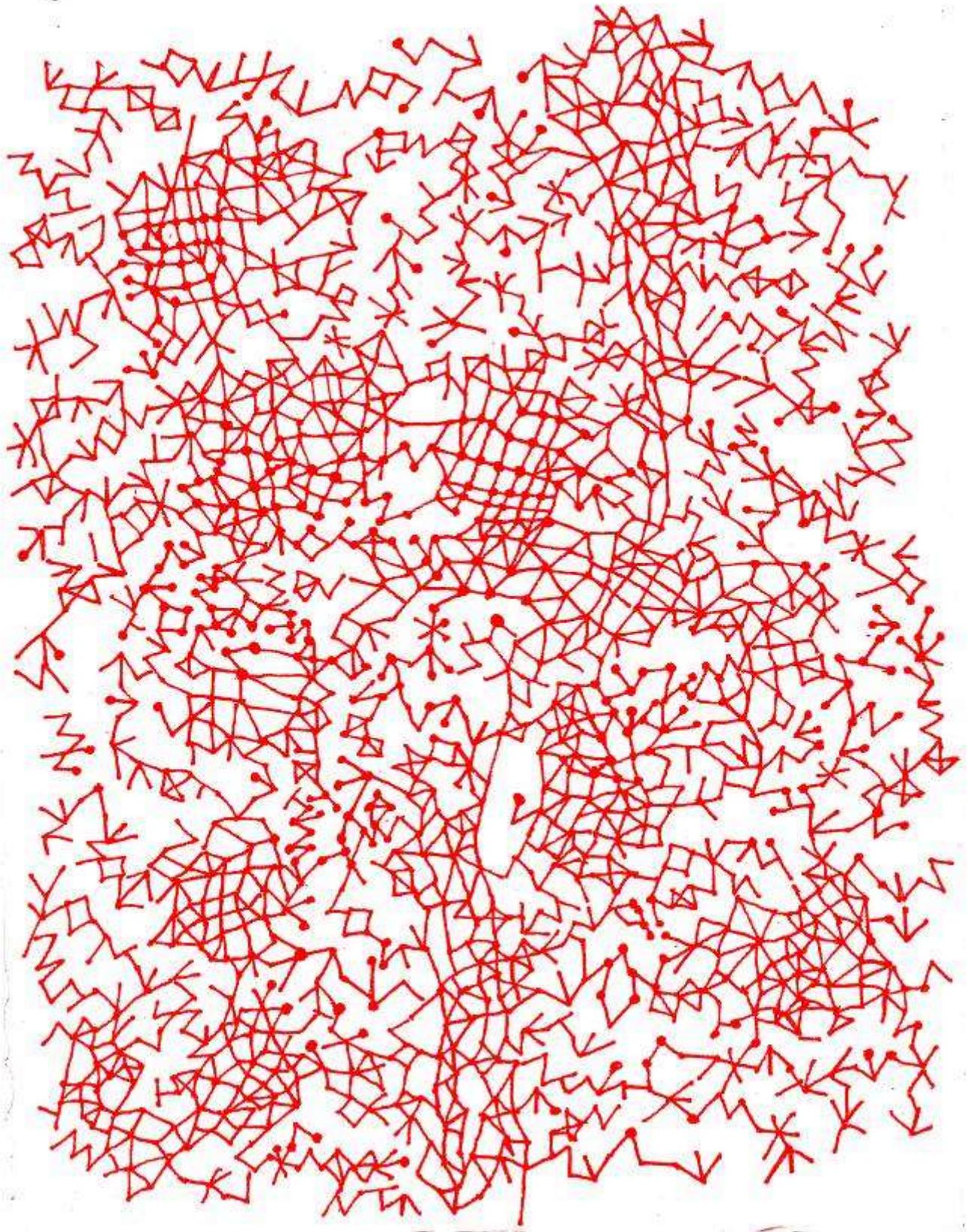


News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

The Ribhus, it has been suggested, are rays of the Sun. And it is true that like Varuna, Mitra, Bhaga and Aryaman they are powers of the solar Light, the Truth. But their special character in the Veda is that they are artisans of Immortality. They are represented as human beings who have attained to the condition of godhead by power of knowledge and perfection in their works. Their function is to aid Indra in raising man towards the same state of divine light and bliss which they themselves have earned as their own divine privilege. The hymns addressed to them in the Veda are few and to the first glance exceedingly enigmatical; for they are full of certain figures and symbols always repeated. But once the principal clues of the Veda are known, they become on the contrary exceedingly clear and simple and present a coherent and interesting idea which sheds a clear light on the Vedic gospel of immortality.

The Ribhus are powers of the Light who have descended into Matter and are there born as human faculties aspiring to become divine and immortal. In this character they are called children of Sudhanwan,¹ a patronymic which is merely a parable of their birth from the full capacities of Matter touched by the luminous energy. But in their real nature they are descended from this luminous Energy and are sometimes so addressed, "Offspring of Indra, grandsons of luminous Force" (IV.37.4). For Indra, the divine mind in man, is born out of luminous Force as is Agni out of pure Force, and from Indra the divine Mind spring the human aspirations after Immortality.

The names of the three Ribhus are, in the order of their birth, *ṛbhu* or *ṛbhukṣan*, the skilful Knower or the Shaper in knowledge, *vibhva* or *vibhu*, the Pervading, the self-diffusing, and *vāja*, the Plenitude. Their names indicate their special nature and function, but they are really a trinity, and therefore, although usually termed the Ribhus, they are also called the Vibhus and Vajas. Ribhu, the eldest is the first in man who begins to shape by his thoughts and works the forms of immortality; Vibhwa gives pervasiveness to this working; Vaja, the youngest, supplies the plenitude of the divine light and substance by which the complete work can be done. These works and formations of immortality they effect, it is continually repeated, by the force of Thought, with the mind for field and material; they are done with power; they are attended by a perfection in the creative and effective act, *svapasyayā, sukṛtyayā*, which is the condition of the working out of Immortality. These formations of the artisans of Immortality are, as they are briefly summarised in the hymn before us, the horses of Indra, the car of the Ashwins, the Cow that gives the sweet milk, the youth of the universal Parents, the multiplication into four of the one drinking-bowl of the gods originally fashioned by Twashtri, the Framer of things.

The hymn opens with an indication of its objective. It is an affirmation of the power of the Ribhus made for the divine Birth, made by men whose minds have attained to illumination and possess that energy of the Light from which the Ribhus were born. It is made by the breath of the mouth, the life-power in the world. Its object is to confirm in the human soul the entire delight of the Beatitude, the thrice seven ecstasies of the divine Life.¹

This divine Birth is represented by the Ribhus who, once human, have become immortal. By their accomplishments of the work, – the great work of upward human evolution which is the summit of the world-sacrifice, – they have gained in that sacrifice their divine share and privilege along with the divine powers. They are the sublimated human energies of formation and upward progress who assist the gods in the divinising of man. And of all their accomplishments that which is central is the formation of the two brilliant horses of Indra, the horses yoked by speech to "their movements, yoked by the Word and fashioned by the mind. For the free movement of the luminous mind, the divine mind in man, is the condition of all other immortalising works.

The second work of the Ribhus is to fashion the chariot of the Ashwins, lords of the human journey, – the happy movement of the Ananda in man which pervades with its action all his worlds or planes of being, bringing health, youth, strength, wholeness to the physical man, capacity of enjoyment and action to the vital, glad energy of the light to the mental being, – in a word, the force of the pure delight of being in all his members.

The third work of the Ribhus is to fashion the cow who gives the sweet milk. It is said elsewhere that this cow has been delivered out of its covering skin, – the veil of Nature's outward movement and action, – by the Ribhus. The fostering cow herself is she of the universal forms and universal impetus of movement, *viśvajuvam viśvarūpām*, in other words she is the first Radiance, Aditi, the infinite Consciousness of the infinite conscious Being which is the mother of the worlds. That consciousness is brought out by the Ribhus from the veiling movement of nature and a figure of her is fashioned here in us by them. She is, by the action of the powers of the duality, separated from her offspring, the soul in the lower world; the Ribhus restore it to constant companionship with its infinite mother.

THE SECRET OF THE VEDA: The Ribhus, Architects of Immortality - SRI AUROBINDO

The
Ponder
Corner

A new consciousness is coming based upon inner silence and quietude. You must wait quietly for that to develop. True knowledge, true perceptions of people and things will come in that new silent consciousness.

Sri Aurobindo
ref. Letters On Yoga, vol.24, p.1414

An update on the Working Committee proposal "Restructuring TDC/L'avenir"

Reference Working Committee Auronet posting dated 20 January 2016

Following the General Meeting of 2 February 2016 held on this topic in the SAIER first floor conference hall last month, a group of interested Aurovilians (Fabian, Amy, Sindhuja, Peter.A, Isha (RAS), Suhasini, Pashi, Sandhya, Carel, Eugen, Mona, Meera, Jaya, Jacqueline, Shama, David, Deoyani, Jana and Sauro) came together to envision the next steps.

As a result of a series of meetings, it was agreed that we need time to work out a solution that addresses our key issues at the root level, if a newly restructured town planning office is to function well. Further, it was agreed that there is commitment to explore a process that will enable us to engage all, build trust and a capacity to collaborate, prepare a participatory approach to planning, gain clarity as to our "elephants" in the room, with the end goal of developing an implementable outcome.

Proposed approach:



Roles:

Oversee: The AVC will oversee the process and is responsible for engaging the community (Sindhuja and Sandhya)

Facilitate: A group of people that will organize the next steps/ workshops strongly using Auroville values as the base (Jaya, Mamata, Amy, Bridget, Heather, Helena, Isha, Shama, Sindhuja, Sandhya, and Shivaya)

Identify Key issues: A group of people that will identify Key Issues to be addressed in the first workshop (Deoyani, Sauro, Eugen, Jana, Meera, David, Peter A., and Pashi)

Stakeholders: A group of 60-120 people closely related to planning and development that will participate in the first workshop / retreat.

We hope that with this structured and value-based approach, this process will result in a coherent outcome that we will trust and implement together over the next several years.

Thank you for your trust, Sincerely, *Auroville Council*

International Zone General Meeting Report: Unity Pavilion - 22 February 2016

(Attended by about 120 people)

B gave a warm welcome and overview of the afternoon's schedule. This was followed by observing silence and reading of Mother's text on the International University Centre (Bulletin April 1952) in English, Tamil, French, and Sanskrit.

The first presentation was a short report of the International Zone and 50th anniversary (February 2018) vision. Luigi painted a beautiful picture in words, "Imagine the International Zone as one campus." Kavitha shared plans for the Youth Hive near the upcoming Auroville Language Lab. Dominique described the new Welcome Hub, a place to coordinate welcoming activities for Newcomers, guests, visitors, volunteers, and even at times a guest facility for volunteers who arrive late and don't have an immediate place to stay.

The International Zone wants to "create a model of integral, eco-friendly infrastructure." It is envisioned the following will be in place within our 50th anniversary year, 2018: wide use of solar energy, common waste water systems, roof top water harvesting with underground tanks, drip irrigation with recycled waste water in gardens and common landscapes, rain water harvesting in water bodies, as well as eco-friendly transport such as a solar tram.

Residential facilities are coming up in the International Zone. Louis gave a short presentation on "Habitat". The first construction is "Terra Amata" of 3 blocks, with 5 flats each to house from 22 to 25 people. We envision residents being involved in the joyful work of the International Zone and look forward to a lot of fresh energy to keep everything moving forward.

The International Zone Coordination Team (IZCT) proposed Pavilion Clusters. Luigi explained how clusters are found everywhere in nature. Research on clusters in nature inspires the present approach on Cluster of Pavilions. Jacqueline shared briefly on the evolution of urban design stating clearly that in the International Zone it is very flexible. It will evolve according to the ground reality.

Next we heard from some Pavilion groups. IJ joyfully shared about the new meeting space and activities of the African Pavilion. Jaya introduced Sado, a graduate in architecture, working with Satprem at Auroville Earth Institute. Sado dreams of inviting 4 architects from Africa. Each student will need Rs. 5,000 per month for their expenses. Anyone interested in assisting can contact Jaya.

Claude Jouen's presentation on the Pavilion de France was translated by Michael. There are many cultural and publishing activities. The Pavilion has published a compilation on the 100 and 200 events hosted by the French Pavilion in Auroville. Everything has been transcribed. Events covered include: talks, movies, readings.

The site for Turkey and Armenia was presented by Luigi, who also explained clusters in Central and North Europe. There will be a European House, and a European Centre.

Bogi shared that the area considered as East Europe which is 14 countries, of these 9 are actively involved and meeting. The Pavilion of Hungary in particular has been happy to host 42 workshops on the Aviva methods. This work has primarily taken place in the surrounding villages.

Saraswati introduced a visiting architect who is working with the Russian Pavilion group. They have started to meet with the International Zone Planning and Development subgroup. They are happy and positive about their progressive works.

The Pavilion of Italy has been hosting cultural events in Auroville and recently brought a famous Italian jazz band whose musical performance was a tribute to an English band. They are presently fund raising for a permanent Pavilion.

Bharat Nivas representatives Tapas and Riju gave an inspired presentation which included a rich visual history of the development of the area.

Hye Jeong shared that the Korean and Northeast Asia groups have been quite active and are working collectively. They have hosted 2 key activities recently in culture and education. The

Korean Pavilion site application was approved on 1 February 2016.

B, Anandi, Stephane and Fif presented on America which will be in Darkali. The laying of the stone will be on Feb 29. They are happy to explore mirroring nature in design and architecture inspired by a large Turtle. The condor and the eagle will fly together.

It was a pleasure to have many of the Auroville International (AVI) representatives with us during the month of February. Friederike, AVI President, gave a short presentation stating the members' appreciation for the clusters approach. Their team is collaborating with the IZCT on the 50th anniversary events. They want to approach governments to get involved in permanent Pavilion development and for funding. They're planning to ask for a 5th UNESCO Resolution for 2018 and are working with Aster Patel towards this goal.

Fif shared Ho'oponopono, an ancient Hawaiian tradition, by inviting those present to be in silence together and if called to do so, to say four statements: "I love you. I'm sorry. Please forgive me. Thank you." The intention is to heal ourselves and by doing so heal relationships in Auroville and the surrounding areas.

Martin shared that there is a group working to find the deeper meaning of the Mother to explore the real meaning of the Nations. Their exploration will include work of the Nations' Soul. All of the work at present is research.

The meeting ended with an invitation to walk over to the African Pavilion for drumming and to enjoy Hungarian food offered by the Hungarian Pavilion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Latest news for the Auroville Residents PIO card holders

Dear Friends,

We would like to bring to your notice the new rule to transfer the PIO card to OCI card. The last date for the transfer is before 30th of June 2016.

Residents Service Team

Endorsement of RAS / ES membership

Dear Community,

Following the two weeks feedback process for Entry Service and RAS members, there has been no substantial feedback received on the names proposed. The AVCouncil is happy to endorse the new members.

- 1) Entry Service - Christiane (Samasti) and Giridev (Ami)
- 2) Resident Assembly Service (RAS) - Isha (Swayam) and Tatiana - Newcomer (Swayam)

Sincerely, *The Auroville Council*

Safety & Security WITHIN AUROVILLE

Introduction to the process

After the resignation of the security team in-charge in March 2015, the Working Committee and Auroville Council started a process of reviewing the functioning of the security task in Auroville with the help of a group of Aurovilians.

As a basis for our work, we refer to the Mother's words: "Auroville, The free international township - No army, no police - They are replaced by a battalion of guards consisting of athletes and gymnasts"

We may understand that she did not suggest establishing a security force resembling what exists already in the world around. If the safety of Auroville shall remain in the hands of the Aurovilians themselves, we must remember that this calls for a constant vigilance and inner self-discipline.

The process resulted in a proposal for restructuring the AV Security Service and to rename it as Auroville Safety and

Security Team (AVSST) - Please see the link for detailed information: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/56541>

The Auroville Council

Last Chance to Comment on the Detailed Development Plan (DDP) for the Residential Area

Deadline for feedback extended to March 29th, 2016

If you would like to have a look at the plan for the future of the way we live in Auroville and give your feedback, please visit the link: <https://goo.gl/7cHtT>

What is the Detailed Development Plan (DDP)?

The Detailed Development Plan (DDP) is a plan for the next phase of the development of Auroville's residential area. It has been created by a team of architects led by a Spanish planner, Luis Feduchi.

How to send your feedback?

To comment on the proposed plan, please send your feedback to: raservice@auroville.org.in or avenir@auroville.org.in

Kind regards, Jesse, Slava and Tatiana from Residents Assembly Service

L'avenir d'Auroville: 26th March 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.

Individual Project

Site Application Feedback

1. Site application feedback for Segar for a House in Equality plot no IR 291/1 for a area of 80 sq.m.
2. Site application feedback for Kareem Sombray for a house in Forecomers
3. Site application feedback for Bobby & Andre for Auromics extension on Plot no IR 336/3 for total area of the project is 985 sq.m.

Project writes up given by the project holder:

Project Title: Auromics Extension

Proposed Site Location: X Bijou

Project Holder: Auromics - Bobby & Andre

Architect: Ganesh Bala

Contact Persons: Bobby & Andre

Description:

Plot No: IR 336/3

Total Area of the project: site area 985 sq.m.

Built up Area: 150 sq.m. Phase 1

Target: Commercial Activity

Background: To increase Production

Triggers: To Consolidate activity in the industrial Zone

Goals/Objectives: To build a beautiful workshop.

4. Site application feedback for Peter Klingspies and Kevin Hauser for Accommodation and public facilities in Residential Zone Sector 1.

Proposed Site Location: Along the Vikas Radial between Humanscapes and the Residential Zone Water Tank.

Project Holder: Sumark Construction

Contact Persons: Peter Klingspies, Kevin Hauser

Plot No: R.S1.1.0

Total Area of the project: 4497 Sq.m

PAX: 69

Target Group: Public facilities shops and Service Units on the ground floor; Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville for first, second, and third floor (residential).

Background: Although there are a few residential projects being built at the moment there is still a shortage of housing in Auroville. There is also presently a lack of available office space for permanent or temporary use. Moreover, additional services need to come up to match the changing and growing demographics of Auroville. These could include, laundromat, pharmacy, food distribution, food court/restaurant, display rooms, etc. Hence, the ground floor is reserved for public facilities. The remaining floors are for 69 residents. This way the Residential Zone will have practical and useful facilities that are used by many of the residents living in that building as well as the rest of the Residential Zone.

The project will incorporate variations in floor levels so as to suit the differing functions of each area and also to have a more inviting feel. Additionally, since space for some essential services will be available a reduction in motorized traffic along with a more dynamic environment will be created.

Individual Project

Building Application Feedback

1. A.C. Hammer - Aurelio, Svaram, 1st Floor extension on the existing structure around 50 sq.m.

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

Fulfillment Housing Project: clarification on location

Some clarification on the location of Fulfillment Housing project was asked. This project was published in the News and Notes on 19th March 2016, the site has been mentioned in Residential Zone Sector 2, so we want to precise that the plot no. G.S1 6.3 of DDP is located between North of Sanjana and West of Madhuca.

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 642 dated 26.03.2016

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

AUROVILIANS:

Aravinda MAHESWARI (Indian from UP) - Staying at Sustainable Living Institute, working as teacher for the promotion of Sanskrit, Matrimandir, Eco-building and ARA.

Jasmin MAHESWARI (South African) - Staying at Sustainable Living Institute, Working as a fundraiser for A4A Green Acres and Farewell services.

Maria Del Milagro IBANEZ (Spanish) - Staying at Creativity, working as a therapist at Verite.

NEWCOMERS:

Honor Ann CHANCE (Irish) - Staying at New creation field, working at Deepanam & Teachers Centre.

Frederic LATOUR (French) - Staying at New creation field, working at Deepanam School, Transition school & Teachers centre.

Francisco CABALLERO (Spanish) - Staying at Windarra, working as a Terra soul builder & farmer at Windarra.

Durga Maya DAHAL (Nepali) - Staying at Windarra, working at Terra soul community.

Juanah ANDRADE (Philippines) - Staying at Auroshilpam, working at PTDC and Foodlink

Luise PAPE (German) - Staying at Red earth Riding school, working at Auroville.com Marketing.

Patrick ROY HAYWOOD - Staying at Arka, working at Matrimandir.

CHILD OF A NEWCOMER(S):

Thomas CHANCE LATOUR (French) - born on 18/12/2007.

Kent Raiven BAGUIO (Philippines) - born on 19/10/2011, studying at Nandanam.

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

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Antoine COLOMBANI (French)

Malvika PATHAK (German)

Guy ATTEWELL (British)

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER TO AUROVILIAN STATUS AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT IN N&N AND CONSIDERATION OF FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS:

Sandjivy DEVARAJAN (Indian from Pondicherry)

We will soon invite you to fill in the B-Form request for a meeting with the AV Foundation Secretary with the aim to add your name to the Register of Residents.

PROCESS DISCONTINUED:

Gaurav CHHABRA (Indian from Haryana)

Karim CORNIC (French)

Dear Newcomers,

The Entry Service team would like to inform you of the timings designated specifically for you to collect or submit the Newcomer Kit. Please pass by our office in Town Hall during these hours only: **Monday & Wednesday at 2pm to 4pm.** **Please return these Kits within one month or the process goes on hold.**

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

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

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

Houses for transfers

- **Samasti** / Lijun / 134.5 sqm plinth / Ground floor: one room/entrance. First floor: living room, kitchen, toilet/bathroom, 2 bedrooms. Second floor: small room
- **Luminosity** / Nadia / 78.36 sqm plinth / Second floor: living room/kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom, rear passage
- **Auromodele** (re-announcement) / Ex-Petra / 159.35 sqm plinth.

RCC framed structure residential building with bedroom, living room/kitchen, mezzanine, bath and toilet. Suitable for couple or family

- **Discipline** (re-announcement) / Stephanie / 155.91 sqm plinth / free standing house / two stories. Ground floor: 2 bedrooms with bath attached / living room, kitchen. First floor: big hall, store room, fully solar energy

From the Housing Service

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Permaculture at the Town Hall

The gardens at Town Hall are an example of permaculture or applied Ecology. They aim at bringing people together to learn about nutrition and health, community, culture and ecology. They can bring us closer to an understanding of where our food comes from, which is the foundation of any society. At the moment the gardens are full of produce: tomatoes, brinjals, spinach, basil and plants that will later bare fruits such as gourds, pumpkins, papayas, bananas, tapioca and more! I hope the cafés at the Town Hall will use this produce but I have also been encouraged to tell people to harvest some basil and take some tomatoes if they like, after all this project aims at bringing people together; it is a collective project and in the true spirit of Auroville, belongs to nobody in particular.

Now we have built a fence. Inspired by one of the most beautiful permaculture projects I have ever seen which is at Evergreen community. Using free local materials, we have built a barrier to stop cows that acts as a wind break, that will become (like in Evergreen) a structure to grow beans, gourds and flowers etc. Many people have praised the work and a number of people have been critical saying it is messy etc. It will take some time to make this fence a living fence and in the mean time we will do our best to make it beautiful please be patient!

Fences aside, if we look at things from a larger perspective we are a society overwhelmed and dependant on industrialised agriculture; an industry that focuses on profits rather than nutrition and wellbeing; an industry that is destroying our health and that of our Mother Earth. Permaculture on the other hand focuses on wellbeing, nutrition and by honouring local food, cuts out food miles, chemically grown crops and all the social implications of industrialised agriculture.

Mostly we don't know how to use many of the local products that are easy to grow in Auroville, i.e. the huge diversity of nutritious spinaches, yams or green papaya. I believe if we would consciously eat local food a few times a week we would create a profound change in our consciousness. These gardens will naturally nudge people in that direction.

I have come to understand that to make a serious step on this path, we must first recognise that all organic matter is our profit, not financial but nutritional. When the soil ecology is rich and diverse in organic matter, healthy plants will grow. When healthy plants grow we will have healthy crops. When we have healthy crops, we will have healthy people and a healthy society from which a vibrant and creative culture can emerge. Mother Earth is the soil under our feet, that which nourishes us every day. It is perhaps the greatest act of devotion to The Mother to nurture the soil and accept with love the gifts she offers us. After all, what more does a Mother want? Her children to be healthy and happy. A society that doesn't know where its food come from will struggle with the folly of mankind thinking that man can do better than nature and grow his food with chemicals and bring it to his plate with lorries, in this I cannot see any happiness.

I have asked myself long and hard, "if we put man on the moon, how hard is it to get a small community to wake up to the fact that we can eat exclusively from food grown in our bioregion?." We have to bring people together. I have tried music and a basket service, workshops, cooking classes, projects in the village, festivals etc. The point is we need to

come together with joy, in celebration if we want to make change. How to do this?

There is good work being done by many farmers in Auroville but it is not enough to depend on farmers for our food. In Auroville we produce between 15 to 20% of our nutritional needs. If we were more connected with local produce and had a deeper understanding of how to use it, our farmers could offer even more. At Solitude we have shown that we can run a successful fruit and veg basket service and a financially viable café feeding people exclusively on local produce all the year round. It takes creativity, understanding and relationship with local food but most of all it takes a healthy soil. With over 80 different products being used it is really a marvel at what nature offers us and yet there is still so much more we could improve upon.

We have to come together in celebration over this subject. We need energy and inspiration. The gardens are not difficult to grow. Please have a look at the gardens at the Town Hall and all that is growing, feel the energy behind it, the intention, which will most certainly have an effect because it goes to the very essence of a collective need. Please go to Evergreen and see the beauty there, come to Solitude and see what is happening with diversity and social agriculture. **Saturday tour at 11:30 am**

The project at the Town Hall in my opinion is an important opportunity for Auroville, the chance to bring the beauty of permaculture into our daily lives. I have a hard time accepting dry looking lawns, some palms and an impoverished soil as the status quo of public spaces. Let's us come together, honour Mother Earth and unshackle her from our ideas that keep her subdued. She has so many gifts to offer if only we have eyes to see!

I request all people who feel moved or are inspired by the project at the Town Hall to meet this Wednesday at 5pm at the gardens and let's bring it forward together. If the fence is not good enough let's change it together but let's not stand back and judge without putting our heart into a project that could profoundly change the way we relate to our food, our land, nature and thus ourselves.

With Love, Krishna (Solitude Farm - March 2016)

Follow up to the ARA work

The ARA subgroup would like to update the larger group on the work that they have been doing over the past few weeks.

Decision-Making

As you know, the group prepared the draft of the decision-making document for the last ARA meeting, and a considerable amount of feedback was received both during the meeting and afterwards, mostly very positive. This feedback is in the process of being incorporated into the document. This is quite a lengthy and detailed process, which is still going on. We are trying to create a process model which can be used for future feedback incorporation, so we ask for your patience.

Housing Problem

The group has also been working on the housing problem in Auroville. This was one of the urgent topics decided on in the first ARA meeting. The group has been doing detailed research into the problem, so that any decisions made by the community will be based on facts, rather than suppositions.

We have so far had interactions with the Housing Service, the Auroville Council and L'Avenir, and are planning further meetings with the Land Board, Entry Service, Forest Group and Farm Group, as well as follow up meetings with some of these groups. The information received is being put together into a presentation which will be presented at the next ARA meeting. Please bear with us, as this is a long and detailed work. We would welcome any help with this work. Please contact the RAS if you are interested.

Next ARA Meeting

We will be presenting these two topics (decision-making and housing) at the next ARA meeting(s) which will be called in the next few weeks.

Thank-you for your support.

ARA Subgroup - decision-making and housing.

Some inspiration from our last World Café "Restoring Connection" on March 7

'In The Eyes of the Good' - a Restorative Dialogue in Nepal.'

2 Questions we asked our tables and some responses from the participants:

1) How can we inspire those who might possibly be skeptical about processes such as this Restorative Dialogue?

- Maintain an energy of resilience and perseverance
- Stay engaged and walking towards those we might find challenging

-Be curious about people's "no" and learning to hear the message behind their skepticism: What are our blind spots? How can we integrate their feedback?

- Be a living example; be open and flexible
- Give observations rather than judgments
- Give everyone a voice
- Find the gems of each culture
- Skeptical people want to know that listening and sharing will lead to action

2) What wider structural changes could emerge from a process such as this in Auroville?

- People become more empowered
- Lessen the culture of blame as there would be more understanding
- More equality among people: especially less fear among newcomers to speak up
- Less secrecy; more willingness and possibility to get to know about conflicts
- Reconnect to heart-centered communication in group settings
- Less hierarchy; more decentralized group structures
- Dealing with conflicts before they go too far would take away from the culture of negativity

For the full "In The Eyes of the Good" movie, please see here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqA2OydkXgg>

Our next World Café evening will be on Monday, April 11. See you at 7 pm at Le Zephyr (Visitors' Centre).

All are welcome!

Restorative Auroville team: L'aura, Janet, Shanti, Kati, Hélène

POSTINGS

From Nandini Tailoring section:

No order taken from Thursday 24 to Thursday 31 of March. We start again on Saturday 2 of April 2016 .Don't forget to bring your bag with your new order. *Anne & Ira*

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, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (snack and lunch will be provided). The kids will be taken to many places to help discover and experience Auroville. Throughout the week

they will participate in activities set-up facilitated by Aurovilians. The children will be involved in day-to-day community life, play games, do handicrafts, meet animals, and see the forest and much more. To register your child please contact us via email: yep@auroville.org.in / Or call or message us: +91 7639321750 (if we are not reachable via phone please send us an email). *YEP Team (Mirabelle & Aurore (fertile))*

Auroville Pre Crèche meeting

Dear Parents, The Pre Crèche will have a Meeting for the parents (only) of the next year Toddlers Group. Parents of Children born from March 2014 to February 2015 are kindly invited to attend this Gathering.

The Meeting is on Saturday the 2nd of April, 2016 at 10:00 am sharp here at the school.

Please kindly inform other parents whom you know have children same age as your child.

For more information Call us at 0413 2623161 during school days between 9:30 to 11:30. Please be there on Time.

Regards, *The Pre crèche Team*

Participation in a "Pantomime Production"

Dear Family, to stage Sri Aurobindo's poem 'SILENCE IS ALL' in mime on the 4th of April at Savitri Bhavan Amphitheatre, I invite singers, actors and dancers between the age group of 15 to 21 to be part of the a-cappella group, choreography and performance team of the production. I shall be incredibly pleased if anyone of the same age group is willing to help me in pre and post production processes, be it technical or otherwise. To know more about the rehearsals and other aspects of this Special Performance you could send an email to: mime@auroville.org.in or call me up on +91 944 2192 906. With Gratitude, *Drupad*

AVAILABLE

Laptop suitcase type bag

I have a good quality 'Lowe Alpine' laptop suitcase type bag. I don't need it anymore as my laptop died. It's for a 13 inch type laptop. I'm now looking for a protective pouch/bag for a 15 inch laptop. *Honor (9159856148).*

Amma for Afternoons

Our Amma is looking for a half-day afternoon Job. She is very reliable, clean. Even though she doesn't speak English she can understand what you explain after working in my household for almost 11/2 years. If you are interested please call 9943368410 *Krishna.*

Home and Garden Caretaker

If you are looking for a reliable person, as home and garden caretaker, while you are away, please sms or phone to this number - 9442300573. Thanks, *Sharma*

House Clearance Sale

At my House in the Quiet Healing centre. Every Sunday until all is gone!!! Furniture: rose wood cupboard and a bamboo bed, table, Kitchen ware, books, CDs, jewellery...Pashminas shawls (new). Lots of colourful clothes and much more. Honda Activa scooter, one Coolpix camera .Thanks to ALL. There are also many small things you can have against a small donation or for free. *Laura, Quiet Healing centre.* Phone 9486366413. **No emails please!!!** (Please park at the main Entrance of the Quiet Helling Centre and walk to the reception and further in the garden)

Two Kittens

Two beautiful black and white kittens have been born a week ago and look for a new home. Please call 9943106616 and come see if you like to take one! *Stephanie*

Fridge

Big Fridge LG LIFE'S GOOD (with small freezer with ice compartment/breaker). Bought new in October 2015. TEL 7868 82 46 98. *Céline*

Royal Enfield 500 cc Red and Chrome

Call 7868 82 46 98. *Céline*

Royal Enfield Thunderbird 350cc

2010 model, 25000 km. TN registration. In good working conditions. *Yury:* 948 9937230, yury@auroville.org.in

Laptop

Acer two years old, bought and fully checked by Indica Pundy. Windows 10, red color. Best conditions. Please call 9486366413 for details. *Laura* -Quiet thanks

Gorilla Fans

Summer is here..!! Make this summer "energy efficient" by changing your older high energy consumption fans to most efficient ceiling fans. Atomburg Technologies (Mumbai) presents the most energy efficient fans 'Gorilla Fans'. These fans consume only 28 Watts at top speed. It is remote operated with enhanced features like off-timer and sleep mode.

For more information, please write to: rashmisubhashjoshi@gmail.com or call *Rashmi* (Sunlit Future) on 0413-2622992 for more details.

New Publication

The English of Savitri 2: Book Three, The Book of the Divine Mother - The second volume in a series based on classes led by Shradhavan at Savitri Bhavan, aiming to assist understanding and appreciation of the mantric epic which the Mother has characterised as 'the supreme revelation of Sri Aurobindo's vision'. 272 pages, hard-bound; Price Rs. 450; ISBN 978-93-82474-07-4 / Also available as an e-book - for details see: www.savitribhavan.org - Submitted by *Savitri Bhavan*

LOOKING FOR ...

Atelier/Studio/Office Space

The Unicorn Collective (*Tracks of the Unicorn*) is looking for a home, more specifically an atelier/studio/office space to create props; rehearse and come up with new nice surprising shows. Additionally, a storeroom or outdoor space would be a possibility for us. If you have a space available or know someone who might, please contact us.

Kaeridwyn: kaeridwyn@auroville.org.in 7639225831

Celine: celine@auroville.org.in 8098846079

Sarah: missacattani@gmail.com 9790836949

Gabriel: bellonig@hotmail.com 7094845425

Roeland: roelandanja@hotmail.com 9585832151

Rosella Fruits

Do you still have some leftover Rosella fruits on your plants in the garden/farm? I need them urgently for medicinal purpose. Just phone or tell on the road, I'll come to pick them up! Gratefully, *Schima* (ex-Kayananda) Phone: 2623038 (at the moment, not working...)

a DC Fan

If you have one lying around please call 9943368410 *Krishna*.

Furniture

Hi, dear friends. I'm in need of furniture for my and my daughter's room (beds, shelves...). If you have something which you don't need any more that's still useful, please contact us, we will be very grateful! 8098 167 492 / Olla_ola@mail.ru
Oлга and Maya

Summer Volunteers for the Kids Corner

Many units are contributing freely and we would like to go on uninterrupted during the summer. From mid-April onward we need volunteers for two hours on FRI and SAT from 4.30 to 6.30 pm. and on FRI two hours in the morning to collect the contribution in kind from the Bakeries, Naturellement, New School Crafts, etc. If you would like to volunteer, kindly call *Nadia:* 9489035457. *Frederick:* 9486475457

A second hand washing machine

(Preferably a front loader). Please contact *Jivatma:* 890-383-2615 / alohatouch@gmail.com

An unused slackline

Does anybody have an unused slackline laying around that he wants to sell or borrow to me for some time? *Carla* 8903677141 or carotenthof@gmail.com

Books

I am looking for the following books, most of which are out of print:

A House For The Third Millennium - Lohman, R Akhetaton
Auroville: Towards The Sun The Spirit of Auroville - Huta, H
Auroville: Sun World Rising - Savitri

The Auroville Adventure: Selections from 10 Years of Auroville Today Little by Little: The Evolution of Schooling in Auroville 1966-80 - Watts, H

My Burning Heart - Satprem

If you have any to sell, exchange or give away, please write to: bluedunebooks@bluedunebooks.plus.com. Many thanks, *Nick*

LOST & FOUND

One book / lenses (lost): book titled 'Zen and art of Motorcycle maintenance'. Sky blue colored paperback cover. First page has inscription of my name. Someone, I don't recollect now borrowed it a few months back and since then it hasn't found its way back. Need it for the personal footnotes it had / One

silver framed aviators with light blue tinged lenses with minor correction number. Lost, may be at Visitor Center or around. If found, please update me at medimedia@gmail.com or call 9787897947. *Gaurav Chhabra*

Mobile Samsung S-5 (lost): On the way to Matrimandir mobile Samsung S-5 .Please call to [Svetlana 9344639707](mailto:Svetlana.9344639707@gmail.com) or mail to: vsganisha777@gmail.com

Wallet (lost): in the evening of Sunday the 20th of March somewhere between the Visitors Centre, Buddha Garden and Joy Community. It's black with a silver sign at the front side. Call +917338941394 or email: frederik.neuhof@gmail.com - Frederik

Sunglasses (lost): I lost my sunglasses Thursday the 17th of March. I'd really like to find them back because they have as well corrections for my eyes. I assume I lost them in one of

these locations: Deepanam, Transition, Cafeteria at Visitor Center or Tennis at New Creation (it can be somewhere else as well). One of the little plastic for the nose support is missing. If you find them, please contact: +918098299472, frederic_latour@yahoo.fr. Fred

Bag (lost): Important!! Grey bag lost at Youth Centre at Pizza Night last week. It had my purse in it (ID, credit card, money...) and a black sketchbook with crazy drawings. If you find it, please bring to International House or email me: gaspar.klari@gmail.com. Klara

THANK YOU

Capoeira Festival

A month ago, the Ginga Saroba group organized its annual Capoeira Festival (A Vadiação das Velas) which celebrated the first coming of a capoeira master in our bio-region: Mestre Branco. The event happened on four days during which Capoeira, music, dance, acrobatics & Bboy workshops were offered to the 41 participants coming from all over the world. Among the teachers, we received Mestre Branco (Brazil / France), Professor Esponja (France), Monitor Chico (India), Monitor Sucuri (India), Monitor Melao (USA / Dubai), Pierre Angola (France / Auroville) and the Familia de Ouro (India) who made this festival an intense, fun and highly valuable event.

Open to the public, we had organized evenings to share a bit of Brazilian culture. Along with samba music and capoeira demonstration we welcomed friends to participate and share their art: Bboy (Familia de Ouro), Fire Spinning (Bright Side of the Moon), Drumming (Svaram Music Crew). We also had the honor to receive the Pandian Aasan Martial Arts coming especially from Chennai to demonstrate Tamil Nadu's traditional martial-art: Silambam.

Our annual festival always aims to gather family and friends. This year we wanted our extended family from France to join us which happened with the first visit in India of Mestre Branco (Prof. Samuka da India's master) and Professor Esponja (Student of Mestre Branco). We also wanted to start an exchange with Familia de Ouro which is a project aiming to get kids out of Mumbai's slums via education, empowerment & art.

Thanks to all who shared their knowledge and art with us: Mestre Branco & all the teachers, Pandian Master & Aishwarya Manivannan, the Bright Side of the Moon & Aurevan, Professor Esponja, the Svaram Sound Crew & the Familia de Ouro.

Thanks to all of you who made this event possible: Jean-Christophe & Cripa, Certitude Sports Ground, Dehashakti Sports Ground, Usha, Krishna & the Solitude Farm Crew, the Youth Center Pizza guys ;), Junior and his friends, Shakti, Poojah, Ana & Andrea, Gandhi, Svetlana, Masha, Céline, Frederick & Nadia,...

Thanks to all who financially contributed towards the event and to all the parents of our kids who supported us.

Thanks to Ginga Saroba's core students without whom organizing this festival would have been impossible: Kiran (Presidente), Manoj (Tranquilo), Miriam (Flamingo), Bhavyo (Aranha), Raoul (Escavadeira) & Usha (Cabello).

Let's meet next year again ;) Axé!
Prof. Samuka da Índia for Ginga Saroba

Andal Kannan - Sudarshan's mother

Our deep gratitude to the Auroville community for enabling a beautiful and loving transitioning of Sudarshan's mother, Andal Kannan, who passed away peacefully on Saturday March 19th at the age of 95. She had been living with us in Auroville for the past 8 years.

We particularly thank the Auroville Farewell team for the detailed care and organization of logistics, and the network of volunteers, friends, and fellow community members who spontaneously offered their help in visible and invisible ways. We are thankful to the presence of the lovingly-maintained Adventure Farewell grounds in Auroville.

We are also grateful to the new publication "Death doesn't exist - The Mother on death".

We feel blessed to be part of this community.

Thank you,
Sudarshan, Buvana and Priya Sundaravalli

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting1: Hello! We are Ismat & Rutu, two long-term SAVI registered volunteers looking for a home-stay or house-sitting in Auroville from March onwards. We'll be in Auroville for 6 months and would love to take care of your house, pets and garden. We will keep your place clean and organized. Please contact us: ismatimaan@gmail.com / rutupatel87@gmail.com / call Ismat on 8940521828. Thank you and regards, *Ismat Imaan*

House sitting2: Hi! We are looking for a place to call 'home' from 1st April to 31st May 2016. We're siblings (aka potential twins) who'd love to take your pet out for long walks or purring rides and your garden shall be our Sabbath. Please contact us @ Nandita (09654032530) & Nitin (09654806337) or E-mail us at: nanditasharma@gmail.com

House sitter1: My Beautiful House, Beach Front in the Quiet Healing Centre will be available for House Sitting from April 20th to September 20th 2016. For a couple or a single woman with a child, or a single woman. No single man. Aurovilians or Newcomers, or registered long term Volunteers .Commitment to the Quiet Healing centre Rules is mandatory: no loud parties. No drugs, No alcohol, appropriate behaviour. Possibility to see the house on **Sunday the 27th** if interested. From 12.00 onwards. Please give me a call before. My mobile 9486366413 - no emails!! Commitment to me: Pet sitting (2 lovely dogs) and easy garden work. Expenses for helper (cleaning every day 2 hours), and a gardener (on Sunday half day) must be paid. The house must be well maintained and respected. Deposit required for eventual broken items to be repaid at the end. *Laura Nina Mosci* (Quiet Healing centre)

House-sitter2: Seeking an Aurovillian or a Newcomer to house-sit a small single place in Auromodèle from May to Beginning of January 2017. Looking for a super clean responsible woman. Expenses will be discussed when we meet. Contact Yën at mob number: 8525019439

House-sitter3: house sitter needed in the time between 5th May- 28th June. It is a house in the Greenbelt close to Transition school. It is a place for a single or couple. I have a cat who needs to be looked after. Please call 9943368410 *Krishna*

TAXI SHARING

50% subsidised shared taxi ride to Chennai:

We are organising a bread delivery run from Auroville to Chennai. We are looking to share a taxi with anyone in Auroville who needs to travel to Chennai, and we will pay for half the fare. Our requirements are as follows:

- shared taxi ride must leave Auroville between 1pm and 3pm any day of the week except Sunday.
- space for 2 cartons and 1 large bag of bread in the taxi.
- bread will have to be dropped at the entrance of Chennai on the ECR.

If you are interested, please call *Aurovrata* on +91 90 43 02 82 21.

March 23rd: Three people coming to Chennai central railway station on March 23 at 7.15 am in the morning. Need a taxi for coming to Auroville. Contact person- *Mohan Khetan*. Mobile- 9373100876. Mail ID - mohan2803@yahoo.com

March 26th: Looking for one or two people to share a taxi with to Chennai airport on Saturday 26th March, leaving Auroville at 8 am latest to get a 1:15 pm flight. Please email *Rachel* on: rlacatz@hotmail.com

March 27th: we are leaving AV. from Grace, at 08:30 pm to Chennai airport. Contact *Doris and Robert*: dorisrob@auroville.org.in or phone: 9500858834

March 27th: Leaving from Arati- Auroville, at 10 pm to Chennai airport - call *Elisabetta*: 7094206150 or elisegala@gmail.com

March 29th: My flight is leaving from Chennai Airport at 9:35 pm. If you are interested in sharing the taxi leaving Auroville at around 4:00 pm or to take the taxi returning to Auroville, please contact me: fcebron1@gmail.com

March 29th: To Chennai airport, leaving à 7h30 pm from Citadines. For sharing a taxi, please contact *Nadia*: nadia.loury@orange.fr / 948 711 34 99

March 29th: From Auroville to Chennai Airport. Looking to leave Auroville at 5:30 - 6 pm to catch a 1:30 am flight. Please contact *Becca*: 9751289902 or RebeccaZelewicz@gmail.com

March 30th: Wednesday. Taxi to Chennai Airport, leaving AuroMode on the 30/03 at 10:00 pm. E-Mail *Ola*: ola.sadowski@gmx.de

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March 30: To Chennai International Airport on Wednesday 30 March leaving AV at 10 pm. To share taxi either way - *Ashaman*: 948 724 1975 or 262 3615

March 30th: I will pick up my father arriving at 11.50 pm on the 30th of March from Chennai airport. Anybody would like to share? I don't mind waiting some time there if you have to go earlier. *Carla*: 8903677141 or carotenthoff@gmail.com.

March 31st: I will be leaving Auroville at 1:45 am on March 31st from the center guesthouse and go straight to Chennai airport. There are 2 more seats available. If anyone is interested in sharing please contact me at: hgoldsmid@gmail.com. Thanks, *Henry*. +1 770 655-3366

April 6th: to Chennai airport on 6 April, leaving Auroville around 10 am. Call 2622727. *Dorothee*

April 6th: Taxi to Chennai airport on 6 April, 11 pm. Sharing? Contact *Paulette*, 2622282; email: paulette@auroville.org.in

April 9th: Wednesday. I am leaving from the Kottakarai Garden Nursery at 5:30 am for Chennai Airport to pick somebody up there (so also returning later). 3-4 seats available. Please contact: llhaslett@gmail.com or phone 8525961875. - *Laura*

April 16th: Saturday, leaving From Maitreye community at 5,30 pm to Chennai airport. Share both way call *Devayani*: 9943179614

April 23rd: From Chennai airport to Auroville, leaving airport at around 10.30 am. Call 2622727. *Dorothee*

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

As a sports teacher

UnLtd Tamil Nadu is a social start up support program under Auroville Village Action Trust. One of the projects we work with is Yurt on Wheels -a non-profit organization that works with Gypsy community children in Pandy to form an alternative education model.

We have been providing after-school tutoring and activities for the children for 3 years in Lawspet behind the famous waste landfill.

Along with education, we are helping children with activities like dance, drama, computer skills and basic life skills.

The children are very interested in sport activities both indoor as well as outdoor. These activities help them to gain confidence, self-development and to continue their school.

We are currently looking for a sports teacher who will work with the children during the evenings on weekdays to organize sports activities.

If you are interested or know anyone, please contact *Rajesh* at: [99-43-215452](tel:99-43-215452) / *John* at: 81-22-584451 or mail: unltdtamilnadu@gmail.com

Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI) April-July 2016

Volunteers needed in:

Documentation / Communication / Content writing / Editing and publication

Volunteers for one week/month/year...

Come, join the effort to make an impact in rural livelihood across Tamil Nadu

Contact details - Ph no :94443 40006 /0413 2622333 / e-mail: admin@tnavsls.in / Website: www.tnavsls.in

Facebook : Sustainable Livelihood Institute

HEALTH

Submitting bills for AVHF before end of March 2016

To all members of the AV Health Fund,

If you still have any medical bills from the past months at home please drop them, together with your doctor prescription and your PT account number, in the Health Fund box at Aspiration Health Centre.

As the financial year is going to end, all the pending bills from April 2015 till February 2016 have to be processed before the end of March 2016.

Only the medical bills from March 2016 can be paid till end of April 2016.

The audit service has told not to process any bills from last financial year after March 2016.

Please check your cupboards while there is still time!

From AV Health Fund

AUROVILLE RADIO



These are the latest programs published by AurovilleRadio this week. All the recordings are available in CD or ready to be copied on your memory stick at the AurovilleRadio premises in Town Hall, opposite the Financial Service.

Auroville Sisters Concert (Music 21/03/2016)

Auroville Sisters Concert of Songs at Visitor's Centre -[English, 94 Minutes]

Peace, Water for ALL, SLI 1 year (News from Auroville 21/03/2016)

Poem for Refugees today, tomorrow Water for ALL, Sustainable Livelihood Institute celebrates 1 year, Peacemakers on 26 - [English, 9 Minutes]

Scene from Mahabharata (Performing Arts 20/03/2016)

With yesterday's Theru Koothu performance of scene from Mahabharata youth attempt to revive tradition. -[Tamil, 34 Minutes]

Tom AVI General Assembly (International Programs 20/03/2016)

Water situation in Auroville presented by Tom -[English, 45 Minutes]

Savitri, Book 2, Canto 2, Part 3 (Sri Aurobindo 19/03/2016)

The King enjoys the paradise of the subtle physical world but he moves on to seek deeper states and hidden powers. - [English, 23 Minutes]

The integral paradigm day1 part 3 (Sri Aurobindo 20/03/2016)

A seminar on the integration of the SENSES, the FACULTIES, the individual, universal, and transcendent SELF -[English, 85 Minutes]

Poems, Tango Milonga (Culture 20/03/2016)

Capoeira, Latin American -[English, 35 Minutes]

The integral paradigm day1 part 2 (Sri Aurobindo 20/03/2016)

A seminar on the integration of the SENSES, the FACULTIES, the individual, universal, and transcendent SELF -[English, 46 Minutes]

Off the Cuff-62 (Performing Arts 18/03/2016)

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

SPORTS

Auroville Ultimate Frisbee

Dear community,

The Auroville Ultimate Frisbee team - Spinerigy - returned last week from one of India's national tournaments in Mumbai called Ghuen Tak. And we returned victorious! The team played well and winning the tournament was well worth the hard fought games.

We would like to thank the community, especially Chandresh from Saracon, the Auroville Bakery, and Naturellement for their constant support.

We invite you to come and join us on field as well. Mondays in Certitude and Wednesday and Saturday at the Gaia field at 4.45.

Hope to see you there.

AV Ultimate, Thank you,

Smiti :-)

TRAVEL

Latest News from the Travel Shop

“Inside India” is located in Auroshilpam. We are open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00. Several new flight offers are available; please contact our counter staff for your travel. Note - Most of the airlines offers are valid for purchase before 31st March. Insurance: we strongly recommend availing of a Travel Insurance for all foreign travels. International and Domestic hotels can be booked through us on discounted rates.

International Flight Tickets/International Hotel booking, flight date changes : (0413)2622078, travelshop@auroville.org.in.

Domestic Flight Tickets/Trains/Bus/Travel Insurance: (0413)2622604 /2623030, domestic@inside-india.com, doulat@inside-india.com.

Tours and Domestic Hotel booking: (0413)2622047, insideindia@auroville.org.in.

GREEN MATTERS

Sunday
walk
Farms & Forests

Sunday 27 March, 9.30 - 11 am: Fertile Field with Jana and Jan

The forest at Fertile Field is young compared to some other forests in Auroville. Started two decades ago by Perumal and Jana, it began as twenty acres of open land with no tree in sight, and has now grown into a beautiful thick forest. Jana, who studies insects, planted the front part of the forest with trees that support butterfly life as a special project. A couple of years ago, Jan joined the small community to support Jana in the forestry work. More areas have been purchased in recent times by Auroville in what are mostly cashew lands; these are being gradually rehabilitated, reforested and integrated into the existing forest.

How to get there: From Solar Kitchen ca. 20 min cycle ride. From the Solar Kitchen front gate (presently a building site) go straight past Library, Santé and Arka towards Transition school. Past the upturned car, turn right into the Greenbelt road; pass the gates of Dana on your right and Baraka on your left. Next you see a watchman hut on the left; here turn left and follow the road for ca. 300-400 m till you come to a *right turn from where the road runs under a power line*. After ca. 300-400 m you'll reach a *left turn-off, marked with a flag*. Go down this 500 meter long winding forest road, past a small house on your right, continuing on the road (slightly left) till you come to a silver gate: Welcome to Fertile Field! For assistance phone: 93457-18694.

Pre-announcement: Sunday 3 April: Baraka with Achilles. 9-11 am.

Details & directions in the next News & Notes.

Soon the posters will be up for the last four walks of the season, during April, in this 5th year of Auroville Sunday walks. All walks are announced in News & Notes with timings, descriptions and directions. Thank you to Auroville's green spaces, foresters and farmers!

AV Green Center: avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

Notes 

TRUE ASPIRATION STORY FEB.29TH (Part 2)

29th February, 2016 Questions

(a) “...60 years after the first manifestation of the Supramental Consciousness our present is full of threats and opportunities, could it be the time for a major shift with more conscious support from us?”

(b) Can we contribute to open the future together? “

According to Sri Aurobindo it appears there were two aspects or problems in attaining Supermind and then bringing it down: ascent to Supermind and descent of Supramental Force. He had solved the ascent part by following the Sapta Chathushtaya programme with the help of his psychic being (a Tamil book BRAHMA JANANAM by Karmayogi.) But the descent part had quite a few options. Interestingly, the descent part really depended upon the receptivity of the people receiving it. Supramental Consciousness had all the necessary knowledge, power, love, delight, aspired for by humanity and ready to pour it on people who needed these things if only they had the needed poise and maturity (*saamarthyā*) and capacity to receive and express them. If these are not there they would be like the “half-baked jars”, mentioned in the Veda, that would break being unable to bear the descent.

If the descent is to occur as early as possible, then, one of the options was the need of “100 complete men”, committed to the ideal with their whole being (a letter to his brother, Barin). This number changed later to that of 12 sadhaks doing Integral Yoga, who have acquired the capacity of receiving it and of being its centres (Sri Aurobindo to Mother). Preparation of such people was going on, externally by Mother through the activities of Ashram as well as internally by Sri Aurobindo through his consciousness using his correspondence with them as a means. The accident happened while this preparation appeared to be approaching its peak. War came and Bengal refugees flooded the Ashram. If this preparation was still to continue as it was till then, he felt, it would take 300 years for the descent to take place (Evening Talks with Purani). It appeared that he did not want to wait for so long and opted for another option of leaving the body and working in the subtle plane. Even he had mentioned this probability to Mother (-Agenda). He soon left his body, worked in the subtle and enabled the descent to occur. As the issue was receptivity of humanity it was as if he had to hand over the whole responsibility of preparing a larger number of humanity to the supramental Force itself! Mother worked on her body to stabilise its action at the most physical level; along with it she created a working field in the world outside for the Force to work on a larger number of people, that is, Auroville and its people entrusted with the task of building the City and of realising the ideals of Human Unity, Unending Education, Endless Progress, Youth that never ages and becoming Cradle of Superman (conscious spiritual evolution; evolution in Knowledge replacing the present evolution in Ignorance).

What is now left to Auroville's ideal aspirants is to find out how to help the consciousness of the Supramental Force and Manifestation to work out the issue of receptivity.

Subash, Isai Ambalam School

“Mobility, the joy of experimenting”

Under this ironic or provocative title, has been recently announced the end of the ACT shuttle service Auroville-Pondy starting from 1 April 2016. This unilateral decision, without alternative, will obviously result in increasing the number of private vehicles, especially cars, which are at present in India very affordable, like the oil they consume, which has not been this low for a long time.

Auroville is definitely a strange place. Aspiring to be a city of the future, here she turns resolutely to the past. In all major cities of the world, the movement is to minimize individual car travels and develop and make public transportation accessible. Some cities, like London, even prohibit the traffic in the city center to private automobiles. A recent statistic tells us that 50% of deaths worldwide are due to outdoor pollution. Auroville is not a metropolis, far from it, but the current situation of Aurovilian roads, most of which are extremely dusty, makes an increase of motor vehicles harmful to the health of its inhabitants.

This "joy of experiencing", probably suggested to the imagination to find solutions to transportation issues in Auroville, must also be accompanied by a thirst to learn and get informed. Auroville is not on another planet, even if several Aurovilians seem to think otherwise. And what do we find in the world most progressive and innovative cities, in addition to emphasis on public transit? self-service vehicles (cars, or bikes like in Vel'Lib's Paris or Montreal's Bixi, which has spread to New York, Boston, Chicago, Toronto, London, Melbourne, etc.), carpooling, trams, monorails, etc. All this can obviously be expensive, but in the long-term everyone gains by it. It is therefore imperative that resources be devoted to public transportation in Auroville. It is a matter of collective will, which will most likely get also subsidies from governments, sponsorships and private funding. As Mother proposed, it is time to take a joyful leap into the future, not to repeat past mistakes.

Christian Feuillette

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every Thursday at sunset

From 6.00 to 6.30 pm (weather permitting)

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

Reminder to all:

The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone: please do not to use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 to 6.30 pm.

Please be seated by 5.55 pm
Amphitheatre Team

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

After a long break, on Sunday 3rd Avril
6.00 to 7.00 pm

We will sing Mother's mantra "Om Namo Bhagavaté"

With Joy and Jivatman (guitar) to guide the chanting

Everyone is welcome to join chanting or just be...

Please take your torchlight for the steps. No photos please.

Dear Guests, please carry your *Aurocard* and note that the gardens will be open only for this moment at the amphitheatre.

Amphitheatre Team

INVITATIONS



Opening of Auroville Farewell Facility

You are invited to visit the new Auroville Farewell facility located on the Crown Road
(Between the Auroville Library and Santé)

On Sunday morning, 27 March from 10 am to 1 pm

you can explore the space, meet members of the Farewell Team, ask questions, and hear about various aspects of the work.

Follow the flowers...

Assist World Records Presents, in its Aurelec Office

Climate Change & Clean India Awareness

Through Live Clay Modelling Demonstration

By Terracotta artist: Kalaimamani Mr.V.K. Munsamy (National & UNESCO Awardee), Puducherry
He is going to demonstrate the live clay modelling on 28th of March, 2016 - from 10 am to 6 pm
Note: If you would like to contact us regarding this event kindly write an email to: contact@assistworldrecords.com
or visit AWR office, Aurelec, Auroville to learn more.
All are invited, entry is Free.



Douze Prières & Méditations de Mère

Mises en scène et jouées en français
Twelve prayers & méditations from the Mother,
Staged and performed in French

Mercredi 30 mars à 6.30 pm à l'amphithéâtre du Savitri Bhavan
Wednesday 30th March, 6:30 pm at Savitri Bhavan Amphitheater
Durée/duration: approx, 45 min -

BHAVISHYATE

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

A Study Group has been recently initiated by Mona on
INDIA: past, present and future challenges

Shri BalaBaskar, IAS (ret'd), former secretary of Auroville Foundation,
Toine and Ram Subramanian have anchored some of the sessions on:

Indian Administrative Services (IAS) - Its origin, training and relevance today
Economic growth and poverty - The Indian experience
Historiography of Tamilnadu - An alternative viewpoint
Food & Agriculture - Can India remain self-supporting in food?
Energy and development Paradigms in India

These are informal discussions (Dialogues) and everyone is welcome to participate.
Different Aurovilians and experts from outside will be invited to anchor the sessions as per the topic.

Timings: 5:00 - 6:30 pm every Tuesday in the new building by the side of the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, first floor.
Those interested please send a mail to: mona@auroville.org.in to be included in the mailing list for announcements on the next topics.

Activities from Sankalpa Art Center
International Zone (behind Pavilion of Tibetan Culture)

Sankalpa provides art therapy and creative empowerment programs, to facilitate insight and connection through art.
These programs serve as a bridge between village youth and women in South India, the international community of Auroville and beyond.

Anyone attending our programs will notice the emphasis on integration and true human unity,
providing equalizing opportunities to our neighbors from the bioregion to join in for self-expression through the arts.
Individual/group art therapy sessions can be booked with Krupa through: krupa@auroville.org.in.

Monday, March 28th from 5 to 6:30 pm

Neela Bhaskar, a Bharatanatyam dancer and volunteer in Auroville, will do a short introductory program to bring to light the importance of self-expression in the highly complex art form that is her dance. She will explore the nature of the dance itself, how it has influenced her life, and how her own artistic expression and creativity has grown over the years, especially since her involvement in Auroville. Any prospective regular students are encouraged to join, as we will announce a regular schedule of classes with Neela shortly after this performance.

Every Tuesday & Friday from 8 to 9 am: Meditation & Art with Krupa

Join us for a simple collective mandala creation, meditation and art making inspired by excerpts of Savitri. In this new space for non-judgmental artistic exploration, a small contribution is expected to cover art supplies from all participants.

Our Art Corner continues at Visitor's Center on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 pm upstairs at Le Zephyr café, as well as Fridays from 4 to 6 pm at the Art Cart on the stage.

Thank you to all supporting and participating in our programs.
Any contributions to help us maintain and develop our new space are welcome to FS account #251273.

With love, light and color,
Krupa & Iyyappa J. for Sankalpa

EXHIBITIONS

Reminder:

POROSITY //// POROCITY



CENTRE D'ART - CITADINES / AUROVILLE // 19 to 26 MARCH / 2.30 - 5.30 pm



Marie-Claire's exhibition "Intuitive Paintings"

In Pitanga

Is extended until the 2nd of April.

TALKS, SEMINARS



Global Movements: Relevance for Auroville and India

26th March - ZEITGEIST DAY - UNITY PAVILION

09:00 A conversation with Jacque Fresco
09:30 A summary of the Zeitgeist Movement
09:45 Who is Peter Joseph?
10:45 (talk) Zeitgeist Movement India
11:00 (talk) Global Eco Village Network
11:15 (talk) Intentional Communities
11:30 Discussion
12:00 LUNCH BREAK

13:30 (Film) "The Choice is Ours"
15:15 (Video) "Culture in Decline"(episode 6)
15:45 (talk) Basic Income and other ways to fix capitalism
16:30 (talk) Eco Villages in India
18:00 DINNER BREAK
(Contributions welcome to cover costs)
19:30 (Film) "Zeitgeist: Moving Forward"
22:10 Conclusion

CULTURAL EVENTS



CONCERT

PIANO RECITAL with VOCAL HIGHLIGHTS: Saturday 2nd of April 2016 at 7.30 pm in Pitanga

Barbara (Germany) and Carla (Auroville) with participation of Paula (Auroville) present Music from Europe: Bach, Haendel, Mozart, Chopin, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Offenbach. Barbara Nagel is a Concert Singer and Pianist, living near Hamburg / Germany. She sang many concerts and likes also to work with professional and non-professional singers and to coach them. She studied Church Music in Heidelberg and Berlin / Germany and Singing in Lausanne / Switzerland.

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

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION - 5 PRACTICE SPACES

All welcome, beginners and non-beginners alike!
Wednesdays, March 30, April 6, 13, 20 and 27 - 4.30-6.30 pm
Please call and register (for more information and venue)
L'aura: 9442788016 / joylivinglearning@gmail.com

NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION - DEEPENING WORKSHOPS

For intermediate and advanced practitioners ONLY.
Sun, April 3 - 9.30 am-5 pm, with lunch break
Please call and register (for more information and venue).
L'aura: 9442788016 / joylivinglearning@gmail.com

CONNECTION AS LIFE ENERGY

Introduction to Nonviolent Communication With L'aura Joy, CNVC Certified Trainer
Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others?
Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want?

- April 9-10 (Sat-Sun)
- 9.30 am-5 pm (with lunch break)

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

human beings, we're in our natural state of wanting to give and collaborate with others.
More info & register (and for venue info): contact L'aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
29th March (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: 'Self-Mastery'

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

Place: Savitri Bhavan. Time: 9 am to 12 noon (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

DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Tahir and Maohamed Farid are happy to organize a two-day drumming workshop in the Unity Pavilion on 29th and 30th of March from 9 am till 4.30 pm.

The first day we will teach how to make a drum, the second day we will teach how to play.

The total contribution per person is Rs.1200. To register please call this number 9047074711 or send an e mail to: eyeclapton@auroville.org.in

SCHEDULES

QUIET

COUPLES IN FLOW with Dariya & Daniel

Saturday 2 - Sunday 3 April 2016

9.00 AM - 6.00 PM (15 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622646 / 9488084966)

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

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

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

WATER & DANCE with Dariya & Daniel

Monday 4 - Tuesday 5 April 2016

9.00 AM - 6.00 PM (15 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622646 / 9488084966)

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

where to go, while opening doors for non-verbal communication and sharing.

Connecting on land with our deeper longings, we give the body permission to find its own ways of expression and possibly contact others. Warm water with its sense of weightlessness and fluidity invites us to let go and experiment with our own organic, flowing way of moving.

No previous experience required!

WATSU & LIQUID FLOW BASIC with Dariya & Daniel

Wednesday 6 - Monday 11 April 2016 (6 afternoons)

1.30 - 6.00 PM (27 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 0413 2622646 / 9488084966)

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

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

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

No previous experience is required!



Programme for APRIL 2016

Y o g a I y e n g a r

Āsanas	level 1	Mon (till 18th)	07.30 - 09.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	level 2	Mon (till 18th)	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	drop in and regular students	Tues		11.00 - 12.00
	Angela			
Āsanas	drop in and regular students	Tues	15.30 - 17.00	Angela
Pranayama	level 1	Tues (till 19th)	17.30 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women	drop in	Wed	07.30 - 09.00	Angela
Āsanas	drop in and regular students	Wed	11.00 - 12.30	Angela
Āsanas	hormonal balance	Wed (till 13th)	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women	level 2	Thurs (till 14th)	07.30 - 09.15	Tatiana
Āsanas	di - restorative	Thurs	15.30 - 16.30	Angela
Āsanas	level 2	Thurs (till 14th)	16.00 - 18.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	drop in	Thurs (till 14th)	18.00 - 19.30	Tatiana
Asanas	drop in - for women	Fri	07.30 - 08.45	Angela
Āsanas	hormonal balance	Fri (till 15th)	09.00 - 11.00	Tatiana
Āsana- open practice	level 3	Sat (till 16th)	07.30 - 09.30	Tatiana
Āsana	drop in	Sat (till 16th)	10.30 - 12.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for the spine	drop in	Sat	17.00 - 18.30	Angela

Note: For Iyengar classes , please come to a drop in class first and talk to the teacher about appropriate level.

Y o g a - m i x e d s t y l e

Yoga Therapy	drop in	Mon, Wed, Fri	08.30 - 10.00	Gala
Āsanas (*)	for teenagers	Mon, Wed	16.00 - 17.00	Lisbeth/Bebe
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - beginners	Tues	09.00 - 10.30	Bebe
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - all levels	Weds	17.15 - 18.45	Bebe
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - all levels	Fri	18.00 - 19.30	Bebe
Āsanas	for children 7-9 yrs.	Sat	10.00 - 11.00	Gala

O t h e r E x e r c i s e s

Pilates	drop in in all levels	Tues	07.45 - 08.45	Teresa
Pilates	drop in all levels	Wed	17.30 - 18.30	Teresa
Kick Boxing	drop in all levels	Wed	18.30 - 20.00	Antonello
Aviva exercise	for women	Thurs	16.30 - 17.30	SuriyaG
Pilates	Intermediate	Fri	17.30 - 18.30	Teresa
Discover energy body	for children, 7-9 yrs.	Sat	11.00 - 12.00	Gala

D a n c e

Ballet for Adults	drop in all levels	Mon	16.00 - 17.30	Grace
Belly Dancing	drop in	Wed	07.00 - 08.15	Priscilla
Odissi Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Tues	16.00 - 17.15	Rekha
Odissi Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Fri	15.30 - 17.00	Kanchana
Ballet for Adults	drop in all levels	Sat	15.00 - 16.30	
Grace				

O t h e r

Exhibitions: Carpe Diem, A photo exhibition by Lisbeth & Amara, Opening Saturday 9th April at 5 pm till 23rd of April 2016. Seize the day! Sharing images of everyday life - of people, landscapes and stillness

For the following therapies & treatments please book your appointment on phone, 2622403/2622994

Acupuncture with Morgana, **Cranio Sacral** with Krishna, **Experiential Anatomy** with Francesco, **Oil massage** with Kumar, Antonello and Krishna, **Reflexology** with Priscilla, **Releasing through Awareness** with Rosa, **Somatic Therapy** with Francesco, **Suction/Cupping Massage** with Svetlana, **Thai Yoga Massage** with Juan, Bebe, Mar and Kumar **Journey through the memory of the body** with Vani

Pitanga is a service for the residents & guests of Auroville, those who are not registered in Auroville cannot unfortunately participate in activities. Please keep Aurocard at hand when signing up for activity.

Pitanga will be closed on April 14th Thursday for the Traditional Tamil New Year

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, (0413) 262 2403 - pitanga@auroville.org.in.

VERITE

CLASSES in Vérité - April 2016			
Days	Drop-in Classes	Timings	Facilitator
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	6:45 to 8.15 am	Olesya
Monday	Movement & Sound Relaxation	5 to 6 pm	Balu & Jeremy
Tuesday & Thursday	Meridian Exercises and Yoga	6:45 to 8.15 am	Yaor
Tuesday & Friday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	5 to 6.30 pm	Olesya
Wednesday	Somatic Explorations	5 to 6 pm	Maggie
Thursday	Kolams (no class April 14)	3 to 4 pm	Rajaveni
Thursday	Dance Offering	5 to 7 pm	Dariya
Friday	Nia Dance (no class Apr 29)	5.15 - 6.15 pm	Ursula
Saturday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	5 to 6 pm	Olesya
WORKSHOPS in Vérité - April 2016			
Thu, 7 Apr	Fresh Perspectives	9.15 am to 12.30 pm	Julie
Fri, 8 Apr	Meridians & Yoga	9 am to 3.30 pm	Yaor
Wed, 13 Apr	Flow Through Life	9.15 am to 12.30 pm	Julie
Fri, 22 Apr	Fate or Choice (Family Constellations)	9 am to 4.45 pm	Yuval
Fri, 22 Apr	Meridians & Yoga	9 am to 12.30 pm	Yaor
Sat, 23 Apr	Fate or Choice (Family Constellations)	9 am to 4.45 pm	Yuval
Sat, 23 Apr	Consciousness as Medicine	9 am to 12.30 pm	Dr. Yogesh
THERAPIES in Vérité - April 2016			
Contact for appointment: Mobile SMS - 7094104329, Phone 91 413 2622606, treatments@verite.in			
Balu	Sound Healing with Tibetan Singing Bowls		
Christine	Thai Yoga Massage Neurolinguistic Programming (English and French)		
Mila	Craniosacral Therapy		
Julie	Life Coaching Sessions		
Susana	Reiki Energy Healing		
Yaor	Nutrition & Lifestyle Recommendations (Including Aromatherapy) Bach Flower Remedies Meridian Do-In Therapy Zen Shiatsu		

Please note: To support the work of the presenters and staff, we ask all participants to please come in time for all classes and workshops. Thank you!

Please contact Vérité: 0413 2622045 or programming@verite.in / 7094104329, 2622606, treatments@verite.in

See the regular events section for on-going classes

Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only).

FILMS



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

(No film on Friday 25 March)

FRIDAY 1 APRIL- 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

"YOYO"

Directed by Pierre ETAIX, France, 1965

Script & dialogues : Pierre Étaix and Jean-Claude Carrière - Cast: Pierre Etaix, Claudine Auger, Philippe Dionnet...

Synopsis: As a silent film in the beginning, the story follows a millionaire from the 1920s to the 1940s. Bored and surrounded by his servants in his palace, he goes to a circus performance one day and recognizes in the equestrian ballerina, the young girl he once loved secretly and who had disappeared for several years. She reveals to him that the little clown, Yoyo, is their son... The movie becomes a 'talky'. When in the 1929 crash, having lost everything, the character goes on the roads with his loved ones and the circus... This elaborately conceived and brilliantly edited comedy is Pierre Etaix's most beloved movie, Yoyo blossoms into a poignant family saga (in which Etaix plays both a father and his grown son) and a celebration of the circus Etaix adored. Chock-full of nimble sight gags and ingenious sound effects, Yoyo is very sweet, a little bit melancholic, and wholly imaginative.

Original French version with English subtitles - Duration: 1h.32'.



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, April 1st, Friday

Schedule of Events:

16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour

16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest

18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club

18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films

20:00 Dinner is served

21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!!

AN APOLOGY TO ELEPHANTS

2013, 40 minutes, English, Directed by Amy Schatz
Narrated by Lily Tomlin, this short documentary traces mankind's long history with elephants and explores the many problems that arise when they are brought to live in captivity in zoos and circuses.

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in.

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

31st March Thursday and 1st of April Friday

NO SHOW

Sorry for the inconvenience. Regards, Suresh

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 28th of March 2016 at 6:30 pm

"MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI - Book 7: THE BOOK OF YOGA"

And the Cantos 1- 7 as *"The Parable of the Search for the Soul"*, *"The Entry into the Inner Countries"*, *"The Triple Soul-Forces"*, *"The Finding of the Soul"*, *"Nirvana and the Discovery of the All-Negating Absolute"* and *"The Discovery of the Cosmic Spirit and the Cosmic Consciousness"*.

"Why camest thou to this dumb deathbound earth,... /

O spirit, O immortal energy, / If 'twas to nurse grief in a helpless heart /

Or with hard tearless eyes await thy doom? / Arise, O soul, and vanquish Time and Death."

A film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from "Savitri" read by The Mother and accompanied on her own organ music. We supply photocopies from the "Savitri" texts read by The Mother, so that the texts can be followed while watching the film. Duration: 86min.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 28 March 2016 to 3 April 2016

Indian - Monday 28 March, 8:00 pm:

• PASANGA 2 (Haiku 2)

India, 2015, Writer-Dir Pandiraj w/ Nishesh, Baby Vaishnavi, Ramdoss, and others, Drama-Family, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

This thematic sequel to the 2009 classic is set in urban location. The film tells the story of Nayana and Kavin, two hyper-active kids who constantly get into trouble at school forcing their parents to keep looking for and sending them to a new school. The frazzled parents by chance meet Tamizh Naadan, a child psychiatrist, who helps the parents understand that kids have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Can the kids overcome the disorder?

German - Tuesday 29 March, 8:00 pm:

• DAS ZIMMERMÄDCHEN LYNN (The Chambermaid Lynn)

Germany, 2014, Dir. Ingo Haeb w/ Christian Aumer, Vicky Krieps, Lena Lauzemis and others. Drama, 90 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Lynn is the most thorough chambermaid at the hotel where she works. Crippled by her own shyness, she rummages through the guests' belongings and even hides under their beds, vicariously experiencing their discreet interludes. When she finds herself present during a session with the call girl Chiara, Lynn can't help but let her curiosity get the better of her. Bold and unrestrained, Chiara soon draws Lynn out of her shell, opening her up to a new intimacy Lynn had previously only experienced as an intrepid voyeur.

Interesting - Wednesday 30 March, 8:00 pm:

• SAANJHI, TRADITIONAL KALAKAAR

India, 2013, Writer-Dir. Devika Gamkhar, Documentary, 67mins, Hindi-English w/ English subtitles for Hindi, Rated: NR (G)

Originating as a decorative patterns for enticing Lord Krishna, Saanjhi Art was made of cow dung on village walls by unmarried girls in Braj (Mathura, Vrindavan, and Gandharv).

This was part of temple tradition in the 17th century and became part of the temple art by the 19th century. Saanjhi Art is an intricate stencil art form where 'Sancha' is the mold from which the stencil is cut. Saanjhi is not a decorative art, but a prayer and a service towards their beloved God. With focus on one family, this fascinating film, a tribute, flows in the natural relationship of the art in life, and the life in art. The narrative widens to the cinematic platform of human expression and human connection with other traditional arts. *The director will be present for an interactive Q&A session after the film. Do not miss!*

French - Thursday 31 March, 8:00 pm:

• COMME UN AVION (The Sweet Escape)

France, 2015, Dir. Bruno Podalydes w/ Bruno Podalydes, Agnès Jaoui, Sandrine Kiberlain, Comedy, 115 mins, French WITH ENGLISH subtitles, Rated: G

Michel has a passion for Air Mail Service; he is dreaming he is Jean Mermoz when riding his scooter, even so he never flew an air-plane! He stops short in front of the photographs of a kayak; it looks like the fuselage of an air-plane. It is love at first sight... On the sly of his wife, he buys a kayak...

International - Saturday 2 April, 8:00 pm:

• ROOM

USA, 2015, Dir. Lenny Abrahamson w/ Brie Larson, Jacob Tremblay, Sean Bridgers, and others, Drama, 118mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

In this highly acclaimed film Jack, a spirited 5 years old is looked after by Ma, his loving and devoted mother. However, their life is anything but typical--they are trapped--confined to a 10ft x 10ft space that Ma has euphemistically named Room and has created a whole universe for Jack within, so that even in this treacherous environment, Jack is able to live a complete and fulfilling life. But as Jack's curiosity about their situation grows, and Ma's resilience reaches its breaking point, they enact a risky plan to escape, ultimately bringing them face-to-face with what may turn out to be the scariest thing

yet: the real world.

Children's Film - Sunday 3 April, 4:30 pm:

• **CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**
USA, 2005, Fantasy-Drama, Dir. Tim Burton, w/ Johnny Depp, Freddy Highmore, David Kelly, and others, 115mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
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.

HENRY-GEORGES CLOUZOT Film Festival @ Ciné-Club
Ciné-Club - Sunday 3 April, 8:00 pm:

• **LE SALAIRE DE LA PEUR (The Wages of Fear)**

France, 1953, Dir. Henry-Georges Clouzot w/ Yves Montand, Charles Vanel and others, Adventure-Thriller, 131mins, French w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

A convoy of trucks, driven by four derelicts, transports dangerous nitroglycerin to try and quell an oil well fire. Their long, harrowing ride over bad roads with their cargo ready to explode at every jolt and jar; the drivers are gambling with their very lives against the opportunity to escape from their steaming, sordid environment. This movie is astonishing, a gritty story filmed in an ultra-real style that relies simply on the beauty of lighting and film to achieve its stunning effects.

Accessible Auroville Public Bus

We are happy to inform that the Accessible Auroville Public Bus (12 seats) will start functioning FOR EVERYONE from 2nd of April (Wednesday) with the following timetable:

MONDAY to SATURDAY

8.20 am - Verite
8.25 am - Matrimandir office gate
8.30 am - Solar kitchen
8.32 am - Certitude
8.40 am - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)
8.42 am - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
8.45 am - Last School
8.50 am - Quiet
9.00 am - Lotus Hotel, S.V Patel Salai, Pondicherry
9.05.am - Ashram
9.10.am - Ganesh Temple

12.00 pm - Ganesh Temple
12.05 pm - Lotus Hotel
12.15 pm - Quiet Junction
12.20 pm - Last School Gate
12.23 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
12.25 pm - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)
12.33 pm - Certitude
12.35 pm - Solar Kitchen
12.40 pm - Matrimandir Office Gate
12.45 pm - Verite

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY

4.20 pm - Verite
4.25 pm - Matrimandir office gate
4.30 pm - Solar kitchen
4.33 pm - Certitude
4.40 pm - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)
4.42 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
4.45 pm - Last School
4.50 pm - Quiet
5.00 pm - Lotus Hotel, S.V Patel Salai, Pondicherry
05.05 pm - Ganesh Temple

08.10 pm - Ganesh Temple
08.15 pm - Lotus Hotel
08.25 pm - Quiet Junction
08.30 pm - Last School Gate
08.33 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
08.35 pm - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)
08.43 pm - Certitude
08.45 pm - Solar Kitchen
08.50 pm - Matrimandir Office Gate
08.55 pm - Verite

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With Gratitude, *Susmita, Sauro, Raju*



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Date: Wednesday & Thursday 23rd and 24th March 2016

Time: 7.30 PM

Venue: India Space
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Program: Wednesday & Thursday, 23 & 24 March 2016:

Projection of 2 Short Documentary Films on Indian Classical Music (Instrumental/Vocal), followed by interactive dialogue/questions.

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Suneet Varma, Ph.D., is Associate Professor at the Department of Psychology, University of Delhi, India. Dr. Varma's early work was in the area of Philosophy of Psychology/Theoretical Psychology. He now works in the area of Spirituality and Psychology, viz.– Vedanta, Yoga, Sufism, Buddhism, the Christian mystical tradition; and their links with Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga Psychology. His most recent work is on the connections between spirituality, music and healing.

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