Vijnana or Gnosis

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The nature of the gnosis can only be indicated to the intellect by contrasting it with the nature of the intellect, and even then the phrases we must use cannot illuminate unless aided by some amount of actual experience. For what language forged by the reason can express the suprarational? Fundamentally, this is the difference between these two powers that the mental reason proceeds with labour from ignorance to truth, but the gnosis has in itself the direct contact, the immediate vision, the easy and constant possession of the truth and has no need of seeking or any kind of procedure. The reason starts with appearances and labours, never or seldom losing at least a partial dependence on appearances, to arrive at the truth behind them; it shows the truth in the light of the appearances. The gnosis starts from the truth and shows the appearances in the light of the truth; it is itself the body of the truth and its spirit. The reason proceeds by inference, it concludes; but the gnosis proceeds by identity or vision, — it is, sees and knows. As directly as the physical vision sees and grasps the appearance of objects, so and far more directly the gnosis sees and grasps the truth of things. But where the physical sense gets into relation with objects by a veiled contact, the gnosis gets into identity with things by an unveiled oneness. Thus it is able to know all things as a man knows his own existence, simply, convincingly, directly. To the reason only what the senses give is direct knowledge, pratyaksa, the rest of truth is arrived at indirectly; to the gnosis all its truth is direct knowledge, pratyaksa. Therefore the truth gained by the intellect is an acquisition over which there hangs always a certain shadow of doubt, an incompleteness, a surrounding penumbra of night and ignorance or half-knowledge, a possibility of alteration or annihilation by farther knowledge. The truth of the gnosis is free from doubt, self-evident, self-existent, irrefragable, absolute.

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The difference, not easy to define except by symbols, may be expressed if we take the Vedic image in which the Sun represents the gnosism and the sky, mid-air and earth the mentality, vitality, physicality of man and of the universe. Living on the earth, climbing into the mid-air or even winging in the sky, the mental being, the manomaya Purusha, would still live in the rays of the sun and not in its bodily light. And in those rays he would see things not as they are, but as reflected in his organ of vision, deformed by its faults or limited in their truth by its restrictions. But the vijnanamaya Purusha lives in the Sun itself, in the very body and blaze of the true light *; he knows this light to be his own self-luminous being and he sees besides all that dwells in the rays of the sun, sees the whole truth of the lower triplicity and each thing that is in it. He sees it not by reflection in a mental organ of vision, but with the Sun of gnosis itself as his eye, — for the Sun, says the Veda, is the eye of the gods. The mental being, even in the intuitive centre and outwelling fount of the truth, in its very form and by its own spontaneous and self-illumining process. For the Vijnana is a direct and divine as opposed to an indirect and human knowledge.

*So the Sun is called in the Veda, rtaṃ jyotih

Sri Aurobindo

THE SYNTHESIS OF YOGA,
Part II, The Yoga of Integral Knowledge, chap. XXII

All change must come from within with the felt or the secret support of the Divine Power; it is only by one's own inner opening to that that one can receive help, not by mental, vital or physical contact with others.

Sri Aurobindo

ref. Letters on Yoga, p.828
WORK GROUP REPORT

LAND BOARD REPORT OCTOBER 2015

PROTECTION, ENCROACHMENT, EXCHANGE, PURCHASE, MAPPING AND ADMIN ISSUES COVERED IN OCTOBER 2015

1. Prasad who was part of the Land Board team has resigned due to his growing responsibilities of Aurocreation. Prasad had been very helpful in the initial days of setting up Land Board and taking up difficult topics like Kuilpalayam and others. We thank Prasad for his contribution for the work of land.

2. Land Board has initiated extensive work in Auroannam with the donation of ₹4 lakhs which was received, to develop the for exchange like improving the space, making boundaries, making plots and doing what is necessary to increase value of the land. The next development undertaken would be the lands in Gokulam and as a part of it we have already put up a gate and the fence has been strengthened.

3. Hermitage Update: Hermitage neighbor has ongoing court cases against Auroville, the forest group and stewards have been advised to maintain active possession of all the surrounding lands which are not under legal injunction. This is a case of fraud and conspiracy and requiring tedious and painstaking legal action on several fronts, with the Registrar’s Office, police and other follow up. The Land Board along with the Forest Group and Working Committee continue to monitor and take up all issues regarding this case.

4. On 27th October 2015, Land Board member Suhasini accompanied the Working Committee members to meet the HRD secretary regarding several issues including the permission for sale of outlying lands.

5. Land board has made a consolidated list of the peramoboke lands in Irumbai and Bommayarpalayam within city area with the categorization of total shared boundaries with Auroville lands and partial shared boundaries for mapping.

6. On 3rd Oct Land board met the Governing Board with a presentation covering all the different aspects of our work. This presentation highlighted ongoing encroachments, legal cases, purchases/exchange in the pipeline. We also introduced our senior counsel Narayan Bahety. The GB was happy about the work done so far and encouraged us to continue in the same spirit.

7. An important fencing project at Bharatipuram near Auroville Language Lab is in the final stage of completion, to keep Auroville lands safe from encroachments. We were approached by some village ladies who presently use the land for open defecation, they asked us to allow them continued use till alternatives are provided. This issue is ongoing and we will bring it up with the district Collector when we meet him and also forward this request to Working Committee.

8. Land Board has made contact with Registrar’s office and brought to their attention land fraud cases. Three members keep visiting the offices at Tindivanam and Cuddalore on a regular basis to expedite action against frauds. As a result of this two notices have been received and action is being taken.

9. The temporary caretaker ship of plot IR 184/2 (next to Buddha Garden) an extent of 94 cents has been given to Buddha Garden members Priya, Pierre and Vivek with a mutual understanding between Land Board and the new caretakers.

10. The Land Board would like to appeal to all Aurovilians to monitor the fences around their settlements, forest and farms to prevent encroachment and contact the green group and then land board if there are encroachments and land grabs. If Stewards are unable to protect Housing Service can be approached to allot places for Aurovilians and Newcomers seeking houses.

11. The wood sale for the month of October was ₹2,25,698/-.

12. For all units and individuals interested to buy fire wood or timber quality wood - please contact Kannyappan or call 0413 262 2657 and fix an appointment.

13. To all Aurovilians who would like to contribute to consolidating Auroville lands can send in their contributions to the Financial Service account no 0100.

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

Important Announcement for Services and Activities

Dear Friends,

BCC keeps receiving comments regarding the actual work involvement of Aurovilians in services/activities. To address this, we are asking all services and activities to provide a written confirmation about the involvement of individual Aurovilian/Newcomers. Activities and services receiving full or partial funding (recurring budget and/or maintenances) need to send a clear statement to the Human Resources Team (HRT: hrt@auroville.org.in) about the working hours maintained by each individual in that activity/service. Only if this confirmation is received at the earliest (within the current month) can the present full time/ half time level of maintenance will continue to be disbursed. Please note, full time equal at least 35 hours a week and half time at least 18 hours per week.
We also take this opportunity to remind all services and activities to inform HRT when an Aurovilian stops working for the service or her/his involvement (number of hours) changes.

Thanking you

Sincerely, BCC

Darshan tokens

On 17 and 24 November 2015 the doors for darshan will be open from 5 am to 11am without tokens.

Mallika

Pre-Qualification Notice for Civil Contractors

The Auroville Town Development Council, on behalf of Kalpana Housing invites pre-qualification tender only from reputed and experienced building contractors & developers for the construction of a Residential Building Project called “KALPANA HOUSING”. A residential Housing Development Project, located in Auroville.

Pre-qualifying tender relates to the work experience, financial capacity and the technical ability of the Tenderer to carry out the proposed construction using both, traditional as well as innovative building technologies.

Project Tender documents will be issued to such parties who will pass the pre-qualification stage.

The last date for submission of pre-qualification tender in a sealed & super-cribed envelop is 16 November 2015 before 11.00 am at the address mentioned below.

For any further assistance/information please contact the office:

The Auroville Town Development Council, Town Hall, Auroville, Tamil Nadu - 605 101.
Tel: +91 413 2622170 / email: avenir@auroville.org.in

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Discussion about Food/Commodity Distribution

From the Residents Assembly Service

Dear Community,

The Residents Assembly Service has been asked by BCC and FAMC to start the discussion about Food/Commodity Distribution in Auroville.

Here is where we are and what is planned!

An information letter (see below) has been sent to the services.
A survey have been sent to them (please check on Auronet or pass by our office)
The first round of interviews is happening now.
A website is in preparation to share basic infos gathered by us from you.

This website will give all of you the possibility to give your comments, feedback and suggestions, so that you are part of the preparation.
A General Meeting is planned for end of November, or beginning of December, 2015

You are invited to join our team and give your support for the preparation!

Love. Inge
for Residents Assembly Service

Email sent to the services and units:

Dear Friend,
The Residents’ Assembly Service (RAS), the Funds & Assets Management Committee (FAMC), and the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) would like to invite you to participate in a study of Auroville’s various approaches to food/commodity distribution.

The results of the study will be presented to the community in a General Meeting within a month - in November 2015 - as part of a discussion on “Food/Commodity Distribution in Auroville”.

The study will focus on the following Auroville food/commodity distribution entities:

Farm Fresh
FoodLink
Ganesh Bakery
HERS

The study aims to research and present to the community a summarised report by November 2015 that compares and contrasts the following aspects of the above entities:

1. the process by which prices are set;
2. the way in which Auroville supports the outlet;
3. the way in which the outlet supports Auroville;
4. how expenditure decisions are made;
5. the role of the entity within the Auroville maintenance system;
6. Number of Aurovilians engaged; and
7. Number of non-Aurovilians engaged.

The RAS, the FAMC and the BCC would very much appreciate your participation in this study. This study will contribute to a better understanding of the way in which we have evolved as a community so far and to share ideas on how the community can work better to achieve Auroville’s ideals in the future.

Please don’t hesitate to email or call the RAS team on 948 8672 029 if you have any questions about this.

We will contact you in a few days to fix an appointment with you. Please let us know your best timing.
Looking forward to work together with you on this challenging study.

Love. Inge
From the Residents Assembly Service in collaboration with BCC & FAMC (end of email)

Isha from Swayam welcomed in Residents Assembly Service for three month trial

We would like to inform the community that Isha from Swayam has stepped forward to look into the work of the Residents Assembly Service.

She is starting the three months trial period now till mid of February 2016.
Her background: She has been in Auroville for more than 20 years and worked in many services, like Matrimandir, Visa
Service, Pour Tous Aspiration, Dental clinic, Visitor Center Cafeteria, Pitanga etc.

She is now mainly engaged in Resource Link and with the Study Group on Organisation to define the selection process for the Working Committee and AV Council.

She is also very much engaged in gardening, healing and Art.

We are welcoming her to strengthen the team work.

Just for your information:

Hedia has asked us to extend her trial period and young volunteer, Gaele has joined the team till mid of January.

love
Slava, Jesse and Inge
From Residents Assembly Service

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Important: Regarding Massbulletins

Here’s a reminder & annual repeat of the options of sending announcements via massbulletin@auroville.org.in that are reflected to Aurovilians subscribed to that list.

The massbulletin option is available for fairly short, plain messages regarding sudden occurrences pertaining to the entire community, unexpected cultural performances or ad hoc community meetings, emergencies, power cuts, VIP visits etc., and occasionally for messages of a more personal nature, when for instance one of us is in physical dire straits or decided to proceed onward. It is, however, not available for advertisements of any sort, general info, attached files, images, change of timings, fundraising, political issues, long letters, surveys, thank-you’s, explanations, petitions, grievances or announcements that are only valid for a very small number of Aurovilians. (In the latter case you’re advised to start your own distribution list which is not a difficult thing to do.)

Announcements for cultural events and performances that have already been published in News&Notes and/or Auronet are not massmailed. The News&Notes is still the most frequently read publication and when your event or performance has been announced there, as well as posted on the Net, there is no need to also send it via massmail. This so as to avoid that subscribers to the massmail get annoyed by having to receive notices which they consider spam, therefore unsubscribe, later want to come back on etc...

Mail to massbulletin@ is usually opened and processed by Mauna, with Annemarie and Manoj as standby. It’s always safest to directly send your request for a massmail to massbulletin@auroville.org.in.

Mauna

AVAILABLE

AEP goes Lithium

after several years of trial runs on various applications we feel now confident to offer Lithium battery packs as replacements for the electric Humvees. The specifications are: 22Ah (48V) with 40A max. discharge current, dimensions are 18*29*15 (h*w*d). The pack will include a battery management system and can replace 1:1 the current VRLA battery. We are aiming to arrange for a bulk purchase order so please get in touch with us for more information - through email (aep@auroville.org.in) or via phone (2622 581/2).

Your AEP team

KTM 390

2014 model, Pondicherry registration, in very good condition. All papers and insurance are up to date. For further details please contact Anan, from Eternity, on +91 91-59-180857 only between 9am and 5pm or send an email on anan@auroville.org.in Thank you.

Apartment

My apartment is now available for a new stewardship as I am not leaving luminosity (!) but only changing place within to follow my actual needs (see more under ‘Notes’); it is one large open - loft style - with a large platform for sleeping and being, a kitchenette, a cozy little bathroom, and an open-air bath tub to cool off on the balcony; no extra furniture needed. contribution: 23,6 lakhs for 78 beautiful sqm.

please contact: peter@auroville.org.in phone 9488483348 or housingservice@auroville.org.in fon 2622658

LOOKING FOR...

Rose plant, for love or money...

I am in need of a healthy young Surrender Rose plant. If anyone has one to spare or can direct me to where to get one, please contact me. Thanks. - Tim (ph.2296 work; 2381 home; e-mail timwrey@...)

Kid’s bicycle

Dear friends, I’m looking for a second hand bicycle for my son, so suitable for a 6-7 years old kid. Do you have one? Please contact Giacomo: 9487340778, giacomoauroville@gmail.com

Old CDs

Dear Friends, do you still have sleeping CDs in your house?

May we give them a new life!
I’m going to make a CD Cascade which is much bigger than the last one in the film festival.
It will be in Pondicherry in February 2016.
If you have many CDs, if you are interested in working for this Art installation, please contact Ok 934400272 or okjeonglee@gmail.com

TVS

Hello. My friend is looking for a TVS. Contact me if you have it.
8098 167 492 Oilla
LOST & FOUND

Ludivine’s doll (lost): In April of this year, Didier and I prepared a big bunch of Ludivine’s clothes and toys we believed she had fully outgrown. We regrettably gave in error her most precious doll, the one who speaks, brand is “Little mummy”. Ever since she has been back in August, she has sheen asking for it. We have hesitated a while but today we are reaching out to you who may have picked up from Free store to kindly consider bringing it back so we can return it to her. Ludivine is in full boarding in Bangalore at present and for some time, adjusting well to her new horizon and friends, but she would love to have her favorite doll back as her companion. Didier is going to visit her in Bangalore next week and could bring it over. You can either phone me so I can pick it up or you can drop it at our house or leave it with Kamala at Free store.

In return, your child can pick any of the toys that are still with us that are not a specious as that doll and she does not mind giving away as gifts.
Thank you for your understanding.
Cecilia 9443726590

Pen drive (lost): I have lost my HP 16GB pen drive , its thin dark metallic with a clip, “Renu” - If you found it please contact me by email renu@auroville.org.in or phone -262-2261
Thank you

USB stick (found): HP USB stick 64GB found in the Aurelec Campus. Contact by email only. Harini, harini@auroville.org.in

APPEAL

For the Christmas fair

Dear Aurovillian’s and Auroville units,
On the 19th of December the Youth Center shall host its annual Christmas fair. The christmas fair is a popular Auroville tradition which is always very well attended by all age groups. On this day, the entire Auroville community is invited to participate in various activities such as live music, stage performance, thrilling games for children, rides, stalls, foods and much more. This is a day of celebration and fun which is organised for the community by the Auroville Youth.
Our theme this year is ‘What to where Fair?’ - encouraging people to express themselves creatively and reflect on our development as a community.
To make this year’s fair as fantastic as possible we need some help either in kind or in cash. We will sell donated products at the fair, or offer them as game prizes. The cash donated that we receive will be spent on:

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Donations can be put on the Youth Center’s Christmas fair account number: 0099. For in kind donation please call: [Babu] 80987364895, [Muchtaba] 9786291669 or Youth Center 2622857. We will gladly come pick them up.
Thank you! Hope to see you there!
The Youth Center team

TAXI SHARING

November 21st: from Chennai airport, arriving 2 pm, also can arrange taxi dropping someone at the airport same time. Contact mariano@auroville.org.in

November 24th: To Chennai airport on Nov 24th, leaving Auroville at 6.30 am, And returning from Chennai airport on Dec 1st, 1 a.m., (night Nov 30th to dec 1st), Share possible both ways! Please email me at sigrid@auroville.org.in

HEALTH

Self healing through sounds, and sciatic (Ischias) help

Welcome to enjoy the harmonizing & restoring healing sessions. Let the magic of the sounds from a specially designed sound bed enhance the self-healing powers of your being... Contact for appointment phone no 2622192.
Isha
These are the latest programs published by AurovilleRadio this week. All the recordings are available in CD or ready to be copied on your memory stick at the AurovilleRadio premises in Town Hall, opposite the Financial Service.

**Un entretien avec Wazo** (International Programs 09/11/2015)
Create-naze, nomade polyphonique, neo-urbain, nouveau punky, bio-anartist - [French, 24 Minutes]

**Mime Festival - Miming for Masters** (Multimedia 09/11/2015)
Dr. pad talks about International Mime Festival starting on 12th of November here in Auroville and all around - [English, 18 Minutes]

**Weather Development, Happy Divali** (News from Auroville 09/11/2015)
Featuring Punnuswami - AVES, Manikam - AV Road Service and Selvam - AV Water Service talking on the situation in AV. - [English, 11 Minutes]

**TPI Presents** (International Programs 08/11/2015)
Researchers from TPI presents some aspects of Chinese exploitation of Tibet and talks on Chinese policy. - [English, 73 Minutes]

**Changes are happening** (Governance 06/11/2015)
Long wanted changes seem to be slowly taking place in Auroville, we talk to Inge, Elisa and Sindhuja - [English, 19 Minutes]

**Off the Cuff- 51** (Performing Arts 06/11/2015)

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

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**Enjoy the free flow in housing!**

Based on years of experiences in Auroville and because spaces are in the process of transfer in Luminosity I would like to share a few observations about ‘self-finding’ processes for living together in Auroville.

The adventure of LUMINOSITY is an ongoing learning process where different individuals with different expectations and intentions have ‘naturally’ met various difficulties to move towards a new type of citizens in the light of the AV ideal - regardless of its ‘well-thought’ design and organisational framework it faces similar processes of collective ‘self-finding’ as many other ‘communities’/places in Auroville before; more often than not such experimentations take loops and detours before arriving at a common (play)ground where members find progressively their proper place in time and space - that’s why people leave, that’s why I am shifting within (see under ‘Available’).

If you are interested to join this experiment on the move keep in mind:

Luminosity having been particularly conceived with high hopes for another kind of integral experiment in habitat, as such it is a fitting metaphor for what one can see and experience in all-Auroville developments, formulations and social processes; you are welcome to join the laboratory, where by the grace and the sincerity of the participants harmony is emerging within a beautiful environment - not limited to the ‘smooth running’ of a bourgeois life style, but offering a wide and luminous space for inner growth.

peter@auroville.org.in
1- 800 Aurovilians want to be paid by the villagers for their valuable recyclable items, but don’t care what is happening with their low value stuff and their waste, mostly litter. So they don’t use Ecoservice. (10% of responsibility toward their waste).

2- About 1200 Aurovilians think that it is important enough to pay villagers to take responsibility for the collection, segregation of the recyclable and landfill of their waste for them. They use Ecoservice, but will not do it themselves. (30% to 50% of responsibility toward their waste, depending on the way they follow good behaviors: no organic waste, good segregation, etc).

3- What if Ecoservice didn’t give the option of the collection, segregation, and landfill by the villagers anymore, but provide nice infrastructure for members to do it by themselves, then share the profit with them? How many Aurovilians would go back to 10% of responsibility and how many would jump to 75% of responsibility? Is it worth to try?

Right now Ecoservice is in a transition, because they say that the managing was not responsible enough! Easy to say, for me the real question is: how much responsibility are we willing to take toward our waste? Do we want a managing team that will relieve us more from our responsibility or a managing team that challenge us to take more our responsibility and bring more consciousness?

Comment on facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ecoservice/1541837466070115?fref=ts

Alex for Ecoservice

Message from concerned Aurovilians regarding the Ecoservice issue

A group of concerned Aurovilians met to discuss the FAMC’s decision to dismiss the entire Eco Service team and executives by November 1st, based on the conclusion that there was equal collective responsibility for the mismanagement of the service, and also to voice our unease about the future of this collective, essential, and very much appreciated service.

The Eco service consists (consisted) of dedicated long term Aurovilians, who have built a team with expertise and experience. Waste segregation awareness slowly is growing in Auroville, thanks to the team’s tireless efforts to educate us, and the Service needs all the appreciation and support it can get.

We do not think that the FAMC’s conclusion is fair. We understand that it may have been difficult to find a solution, but before making this drastic decision, the members might have enlarged the discussion to a wider group of concerned people from the community. Once more it is clear that we are lacking proper remedial systems, which can take up troublesome issues in a dignified, humane and transparent manner.

We feel that this is case of “throwing the baby out with the bath water”, an unnecessary collective punishment, an easy way out. Treatment thus meted out to devoted Aurovilians can only add to a trend in which more and more Aurovilians are tempted to avoid taking any responsibility, which may put them into a difficult situation.

We hope the community keeps the awareness of this issue alive, until it becomes more clear what steps should be taken to find a solution more in keeping with our values.

The FAMC’s decision is not acceptable to us, and we hope the community keeps the awareness of this issue alive, until it becomes more clear what steps should be taken to find a solution more in keeping with our values.

We would like to see an official communique from the FAMC to update and inform the community of the next steps planned for the fluid continuity and handing over of Eco Service, and we would like to see the people who have continuously shown their commitment and dedication to this service being thanked and acknowledged for the same.

Alain B., Annemarie, Janet, Kali, Kripa, Lisbeth, Regina, Shivaya
November 10th, 2015
AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil’s music
Every Thursday at sunset
From 5.30 to 6.00 pm (weather permitting)

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

Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone please do not to use cameras, i-pads, cell phones, etc.
Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 to 6.00 pm.
Please be seated by 5.25 pm

Amphitheatre Team

EXHIBITIONS

INDIAN TRAJECTORY
You are invited to enjoy an exhibition at CITADINE, Centre d’Art:
Dominic Dube
INDIAN TRAJECTORY
open from Friday November 13th - 27th 2015
Looking forward to see you there.

A trajectory is the path the time spent between the point a and the point b
Into a space Indian trajectory is about this space between 1996 and 2016 in Indian and all lover by an architect immersed in all senses and all cultures allowing himself to manifest forms colours and sounds in 3 dimensions with the joy of child

GALLERY SQUARE CIRCLE, KALA KENDRA, BHARAT NIVAS
presents
Exhibition of Paintings by
VARSHA RANDIWE
KISHORE NARAYAN RANDIWE
From 19th November 2015 till 10th of December 2015
at Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas
Inauguration on Thursday the 19th of November 2015 at 5:30 PM
All are Welcome
(Refreshments and Snacks will be served)

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

SELF DEFENCE FOR WOMEN
Venue: Dehashakti
Date/time: Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 to 6:30 PM
The purpose of the Self Defence for Women course is to help the practitioner to develop equilibrium, coordination, sensibility, fluidity, proprioception (perception of internal body parts), use of non-muscular energies, awakening of spontaneous body “intelligence”; to learn how to act and react with “conscious” energy even before getting into physical contact with an internal feeling of secure action and equanimity. As such, this is especially suitable and directed to women who want to be ready to respond to sudden aggressive approaches without needing much strength, constant training and body fitness. This Self Defence course is based on three different martial arts: from 1997 to 2002 Giacomo has been focusing on Wing Chun, which is a self-defense martial arts invented by a nun; since 2005 he has been practicing
Grappling, that is one of the most effective martial arts in real ‘street’ situations, and Shou Dao that is very suitable to develop individual characteristics and to find the practitioner’s own style without being restricted by orthodox decoded styles. For more info: Ph.: 948 7340778  
email: giacomoauroville@gmail.com

CHESS ENTHUSIASTS!
Anyone who is interested in playing chess or only learning is warmly invited to join us playing chess every Thursday from 6 to 8 pm in Acceptance (enter white gate on the right side). In the next session we will also watch the video analysis of one of the games of the current world chess champion Magnus Carlsen. Tea and cookies will be served. More information: matej@auroville.org.in  8098830169

VOICE TRAINING
Hi everybody,
I’m leading a small group of actors every Wednesday and Thursday morning on the use of the voice for actors or people that want to speak in front of an audience and for those who want to focus on English pronunciation and articulation (Wednesday) and on acting techniques (Thursday). Regarding the acting, we’re exploring many different methods, from Stanislavski to Michael Chekov, Strasberg, Meisner etc. so that the actor can have the larger knowledge of the tools she can use in moments of difficulty, what is the right choice to solve the actor’s problems etc... Those are not meant to be workshops, but an even appointment for actors to train constantly their vocal, imaginative, physical instruments. Whoever wants to regularly participate to the classes is welcome.
No prior experience required.
For information: francesca@auroville.org.in
Francesca
Class on the use of the voice: Wednesday 10.15 - 12.30 am in CRIPA
Class on acting techniques: Thursday 10.15 - 12.30 am in CRIPA

AUTHENTIC SOUTH INDIAN TEMPLE CUISINE
Dear Guests/Aurovilians, I am very happy to share with you authentic South Indian Temple Cuisine (vegetarian) at my home kitchen in Certitude, Auroville. Classes are free & will be on Sundays (except 1st Sunday of the month) between 10 am till noon. The session will end with a delicious & simple meal. Spaces limited to 3 people only.
Please contact by Thursday. buvana@auroville.org.in; cell no: 9443703287; Landline:2622891

IMPROVISATION SINGING IN CREATIVITY
Every Wednesday from 5 pm to 6 pm improvisation singing, complemented with exercises for improving modulation of the voice, rhythm, shyness to sing etc. All ages are welcome. No knowledge of singing is required, just the willing of communication and sharing the joy of singing. Asha

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY ATB1
A two-day introductory workshop with Amir
December 5th & 6th (Saturday & Sunday)
ATB hall, Transition School, Auroville.
09:00 to 17:00 daily.

ATB aims to assist individuals in developing the capacity for attention, concentration and relaxation, in refining the senses and in cultivating the ability to notice what one is experiencing.
We hope to provide tools and a space to enhance introspection so that we may become aware of the different planes that form our being and have the possibility to enter in contact with our wider sense of self.
All the activities, within their particular focus, work towards that goal.
The exercises and games are creative and often fun.
ATB has been created and implemented in Auroville schools since 1992, by Aloka Marti and Joan Sala, based on their personal experience following the spiritual path of integral yoga and the idea of integral education. Over the years they have adapted, added to and incorporated knowledge acquired from a wide variety of disciplines, into a coherent, sequential curriculum.
For more information visit the ATB website http://awarenessthroughthebody.com/
to sign up for this introductory workshop: mail Amir at atbwithamir@gmail.com or feel free to contact Amir or Tamar at 9751257709/96.

CAPOEIRA (GINGA SAROBA GROUP)
• ADULTS >> Monday: 5:15 PM - Bharat Nivas (Sawchu) | Tuesday & Thursday: 6:00 PM - Deepanam | Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 AM - Town Hall (Plaza), weather permitting • KIDS >> Monday & Friday: 1.15 PM - Deepanam School - Contact us prior bringing a new kid • CONTACT >> info@ginga-saroba.com - 9488328435 (Sam) - www.ginga-saroba.com

Le PAVillon de France organise un CYCLE D’ATELIERS D’ÉCRITURE CRÉATIVE
Animé par Florence

- Pour écrire au fil de la plume, selon l’humeur et les rencontres. Pour se détendre, pour oser, pour retrouver le plaisir des mots et ainsi développer un véritable bien être. -
Le prochain rendez-vous sera le samedi 14 novembre de 10h30 à 12h
Sur le toit de Maitreyev 2, merci de contacter Florence au 763932654 ou par mail lesbaladantes@gmail.com

THAI YOGA MASSAGE
10½ Day Workshop
November 20th - 30th 2015
Fund-raising for the new start of TerraSoul Permaculture Project at Windarra Farm, Sunspace
with Itzhak Helman & Bebe Merino
Teachers of Sunshine Network

Principles, Foundations & Dynamics
This course is for beginners and people who want to refresh there practice. We will have 60-80 hours intense training together. The morning Vipassana Meditation session and yoga from 6.30-8 am is optional, followed by Instruction and massage practice from 9-12 am. The afternoons from 2-5 pm are fully dedicated to massage practice. Thai Yoga Massage brings penetrating massage & gentle yoga movements into profound healing systems. Itzhak Helman and Bebe Merino are in their Newcomer process. Both are experienced Thai Yoga Massage teachers from the Sunshine Network and deeply connected to Auroville since many years. For further information please look at the website: www.thai-yoga-massage.org
Registration: sandryra@auroville.org.in, phone 944 3619 403
Info: Bebe Merino 8940 557 379

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
17th November (Tuesday)
• Overview with multimedia presentation • Questions and Answers • Practice in Daily Life • Complimentary Concentration Exercises
Focus this week on: ‘Savitri’

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

Place: Savitri Bhavan Time: 9 am to 12.00 Noon (please be present by 8.55 am)

Led by Ashesh Joshi Contact: 9489147202, 2622922

No Registration required (except for groups)

Fees: Voluntary Contribution

All are welcome

For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit www.integralyoga-auroville.org

QUIET HEALING CENTER

Niramaya Ayurvedic Massage Course with Dr. Sankar
Monday 30 November - 5 December 2015 (6 days)
Timings: 9.00 AM - 12.00 PM & 2.00 - 4.00 PM (30 hours in total)
Bookings: Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Dr. Sankar developed this unique “Niramaya” Ayurvedic therapeutic massage technique, using the traditional concepts of Ayurvedic massage and marma (vital points) therapy in combination with modern anatomy and physiology.

A practical hands-on approach is used to learn this innovative massage, which rejuvenates the client and, at the same time, takes care of the well-being of the therapist. You will also learn to control your breathing before, during and after the massage, to protect yourself from negative energies, and to become a receptive channel for transferring positive healing energies to your client. In addition, you will be introduced to the basic principles of Ayurveda as well as anatomy, physiology, yoga, meditation, and breathing.

Hailing from a traditional Ayurvedic doctors family, Dr. Sankar is a gifted 5th-generation doctor, who has been teaching in Asia and Europe. He also heads “Ayurtoday”, an Ayurvedic therapy centre in Guruvayur, Kerala.

No knowledge or previous experience is required to attend. Certificate is given upon completion of the course.

HATHA YOGA CLASSES IN ARKA

For beginners and intermediate

Bryony has been teaching Hatha Yoga for the last 12 years in the south of France. The yoga she teaches is based on the Shivananda tradition and includes relaxation, pranayama and 12 basic asanas with some variations. The sessions always follow the same format enabling the student to develop his or her own personal practice.

Beginners and Intermediate classes: Tuesday and Thursday at 5:00 to 6:30 pm
Beginners classes: Wednesday at 8:00 to 9:30 am
Contact: Bryony 7738671045
Starting from Tuesday (17-11-2015) onwards.

SCHEDULES

SOUTH INDIAN DRUMMING with Kadir
Wednesday to Friday, 18-20 November – 9.30 am to 11:30
Together we will play the ancient South Indian Ghatam (clay pot instrument), Khanjra (frame drum) and Konnakol (vocalized South Indian rhythm) to create states of happiness and well-being.

No prior experience necessary; instruments will be provided.

KADIR has been playing percussion with a variety of instruments since childhood, and he is passionate about teaching drumming.

HEALTHY AYURVEDIC LIFE STYLE with Dr. Geeta Auropremi
Friday 20 November - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

A holistic approach to positive health, including basic asanas, pranayama and naturopathic practices.

DR. GEETA AUROPREMI has 30 years of experience in Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy. She has an MD in Gynecology and Pediatrics, a YTTC certificate and diploma in Yoga, and Post-Graduate degrees in Yoga & Naturopathy.

ZEN SHIATSU INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP with Yaor
Saturday, 21 November - from 10 am to 4:30 pm

Shiatsu is a Japanese therapy in which manual (hand) pressure is applied to certain points on the body to work on the body’s energy (qi/meridians). Based on the same principles as acupuncture, the purpose of Shiatsu treatment is to release energetic blocks that cause pain and disease, allowing energy to flow throughout the body.

In this introductory workshop, you will learn how Shiatsu works by both feeling (receiving) and doing (giving).

By the end of the session, participants will be able to give a basic Shiatsu treatment.

Please dress in comfortable, modest exercise clothes as we will work in pairs on mattresses on the floor.

YAOR is a Savi volunteer, joining us from Israel. He has completed a 2 year senior diploma in Zen Shiatsu therapy and Traditional Chinese Medicine, a 6-month Aromatherapy diploma and a 4-month Bach Flower Remedies diploma. He has also completed a one month course in Ayurveda and herbs at Anjali school (Kunnur, Kerala).

New Class:

Movement & Sound Relaxation with Balu and Jeremy
Every Wednesday from 5 – 6 pm starting 11 November

Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshops: 0413 2622045, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in
Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)
CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

There will be no film show on Friday 20 and 27 Nov. for Aurofilm will be at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), in Panaji, Goa, in view of preparing its "9th Panorama of Contemporary Indian Cinema" which will take place at Bharat Nivas in February 2016.

The Eco Film Club
Sadhana Forest, November 20, Friday at 7pm

INHABIT: A PERMACULTURE PERSPECTIVE

2015, 92 minutes, Directed by Costa Boutsikaris

Inhabit explores the many environmental issues facing us today and examines solutions that are being applied using the ecological design process called 'Permaculture'. Permaculture is a design lens that uses the principles found in ecosystems to help shift our impact from destructive to regenerative. Focused mostly on the Northeastern and Midwestern regions of the United States, Inhabit provides an intimate look at permaculture peoples and practices ranging from rural, suburban, and urban landscapes.

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!!

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

21:30 free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen
The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in.

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

19th Thursday November 8 pm
PAPER TOWNS (2015)
Genre: Drama/Mystery/Romance
Rated: PG13/ Dur: 109 mins/ Language: English/Subtitle: English
Dir: Jake Schreier
Cast: Nat Wolff, Cara Delevingne, Austin Abrams
Storyline: story centering on Quentin and his enigmatic neighbor Margo, who loved mysteries so much she became one. After taking him on an all-night adventure through their hometown, Margo suddenly disappears - leaving behind cryptic clues for Quentin to decipher. The search leads Quentin and his quick-witted friends on an exhilarating adventure that is equal parts hilarious and moving. Ultimately, to track down Margo, Quentin must find a deeper understanding of true friendship - and true love.

20th Friday November 8 pm
FANTASTIC FOUR (2015)
Genre: Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi/ Rated: PG13/ Dur: 100 min
Language: English/Subtitle: English
Dir: Josh Trank
Cast: Miles Teller, Kate Mara, Michael B. Jordan
Storyline: FANTASTIC FOUR, a contemporary re-imagining of Marvel's original and longest-running superhero team, centers on four young outsiders who teleport to an alternate and dangerous universe, which alters their physical form in shocking ways. Their lives irrevocably upended, the team must learn to harness their daunting new abilities and work together to save Earth from a former friend turned enemy.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

“THE MOTHER ‘Glimpses of Her Life’ and Four Aspects of The Mother”

“The Mother was inwardly above the human even in childhood” - says Sri Aurobindo and in Savitri he is expressing the Divinity and the work of The Mother in these words:

“Although she leaned down to their littleness / Covering their very humanity / Her greater self lived sole, unclaimed, / Above the human and non-human / Earthly surface bore their charge / And mixed its fire with their mortality: / Her greater self lived sole, unclaimed, within.”

This two-part video with darshan scenes of The Mother and the Ashram were re-edited in August 2015. Duration: 45min.

Monday, 16th of November 2015, at 6:30pm

LE PAVILLON DE FRANCE

Presents

« HUMAN » VOL. III
Happiness - Education - Handicap
Immigration - Corruption - Meaning of life

Director: Yann Arthus Bertrand

HUMAN is a diptych of stories and images of our world which creates an immersion into the depths of the human being. Through the testimonies of happiness filled with love but also with hatred and violence, HUMAN confronts us with the Other and brings us back to our own lives. Aerial pictures with music as an opera, show the beauty of the world and offer us moments of breathing and introspection. The film allows us to embrace the human condition, deals with sharing resources between humans in a world that operates at two speeds and offers a more philosophical reflection on the meaning of life, with sequences on topics such as corruption and discrimination.

From the most terrible conflicts that blight humanity to the most noble sentiments of which we are capable; from the great diversity of our lifestyles to the desire to come together around universal topics like family or love: These three documentaries provide an opportunity for Yann Arthus-Bertrand to explore the major themes in HUMAN.

French movie without English subtitles; duration: 93 minutes

Saturday 14th November 2015 - 5:00 PM
CINEMA PARADISO (TOWN HALL)
Indian - Monday 16 November, 8:00 pm:
- BELASEH (In the Autumn of My Life)
  India, 2015, Dir. Handita Roy & Shiboprosad Mukhopadhyay w/ Soumitra Chatteropadhyay, Swatilekha Sengupta, Drama, 141 mins, Bengali with English subtitles, Rated: PG-13 (U/A)
After 30 years, the celebrated couple of Satyajit Ray's 'Ghare Baire' returns as Biswajit Mazumdar and his wife Arati - an ordinary elderly couple. Biswajit calls for a reunion to make an important announcement. While all assumes it will be about his will, Biswajit announces that he is going to divorce Arati, his wife of 49yrs. According to him their relation is nothing but a matter of habit, which has only made her increasingly dependent on him, and it is high time they split. What follows is a deep reflection by the couple on the years they spent together. Gently and simply spoken they become an ultimate realization and declaration of love...that touches all. This film was screened in presence of the director in September. If you have missed it then, this is your chance and if you have already watched it - you know you must watch it again!

German - Tuesday 17 November, 8:00 pm:
- FACK JU GÖHTE (Suck Me Shakespear)
  Germany 2013, Writer-Dir. Bora Dagtekin w/ Elyas M'Barek, Karoline Herfurth, Katja Riemann and others, Comedy, 119 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
In collaboration with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan. A criminal who can barely spell is forced to become a substitute teacher. The title is a phonetic transcription and immediately suggests the protagonist’s poor spelling as well the film’s school environment and irreverent tone. This story of a newly-released convict who becomes the world’s worst teacher in order to get to his buried loot consists of a rapid-fire dialogue, an amusingly over-the-top acting and antics. Audiences will have a pretty good time with a surprise in the end.

Cultural - Wednesday 18 November, 8:00 pm:
- NO FILM SCHEDULED

Korean - Thursday 19 November, 8:00 pm:
- YEO-HAENG-JA (A Brand New Life)
  Korea, 2009, Dir. Oumie Lecomte w/ Sae-ron Kim, Do- Yeon Park, Ah-sung Ko, and others, Drama, 92 mins, Korean w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-12
Young Jinhee is taken by her father to an orphanage near Seoul. He leaves her there never to return, and she struggles to come to grips with her fate. Jinhee desperately believes her father will come back for her and take her on a trip. The film is based on the experiences of the director, an ethnic Korean who was adopted by a French couple in the 1970s.

International - Saturday 21 November, 8:00 pm:
- FADING GIGOLLO
  USA, 2013, Dir. John Turturro, w/ John Turturro, Woody Allen, 90 min., Comedy, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R
Florian (John Turturro) drives a cab in New York and struggles with the many problems of American life, which are the subjects of his thoughts and dreams. He has a pretty good time with a surprise in the end.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 22 November, 8:00 pm:
- WATERSHIP DOWN
Based upon Richard Adam's novel of the same title, this animated feature delves into the surprisingly violent world of a warren of rabbits as they seek to establish a new colony free of tyranny and human intervention. Frightening and bloody in some scenes. Not recommended for young children.

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)

All articles need to reach us by Tuesday noon.

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

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

How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the News & Notes Email Address (below).

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

Disclaimer: The views expressed on these pages are those of their respective authors or work groups and do not represent the position of the editors or of the community as a whole. The News & Notes serves as a channel for the publication of material coming from trusted sources within Auroville. The editors cannot be held accountable for any alleged misinformation given or offence caused. In case of any dispute, the Auroville Council may be consulted and publishing of disputed material suspended.

News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in
L’avenir d’Auroville: 14th Nov 2015

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks. The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval.

The final approval is given when L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC issues an NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens only once the feedback period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, a final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start. It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of the TDC.

Individual Project:

Site Application Feedback:

1. Site application feedback for Prabhu of a house in Auromodele, on plot no. BO 149/8.

Building Applications Feedback:

1. Aurochandru, Prayatna, House extension for an area of 20.25 sq.m
2. Iyannar, Prayatna, House Extension for an area of 57.15 sq.m.

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