simply be.

Space is limited to 6 couples. No previous experience required; also no need to know how to swim!

- **Water & Dance with Dariya & Daniel**
Monday 19 - Tuesday 20 December 2016 (2 days)
9.00 AM - 6.00 PM (15 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

A 2-day workshop for lovers of movement, dance and flow. We will playfully explore and express ourselves on our own, with partners and in group, on land and in water.. From self-connection to allowing movements to unfold -- no one deciding where to go, while opening doors for non-verbal communication and sharing.

Connecting on land with our deeper longings, we give the body permission to find its own ways of expression and possibly contact others. Warm water with its sense of weightlessness

and fluidity invites us to let go and experiment with our own organic, flowing way of moving.

Water & Dance gives 15 hours of credit for registration as a supplemental class with Watsu India. No previous experience required!

- **OBA 1 - Fluid Body with Gianni De Stefani**
Wednesday 21 - Friday 23 December 2016 (3 days)
8.45 - 6.30 PM (25 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 0413 2622329 / 9488084966)

Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA) combines soft stretching, massage, joint release as well as energy and breath work in a unique way above and below water.

OBA 1 - Fluid Body concentrates on basic skills for working with clients under water. It also offers a process of discovery how to engage with the water element and its healing properties in a playful and relaxed way. In addition to gaining practical skills in the Oceanic Bodywork Aqua techniques, the theoretical part on land helps you to consolidate what you have learned in the pool.

Prerequisite: Watsu & OBA Basic or Watsu & Liquid Flow Basic. OBA 1 is recognized by WABA (Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Association) and gives 25 hours of credit for registration with WABA and Watsu India.

- **Watsu & Liquid Flow Basic with Dariya & Daniel**
Saturday 24 - Thursday 29 December 2016 (6 mornings)
9.00 AM - 1.30 PM (27 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 0413 2622329 / 9488084966)

Watsu & Liquid Flow are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool. Watsu Basic introduces movements and body mechanics to work with someone on the surface; Liquid Flow Basic introduces and offers a unique underwater experience (with a nose clip).

During this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities of moving another person in water. You will experience floating people and being floated, on the surface and under water, creating a space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit.

You may also discover that this kind of bodywork is something you would like to further explore, in which case this course serves as a perfect precursor to Liquid Flow Essence, Watsu 1 & OBA 1, or WaterDance 1.

No previous experience is required!

Watsu Basic (16 hours) is recognized by WABA (Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Association) as part of the Watsu training program. Liquid Flow Basic (11 hours) is part of the Watsu India training program and recognized as a supplemental class with WABA.

- **Open Heart-Space Meditation at Quiet**
Offered by *Samrat*
-Tuesdays: 4.45 pm - 6.15 pm
-Saturdays: 4.45 pm - 6.15 pm

Open Heart-Space Meditation is a simple practice of becoming aware of the reality as it is without judgement, interpretation or reaction, and settling into its vast luminous expanse.

We learn to embrace and let go of each experience as it arises and subsides. Eventually, the mind falls silent and sinks into the open heart-space, a doorway to unity-consciousness, where the inner and outer worlds meet and merge.

Along with meditation practice, the class also offers simple yoga exercises, mantra chanting, energetic healing, playful interaction and dialogue, and whatever else may arise in the moment.

Samrat grew up in the Integral Yoga Ashram of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother for 21 years and has been living in Auroville since 2000.

No previous experience required to attend these classes!

- **Life coaching sessions at QUIET**

Whether you are at a crossroads in your life, want to shine light on how to live effortlessly, or get unstuck and process emotions, a life coaching session will help you embrace your natural gifts. Through a unique blend of intuitive conversation, guided meditation, creative drawing and movement you will regain clarity, so you can make empowered choices.

Individual sessions last one and a half hour and can be booked at the Quiet Healing Center (2622329/2622646/9488084966)

Workshops in VÉRITÉ

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

- **SOMATICS - AN INTRODUCTION FOR EVERY BODY!**

With Maggie

Monday, 12 December - 9.30 am to 12:30 pm

Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements (mind-body training) in the tradition of Thomas Hanna. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.

Maggie is a professionally trained Somatic Movement Educator and offers workshops, classes and clinical sessions in highly effective technique.

- **SOUTH INDIAN ORGANIC COOKING**

with Rajaveni & Suba

Friday 16 December - from 9.30 am to 12:30 pm

Participants will pick some fresh organic vegetables from the garden with a local team, 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.

- **FATE OR CHOICE? (FAMILY) CONSTELLATIONS with Yuval**

Saturday, 17 December - from 9 am to 4.45 pm

In our lives hidden dynamics can unconsciously create our fate. To become aware of them, we can bring back choice by applying (family) constellation techniques.

Yuval is a life & business coach.

SANKALPA – updated schedule

Subunit of Thamarai in Auroville -Sankalpa Art Center
(behind Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone)

Art Cart

*(parked on the Visitor's Center stage, next to cafeteria)
Tuesdays and Fridays from 4-6 pm, Wednesdays from 10am-12pm*

An open and welcoming space for creative expression and connection through various media, for all ages and no art experience necessary.

Mandala & Meditation

Daily practice from 4:30 to 5 pm, at Art Cart on Tuesdays/Fridays,

Sankalpa Art Center on Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays

A simple co-creation and affirmation practice, bringing awareness within community through metaphor of an impermanent art form. Open to all.

Art & Yoga with Asha

Mondays, 5-6:30 pm, Sankalpa Art Center

Explore breath, movement and energy in your body, while deepening self-awareness, balance and intuition. Our tools of understanding include the chakras, the Mother's 12 qualities, colors, mandalas and sound.

Asha (Aurovilian from Spain) weaves the wisdom of 35 years of healing and balancing practices into her offering. Her training and experience include Hatha yoga, Pranayama, Vinyasa, Tai Chi, and Qi-Yo Yoga, Naturopathy, Hypnotherapy, and Acupuncture Massage.

Heartbeats - Dance Therapy with Julie

Thursdays from 5-6:30 pm, Sankalpa Art Center

Come explore your inner rhythm and move to the beat of your heart. Be guided through movements and music that will bare your soul while letting go of dancing to impress, instead dancing to express.

Julie facilitates private coaching and dance therapy sessions, workshops and retreats across the world, combining her strategy consulting background with a passion for yoga, dance and meditation.

Art Mala Workshop with Krupa

Wednesday, December 21st (solstice), 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Please register to attend this workshop at sankalpa.art@gmail.com.

Introduction to art therapy through visualization, drawing, and the personalized creation of paper beads as wearable art filled with intention. A sacred solstice circle to reflect on the last year and develop dreams for the next cycle together.

Krupa (Aurovilian from US) is the founder and international art therapist at Sankalpa, Trauma-Informed Expressive Arts Therapy Consultant and TEDx speaker on "Art as a Mirror" in Wilmington, Delaware, offering sacred and indigenous artforms as tools for healing around the world.

FILMS

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 12th of December 2016 at 6:30 pm

"INDIA AND THE BIRTH OF SRI AUROBINDO"

Dr. Alok Pandey reflects on India - a land of grand spiritual experiments and chosen for that. He states that Sri Krishna created the nation unit of the occult India. And the Veda, the Upanishads, Tantra, and the Gita are the expressions of this spiritual knowledge. A whole of spiritual persuasions started going deeper and deeper and further and further into the search for the spirit. One persuasion particular with Shankara landed in some kind of pure existence - keeping out mind, life

and body. This went into the unmanifest and a holy ignorance and left life with its manifold creations in the hands of the darkness. And the great energies that Sri Krishna, Christ and Buddha brought down to earth, were used by the darkness. By this extreme state of division and disconnection the spiritual energies withdrew from the earth scene and India lost its strengths and abandoned the Shakti. One after the other invasion of other nations started. That is the background at Sri Aurobindo's birth. And on this background Sri Aurobindo's aim was to make India free and he worked out to renew its spiritual knowledge and strengths. *Duration: 37min.*

BHARAT NIVAS

– PAVILION of INDIA presents

As part of the "Thursday Indian Feature Film or Documentary":
'TAHAAN'

Director: Santosh Sivan

Thursday, Dec 15, 2016 at 7:45 pm

Bhavishyate - Bharat Nivas, Auroville



A tender fable about childhood innocence amid the realities of war, set against the rugged landscape of Kashmir.

Tahaan's journey revolves around his pursuit to find real purpose in his little world. - Duration: 1 hr 37 mins

"Responsible Cinema, Brilliant Cinema" -
The Hindu

THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, December 16th 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!!

THE SUPERIOR HUMAN?

73mins/English/2012 Directed by Samuel McAnallen

A documentary that systematically challenges the common human belief that humans are superior to other life forms. The documentary reveals the absurdity of this belief while exploding human bias.

(Reminder: Friday- December 9th - Civilisations: The Masters of the River)

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](https://www.facebook.com/sadhanaforest)

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

15th December Thursday 8 pm

SNOWDEN (2016)

Genre: Biography/Drama/Thriller / Rated: PG 13 / Dur:2:14 mins / Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: Oliver Stone / Cast: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Shailene Woodley, Melissa Leo

Story Line: The NSA's illegal surveillance techniques are leaked to the public by one of the agency's employees, Edward Snowden, in the form of thousands of classified documents distributed to the press.

16th December Friday 8 pm

MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN (2016)

Genre: Fantasy/Adventure/Drama / Rated: PG 13 / Dur:2:07 mins / Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: Tim Burton / Cast: Eva Green, Asa Butterfield, Samuel L. Jackson

Story Line: When Jacob discovers clues to a mystery that stretches across time, he finds Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. But the danger deepens after he gets to know the residents and learns about their special powers.



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

(Film starts at 7:45 pm SHARP!)

Reminder: no film show on Friday 9 Dec. as a performance will take place at the auditorium the day after.

Friday 16 DECEMBER - 7:45 pm (sharp!)

"A FEW HOURS OF SPRING" (QUELQUES HEURES DE PRINTEMPS)

Directed by Stéphane BRIZÉ, France, 2012

With: Vincent Lindon, Hélène Vincent, Emmanuelle Seigner

Synopsis: Forty-eight-year-old Alain Evrard is obliged to return home to live with his mother. This situation causes all the violence of their past relationship to rise to the surface. Alain then discovers that his mother has a fatal illness. In the last months of her life, will they finally be capable of taking a step toward each other?

Original French version with English subtitles - Duration 1h.48'
Note: We request everybody not to bring and eat food inside the auditorium. Thank you!

LE PAVILLON DE FRANCE Presents

« HUMAN VOL. II »

War - Forgiveness - Homosexuality - Family - Life after Death

Film in French (85 mins) - Director: Yann Arthus Bertrand

Saturday, 10th December 2016

5:00 pm at Cinema Paradiso (Town Hall)

- "HUMAN VOL. III" will be shown on Saturday 24 December

The News&Notes is available for all to download from the Auroville website at <http://www.auroville.org/contents/186>

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).

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.**

Soft Version: Don't hesitate to mail: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in or to phone 0413-2622133 if you want to receive the Pdf version.

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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 12 December 2016 to 18 December 2016

Sci-Fi uses speculative, fictional or science based depiction of phenomena that are not fully accepted (yet) in the mainstream science. In some ways they depict our dreams of the future or past on the screen. This week we bring you a few selected treasures from that genre. Hope you enjoy!

Sci-Fi Series - Monday 12 December, 8:00 pm:

- **QUINTET**

USA, 1979, Dir. Robert Altman, w/ Paul Newman, Vittorio Gassman, Bibi Andersson, Drama-Mystery-Sci-Fi, English-Latin w/ English subtitles, 118 mins, Rated: R, In the distant future the world is in the grip of another ice age. A city originally built to house five million people is now in its death throes as the relentlessly advancing glacier is slowly crushing the metropolis's steel infrastructure. The dying humanity occupies its remaining time by playing a board game called "Quintet." For one small group, this obsession is not enough; they play the game with living pieces ... and only the winner survives.

Sci-Fi Series - Tuesday 13 December, 8:00 pm:

- **ASPHALTE (MACADAM STORIES)**

France, 2015, Dir. Samuel Benchedrit, w/ Isabelle Hupert, Tassadit Mandi, Valeria Bruni Tedeschi, Comedy-Drama, 100 min., French-English-Arabic w/ English subtitles, Rated: G Improbable encounters bring tenderness, laughter and compassion to a world of urban alienation.

Sci-Fi Series - Wednesday 14 December, 8:00 pm:

- **PREDESTINATION**

Australia, 2014, Dir. The Spierig Brothers, w/ Ethan Hawke, Sarah Snook, Noah Taylor, Mystery-Drama-Sci-Fi, 97 min., English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R For his final assignment, a top temporal agent must pursue the one criminal that has eluded him throughout time. The chase turns into a unique, surprising and mind-bending exploration of love, fate, identity and time travel taboos.

Sci-Fi Series - Thursday 15 December, 8:00 pm:

- **IDIOCRACY**

USA, 2006, Dir. Mike Judge, w/ Luke Wilson, Maya Rudolf, Dax Sheppard, 84 min., Adventure-Comedy-Sci-Fi, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R Private Joe Bauers, the definition of "average American", is selected by the Pentagon to be the guinea pig for a top-secret hibernation program. Forgotten, he awakes five centuries in the future. He discovers a society so incredibly dumbed down that he's easily the most intelligent person alive.

International - Saturday 17 December, 8:00 pm:

- **IL RAGAZZO INVISIBILE (The Invisible Boy)**

Italy, 2014, Dir. Gabriele Salvatores, w/ Ludovico Girardello, Valeria Golino, Fabrizio Bentivoglio, 100 min., Adventure-Comedy-Fantasy, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Michele is 13 and lives in a quiet seaside town with his mother. At school he is neither popular, nor athletic, nor a particularly brilliant student. But this matters little to

Michele whose only wish is to be noticed by his classmate Stella, the girl of his dreams and object of all his attention. But she does not seem to know he exists. He feels invisible to her. Ironically, one fateful evening, at a costume party where Michele is once again harassed by the class bullies, he discovers that he does in fact possess the power to become invisible. A new superhero is born.

Children's Film - Sunday 18 December, 4:30 pm:

- **MY FAMILY AND OTHER ANIMALS**

UK, 2005, Dir. Sheree Folkson w/Eugene Simon, Imelda Staunton, Chris Langham, and others, Comedy-Drama, 90mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G Feeling the depressing effects of a gloomy English summer, the Durrell family decides to pack up and move to the Greek island of Corfu in 1935. Lead by their widowed mother, 13yrs old future naturalist Gerald Durrell, his two older brothers and older sister move into a series of villas. Gerald indulges his passion for nature by filling his room with local fauna, while his brothers fill their time with writing or hunting and his sister sunbathes and flirts.

WOODY ALLEN Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 18 December, 8:00 pm:

- **HANNA AND HER SISTERS**

USA, 1986, Dir. Woody Allen w/Mia Farrow, Dianne Wiest and others, Drama-Comedy-Romance, 103min, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13 Hailed by some as Allen's best movie in his storied directorial career, this movie won three Oscars upon its release in 1986. Here the director deftly navigates the loves and lives of three sisters over the course of one year and have interior monologues reveal their most private thoughts to the audience. It is a story about love and relationships in the urban world of New York City that always feels genuine and authentic, even when the plot switches focus from one sister's personal problems to the other.

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

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

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

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

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- Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
- Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. *reachable 24/7.*

15 WAYS TO DONATE TO INTEGRATED ANIMAL CARE CENTRE

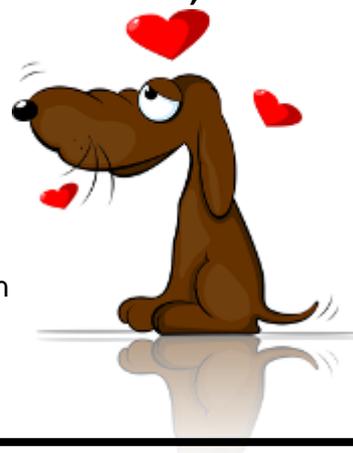
- 1. Pet food and treats** - A lot of the shelter's money goes towards buying food. Think about how many animals there are to feed. You can really help them out by bringing in a bag of dry dog food or a donation of soya, rice, or dal. It goes a long way.
- 2. Towels, old thunis, sacks, mattresses, mats and blankets** - Towels are a big help to dry animals after being bathed or if they become wet (our monsoons can get really wet and long). Towels, mats and thunis are also used to line the bottoms of enclosures. The towels or blankets don't have to be in perfect condition....the dogs don't mind a stain or two.
- 3. Puppy or Baby formula and nursing bottles** - There are often situations where very young animals, who are not weaned and do not know how to eat on their own, get abandoned without their mother. In these situations, they need baby formula (Cerelac), or ideally puppy formula to survive. And old baby feeding bottles are very helpful too
- 4. Old newspaper** - You could help animals at no cost to you if you just gave us your old newspapers. Newspapers are used for the animals to sleep on and for clean-up. They get used quickly, so they're in constant demand.
- 5. Collars and chain leashes** - We try to have a collar on every dog at the Centre. This means we need a steady stock as collars wear out in everyday doggy rough and tumble. And we prefer chain leashes to prevent a restrained dog from chewing through the leash.
- 6. Grooming supplies** - Grooming supplies can include dog shampoo, tick powder, brushes, flea combs, hair clippers, etc. Our ideal would be to have one brush per animal to avoid cross-contamination between the dogs, but we know that may only be a dream for now. Dogs need to be brushed daily to check for parasites, skin conditions and any new wounds; and more importantly, grooming gives the animals individual attention and helps them to socialise with and build trust in humans. Grooming supplies really help keep the animals healthier, well-adjusted and adoptable.
- 7. Toys** - Animals in shelters get bored, especially the enclosed ones. Having toys to entertain themselves keeps the animals from being so lonely and bored and allows them to get exercise. Old tennis balls, footballs, rawhide chew bones, hard rubber toys that your kids don't play with are all welcomed.
- 8. Medical Supplies** - Essential medical equipment like scissors, forceps, new injections and basic medical supplies like Betadine, gauze, cotton, Calendula tincture, antiseptic powder, and Hydrogen peroxide are a welcome donation. Or you could give funds towards vaccine costs - that is a lifesaving help.
- 9. Paper towels and cleaning supplies** - There are a lot of situations that get messy, so paper towels and cleaning supplies (dish soap, garbage bags, mops, brooms, and sponges) are a big help. The shelter uses these every day and clean up supplies finish quickly.
- 10. Hand wash and hand sanitizer** - People who work at shelters need to keep their hands clean for their and the animals' health. This should be a priority, but it becomes a luxury when there are insufficient resources. Disinfectant soaps, hand wash and hand sanitizers are truly welcomed.
- 11. Rubber and latex gloves** - A lot of messy stuff happens and gloves are necessary to limit the spread of germs.
- 12. An old washing machine or some bleach** - A donation of an actual washing machine would be a small miracle but we will be very grateful with bleach (a cost-effective, though not so eco-friendly disinfectant).
- 13. Flea and tick treatment** - A lot of animals live in the shelters and they often have fleas or ticks. Tick and flea powders and shampoos help us keep the animals healthy and parasite free.
- 14. Crates and carriers** - Animals need to be housed somehow, and the shelter can always use old transport crates and unused pet carriers for creating safe spaces for the weak, ill or young animals. Your donations of these crates and carriers helps the shelter tremendously.
- 15. Fencing Materials, wire mesh and other useful construction leftovers** - We are always in need of fencing materials to build more enclosures for the dogs. Most of our animals run free but some have to be contained separately for their own wellbeing; and new animals have to be isolated when they first come and are not ready to join the pack. We need enclosures also to house the animals at night. Our current priority is building an effective isolation space to separate the sick dogs from the main population - we are missing half the materials needed....

(To make a donation, our FS account is 103111 - Integrated Animal Care)

Thank you :)

For further information, please contact us on :
integratedanimalcare@auroville.org.in
or call landline: **0413-2622234** or mobile: **9489342257**

To see photos of the dogs and other updates visit us on
our **Facebook page Integrated Animal Care - IACC**



Integrated Animal Care Centre, AV

Integrated Animal Care Centre (IACC) is Auroville's existing animal shelter. It has almost 70 resident dogs of all ages, colours, shapes and sizes; and each one with their unique special personality. All these animals are sterilised, vaccinated and dewormed and they are cared for on a daily basis by a full-time veterinarian and a team of amazing, dedicated workers, Aurovilians and volunteers.

IACC has, over the years, looked after many of the stray, unwanted and abandoned animals in and around Auroville. A large number of our resident dogs are from "puppy dumping" outside our gate or in other parts of AV. We have reached our carrying capacity for the present moment. "Carrying capacity" means we cannot take in more resident animals at this time, because of lack of infrastructure, and barely-existent financial and human resources. This situation will change as more resources become available. However, IACC was always intended as a program to improve the overall wellness for animals in need, it is NOT intended as a "care home" for countless, unwanted puppies; so we request each and every person to be responsible for their animals, in their homes and communities.

"Being responsible" essentially means sterilising the animal before unwanted puppies are born!

IACC continues to offer routine veterinary care, emergency medical attention, sterilizations and vaccinations for any individuals who wish to use this facility against a minimum contribution.

Dear community, IACC cannot offer it's services for free...we just do not have the means. With a monthly City Services budget of Rs. 20,000, we cover barely a third of our monthly running expenses. When you ask for an abandoned puppy in your community or outside your gate to be taken in, that animal lives with us for its life unless it can be successfully re-homed, which is rare, given the animal over-population problem we face in AV. A lifetime of care is costly, and we are compelled to ask for some donation towards this expense.

IACC has recently strengthened the team, and we have agreed that a positive way to move forward is to try to tackle the animal over-population issue from several different angles. But we cannot do it alone. We turn to the community, to everyone in Auroville, to help us with this work.

Whether it is sterilising a stray animal, adopting a young animal from the shelter, a monthly contribution of ₹100, an online fostering of one resident animal, or a donation of food, clothes, old mattresses, mats, towels, brushes, or medical supplies or a few hours of your time volunteering at the Shelter, hanging with the dogs ... Every act of kindness is received with immense gratitude. From so many tail-wagging, tongue lolling furry ones and us, humanoids too.

For further information, please contact us on integratedanimalcare@auroville.org.in
or call landline: **0413-2622234** or mobile: **9489342257**

You can visit us on our Facebook page:

[Integrated Animal Care - IACC](#) to see photos of the dogs and other updates

To make a donation, our FS account is 103111 - Integrated Animal Care.

Thank you :)

