Happy Mother's Birthday!
"Wherever thou seest a great end, be sure of a great beginning. Where a monstrous and painful destruction appalls thy mind, console it with the certainty of a large and great creation. God is there not only in the still small voice, but in the fire and in the whirlwind.

"The greater the destruction, the freer the chances of creation; but the destruction is often long, slow and oppressive, the creation tardy in its coming or interrupted in its triumph. The night returns again and again and the day lingers or seems even to have been a false dawning. Despair not therefore but watch and work. Those who hope violently, despair swiftly; neither hope nor fear, but be sure of God’s purpose and thy will to accomplish.

"The hand of the divine Artist works often as if it were unsure of its genius and its material. It seems to touch and test and leave, to pick up and throw away and pick up again, to labour and fail and botch and repiece together. Surprises and disappointments are the order of his work before all things are ready. What was selected, is cast away into the abyss of reprobation; what was rejected, becomes the cornerstone of a mighty edifice.

"But behind all this is the sure eye of a knowledge which surpasses our reason and the slow smile of an infinite ability.

"God has all time before him and does not need to be always in a hurry. He is sure of his aim and success and cares not if he break his work a hundred times to bring it nearer perfection. Patience is our first great necessary lesson, but not the dull slowness to move of the timid, the sceptical, the weary, the slothful, the unambitious or the weakening; a patience full of a calm and gathering strength which watches and prepares itself for the hour of swift great strokes, few but enough to change destiny.

"Wherefore God hammers so fiercely at his world, tramples and kneads it like dough, casts it so often into the blood-bath and the red hell-heat of the furnace? Because humanity in the mass is still a hard, crude and vile ore which will not otherwise be smelted and shaped; as is his material, so is his method. Let it help to transmute itself into nobler and purer metal, his ways with it will be gentler and sweeter, much loftier and fairer its uses.

"Wherefore he selected or made such a material, when he had all infinite possibility to choose from? Because of his divine Idea which saw before it not only beauty and sweetness and purity, but also force and will and greatness. Despise not force, nor hate it for the ugliness of some of its faces, nor think that love only is God. All perfect perfection must have something in it of the stuff of the hero and even of the Titan. But the greatest force is born out of the greatest difficulty."

After all, the whole problem is to know whether humanity has reached the state of pure gold or whether it still needs to be tested in the crucible.

One thing is evident, humanity has not become pure gold; that is visible and certain. But something has happened in the world’s history which allows us to hope that a selected few in humanity, a small number of beings, perhaps, are ready to be transformed into pure gold and that they will be able to manifest strength without violence, heroism without destruction and courage without catastrophe.

But in the very next paragraph Sri Aurobindo gives the answer: "If man could once consent to be spiritualised." If only the individual could consent to be spiritualised… could consent.*

Something in him asks for it, aspires, and all the rest refuses, wants to continue to be what it is: the mixed ore which needs to be cast into the furnace. At the moment we are at a decisive turning-point in the history of the earth, once again. From every side I am asked, "What is going to happen?" Everywhere there is anguish, expectation, fear. "What is going to happen?..." There is only one reply: "If only man could consent to be spiritualised."

And perhaps it would be enough if some individuals became pure gold, for this would be enough to change the course of events…. We are faced with this necessity in a very urgent way.

This courage, this heroism which the Divine wants of us, why not use it to fight against one’s own difficulties, one’s own imperfections, one’s own obscurities? Why not heroically face the furnace of inner purification so that it does not become necessary to pass once more through one of those terrible, gigantic destructions which plunge an entire civilisation into darkness?

This is the problem before us. It is for each one to solve it in his own way.

This evening I am answering the questions I have been asked, and my reply is that of Sri Aurobindo: If man could once consent to be spiritualised…. And I add: Time presses… from the human point of view.

"All would change if man could once consent to be spiritualised; but his nature, mental and vital and physical, is rebellious to the higher law. He loves his imperfection.”

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 27 March 1957

THE MOTHER

There is a purpose in life - and it is the only true and lasting one - the Divine. Turn to Him and the emptiness will go.

The Mother
ref. Words Of The Mother, vol 14, The True Aim Of Life, p.6
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Procedure for the new ES policy and the new FAMC mandate**

Dear Community Members,

In answer to some concerns regarding the correct procedure for the new Entry Policy and the new FAMC mandate, the AV Council would like to give an advance notice for a soon coming decision making process organized by the RAS together with the AVC. We would like to reassure the community that the Council’s interest is to come to a decision carried by the community as a whole.

The AV Council

**From Auroville Council**

Dear friends,

We would like announce Isha (Swayam) as a new member of the Residents Assembly Service (part time commitment) for a 2-week feedback and Tatiana (Newcomer, Swayam, half time commitment) for a trial period of 3 months.

We would also like to announce Christiane (Samasti) and Giridev (Ami) as new members for the Entry Service for a trial period of 3 months.

Feedback is welcome for the next 2 weeks at: avoffice@auroville.org.in.

Sincerely, Auroville Council

**From Matrimandir**

We would like to bring to your attention a construction activity that you will see happening in the Amphitheater during March - April. We are going to re-open the passage way, built into the original Amphitheater design in the early seventies, which leads from behind the Urn through a cut in the Amphitheater steps to the Green Room (performers’ changing room) underneath the outer edge of the Amphitheater. Safety barriers will be maintained around this opening during and after construction. The aim is to complete the Green Room and the passageway for the rehearsals and celebrations of Auroville’s 50th birthday. For those interested, an archival photo of the original passageway from the Urn to the Green Room space will be posted on Auronet this week. Thank you!

The Matrimandir Team

**Information Meeting about Sacred Groves**

When: Thursday 24th of February, 5 pm
Where: SAIIER Building

The Sacred Groves team would like to invite all Auroville residents to an informative meeting in which they would like to update and share the achievements and the problems that this Eco-housing project is facing.

Sacred Groves is one of our most innovative, communitarian, and sustainable projects to date, but there have been some attempts to block its realization based on certain unfulfilled expectations and misunderstandings mainly related to the use of funds. Let’s put it on the table with the facts and figures and hear from all concerned.

With Love,

Joseba, Manu and Rene (From the Sacred Groves Team)

**50th Anniversary Update and General Information Meeting**

February Friday 26th, 4:30 pm, Unity Pavilion

You are invited and encouraged to join us for a General Information Meeting to learn more about what has been happening in the preliminary planning stages towards Auroville’s 50th Anniversary in February 2018.

Please come for a general presentation of the participatory planning process that has been followed, what has come out of that, and where things stand now in this often challenging, often inspiring, and ever-evolving adventure!

After the presentation there will be time for questions and answers and interactions.

We sincerely thank each and every one of the over 200 Aurovilians who participated directly in the process so far, and we also thank all of you who have supported the work in one way or another up to now. We look forward to seeing many more of you getting involved and to seeing what comes next!

With gratitude,

The 50th Anniversary Preliminary Planning Team

**Houses Available for Transfer**

1. **Courage/ Eugen’s (Suitable for Single/ Couple/ Family) / First Announcement**
   For Transfer
   Apartment- Location1st Floor 85.5 sqm (Plinth)
   2 bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, living+ dining room

2. **Auromodele/ Petra’s (Suitable for Couple/ Family) / First Announcement**
   For Transfer
   Free standing house 159.35 sqm (Plinth)
   RCC framed structure residential building with bedroom, living room and bathroom.

3. **Discipline/ Stephanie’s / (Second Announcement)**
   For Transfer
   Free standing house / two stories 159.91 sqm (Plinth)
   Ground floor: 2 bed rooms with bath attached / Living and kitchen.
   First floor: Big hall
   Store room, fully Solar Energy

4. **Transformation/ Kayananda’s (Second announcement)**
   For exchange
   Free standing / two stories 105.09 sqm (Plinth)
   Ground floor: Veranda, Kitchen, Utility, dressing room
   First floor: bed room, sit out area, bathroom.

Please note that our timings, email and phone remain the same.

Accounting Section/ Venkates available Monday - Saturday
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, 02:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Housing Service Public Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
09:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Monday and Friday 02:30 AM - 04:30 PM.

Wednesday: Closed (Housing Board in Session 09:30 AM -12:30 PM)

Contact: housing@auroville.org.in / (0413) 2622658

**Auroville Home Stays Notice**

The Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG) is currently working on compiling a current, accurate database of the Home Stays, which is needed both for the Accommodation Service work and for the development of a new website. ALL HOME STAY MANAGERS CURRENTLY ON OUR LIST have received an e-mail about this. **If you have not received the e-mail, please contact us at gfcg@auroville.org.in**
In addition, it has come to our attention that some Home Stay applications may not have been processed or finalized due to changes in Accommodation Service staff, misplaced papers, or some other mix-up. We urge you to please contact the GFCG if you have applied and not heard back from us. We apologize for, and are working to clear up, any misunderstandings and confusion, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Afsaneh, Kumar, Lieve, Luca, Srimoyi, Susan, Tineke
Guest Facilities Coordination Group

L’avenir d’Auroville: 20th Feb 2016

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

Collective Project:
Site Application Feedback:
1. Site application feedback for SAIER for Staff Quarters on plot no BO10/2B in Cultural Zone.

Project writes up given by the project holder.
Project Title: SAIER Staff Quarters Cluster

Proposed Site Location: In Cultural Zone, between Transformation Community and Dana.

Project Holder: SAIER (Chali and RamaNarayana)
Contact Persons: Chali and RamaNarayana

Description: These are residential staff quarters consisting of a cluster of 4 blocks, built in 4 phases of one block each. Each block will accommodate 4 apartments, 2 family apartments on the ground floor and 2 apartments for couples on the 1st floor. Family apartments are planned to have a floor space of about 100m² (including covered terraces) each. Apartments for couples are planned to have a carpet area on the 1st floor of about 70m² (including covered terraces) each. It will be designed to accommodate approximately 32 adults and 16 children. Centrally located will be an area for common activities.

Target Group: Researchers, teachers and persons working in services under SAIER.

Background: SAIER has made it a priority to provide accommodations for researchers so that they can devote their energy and concentration towards the integral development of their subject and / or children / students rather than have to worry about housing / accommodations.

Triggers: We have inadequate affordable housing facilities in Auroville for those who are working in services and are living on maintenance. The lack of these facilities often makes it difficult for individuals who can and want to work in these services to do so because they feel they have to work in a place that provides more for their material needs (in units, for example).

Goals/Objectives: We aim at developing simple, beautiful, environmentally friendly and sustainable housing facilities with best architectural and construction knowledge available in Auroville. Our objective is to address the housing situation in Auroville as well as to help the dedication and energy of those actively working towards the realization of unending education in the various units of SAIER.

Individual Project:
Building Application Feedback:
1. Building application feedback for Didier for a House on plot on BO 34/2A2 next to Dana.

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.

OBITUARY

Mani passed away

In the afternoon of Tuesday 16 February our good friend and brother Mani (P. Munian) who lived in the Pump House near Bharat Nivas left his body at Trichy Hospital kidney failure. He was 58 years old.

Many of us will remember Mani as a friendly, goodhearted person who started out at Forecomers in the early eighties as foreman of the workers there. In 1988 he joined Auroville and moved to the Pump House a year later. For many years he has been involved in the Land Service.

Our warmest condolences go out to his wife Lakshmi (working at Food Link), and daughters Meena (working at Financial Service) and Indhuja who has been fully taking care of her father during the time of his illness.

Mani’s remains were kept at his mother’s house in Pondicherry. His remains were cremated on Wednesday February 17th.

Thank you, Mani for having lived and worked with us.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Security Advice

Dear friends,
This is to inform you that during the month of January, 2016, 2 thefts (Kalpavrusha farm, Sri Mar beach), 1 road side robbery case (near Edyanchavadi), 1 attempt robbery/assault incident (near Forecomers), 2 accident incidents (near Gaia’s garden, near Abri corner) and 1 vandalism case (Afsaneh guest house) occurred in different areas of Auroville.

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Sanitary Waste Campaign

We would like to share with you that Eco Femme & WasteLess have been collaborating on a small sanitary campaign to target sanitary waste and its management in Auroville this past year (January 2015-January 2016). The two main goals were:

1. Ensure that sanitary waste gets placed in a separate bin at source, disposed of through the Eco Service and not flushed down the toilet.
2. Promote reusable products which create less waste and avoid the problems of managing this waste stream completely.

During this campaign WasteLess conducted sanitary waste audits in several restaurants and public places, provided recommendations for sanitary waste management and bin labels. Eco Femme and WasteLess designed and distributed two educational posters to restaurants, public locations and schools. Eco Femme conducted trainings and sessions to encourage women to switch to reusable products and encourage units, guesthouses, etc. to support subsidised reusable products for their female employees.

If you would like to improve the way you manage your sanitary waste, please find below the key recommendations:

- Make the switch to reusable products which do not produce any waste. Visit Eco Femme to learn more about the great products they offer.

If you are using disposable products, please manage your waste responsibly by following these recommendations:

- **Primary infrastructure**: inside every toilet cubical you have a labelled sanitary waste pedal bin with an inner bucket.
- **Secondary infrastructure**: all places that generate sanitary waste have a secondary separation and storage infrastructure. We recommend using a lidded and labelled 75-200 litre HDPE blue barrel with an inner reusable woven polypropylene sack (available at the Eco Service).
- **Final disposal**: Please call the Eco Service to collect your sanitary waste for safe disposal in a centralised landfill. Note: please avoid burning your sanitary waste as it releases very toxic smoke and burying it in your garden will leave a nasty and toxic surprise for future generations for the next 800 years.

For more detailed information please refer to Sanitary Waste Campaign Report: https://goo.gl/YflwMQ

Eco Femme & WasteLess

Housing Service & Board Questions & Answers (part 1)

House Transfer

In Auroville, all assets (houses, public buildings, commercial units, etc.) belong to the Auroville Foundation, therefore we do not use the terms ‘buy’, ‘sell’ and ‘own’.

**Question: Can I buy a house in Auroville?**

**Answer:** No, you can make a donation for an existing house, and a House Transfer Agreement (HTA) will be prepared between the Housing Service, the previous steward and you as a new steward. The terms and conditions for the donation are mentioned in the HTA.

**Q:** Once that has been done, do I become the owner of the house?  
**A:** No, you become the steward of a housing asset.

**Q:** Can I sell my house?  
**A:** No, you can put your house up for transfer and the Housing Service will publish it in the News and Notes. The names of the candidates will then be sent to the community for feedback and to identify the selected candidate. The
funds received for the transfer will go to the Financial Service and be used as donation for your future house.

**House value**

**Q:** How is the value of an "old" house calculated?

**A:** A certified valuator will come and visit your house. He will look into all the details (materials, building technique, year of construction, quality, and grade of the finishing) and, accordingly, a value per SQM plinth area will be proposed, based on the PWD Tamil Nadu criteria, with a depreciation of 1% per year. The value for the infrastructure, parking, electricity and plumbing will be added to the value of the asset. The valuation done for old houses is generally low, compared to a new construction.

**Q:** What happens when an Aurovillian wants to move to another location?

**A:** If the other house is approximately as old (and depending on how well it was maintained), the transfer will be done without much difference in the value. However, if the steward will move to a new project, there will probably be an important gap and the difference of price will have to be covered. The value of the old house (estimate by the registered steward) is not raised to fit the price of the new house.

**Q:** Is this valuation final?

**A:** The steward can question the valuation, at which point the arguments will be conveyed to the valuator and a request will be made for a revised evaluation. If the arguments are valid, then the evaluator does cooperate and proposes a revised evaluation. In an exceptional case, if the steward still does not agree, then a second and final one can be organized with a second valuator.

**Q:** How is the value of a new housing asset calculated?

**A:** A financial chart provided by the project holder shows how the final price has been fixed. At first, a preliminary cost will be presented, and later on – during the tender process - a final Bill of Quantities (BoQ) and final price will be communicated to the donor.

**Q:** Does the project holder make any profit?

**A:** No, a new house is transferred at cost price. The price of the land is not counted as it already belongs to the Auroville Foundation. However, running expenses of the project holder may need to be covered in some cases. Architect fees and various specialists for plumbing and electricity fees will be included in the cost; this is shown in the break up in the financial chart.

**Q:** Is it possible to freeze the value of a house at its original price?

**A:** If the BoQ is done properly with all the working and structural drawings, then a proper value can be given and a percentage for the contingency can cover the inflation. In that case, the value can be frozen. Some project holders can do this, others not.

**Donations**

**Q:** Can the transfer be done via outside-Auroville banks/accounts?

**A:** No, the integrality of the donation has to be transferred through the Financial Service. The financial Service will give you the bank details and how to do the bank to bank transfer.

**Q:** Does the transfer happen through the Housing Service?

**A:** The Housing Service does not deal with money, but acts as the administrative interface between the parties (previous and new steward) to get the valuation of the house done, to prepare the House Transfer Agreement, and to make sure that the financial transaction is done properly via the Financial Service.

**Q:** Is it possible to pay the steward directly based on a value provided by said steward?

**A:** As explained above, the valuation has to be organized by the Housing Service and is done by registered professional evaluators. The steward cannot decide what the value of the house is. Any direct transaction between the steward and another person is considered as illegal regarding Indian law and can lead to very negative consequences. In such a case, stewardship will not be given for the asset. Therefore, the usual procedure must be followed: valuation, financial transaction through the Financial Service and agreement with the Housing Service.

**Q:** What does the tax of 9% correspond to?

**A:** This is not a tax, but a fraternal contribution. This is how this percentage is calculated:

- 6.5% for the Housing Service
- 1% for the Land Board
- 1% for the Financial Service
- 0.5% for l’Avenir d’Auroville/Town Development Council (TDC)

**Q:** What is the Housing service contribution used for?

**A:** The fraternal contribution is immediately used for grants for other Aurovilians. This contribution basically comes from a person who can afford to make a donation for a house for others who have less means. We do not have any other source of funds to directly help others in need.

**Q:** How many people receive grants through the fraternal contribution?

**A:** As it is published in our annual financial report, 17 persons have received a grant for a total amount of Rs 27 lakhs during the financial year 2014/2015. At present the grant has been increased to Rs 2.5 lakhs for singles and Rs 3.5 lakhs for couples. This help is much appreciated for those who have less means to renovate or extend their existing house, or to partly help to build a new house or become a steward.

**Q:** How many times is this fraternal contribution paid?

**A:** It is paid only once: if a person has already paid one time and wants to shift to another place, it does not need to be paid again. Except if the value of the new house is much higher than the previous one, in which case another fraternal contribution is asked.

**Q:** Is there any other financial help?

**A:** Recently, the BCC has started releasing 16 lakhs a year to the Housing Service towards housing for youth, which is also greatly appreciated.

**Housing board**

**1 DAY with ECOSERVICE team**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

We propose to you THE ultimate awareness experience in waste & recycle management. Join our team for 1 full day (8h30 to 12h30 and 13h30 to 16h30):

3 hours: separation of the recycle into 60 different categories

3 hours: collection of waste & recycle bags of 3 to 4 communities, unit or individuals. You will be invited to send them a mail to inform them about your experience!

Doing so you will take responsibility for the waste and recycle your produce during one year and contribute in bringing more respect toward Ecoservice’s workers! Rs 200 in kind will be offered to you, to buy delicious food in our 2 supporters’ restaurants: Tanto and Visitor Center Cafeteria! This is the same amount we give to YOUR workers (because, after all, they are at your service)!

Advance booking: ecoservice@auroville.org.in or 759 800 4204. 2 people maximum per day.

Be part of the solution!

Alex for Ecoservice

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**POSTINGS**

**Yep**

We, the YEP Team, are happy to welcome your children to YEPWEEK, a program for guest kids aged 4 to 12 which will be held weekly from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. The kids will be taken from place to place to discover and experience Auroville in an authentic way, through activities set-up and facilitated by Aurovilians. The children will be involved in community life, play interactive games and do handicrafts, all the while having fun. To register your child please contact us via email: yep@auroville.org.in / or call or message us: +91 7639217500 (if we are not reachable via phone please send us an email). YEP Team (Mirabelle & Aureore (fertile))

**New Baby Born**

Dear Friends, we are happy and very glad to share the birth of our grandson Sathya Sanjeve on Thursday, 11th February 2016. Dharuman & Anjalai

**Repair Shop Closed**

Manolo’s repairs workshop will be closed from Monday 22nd February to Wednesday 2nd March. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you, Eric

**AVAILABLE**

**Lady Bicycle**

New Atlas lady cycle, never used, kept in my room. Bought one month ago at kiosk velo. 6 months warranty. Phone: 2622731. Thanks, Gerard Marie.

**Ozone therapy equipment**

We have professional ozone therapy equipment available to any medical professional or clinic in Auroville that would like to offer this as a service to the community. There are regular training courses in Bangalore for doctors/dentists which we can help connect you with. If interested kindly contact martins@auroville.com, Martin

U.P.S.


**Mongoose stunt bike**

In a very good condition - 20” wheels - Love, Ohad: 9443763298

**Shipping Container**

We are selling a shipping container 12m long, 3m high, 2.4m wide. Please contact us for more details and price. Elise & John: 9159352906

**LOOKING FOR ...**

**Amma**

I’m looking for a young amma / maid that understands English well, part time or full one to share with my neighbor Cristo, contact Nathalie - 9362461843 - nathil28@gmail.com

**Translation work**

Looking for translation work, English-German or German-English; BA in languages, experienced speaker (No ads please!) Contact Merry (Prayatna), ph: 2623 581 [Written messages to the common mailbox in Surrender or see me at the SK].

**Pregnant Women Models**

Quiet Healing Center organises a 2-day Watsu & Pregnancy course and is looking for pregnant women, who are willing to be a model and enjoy the relaxing benefits of Watsu on 29th of February at 3 pm in Quiet’s warm water pool. Please contact the Quiet Healing Center reception (2622646 / 9488084966) to sign up!

**Fridge**

I am looking for a second-hand fridge, sm. or big in working condition for free or sale. Kindly call: 2623023 - Schima (ex-Kayananda)

**Artists**

Surabhi Lohit is opening a North Indian restaurant in the French quarter of Pondicherry, near the beach. Artists who are interested in quoting for the job of designing and painting the walls and the stairs in a contemporary Rajasthani/Punjabi theme are invited to contact her on 9873504046. Contact Auroville Art Service: aurovillearts@auroville.org.in

**Painting items**

I am looking for a painting tripod, a painting board, a small table and cushions. If you have any of these that you are not using, please call: 7639318959, ally@auroville.org.in. Ally

**A baby-sitter**

I am looking for a French speaking baby-sitter for my daughter (3 years old). From February 20 till May 5. Timing to be defined. Contact Celine: celineperrous@yahoo.fr / 2622529

**Help for senior care**

Av health services/social senior care is looking for Aurovilians, Newcomers, long term guests etc. who feel ready and motivated to visit and spend some time with our seniors. An hour per week for example would be appreciated. If you are interested please phone: 97 87626452

**Travel angel**

My daughter Chandana (14) would like to visit her father in Vancouver, Canada this summer and would like to travel along with someone both ways. Her travelling period is flexible from the 24th of April onwards and latest return date 4th of July. Are you her guiding angel? If yes, please contact me asap. Aurora 94435-35087

**House items**

We are looking to buy a double mattress, 2 single mattresses, a fridge, a gas oven. Elise and John: 9159352906
LOST & FOUND

Mobile Phone (Lost): I lost my mobile phone (basic Nokia100) between Creativity and Bharat Nivas Saturday 13/2/2016 evening about 5.45 pm. Thanks for any help! Contact: ivana@auroville.org.in - My neighbor’s phone: 01432622351, 9659968588 - Ivana

Wallet (Lost): Travel wallet style, dark blue with black neck stripe. Call 9786775818. Thanks. Sabine

Reading Glasses (Lost): Last week, in Town Hall area, my reading glasses have "disappeared": pinkish frame, inside a transparent box marked "Sri Aurobindo Hospital". Badly need them! Thanks for the help: anandi7@auroville.org.in - 2622547. Anandi (Realisation)

Missing Dog: Missing since Sunday 7th February: Sacha, a medium sized, rather plump, light tan colored, short haired mixed breed dog, wearing a thin brown collar (no name), very friendly and fond of jumping onto motorbikes with the rider, very responsive to his name. Any information leading to his recovery will be suitably appreciated. Please contact Needam Guest House: 2622359 or 94438-44339. Amrit

Set of Keys (lost): I have lost my keys last Friday, I think they are somewhere in Surrender, I might have lost them at the parking. It’s a big set of keys with about four keys in total; there is a hook on them as well. If anyone found them, please call Gala: 8524953475/9943921916 - Thank you, Christine & Gala

Straw Hat (lost): We lost a straw hat on the way from Verite to Creativity in the evening of Feb 9th. If found, please kindly call / SMS 894.073.2119 or email to: yoonji.email@gmail.com. Thank you! - YoonJi & Iwu

THANK YOU

Thanks Balu

Dear All,
We wish to thank our friend and colleague Balu for his valuable service and time given at the Auroville Housing Service. We offer our blessings to whatever awaits you next, may you find success and humble beginnings in whatever you decide to pursue!
The Auroville Housing Service Team

Jazz Reflections says thanks

I want to publicly express gratitude regarding the concert offered last Saturday night at Pitanga.

APPEAL

A CALL TO CREATE A VISION BOARD

We need your inspiration, creativity and unique expression to help us come up with a collective vision board that will spark the visual identity of the 50th anniversary.

Please send us an image of a drawing, a feeling, a photo, a symbol... anything that captures your heart, fuels your imagination and shows us what Auroville looks like to you on this occasion.

Format: jpeg (ONLY)
Deadline: February 24th
Send your submissions to: 50thavom@gmail.com

We look forward to receiving your ideas.

Fabienne and Mariana [Communication and Liaison for the 50th Anniversary]

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting1: We are a Newcomer family, Juan (from Spain), Allison (from Taiwan) and Nalia (4 years old), looking for long-term house-sitting. We enjoy being with animals and nature and looking after things. If you are to be away and need house-sitters, please call Juan 7094896922/ juan@auroville.org.in or Ally 7639318999/ ally@auroville.org.in. Best regards, Juan & Ally

House sitting2: We, 2 German long-term volunteers (Weltwärts), are in need of a place to stay for one or the two of us! As soon as possible, as long as possible. But we are open to everything and happy to look after your house, garden, pets etc. Please contact us: 7639318737 or ja_me96@yahoo.de. Love, Catha and Jana

House sitting3: We are Pallavi and Nandini, long-term volunteers looking for home stay or house-sitting opportunities in Auroville from March onwards. We'll be in Auroville for 6 months and would love to take care of your pets, garden and/or bike. We like to keep our place clean and organised and would be happy to take care of your house. Please feel free to contact us through mail: agarwal.nandini@gmail.com / pallavi.malkarnekar@gmail.com or call 9943576293: Nandini

House sitting4: We are a NC family of 4, looking for a long term house-sitting (more than 1 year). Small houses which can fit a flexible family will do as well. Sent with love, Ohad & Priscilla Mobile 9443763298 . Landline 2623107
**T A X I  S H A R I N G**

**February 20th:** Leaving Auroville for Chennai airport around 3pm. Contact Chantal 7092827213. Thank you

**February 20th:** Taxi to / from Chennai airport on Feb 20th, if you want to share a taxi with my friend Regine, who arrives on sat, 20th at 8.15 am, or use the empty taxi on its way to the airport, please contact Katj, tel: 8489265342, email: katj.hoetger@web.de

**February 22nd:** Share a taxi to Chennai Airport, leaving Auroville at 2 am. Contact Margaret at Athiti Griha - Tel: 8531809297

**February 22nd:** Dear all, a friend and I will travel from Auroville to Chennai airport at 1:00pm on Monday, 22nd February. 1 seat for another person with light luggage is available (Auroville-Chennai). For the way back (Chennai airport - Auroville) all seats are available. For taxi sharing (either way), please call or send an SMS 09650826622 or email stefangebert@gmail.com - Stefan

**February 23rd:** I will arrive at Chennai airport late in the night (23:55) and go to Auroville, 2 seats available for Chennai airport - Auroville. The car can leave Auroville in the morning and reach Chennai airport to wait there (all seats available). For taxi sharing (either way), please call or send an SMS 09650826622 or email stefangebert@gmail.com - Stefan

**February 23rd:** Leaving Auroville at 7 am to Chennai airport. Contact Rollo: rolloromig@gmail.com or 08525019375 - Rollo

**February 25th:** To Chennai Airport from Auroville leaving between 4-5 pm. Please contact if you’d like to share the journey. verity.thorburn@gmail.com or 8979601163. Verity

**February 26th:** My flight is leaving from Chennai Airport at 6am on 26/02/16. If you are interested in sharing the taxi leaving Auroville at around midnight or to take the taxi returning to Auroville please contact me: Sonia_mp77@gmail.com Sonia

**February 27th:** To Chennai Airport, leaving Auroville on 27th Feb. in the afternoon. Contact: sudhir@aurowlive.org.in, 9486268021. Sudhir

**February 29th:** Departure to Chennai Airport, the 29th of February at 9:30 pm. Please contact Laurence: 8098286507

**March 1st:** Trip to Chennai airport on March 1st early morning, sharing both ways, Sigrid 9626006961 or sigrid@aurowlive.org.in

**March 2nd:** From Auroville to Chennai Airport on the 2nd March around 4-5 am. The taxi is with 4 seats available. The way back to Auroville is full. Please email: ally@aurowlive.org.in or call: 7639318959. Ally

**March 2nd:** Leaving Mach 2nd at 2.30 am from Av to Chennai Airport. Can be shared both ways. Please contact Nathalie: natnat101@hotmail.com / 9159090761.

**March 3rd:** To and from Aravind Eye Hospital (south of Pondy) on 3/3. On Thursday 3 March, taxi from Auroville at 8:30 am and returning about noon for the Aravind Eye Hospital south of Pondy. This is sufficient time for the eye examinations/glasses/etc. Please contact B by email bgr8ful@auroville.org.in. Thanks, B

**March 5th:** Leaving Auroville for Chennai Airport around 9 pm. Email: evelyneguinouard@wanadoo.fr. Thanks. Evelyne AVI France

**March 6th:** I will arrive at Chennai Airport at 9.45 pm on March 6th. If someone is interesting to share the taxi to Auroville please let me know. Contact: sunja.fr@gmail.com - Julie

**W O R K  O P P O R T U N I T I E S**

**Sound/ visual engineer needed for Unity Pavilion**

Unity Pavilion is looking for one or two people familiar with sound and projector systems to help us during events and large meetings.

As of now we have no maintenance available for this work but if someone takes it up fully and shows commitment and dedication support will be provided.

Please contact: Unity pavilion, 2623576, unitypavilion@aurowlive.org.in

Thank you!

**H E A L T H**

**Magnesium Chloride**

Dear Community,

Magnesium Chloride in sachets (from France) is now available in the Pharmacy.

**Pharmacy AvHC**

**Integral Health**

Classical homeopathy transpersonal regression therapy child care

Presentation on PC Remedies and “Harmony and Samata” - February 22nd 4 pm. at Integral Health, Prayatna.

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

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

Sigrid will be out of station March 1st to 10th, but available online and by mobile.

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

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

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**Sunja**
**Malar** is managing the office, mailing of remedies, the First Aid Kits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12 am.

You are welcome to contact us at: integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue. Please make an appointment beforehand via Integral Health, Prayatna 2623669

Sigrid  sigrid@auroville.org.in, www.sigrilindemann.de/Peter  peterh@auroville.org.in, mobile 9787698464, Ingo ingo@auroville.org.in 9489325085 /Malar malar@auroville.org.in 9585012007

More information is available on: www.sigrilindemann.com

From Auroville Village Action Group

**Health Camp with PIMS Hospital:** this Saturday, February 20th for free checkups with special emphasis on diabetes. Please especially encourage your workers to come.

**Nammal Mudiyam - The “We Can” Project:** Young women and men of Edayanchavady village have identified alcohol addiction as a primary cause of poverty, violence and lack of household resources. They want to highlight these issues, set up supportive structures for change and reposition a new story of a healthy, empowered, socially engaged village leading positive change. The project begins with a one-day wellbeing campaign that highlights the effects of alcoholism through related talks, drama, film, art, martial arts and therapy in Edayanchavady Temple Square. February 28th, 4.30 pm to 8 pm, see full schedule in next week’s news.

**Counselling for Families of Alcoholics:** Village action team in partnership with Mothercare Detox Centre and NGO hold counselling session for families of alcoholics each Saturday morning. Please drop by for free advice and support.

Auroville Village Action Group, Irumbai. 0413- 2677187, avagoffice@auroville.org.in

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**SPORTS**

Pondicherry Equestrian Challenge (Pec) 2016

Red Earth Riding School warmly invites you to the Pondicherry Equestrian Challenge 2016, which will take place between Friday 26th and Sunday 28th February, and Thursday 3rd and Sunday 6th March.

Riders from Bangalore, Chennai, Coimbatore and Tirupur will be participating alongside our team of riders from Auroville.

**Schedule**

(Please note that events will take place between 6.30 am and 9 am, and then resume from 4 pm to 6 pm)

**Friday 26th**
Show jumping: 90 cm, 100 cm, 110 cm & 120 cm

**Saturday 27th**
Show jumping: 90 cm, 100 cm, 115 cm & 130 cm

**Sunday 28th**
Show jumping: 90 cm, 105 cm, Petit Grand Prix 120 cm & Grand Prix 135 cm

Thursday 3rd - Dressage

**IDDL Dressage**

Friday 4th
IDDL Dressage and Show jumping: 105 cm & 120 cm

Saturday 5th
Show jumping: 90 cm, 120 cm, 6 bars & 105 cm

Sunday 6th
Show jumping: 90 cm, 105 cm, Petit Grand Prix 120 cm & Grand Prix 135 cm

The snack bar will offer breakfast, and Roma’s Kitchen will run a booth with delicious snacks.

For the duration of the tournament, there will be no regular classes taking place, but we hope you will come and watch the events! We look forward to seeing you there!

Red Earth Team (FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ANNA - 9489587700)

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**TRAVEL**

**Latest Offers from Airlines:**

Oman Air introduced special fares to Europe
Emirates has special offers to USA
Emirates had extended their special offer to Europe till the 21st of February
Qatar Airways introduced new flights to Boston and Birmingham and special offers to other destinations in Europe till the 28th of February
Etihad Airways has special fares to Europe.

Jet Airways has special offers to all their destinations
Hotels: International and Domestic Hotel bookings can also be done at discounted rates through us / International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622078, travelshop@auroville.org.in, Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 - 2622047, insideindia@auroville.org.in

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**EATING OUT**

**Fish barbecue night**

Venue: Joy Guesthouse garden
Date: Friday 26th of February
Time: 7 to 8 pm

We are happy to announce a beautiful night in great accompany, reminding special Mediterranean summers.
Prawns, squids, fish and lots of vegetables (for the vegetarian friends) from the grill, a great salad and even watermelon to refresh before enjoying a British cult comedy (“And Now for Something Completely Different” by the Monty Pyhton’s). A feast for those with a light heart.

Advance reservation required, please either call (04132622584 or 9442328120) or email joycommunity@auroville.org.in or pass by. Fixed contribution from guests; free donation from Auroviilians, Newcomers and SAVI registered volunteers (please bring your card). Joy Community Team :-)

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Growing Rice for Auroville

Harvest in Nine Palms

A sense of amazing peace and unexpected joy seizes me as I walk towards the golden field in front of me, surrounded by forests, a small ariva (sickle) in hand. After the briefest of explanations how to cut and heap the mature rice stalks, I join the other harvesters in the field to do the most natural thing in the world as if I had always done it. The deep silence of this place is the backdrop to voices of birds and the hum of insects, and the distant, harmonious murmur of conversations by others who have come for the day to help with the harvest. “We will have an easy start, not before 9am, as the sun has to dry the rice plants before we cut them”, we had been told by the stewards of Nine Palms, one of Auroville’s oldest farm and forest places tucked away in the Northern greenbelt.

As my hands do the cutting and my eyes encounter ladybirds, butterflies and a multitude of critters, Ingrid who with her grown-up children looks after the farm, shares with me from her rich experience of decades of farming on this land, from the unimaginably simple conditions and the challenges of the first years. She explains the special nutritional qualities of this traditional type of red rice, which is entirely monsoon-fed and takes five months to ripen (compared to three as with most modern varieties). ‘Thanks to the abundant monsoon we are a bit late in the season, but look how full the panicles are; this is an excellent harvest! We have had meagre years where we barely got back what we had sown… Regardless, harvesting time is always a joy and a celebration, and more so this year. Klaus would have loved it and it feels like he is here with us!’

The bundles lying in rows across the fields are gathered and carried to the nearby thrashing floor, where a small strong-armed team and two bullocks are engaged in separating the paddy from the straw. A timeless method, as close to zero-footprint as it gets, carbon-neutral and perfectly beneficial to the whole circle of Nature, from the soil to humans and everything in between. Harvest done for the day, it takes me less than 10 minutes to cycle back to Matrimandir, yet I am lingering in this world I’ve been allowed to enter, so amazing and precious, as if a well-kept secret, and part of this incredible diversity that is Auroville!

Mainstay Annapurna

Meanwhile, most of the Auroville-grown rice we find in our food outlets and community kitchens comes from Annapurna. Auroville’s largest farm, with a total of 135 acres, grows traditional varieties of brown rice, red rice and a few white table rice types, as well as a few varieties for the sake of preservation. Here, the larger scope of production requires a very different style of farming. As steward Tomas shares: ‘Small scale is wonderful; one can be more intensely involved and participate in the cultivation with community members. Once the scale goes up, labour becomes the first bottleneck, and some mechanisation is inevitable. One has to do careful planning. We sow seedbed every 10 days, which covers 2 acres of land. So when we do 14 acres, we are busy for more than two months with field preparing and planting. If we go slower, we end up too late in the season and will have water problems later. Also our traditional rice varieties are season-bound and need to be sown at the right moment.’

All of Annapurna’s rice is irrigated - the farm has a large rainwater catchment pond - and transplanted. ‘We have stopped dryland rice due to high labour costs and relatively low yields. Erratic rains are also difficult. We don’t grow a second paddy crop; most land gets sown under green manure which is grazed on a rotational base during the summer; we try to integrate the dairy into the field crops. We do grow small amounts of pulses, sesame and ragi after the rice.’

Asked about the effect of the recent monsoon, Tomas says that some millets (dryland crops) have suffered, such as varagu and kudravalli, as well as the early-maturing rice. ‘Also the cattle had a tough time in the mud for so long!’ Annapurna’s total rice yield is presently around 10-12 tons, with variations from year to year. Efforts are being made to increase the yield and make it more viable, but so far this has not been easy.

The good news is that - after a few years of misconceptions which had led to an astonishing surplus in Auroville’s rice store - since last year, our own, locally grown and organic boiled rice is again used at Solar Kitchen. As Tomas explains, ‘right now the flow of rice which goes there is good, because on our side we also have to keep up with the processing. If the demand continues to increase, we will at some point run out of rice because right now consumption exceeds production!’

Irumbai lands, rice basket for Auroville

Fortunately, Annapurna with its black cotton soil, where the majority of Auroville’s rice is grown and practically all our grains are processed and stored, is not the only rice-producing farm in Auroville. Several farms within the greenbelt grow smaller rice crops, such as Solitude, Ayarpadi and Siddharta Farm. Of particular significance is Siddharta Farm, due to its location in direct vicinity of Irumbai Lake, Auroville’s only major Eri, or traditional rainwater catchment tank. Known for its rice, sugarcane jaggery and peanut butter, this farm has naturally rich soil, and after a good monsoon the lake yields irrigation water until May, allowing for a second rice crop after Pongal. Steward Herbert explains how the present production of 4 tons can be expanded to 8 per year, and a second crop could again double that amount. And there is more to this area: If Auroville is to move towards self-sufficiency in basic food supplies, these fertile, traditional paddy fields are a vital key. Important plots neighbouring Siddharta farm are presently available, and are part of the efforts of the GreenAcres campaign. The video ‘Irumbai: A Bridge between the Past & the Future’ - at https://vimeo.com/15461457 - beautifully illustrates their potential.

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

Sunday walk

Farms & Forests

Revelation forest

Sunday 21 February, 3.30-6 pm: Revelation with Patrick (tel 2622 683)

Spread over an area of 85 acres in the north of Auroville is one of the oldest, most expansive and beautiful forests in the region. It comprises orchards, a forested park and a large forest sanctuary, which has allowed a rich diversity of birds and wildlife to return. Activities in Revelation centre around holistic conservation - soil, water diversity, with
Proposed road through Windarra

The Farm Group and residents of Windarra are deeply concerned about the proposed road through Windarra which was recently communicated through the AVNet and News and Notes. Our thoughts are as follows:

1. We cannot understand why TDC has made this announcement about a road through Windarra before speaking to the residents of Windarra and the Farm Group. This makes a complete mockery of what is supposed to be a participatory planning process which is supposed to include the whole community and should surely start by speaking to those likely to be most affected.

2. Many years ago the Farm Group came to an agreement with the Industrial Zone group that there should be a road along the north side Windarra. The Farm Group had already taken this into account when the land was allocated to Murthy and Hendrik for Auropsirol. We do not see why the road is supposedly now ‘too close’ to Auropsirol.

3. In the light of this we cannot understand why having a road through the centre of Windarra is presumed to be ‘the only’ or ‘the best’ solution. You are proposing to have a wide road through good farm land which, because of its proximity to most of the farm, will bring into question its organic credentials. To suggest that this will be mitigated by there being a gate/barrier at each end is nonsensical as it will not stop the traffic which will only increase once there is a wide road in situ.

4. Windarra farm is in the process of being reorganised as a result of the arbitration decision with farm assets being reallocated. The road would drive a wedge through this agreement as well as through the farm.

5. Putting a road through some of the best farm land in Auroville, even if its potential has yet to be fully realized, speaks volumes about the value, or in this case non value, that TDC puts on one of Auroville’s most precious resources. Many people have laboured long and hard on the land of Windarra to increase its fertility and productivity. Putting a road on this land would show to the world the ‘city that the earth needs’ when we treat our farm land with such contempt which is what we so see in so many places in India that Auroville does not care about its farm land, the hard work that has been done there or its future food security. How can we be long and hard on the land of Windarra to increase its fertility and productivity. Putting a road on this land would show to the world about the value, or in this case non value, that TDC puts on one of Auroville’s most precious resources. Many people have laboured long and hard on the land of Windarra to increase its fertility and productivity. Putting a road on this land would show to the world how together we care equally for the whole of Auroville.

We therefore request that TDC should suspend all discussions and activities related to this proposed road until the Farm Group and Windarra residents have discussed this issue with TDC.

For more information please contact Vivek - farmgroup@auroville.org.in

Join hands towards Landing Auroville fully

When I first brought up the possibility that all Aurovilians could participate and take responsibility to secure the land of Auroville, I was told that there were about 80 Aurovilians who would make a monthly recurring contribution towards the land. With the feeling of urgency about the land and with Mothers words about the power of collective aspiration in mind, how she says that it can change circumstances, there was a longing to see what happened if we would shift to a space where we all contributed regularly. Maybe we could even get every account in Financial Service to run a trickle towards the land every month. Imagine the force of manifestation we would be able to create collectively.

It is not about the amount, rivers are built by trickles, even when one river joins and reinforced by another, the preceding process has been the same.

During the Landing Auroville Day at the Unity Pavilion, 10 new recurring monthly donations were signed up for a total of Rs 2,950 per month. These ten contributions amount to Rs 35,400 per year more! It shows how quickly small flows get large together! And between the three accounts; LFAU, A4A and GreenAcres, these ten recurring contributions were distributed in a way which shows clearly how together we care equally for the whole of Auroville.

Please join this effort; Sign up with Financial Service for a monthly contribution from your account/s towards the land. You can specify for LFAU, A4A or GreenAcres. All contributions are equally important; it is participation, care and concern, not the amount, that matters.

Last week I received a mail about a fellow Aurovillian who was happy with this approach which made her/him feel comfortable (and not embarrassed) to donate a small amount - but regularly!

So do not hesitate, let’s join hands for Landing Auroville fully.

With love and full appreciation for what so many of us are already doing and contributing,

Jaya
The key role of Artists in Auroville

“The artist is an agent, a channel, his art is a means of expressing his relations with the Divine ... an artist should be capable of entering into communion with the Divine and of receiving inspiration about what form or forms ought to be used to express the Divine beauty in matter.” The Mother

The artists, by their sensitivity, are the ones who are more open to the action of the Force, which circulates in Auroville. Through their art, they are also the ones who can express, manifest in matter the invisible vibrant reality one feels in Auroville’s atmosphere. They are capable of seizing the golden thread that weaves the fabric of this city of Dawn, and of revealing (or interpreting) its messages. This can be seen in the graphic works of Aurovilians artists, exposed regularly here and there, as in other forms of art, music, sculpture, decorative, architectural, landscaping, etc.

Auroville is obviously not a mental conception. In fact, when the planners are trying to impose their views on the development of Auroville, it never works. This is going beyond the mind and its narrow limitations, and this is where artistic intuition becomes important. Artists are like lighthouses, illuminating the dark or mists of the future; they reveal, open perspectives that others cannot see. It is in this sense that they are an essential component of the life and the future of Auroville.

Christian Feuillette

The Relationship among the Crystal and the Symbols of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

Everyone is attracted to experience the chamber meditation in Matrimandir. There we notice a big crystal supported by the four symbols of Sri Aurobindo resting over the Mother’s symbol. If we understand the relationship among them, our meditation would be more meaningful, comprehensive and effective. Sri Aurobindo has explained in detail the relationship among them under the heading ‘The Divine Plan’ in ‘The Hour of God’.

From the schematic diagram we can understand the truth of the relationship among the crystal, Sri Aurobindo’s symbol and the Mother’s symbol. The greater circle represents the crystal, the Supreme ‘TAT’ of the Upanishad. About ‘TAT’ Sri Aurobindo says that it contains all, limited by nothing. The Supreme is also called ‘paratpara’, the Absolute transcendent. In the diagram the symbol of Sri Aurobindo within the greater circle represents ‘SAT’, which is the supreme self-contained Absolute Existence, ‘satchitananda’. Sri Aurobindo says that ‘satchitananda’ is formed within the Supreme which is capable of creating thousands of ‘satchitananda’. In the diagram the symbols + and - represent the dual principle, He and She, i.e., ‘parameshwara’ and ‘parameshwari’. The figure ‘Om’ with the four small circles within the greater circle represents the four-fold principle which ‘satchitananda’ uses along with the dual principle to manifest the first four worlds ‘satyaloka’, ‘chaitanyaloka’, ‘tapoloka’ and ‘anandaloka’.

‘Aditi’, the Mother, is not seen in the diagram. But in Matrimandir Sri Aurobindo’s symbol supporting the crystal rests on the Mother’s symbol which represents ‘aditi’, the indivisible Conscious-force and Ananda of the Supreme, its living dynamics. She contains in herself the Supreme during the manifestation and upholds all the universes.

Some may wonder whether the present arrangement of Sri Aurobindo’s symbol supporting the crystal is right. They think how ‘SAT’ (Sri Aurobindo’s Symbol), which is such a small thing in size (as in the diagram), could support (crystal) whose immensity of size is immeasurable. This arrangement may look absurd and illogical. This attitude is due to the wrong perception of physical sense. In the spiritual perception of things this difficulty is overcome by the fact that ‘SAT’ is the supreme self-contained Absolute Existence, ‘satchitananda’ and ‘TAT’ is involved in it. The Upanishad says that ‘TAT’ (the Supreme) is present in all and all in ‘TAT’. Similarly we are supposed to consider the crystal, Sri Aurobindo’s symbol and the Mother’s symbol as inseparable parts of one unit.

So the present arrangement of Sri Aurobindo’s symbol supporting the crystal and standing on the Mother’s symbol is logically sound and perfectly right. The problem is how we are going to use them during the chamber meditation in Matrimandir.

Ref: Sri Aurobindo, The Hour of God, Vol. 17, pp.28-32

Submitted by Somasundaram

For your calendar

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
INVITATIONS

International Reading Evening and Pot Luck in Joy Guest House
Wednesday the 24th of February from 6:00 pm onwards.

Listen to the music of the words and share the taste of international food
Come and join us for this delightful gathering in which we will share a beautiful expression of different cultures living together in Auroville.

Reading will occur from 6:00 to 7:00 pm
You will experience live readings in Chinese, Japanese, Bengali, Tamil, Old English, Russian, Hebrew and Arabic.

Pot luck will happen after 7:00 pm
Please bring one dish from your country if you wish to participate in the pot luck

We look forward to seeing you and enjoying a magical evening together!
Laurence and Mariana, for Joy Community

A Peace Meditation in the Light of the Supramental
Thursday 25th of February 2016, at 5 pm
Around the Nakashima Sacred Peace Table
Unity Pavilion, Hall of Peace
Global Connection III: Auroville, New York City, Moscow
Everyone is Welcome

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

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

Tuesday - March 7th, from 4.00 pm to 7.30 pm at SAWCHU building, Bharat Nivas.
Kolam competition: The Kolam patterns are mostly created based on dots arranged in different types of grid patterns. However, many non-dot based Kolam patterns also are available. The purpose of Kolam is not merely decorative. Kolam drawing has several social, spiritual and symbolic meanings attached to it. Those who practice it believe that drawing a Kolam purifies the entrance space and this in turn will invite the goddess of wealth Laxmi to enter the house. This they believe would give the inmates all wealth and prosperity.

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

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

Need a Support: The full program will cost Rs. 12,500. We always welcome your small or big contributions which are the biggest help for us. Send your valuable contribution to our Pour Tous account number: 103868.
Your encouragement and support can be exhibited by sending the women who are working at your units & houses to this programme.
After all it’s a day of enjoyment for the women together.

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

Evergreen horses fundraiser
Come one, come all, to the Evergreen horses fundraiser on the 28th of February from 2 pm to 5:30 pm.
There will be stands with stuffies, macrame, crochet, pottery, Bags, pots & plants, t-shirts and of course the tombola! There will also be snacks & drinks and pony rides for the little ones.

Hope to see you there.
Evergreen horses’ team

International zone general meeting
All those wondering and participating in the activities and development of the International Zone are most welcome to this special meeting highlighting the work of the Coordination Team, the Pavilion Groups, and of the Auroville Internationals within a forum of presentation and discussion to call the Future.
Now is a key moment as temporary and permanent residences, temporary pavilions, and infrastructure begin to enliven the Zone towards a renaissance for the Fiftieth Birthday of Auroville.

Monday 22 February at 3 pm in Unity Pavilion
The International Zone Coordination Team

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Tree Plantings at Sacred Groves on Auroville’s Birthday

On Auroville’s Birthday (February 28th) at 5 pm there will be a tree planting in Sacred Groves. This is in the central area of Sacred Groves where a Vaastu Study Group identified an energy point related to Auroville’s ancestry, and a stone was placed there last year.

A few trees have already been planted there in honor of people associated with Auroville to respect their memory, and in gratitude for all those who have gone before us as “ancestors” in this Auroville adventure. On this occasion, trees will be planted for Kireet Joshi, William Netter, Njal, Joy Calvert, Edith Schnapper, Juanita Cole, and one for those not mentioned in this particular planting.

Using the Vaastu tradition, the area is laid out according to a mandala pattern which is already arranged as a permanent grove of trees to connect energies for the realization of Auroville.

All are welcome to share in this event.

A Collaboration of Individuals, the Vaastu Study Group, AVI USA and UK, and Sacred Groves

International Zone America Event for 29th February

On 29th February at 10:30 am in the International Zone where the activities and pavilions of the American Continent are to come, there will be a ceremonial gathering to dedicate the area on this special Golden Day.

The American Continental area is partly in the Darkali Community and Matrimandir Nursery. There is an open field within the Darkali fence that can be accessed by continuing past the Matrimandir Nursery entrance gate down the rough road that goes to the village. Just after the nursery gate there is a small path on the right to a gate that opens onto the site for the dedication.

America designates North, Central and South America as one continent expressive of a new world of unity in diversity.

All are welcome to share this event.

International Zone Coordination Team with the support of Auroville International and the Darkali Community

Science Fair 2016

Dear Science lovers,

We ASSET (Auroville Schools Science & Educational Training) Centre warmly invite U all for our Science Fair 2016.

Date: 22nd Feb 2016

Time: 9.45 am – 12.30 pm & 1. 30 pm to 4.30 pm

Venue: NESS (New Era Secondary School, Kuirapalayam, Auroville)

Pavilion De France and Les Baladantes

Present AUROLIRE, reading festival at the Unity Pavilion

WRITERS EVENING

Monday 22nd February 2016

At 6:00 pm in French / At 6:45 pm in English,

Snacks will be served

With Mirajyoti, Monique, Ann, Anu, Allison, Nishta, Yanne, Yéronique, François, Janaka, Croquette

Contact Florence 7639322654 / lesbaladantes@gmail.com

Bhavishyate

Sri Aurobindo Centre of Studies, India and the World, Bharat Nivas

Many of us will recall the presence of the round building in Bharat Nivas, the centre for Indian Culture (CIC) which was, for long, a centre for the Community to come together. There is now a new place for this work known as:

Bhavishyaté - Sri Aurobindo Centre of Studies - India and the World

This has been designed/constructed by Suhasini, under the guidance of Dr. B. V. Doshi. This building forms a cluster with the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium and Kala Kendra, around the Peepal Tree in Bharat Nivas.

The Centre now opens its doors to the Community to share this new space, even though some finishing touches still remain!

Please come on Friday, February 27th, from 4 - 6 pm.

We have created a brochure on the theme which forms the basis of this work.

Time Presses...it will not wait!

We will read it together in a ‘meditative togetherness’!

And then gather around the Peepal Tree for a cup of tea.

Welcome everyone

Love from Bharat Nivas group

Sourcing Our Oneness

Dear Friends,

Let us celebrate the 48th birthday of Auroville by joining hands and working together.

The Sourcing Our Oneness initiative (a joint venture between Auroville and Ashram-related organizations) is organizing a morning of collective work at Bharat Nivas compound led by The Golden Chain Fraternity and Bharat Nivas Group.

All are invited to join in.

If you want to participate in cleaning and gardening on 28th of February from 7-11 am please register before 23rd of February by sending an e-mail to: helenab@auroville.org.in www.allforwaterforall.org with your name and contact number!

Limited number of participants!

More information: https://www.auroville.org.in/group/sourcing-our-oness
Meditation with the Peace Bell
27th February, Saturday, 5.30 to 6.15 pm
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone of Auroville

We invite you to meditate together to create a space of Peace inside ourselves. The deep resonating sound of the Peace Bell will help us enter inside and focus our intention. During this meditation anybody can express his beautiful aspiration in ringing the Peace Bell. Let the resonance fill us with the vibration of inner peace.

Vera and the Peace Bell team

EXHIBITIONS

UP CYCLING EXHIBITION
By Marc, Ok and Orly
@ UPCYCLING STUDIO IN UDAVI SCOOL
Inauguration 4-7 pm, 20 February
10am-4pm, 21-27 February 2016
Please come with your clean waste plastic bag, we recycle them together

IN D I A
photographs by Olivier Barot

CITADYN ART GALLERY
Opening : Thursday, February 25th from 4.30 to 7 pm · Parking Town Hall
From February 25 to March 12 . · Monday to Saturday . 14.30 to 17.30 pm
Sundays morning only from 10 to 1 pm.

Bringing a bridge between Auroville and its Neighbour
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture presents the work done by R.Nagappan on cotton and silk painting using his creative on different objectives.
You are invited to get the glimpse of his recent work done from
From the 19th until the 29th of February 2016.
opening hours from 9 to 12.30. and 2 to 5 pm.
Sundays morning only from 10 to 1 pm.

An Exhibition on Snakes and Nature
Thursday, Feb. 25th between 2 and 5 pm
At Visitors' Centre, near the canyon, between VC parking and visitors' entrance.
Please come experience nature with some exchange of knowledge.
Children especially welcome!

This exhibition is offered by Dr. Shristi Bhargava, a neurophysiotherapist by profession, who is an active wildlife conservationist and photographer. While pursuing her Bachelors in Udaipur, Shristi worked as a conservationist with the Wild Animal Rescue Centre Udaipur specializing in snakes and reptiles.
For Shristi photography is an important source from which she can show the world how beautiful the nature and wildlife is.
Mountain of Light - Arunachala

Presented by KALA KENDRA - Centre for Arts, BHARAT NIVAS - The Pavilion of India
A photographic homage to the sacred hill and its devotees in Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu
By Dev Gogoi

Dev Gogoi is the author of "Arunachala Mountain of Light", a monograph of photographs that received an Honorable Mention at the prestigious PX3, the Paris Prix de la Photography Awards. He was a member of the team that established the Sri Ramanasramam Photographic Archive. He lives and works in Tiruvannamalai.

From Saturday 20th of February, 2016 till Thursday 5th of March, 2016
Inauguration on Saturday the 20th of February, 2016 at 5:30 pm
(Refreshments will be served)
Gallery Timings: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
All are welcome

T A L K S, S E M I N A R S

Insight Seminars invites you to 'INTERACTIVE SESSIONS on AUROVILLE'.
Introductory sessions for those wishing to explore various aspects of Auroville; whether they are Guests, Newcomers or Aurovilians.

**Auroville Economy & Organisation:** 22nd February 2016, Monday
Presented by Bunty

Introduction to the Vision and Concept of Auroville: 23rd February 2016, Tuesday
Presented by Shivaya

Technology Training in Auroville: 24th February 2016, Wednesday
Presented by Lavkamad

Farming in Auroville: 25th February 2016, Thursday
Presented by Priya

Education in Auroville: 26th February 2016, Friday
Presented by Deepti

Time: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. including question and answer session.
Venue: Insight Seminar room, Ground Floor, in the Inside India building - Auroshilpam (opposite CSR; behind Auromode Guest-house).

*The presentations are free of charge. Anyone may walk in.

Cinema Paradiso

Presents
A Conference on Consciousness
Third in the series of 4 seminars, followed by Q&A
Dates: 22 February 2016.
Time: 4 pm - 6 pm @ MMC/Cinema Paradiso
Title: Consciousness and the Triple Transformation (as described by Mother & Sri Aurobindo)
The psychic transformation, the spiritual transformation, the supra-mental transformation
Presenter: Ananda (See details on Auronet)

The true story of Auroville's birth?
One more step forward 12 months after
You are warmly invited to participate to an experimental event:
Sunday 28th evening followed by Monday 29th February morning
At Unity Pavilion.

Program
28 Feb evening
6.00 beginning of registration (door will be closed at 6.20)
6.30 pm: Dinner served in Oryoki style
7.30 pm: The story on how and why Sri Aurobindo passed away... and how Auroville was conceived from behind the veil.
8.30 pm: End of the evening

29 Feb morning
9.30 to 12.00 am: 29 February 2016, 60 years after the first manifestation of the Supramental Consciousness, can we contribute to open the future together?
The space is allowing us to welcome only 70 people at a time.
You can sign up by email until 24th February: aspiration@auroville.org.in
We will keep you informed.

Warmly
The Aspiration Team
In the wave of the Retreat and the 50th anniversary of Auroville
Savitri Study Camp
Led by Dr. Alok Pandey
At Sri Aurobindo Society Beach Office
February 22 - 28, 1916
Continuing study of Book Seven - The Book of Yoga
There will usually be two sessions daily
5.15 - 6.00 pm and 6.15 - 7.00 pm

CULTURAL EVENTS

Reminder: Songs & Poems of Kabir
In Original, with English Translations
Presented by Sehdev Kumar
(Based on his book, The Vision of Kabir)
Accompanied by
Monica Lakshmi on the Singing Bowl
Chandresh on the Flute
Kabir, a 15th century weaver-sage,
is one of most loved and admired mystical poets of the world.
Place: Unity Pavilion
Saturday, February 20, 2016
7:30 - 9:00 pm
All are welcome.

First Full Moon Festival
Sunday, February 21st 4 pm at Unity Pavilion

Asian Culture Fair
16:00-16:50: (at the front yard of Unity Pavilion)
- Chinese Calligraphy, Traditional knotting*, Traditional Games (fortune touching),
  Paper Cutting
- Japanese Traditional Origami*
- Korean Traditional Mask Making, Traditional Games (Yut-nori), Tea Ceremony*
* indicates an indoor program
- Tea Bar

Cultural Performances (main hall)
17:00 - 17:05: Opening speech
17:05 - 17:15: Sound invocation: Mario
17:15 - 17:25: Chinese painting demonstration: Master Liu Biaohong
17:25 - 17:40: Traditional Chinese music instrument play: Duan
  Slide Show of Master Liu Biaohong’s painting Work
17:40 - 17:50: Classic Guitar: Yunkung plays “Arirang”
17:50 - 17:55: Aikido Demonstration - Ananda & Michiko
17:55 - 18:00: Choir “Spring in my hometown”: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Ananda
18:00: Exhibition of the completed painting

Asian Dinner (garden, booking by email to: koreanpavilion@auroville.org.in)
18:00 - 19:30: Chinese, Japanese, and Korean cuisine (Japanese dish: Teriyaki Tofu, Okonomiyaki (Japanese pancake), Seaweed Miso soup - Korean dish: Kimpbap (Korean sushi), kimchi (Korean salad), Rice cake dessert - Chinese dish: Vegetable Skewer, Cold Noodles) and green tea, herbal tea and juice

19:30 - 19:40: Floating Chinese Sky Lanterns

Latin-American Activities
27th at 8 pm: Capoeira, Latin-American songs, poems and Tango Milonga - at Visitor Centre
With Jivatman, Marlenka, Trovadores and Auroville Tango.
Argentine Empanadas will be for eating too.

29th at 10.30 am: Opening Celebration, together with the USA and Canada - America One at Darkali (coming through the small gate after the Nursery, right side)
Flowers and incense, Welcome!

Till 15th of March: "Andes" - Bolivia and Peru - Photos by Jacky at the Aurelec Cafeteria, from 8 to 5 pm.
Anandi
Bharat Nivas
Presents a concert of Indian Devotional Music
Offered by Rashmi BHAT: Tabla
Shastro: Indian Bamboo Flute and also Clarinet
Lakshmi Santra, Singer and Harmonium player.

Venue: India Space (White Hall, Entrance Gate of the Archives) Bharat Nivas, Auroville.
Saturday, 27 February 2016. 7.30 pm

Short Introduction
The above three musicians will meet from three different traditions in Auroville for the first time. Shastro from the Pacific Ocean, a wandering musician, with his heart string Clarinet and soothing Indian bamboo flute. The fascinating Indian Vocalist Lakshmi with her amazing voice and mastery over Harmonium. To unite these two, a well-known friendly percussionist Rashmi with his swinging Indian grooves, will play on Tabla in his own creative unique style.

The Trio was born in Auroville to celebrate Auroville's 48th birthday!

All are invited to come swing, whirl and twirl with these beautiful musicians in Bharat Nivas, Auroville.
For more information: Contact: Tapas@auroville.org.in/shilpa.gsud@gmail.com/rashmibhattmusic@gmail.com

Atma Naad - The Sound of the Soul
Please join us for an evening of Hindustani vocal improvisation and a two hour vocal workshop with Sudhanshu Sharma.
Concert: Saturday, February 20th. 8:00 pm at Creativity, Hall of Light
(Vocal workshop: Sunday, February 21st at The Bamboo Land (in Kottakarai, close to Imagination) from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.
Registration required for workshop. No experience needed, all levels welcome!
For registration, further questions or more information, please contact Jivatma:
Cell: 890-383-2615 / Email: alohatouch@gmail.com For YouTube search: “Swar - The Vocal Workshop”

Concert by Merope Duo
Indre Jurgeleviciute and Jean-Christophe Bonnafous
CRIPA, Tuesday 23 February 8:00 pm
Their music is inspired by ancient Lithuanian songs as well Hindustani classical music, embraced by organic sounds, modern harmonies. Merope is inspired by nature and dreams, their songs are telling stories about the connection between humans and nature.

Auroville Children’s Theater Festival
We warmly invite you to join us in Cripa between 3 and 6 pm on March 5th and 6th
To enjoy Auroville’s first Children’s Theater Festival.
Udavi, Deepanam and Aikiyam schools have prepared 3 plays on the theme of Mother Earth. The plays express concerns about our attitudes, habits, the lack of respect for our environment and explore possible solutions.
The program will start at the announced time, and doors will then be closed to avoid disruptions. Each play will be followed by a short intermission to allow stage changes while some refreshments will be provided outside.

Program:
3 pm: Opening with traditional Tamil music by Rishi (Future School)
3.20 pm: Everybody’s Water (Udavi; Tamil)
4 pm: The Golden River (Deepanam; English)
5 pm: Mother Earth (Aikyiam; English)
(‘Mother Earth’s music by Chandresh and Santosh)
Thank you for your support and presence, Francesca, Pratha, Mahavir, Simone

Singing and Dancing Celebration
Around the fire in Yatra
Joyful spiritual songs from all over the world
Keyboard and drums- Osiva, Antje and friends
Bring your instruments and join us!
Monday, 22nd of February, 7.30 pm
Thursday, 3rd of March, 7.30 pm
Yatra Arts, near New Creation Sportsground, La PiscineAuroville, 605101 Tamil Nadu · Osiva phone: 00919629832216

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INNER WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
23rd February (Tuesday)
- Overview with multimedia presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: 'Vision and the Way'
These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play, and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises.

Place: Savitri Bhavan.
Time: 9 am to 12.00 Noon (pl be present by 8.50 am for preliminary study)
Led by Ashesh Joshi. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922
No Registration required (except for groups)
Fees: Voluntary Contribution

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

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Basics of Acting: Theater and the 4 Elements
Discover, integrate confidence with EARTH, adaptability with WATER, energy with FIRE, and inspiration with AIR.

At CRIPA, Thursday 25th and Friday 26th Feb.
9 am to 12 am - 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm

Mandatory registration for the full two days, 12 participants max

CONTRIBUTION required for guests

CONTACT: moghan@auroville.org.in / 9751110486

WELL BEING (PRANAYAMA) WORKSHOP OF 3 SESSIONS

7:00 am to 8:00 am at Unity Pavilion
26th, 27th & 28th February (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

"It is in good health that the way to transformation is found" The Mother

This workshop introduces you to:
Easy-to-do exercises based on yoga for flexibility and toning
Eight simple, but very powerful Pranayama practices
Deep Relaxation to let go of stress and recharge your inner batteries

Intended outcome: You enjoy a new level of wellbeing by practicing the exercises for thirty minutes per day.

To make the workshop beneficial to all, you are requested to:
1) Please be at the venue by 6:45 am on the first day and at 6:55 on the other days.
2) Please have your breakfast only after the Pranayama sessions.
3) Avoid drinking tea/coffee/water after 6:30 am
4) The session on Sunday will end at 8:15 am

This is a FREE workshop, OPEN TO ALL - Aurovilians, Newcomers, guests and visitors. However, voluntary donations to Unity Pavilion are welcome.
No registration is needed.

About the Facilitator: Starting in early 2008, J.V. Avadhanulu (JV for short) has been facilitating various workshops and retreats in Auroville. For details, please see http://www.joyofpersonalgrowth.com

SYMPLEXITY

From the 5th to the 6th of March
UnLtd Tamil Nadu invites you to experience a Holistic Leadership Retreat.
The workshop offers new ideas and tools to lead your business and life... in sync. Break down the complexities in your world, and introduce simplicity. During this two-day retreat our expert facilitators will guide you towards clarity, confidence, and connectedness. It will feature workshops in:
- Co-Creation - Gain the tools to realize the oneness that manifests when a group of people comes together with a shared purpose and attitude.
- Awareness Through the Body (ATB) - Better understand yourself, and the complexities of your being, so you can harmonize them in the innermost center of your being.
- Life Coaching - Listen more deeply, identify your core values, and connect with the leader within.

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

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

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY (ATB)

Basic tools of ATB - A one-day workshop with Amir March 6th (Sunday) ATB hall, Transition school 09:00 to 17:00.
Exploring how to implement this practice with kindergarten age, using fun as its foundation. The workshop is equally useful for people of any age to explore the foundations of the ATB practice.
Kindergarten play... is a play where everything is one big surprise. An opportunity to heighten the ‘beginner mind’, where the sensation of life is full... Absorbing with sustained concentration... Growing with the experience of relaxation... Becoming aware and learning deeply.
It is a space and a tool to know ourselves better and to increase our capacity to be present... allowing an inner shift...while exploring the ability to cultivate the observer within.
This workshop is open to those who are acquainted with the ATB practice.
For more: awarenessthroughthebody.com or atbwithamir.com
To sign up for this workshop, mail Amir at: atbwithamir@gmail.com or feel free to contact Amir or Tamar at: 9751257709/96.

RESTORATIVE CIRCLES

Restoring Trust, Connection and Communication...
With L’aurore, supported by Janet & Shanti
Sat, March 5 - Sun, March 6
9.30 am-5 pm, with lunch break

Day 1:
- An introduction to Restorative Justice & Restorative Circles
- Learning how to listen for deeper meaning
- Demo of the RC process, step by step

Day 2:
- Practicing the RC process
- Discussion and next steps:
  - Exploring justice & practical applications in Auroville
  - What would a living Restorative System look like?

Restorative Circles...

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The bi-monthly cooking class will include demonstration of ulundu bath. Prepared with varagu, rice and ulundu as the main ingredients, it can be a filling dish for lunch by itself or with a combination of other vegetable dishes. Ulundu in Tamil or black gram is known for its bone strengthening properties. Ulundu bath is a tasty, balanced dish as well as easy to prepare. Come watch the demonstration and be inspired to cook with local vegetables, millets, and legumes. Copies of recipes will be made available during the class. The bi-monthly cooking sessions are offered by Buvanasundari.

LEC is located opposite Isaibambalam School in Kotakkara.

**Life Education Centre team**

**PERMACULTURE CERTIFICATION COURSE**

2 Weeks - Feb. 29th - March 13th at TerraSoul Community, Windarra Farm

Come join and enjoy this amazing learning experience! Design Certification Course PDC - The Essentials of Permaculture. In these 2 weeks (72 hours) you will learn:

- The Principles of Permaculture and of Regenerative Design
- To identify Relevant Strategies in order to create a Sustainable Permaculture System
- To use the Design Methodology based on Bill Mollison's Book Concrete Techniques to reach Sustainability and Self-reliance
- Profound Understanding of the Soil & the Whole Ecosystem
- Management of the Soil Fertility
- To explore the variety of Composting, Indigenous Microorganism and other Bio-fertilizers

The Course provides a Toolbox towards a healthy Ecological System. You have the opportunity to design, to put your hands in the dirt and get the theory. We will include the sharing of the knowledge in the field of renewable energy.

Facilitator: Martin Bastide

For more information or to register, contact L'aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016

**SANSKRIT CLASSES IN AUROVILLE**

Everyone who would like to learn Sanskrit is invited to contact us. We are planning to organize Sanskrit classes of different levels with some experienced Sanskrit teachers, and would like to hear from you. Please write to: sanskritam@auroville.org.in

**LEC COOKING CLASS**

Cook with Locally Grown Vegetables

The next session this season will be on Feb 20 (Saturday) in Life Education Centre (LEC) at 10:30 am. The session will include demonstration of ulundu bath. Prepared with varagu, rice and ulundu as the main ingredients, it can be a filling dish for lunch by itself or with a combination of other vegetable dishes. Ulundu in Tamil or black gram is known for its bone strengthening properties. Ulundu bath is a tasty, balanced dish as well as easy to prepare. Come watch the demonstration and be inspired to cook with local vegetables, millets, and legumes. Copies of recipes will be made available during the class. The bi-monthly cooking sessions are offered by Buvanasundari.

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**WATSU & MEDITATION with Xavier**

Friday 26 – Saturday 27 February 2016 (2 days)
8.45 AM - 6.30 PM (15 hours)

Meditation is an important tool to listen, accept and know ourselves, and to become more intuitive towards ourselves and others. The purpose of meditation - besides the physical and psychological benefits - is to build a connection with our soul and with the Divine in and around us. It also encourages the development of our intuition and perception through the heart and not only through the rational mind. This permits us, in certain life situations, to operate on a higher level and make better choices. Meditation helps us essentially to develop our capacity for personal introspection and is the basis for our ability to listen to the person we float in our arms during a Watsu session. In this way we can work with a genuine empathy, thereby stimulating the flow of subtle energy.

**VEDIC HEALING WORKSHOP with Omkar**

Saturday 27 - Sunday 28 February 2016 (2 days)
10.15 AM - 5.30 PM (12 hours)
This course teaches the ancient art of Vedic Healing through Prana Vidya or the Knowledge of Prana, the universal life force that permeates all creation. Prana Vidya offers the knowledge of gaining, restoring and uplifting Prana in our body. It also explains how to transfer this life force to other people, who are sick or in an imbalanced state.

Prana Vidya was already used in Vedic times; its concepts are described in the Vedas, and works with the pranic body. It is simple to learn, open to all types of lifestyle, does not have any negative side-effects, can cure a wide range of mental and physical issues, improves character, memory power, and thought processes, purifies our inner being and uplifts our spiritual life. While learning, its healing power can already be experienced.

Omkar, founder of “Pranava Peetam Trust**, has been teaching Prana Vidya in India and abroad to everyone, who is eager to learn this ancient Vedic healing method.

**TANTSU 1 with Xavier**

Wednesday 24 February – 9.15 am to 12.30 pm

Tantsu grew out of Watsu, a form of aquatic bodywork developed in the 1980s by Harold Dull floating, massaging and stretching people in warm water. In Tantsu, the unconditional holding of Watsu is brought back onto land. During the first 4 days, you will learn the basics of Tantsu: cradling someone in a comfortable hold, which gives access to a deep level of stillness and relaxation.

The micro-movements that appear will guide your movements, stretches and rotations of shoulders, arms, hips and legs, thereby releasing blockages in the energy flow. The following 2 days will take you deeper into body-listening and exploration of various possible body movements. You will also learn about the hara, meridians, and body-mind connection.

This course (on land only) will teach you Tantsu as a joyful expression of caring love. No previous experience required!

**CLASS CONFIRMATION**

“Dance offering” is happening in Vérité next week on Thursday, 25th February! 5 to 7 pm in Vérité Hall as usual. Dariya

**8 LIMBS OF YOGA**

Christine Pauchard offers two workshops based on the 8 limbs of yoga.

One day workshop on 6th March and 4th afternoon workshop from 9 to 12 March.

To explore the different fields of yoga. In auroville. More details and inscription on www.auroville-holistic.com or contact@auroville-holistic.com, or 09489805493

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**SCHEDULES**

**PITANGA**

Pilates classes are canceled from 16th February onwards until further notice.

**EXHIBITION**

Intuitive paintings by Marie-Claire Barsotti, February 27th 2016 to March 12th 2016. Paintings in “Mixed Media “ - Acrylic, oil, soft pastels and gold leaf….Opens daily 8am -12.30pm and 2pm - 6pm

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

**WORKSHOPS IN VÉRITÉ:**

**(24 hour advanced registration required)**

**FRESH PERSPECTIVES with Julie**

Wednesday 24 February - 9.15 am to 12.30 pm

Are you at a cross roads in your life? Are you going through a transition? Do you want to get unstuck?

In this dynamic and interactive workshop we’ll explore how you can create clarity, make conscious choices and move forward. Join certified life coach Julie to get fresh perspectives on your life.

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

**MERIDIAN YOGA WORKSHOP with Yao**

Friday 26 February - from 9 am to 3.30 pm

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

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

YAOR is in Auroville as a Savvy volunteer. He has completed a 2 year senior diploma in Zen Shiatsu therapy and Traditional Chinese Medicine, and has studied Hatha Yoga with Surinder Singh.

**AYURVEDIC SPICES AND HERBS FOR DAILY USE with Dr. Geeta**

Friday 26 February - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

A holistic approach for maintaining health through herbs and spices that can be used in daily life and diet.

DR. GEEPA 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.

**COACHING FUNDAMENTALS with Julie**

Saturday 27 February - 9.15 am to 4.45 pm

This interactive and dynamic training day will provide you with basic coaching skills. Coaching is the art of listening profoundly and asking powerful questions with the aim of facilitating sustainable and real change. Coaching conversation skills are a great tool for anyone interested in optimizing their relationships, and in particular:

1. Managers - to build an inclusive, non-hierarchical leadership style
2. Therapists - to enhance long term impact on clients
3. Designers and other freelancers - to build trust in client relationships
4. Teachers - to create mutual respect and openness with students

You will learn how to listen in a focused and intuitive way, how to ask questions that quickly build resonance and trust, and how to facilitate transformation.

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

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)
**VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW**

25th February Thursday 8 pm
STEVE JOBS (2015)
Genre: Biography/Drama/Rated:PG13/Dur:2hrs
02mins/Language: English/Subtitle: English/Dir: Danny Boyle
Cast: Michael Fassbender, Kate Winslet, Seth Rogen
Story Line: Steve Jobs takes us behind the scenes of the digital revolution, to paint a portrait of the man at its epicenter. The story unfolds back stage at three iconic product launches, ending in 1998 with the unveiling of the iMac.

26th Friday February
NO SHOW

**L’HOMME APRES L’HOMME**

A Powerful introduction to Sri Aurobindo’s and Mother’s evolutionary Action
2 filmed interviews with Satprem, Mother’s confident for 20 years.
“Satprem” - Le Chemin vers l’interieur - 30 mn
“L’Homme apres l’homme” - 1hr
The 2 films will be in French with English subtitles
On Tuesday 23/02 at 4.30 pm
At Cinema Paradiso - Town Hall

**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

On Mother’s Birthday the 21st of February at 6:30 pm:
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**THE ECO FILM CLUB**
Sadhana Forest, February 19th, Friday

Schedule of Events:
16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
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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!!

**Children of Corn (Hijos del Maiz)**
2015, 40 minutes, Spanish (Subt. English), Directed By Sofa Ramirez

Children of Corn is an experimental film divided into a prologue, an introduction and six scenes. The film shows various prehispanic mythical passages about man, God and nature. The passages are mostly illustrated with images that reflect the paradigms of the contemporary metropolis, constructing an irony between the narration and what is seen. The videos make up a collage of different tales, an ensemble of different isolated events but that create a coherent and unified whole story. The movie is a description of the more torn human reality and at the same time is its critical reinterpretation: it is a look at the contemporary status of men and their environment, a complaint about the current anthropocentric way to see and take over the world. It is a reflection about contrasts, counterparts, dualities and points of view. The story is told through various text fragments based on the book The Popol Vuh - Prehispanic Mayan oral tradition book - and it combines various techniques and formats of video, documentary and fiction animation.

After the film we will have a session with the filmmaker for an audience Q&A

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**CINEMA**

C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM
Reminder: Friday 19 February - 1/ « La magie de Méliès »,
2/ «The General» by Buster Keaton
FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY - 7:30 pm (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)
“EVEN THE RAIN” “TAMBIEN LA LLUVIA” - A screening in collaboration with the “All for Water for All” event.
Directed by Iciar BOLLAIN, Spain, 2010
Cast: Gael García Bernal, Luis Tosar, Carlos Adurri...
Synopsis: Spanish director Sebastián, his executive producer Costa and all his crew are in Bolivia, in the Cochabamba area, to shoot a motion picture about Christopher Columbus, his first explorations and the way the Spaniards treated the Indians at the time. Costa has chosen this place because the budget of the film is tight and here he can hire supernumeraries, local actors and extras on the cheap...
Things go more or less smoothly until a conflict erupts over the privatization of the water supply. The trouble is that one of the local actors is a leading activist in the protest movement!
Original Spanish version with English subtitles - Duration: 1h.44’

**VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW**

25th February Thursday 8 pm
STEVE JOBS (2015)
Genre: Biography/Drama/Rated:PG13/Dur:2hrs
02mins/Language: English/Subtitle: English/Dir: Danny Boyle
Cast: Michael Fassbender, Kate Winslet, Seth Rogen
Story Line: Steve Jobs takes us behind the scenes of the digital revolution, to paint a portrait of the man at its epicenter. The story unfolds backstage at three iconic product launches, ending in 1998 with the unveiling of the iMac.

26th Friday February
NO SHOW

**L’HOMME APRES L’HOMME**

A Powerful introduction to Sri Aurobindo’s and Mother’s evolutionary Action
2 filmed interviews with Satprem, Mother’s confident for 20 years.
“Satprem” - Le Chemin vers l’interieur - 30 mn
“L’Homme apres l’homme” - 1hr
The 2 films will be in French with English subtitles
On Tuesday 23/02 at 4.30 pm
At Cinema Paradiso - Town Hall

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surrendered to the Divine Mother, the Divine is special. The programme was held at the Playground before The Mother’s chair and The Mother is as living and present as ever. Duration: 70min.

On Saturday, 27th of February 2016 at 6:30 pm (not on Monday as announced earlier).

**THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS 2 FILMS**

1. “Auroville, Retrospective of a Utopia”
An exceptional documentary about Auroville, produced in 1972 by a French television crew - Mother was still in her body when this film was made!

In the 70s, Jean Pierre Elkabbach was one of the few Western journalists to report on the Auroville project. His 118 minute documentary broadcasted in 1973 on French TV channel “Antenne 2” shows what Auroville was like: a few houses in a red desert, some school facilities like Last School, the Pyramids and the “Yogurt Pots”, and of course Matrimandir, under construction. This document also includes precious interviews of Roger Anger, Kireet Joshi and Aurovilians like Ruud, Ange, Jean P., Vincenzo, Rod H. and many more. A unique documentary to discover or re-discover…

**Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 5:00 pm**
Venue: Cinema Paradiso

2. “Auroville, the Story of a Utopia”
This documentary, made in 2008, will be shown on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016 at 5:00 pm (In French with English subtitles)

**Cinema Paradiso**
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 22 February 2016 to 28 February 2016

**Indian - Monday 22 February, 8:00 pm:**
- **OPEN TEE BIOSCOPE**

  India, 2015, Writer-Director Anindya Chatterjee w/Riddhi Sen, Surangana Banerjee, Dhee Majumder, and others, Drama-Family, Bengali w/ English subtitles, 135mins, Rated:NR (G)

  As a story it is simple coming-of-age tale of a teen-age boy Fowara (means fountain) growing up in the early 90s in North-Calcutta where he comes to stay with his mom after being rusticated from his school. It is a feel good movie of that era, a nostalgic tribute of the director (also a vocalist in a well-known city band) to his beloved North-Calcutta. Yes, North in particular. If you are unaware, Kolkata always lives with its dwell identity - of north and south. The division is not simply geographical. South-Calcutta assumed to be more modern and westernized than the North, characterized by old houses, narrow lanes, para (neighborhood) culture. This is a much acclaimed debut film by the director - which you simply cannot miss!

**Italian - Tuesday 23 February, 8:00 pm:**
- **SE DIO VUOLE (God Willing)**

  Italy, 2015, Dir. Edoardo Falcone w/ Marco Giallini, Alessandro Gasman, Laura Morante, Comedy, 85 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

  What does an authoritarian father, who is an atheist and liberal, do when his son tells him that he wants to become a priest?

**Interesting - Wednesday 24 February, 8:00 pm:**
- **NERAKHOON (The Betrayal)**

  USA, 2008, Writer-Director Ellen Kuras & Thavisouk Phrasavath w/ Thavisouk Phrasavath as narrator, 96mins, Documentary, English-Lao w/ subtitle in English when Lao used, Rated: NR (PG)

  It is an epic story of a family forced to emigrate from Laos after the chaos of the secret air war waged by the U.S. during the Vietnam War. Kuras has spent the last 23 years chronicling the family's extraordinary journey in this deeply personal, poetic, and emotional film. The producer of this film, Flora Fernandez Marengo, who is sharing this film with us will be present for a Q&A session after the film. You cannot miss this one!

**Spanish - Thursday 25 February, 8:00 pm:**
- **EL LIBERTADOR (The Liberator)**

  Venezuela/Spain, 2013, Dir. Alberto Arvelo w/ Edgar Ramirez, Erich Wildpret, Maria Valverde, and others, Biography-History, 119mins, Spanish-English-French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

  Simon Bolivar fought over 100 battles against the Spanish Empire in South America. He rode over 70,000 miles on horseback. His military campaigns covered twice the territory of Alexander the Great. His army never conquered -- it liberated.

**International - Saturday 27 February, 8:00 pm:**
- **TOM À LA FERME (Tom at the Farm)**


  The story of Tom, who is in the grip of grief and depression following the death of his lover. When he meets the family of the deceased, it is revealed the mother was not aware of her son's sexual orientation, or his relationship with Tom either, for that matter. Dolan is one of the best young directors that can live with -- it liberated.

**Children’s Film - Sunday 28 February, 4:30 pm:**
- **WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**

  USA, 1971, Comedy-Musical, Dir. Mel Stuart w/ Gene Wilder, Peter Ostrum, Roy Kinnear, and others, 89mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

  The story of Charlie Bucket, one of the lucky winners of a Golden Ticket, that allows 5 children from around the world
to visit Willy Wonka's chocolate factory. **Roald Dahl Season:** In anticipation of Steven Spielberg's 2016 release of Dahl's film "The BFG", we present a series of Dahl's film adaptations, to be screened each week for the Children's Matinee.

WACHOWSKIS’ Film Festival @ Ciné-Club
Ciné-Club - Sunday 28 February, 8:00 pm:
• **THE MATRIX**
USA, 1999, Dir. The Wachowskis w/ Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne and others, Action-SciFi, 136mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R
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Thank you, Residents Service Team

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(absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Wednesday 11 am)

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

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

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

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

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.

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News&Notes 20th February 2016 [637]
ACRES FOR AUROVILLE Land Campaign
21 February 2016

“the place of an unending education, of constant progress and a youth that never ages.”

“... a new world is born, born, born. It is not the old world transforming itself; it is a new world which is born. And we are right in the midst of this period of transition”

The Mother

Auroville is the Mother’s Dream - an international township dedicated to Human Unity inspired by Sri Aurobindo’s future-forward vision of a more conscious humanity - a rich mix of 48 nationalities pursuing this goal.

Auroville is a gift, a sacred trust - and its future is held in our hands today. It’s up to us to safeguard Auroville for the generations to come!

Later is too late! Land is urgently needed for the FUTURE - NOW!

Join the A4A action for the City Area’s 4 zones around the Matrimandir! For Auroville’s 50th birthday, let’s make the missing land our gift!!

Please specify ACRES FOR AUROVILLE for your donations:
via the Auroville Unity Fund (checks/bank transfers) - via the dedicated button www.auroville.com/donations/ - or via your country’s Auroville International center www.auroville-international.org For more information & tax deductibility:
www.colaap.org Also on COLAAP: “GreenAcres” - for land in the Greenbelt

The Mother’s quotes: the Auroville Charter & Entretiens 10 July 1957
The ‘Soil-mixing Ceremony’: photo by Giorgio

News&Notes 20th February 2016 [637]
This year marks the 15th anniversary of the descent of the Supramental Consciousness on 29th February 1956. Since then this irresistible, formidable power has been at work to bring about change in the world conditions for a new progress, for an accelerated evolution. Auroville is a focal point dedicated to that accelerated evolution, individually and collectively. She is not meant to be one more city, but an oasis of human goodness and improvement in consciousness.

The geography of Auroville is the base, the landing ground for the vision to take root and manifest. Hence, the relevance of the two land campaigns ‘Acres for Auroville’ and ‘Green Acres’ which seek to safeguard this geography from forces that would block its flowering and full manifestation. This month of February also contains the Mother’s birthday and Auroville’s 48th Foundation day. It is one of those ‘Goodwill Activation Points’ when we can recall our commitment to securing that geography, to making possible Auroville’s emergence into the beautiful prototype of a new world.

With sincere appreciation, we thank you for joining hands with us for these campaigns through your contributions.

In solidarity for the City of Dawn,
Aryadeep, Mandakini, Sigrid, Jothi, Jasmin

For donations, please specify “Acres for Auroville” or “GreenAcres” via:
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University of Human Unity Announcement

THE INTEGRAL PARADIGM OF KNOWLEDGE

A Seminar on the integration of the SENSES, the FACULTIES, the individual, universal, and transcendent SELF, and the Approaches and Disciplines of Knowledge – SEEING, HEARING, SPEAKING, THINKING

An Exploration in the light of SRI AUROBINDO'S interpretation of the VEDAS and UPANISHADS

Unity Pavilion

THURS, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, FEB 25-26-27
9:00 – 12:30 and 1:30 – 3:30

Followed by

A Concert of Classical Music by Ladislav Brozman
at SAVITRI BHAVAN
on Saturday 27th February 2016
5:00 – 6:00 PM

Everyone is cordially invited
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UNITY PAVILION FEB 25-26-27

PROGRAM OF PRESENTERS

1ST DAY – THURSDAY 25th FEBRUARY
MORNING SESSION, 9:00-12:30:
THE INTEGRAL PARADIGM OF KNOWLEDGE (IPK) – Vladimir Yatsenko
THE INTEGRATION OF THE SENSES, FACULTIES, SPIRIT AND MATTER – Ladislav Brozman

LUNCH BREAK, 12:30-1:30

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30-3:30
THE PHILOSOPHY OF CONSCIOUSNESS and IPK – Rod Hemsell
VEDIC SPEECH AND THE INTEGRAL PARADIGM – Nishtha Muller

Post-presentation (if time permits): Interactive question and answer session

2ND DAY – FRIDAY 26th FEBRUARY
MORNING SESSION, 9:00-12:30:
ELABORATION OF THE INTEGRAL PARADIGM – Vladimir Yatsenko
INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES – Vladimir and Ladislav, Nishtha and Ladislav, Rod and Natalia

LUNCH BREAK, 12:30-1:30

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30-3:00
APPLICATIONS OF THE INTEGRAL PARADIGM OF KNOWLEDGE – Vladimir Yatsenko
APPLICATION OF IPK IN MUSIC – Ladislav Brozman
APPLICATION OF IPK IN EDUCATION – Rod Hemsell

3RD DAY – SATURDAY 27th FEBRUARY
MORNING SESSION, 9:00-12:30:
GUEST PRESENTERS: NATALIA PAVLOVSKA (science and sociology)
ANANTA GIRI (philosophy and psychology)
ARNAB CHOWDHURY (music and poetry)
TONG SCHRAA-LIU (business and economy)
MATTHEW RICH-TOLSMA (metatheory and educational praxis)

LUNCH BREAK, 12:30-1:30

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30-3:30:
SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND THE WAY FORWARD

EVENING SESSION, 5-6 PM – SAVITRI BHAVAN
CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT BY LADISLAV BROZMAN
KALABHUMI FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 20 OF FEBRUARY FROM 3:30 PM ONWARD

LIVE MUSIC BANDS, DJ

Eluciole Circus & activities for kids

Pizza, Italian fresh ice cream, Indian snacks, cakes, kimpa, fresh juice, tea ... and more
Birthday Week in the Park of Unity

20.2.2016, Saturday, 5.30 to 6.30 pm
Preparing the flower decoration for the early morning meditation the next day. Aurovilians are invited to bring flowers from their community to be included into the decoration as a symbolic gesture of unity. Please bring the flowers to the Amphitheatre between 5.30 and 6.30 pm.

21.2.2016, Saturday, 6 am
Meditation for Mother's birthday with recorded text of Her experience of the Supramental Boat. **Photography allowed without flash and only from the 'Photo Spot' as indicated on the map.** Entrance: Second Banyan Gate from 5.15 am.

21.2.2016, Sunday, 5.45 pm
Vedic Chanting and meditation by the Chanting Group of Auroville at the Mini Amphitheatre in the Garden of Unity. Entrance: Office Gate from 5.15 pm.

22.2.2016, Monday, 5.30 pm
A meditative concert by Jean Christophe Bonafous on Bansuri (the Indian flute) and Indre Jurgeleviciute: on the 'Lithuanian Harp and voice. Entrance: Office Gate from 5 pm.

24.2.2016, Wednesday, 5.30 pm
'Flame of Love' Russian Singing Bells by Vera Entrance: Office Gate from 5 pm.

25.2.2016, Thursday, 5.30 pm
Savitri Music by Sunil Bhattacharya Entrance: Office Gate from 5 pm.

28.2.2016, Sunday, 5 am
Auroville's Birthday Meditation with Dawn Fire **Photography allowed without flash and only from the 'Photo Spot' as indicated on the map.** Entrance: Second Banyan Gate from 4.15 am.

29.2.2016, Monday, 6 am
Meditation for the Golden Day 60th Anniversary of the Supramental Descent **Photography allowed without flash and only from the 'Photo Spot' as indicated on the map.** Entrance: Office Gate from 5.15 am.

29.2.2016, Monday, 5.30 pm
"Golden Streams" a musical offering Joy - vocals, Nadaprem - Bansuri, Viola and Keyboard, Aurelio and friends - Sound Stones and Singing Metals Entrance: Office Gate from 5 pm.

Guests are requested to carry their Aurocard for all the events. Guests and visitors who do not hold an Aurocard, free tokens for the 21st, 28th and 29th early morning meditations will be available at the Visitors Centre, upstairs room on the 19th and 20th and on the 26th and 27th of February from 3 to 5 pm.

**Bonne Fête and Bonne Année to all!**