

News & Notes

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WISH MOON

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

It is precisely about this progressive transformation that I am going to speak to you this evening.... I have often been asked this question, "Why, after having posited as an ideal principle that when we deal with our body we ought to do it with the knowledge that it is only a result and an instrument of the supreme Reality of the universe and of the truth of our being,— why, after having taught this and shown that this is the truth to be realised, do we have in the organisation of our Ashram, doctors, dispensaries, a physical education of the body based on modern theories accepted everywhere?" And why, when some of you go for a picnic do I forbid you to drink water from just anywhere and tell you to take filtered water with you? Why do I have the fruit you eat disinfected, etc.?

All this seems contradictory, but this evening I intend to explain something to you which, I hope, will put an end to this feeling of a contradiction in you. In fact, I have told you many a time that when two ideas or principles apparently seem to contradict one another, you must rise a little higher in your thought and find the point where the contradictions meet in a comprehensive synthesis. Here, it is very easy if we know one thing, that the method we use to deal with our body, maintain it, keep it fit, improve it and keep it in good health, depends exclusively on the state of consciousness we are in; for our body is an instrument of our consciousness and this consciousness can act directly on it and obtain what it wants from it. So, if you are in an ordinary physical consciousness, if you see things with the eyes of the ordinary physical consciousness, if you think of them with the ordinary physical consciousness, it will be ordinary physical means you will have to use to act on your body.

These ordinary physical means make up the whole science which has accumulated through thousands of years of human existence. This science is very complex, its processes innumerable, complicated, uncertain, often contradictory, always progressive and almost absolutely relative! Still, very precise results have been achieved; ever since physical culture has become a serious preoccupation, a certain number of experiments, studies, observations have accumulated, which enable us to regulate diet, activities, exercise, the whole outer organisation of life, and provide an adequate basis so that those who make the effort to study and conform strictly to these things have a chance to maintain their body in good health, correct the defects it may have and improve its general condition, and even achieve results which are sometimes quite remarkable. I may add, moreover, that this intellectual human science, such as it is at present, in its very sincere effort to find the truth, is, surprisingly enough, drawing closer and closer to the essential truth of the Spirit. It is not impossible to foresee the movement where the two will unite in a very deep and very close understanding of the essential truth.

So, for all those who live on the physical plane, in the physical consciousness, it is physical means and processes which have to be used in dealing with the body. And as the vast majority of human beings, even in the Ashram, live in a consciousness which, if not exclusively physical, is at least predominantly physical, it is quite natural for them to follow and obey all the principles laid down by physical science for the care of the body.

(To be continued)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 29 May 1957

MOTHER

The
Ponder
Corner

There is a sort of intuitive consciousness that comes in the body and makes it know the right thing or do the right thing.

This growing of consciousness in the body is one of the most important results of Yoga turned to action and is especially important in this Yoga.

Sri Aurobindo

ref. Letters on Himself and the Ashram, p.765

Secretary takes office

To the Auroville community,

We are happy to welcome Mr. Mohan Verghese Chunkath I.A.S. (ret.'d) as Secretary of the Auroville Foundation. He assumed office on Monday June 13, 2016. His term of office is three years.

Mr. Chunkath was born in Thrissur, Kerala, on March 10, 1956. He holds a post-graduate degree in Zoology. He belongs to the 1978 batch of IAS officers.

As Additional Chief Secretary, Mr. Chunkath has been heading the Tamil Nadu State Department of Environment and Forests since December 2012. He was promoted Chief Secretary in May 2014 and held this post till December, 2014, when he became Additional Chief Secretary / Director, Anna Institute of Management and Director General of Training. He retired from this position on March 10, 2016.

Mr. Chunkath has held various positions including that of Collector of Dharmapuri district and Secretary in charge of Higher Education Department. As the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency from January 2008 to May 2009, he identified solar energy as an area to be promoted vigorously. He served as an Independent Non-Executive Director of Seshasayee Paper and Boards Ltd., since February 2, 2013 until July 2014. He was ex-officio Director of Tamil Nadu Water Investment Company Limited, nominee director of the Tamil Nadu Forest Plantation Corporation Ltd., ex-officio Director of the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. and ex-officio Director of Adyar Poonga.

Mr. Chunkath is a well-known scrabble player and he has won many tournaments. Three years ago, his publication *Nature Rambles* (Mover Books) was launched and the former Chairman of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation, Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, hailed him for showcasing urban biodiversity heritage through just 200 examples of the variety of nature in Chennai.

Mr. Chunkath and his wife Ms. Sheela Rani Chunkath (who was then additional Chief Secretary TN and Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu handicrafts Development Corporation, now retired), were the Chief Guests at the presentation in Auroville of the book *Economics for People and Earth - The Auroville case 1968-2008* authored by Prof. Dr. Henk Thomas from The Netherlands and Chartered Accountant Manuel Thomas, on October 2nd, 2013.

**The Working Committee invites all Auroville residents to meet Mr. Chunkath
On Tuesday June 21st at 4 pm at the Unity Pavilion.**

The Working Committee.

Leaving Auroville Allowance

Dear Friends,

As you may be aware, there is an existing policy by which an Aurovilian leaving Auroville can ask for financial assistance in case he/she needs it. The amount and validity of request in each case is determined by a few members of the "Leaving Auroville Allowance Pool". We have edited this policy based on the present reality, also keeping in mind the changes which are about to come.

Please see this link (<https://www.auroville.org.in/article/57589>) for the revised version for your perusal and feedback.

Kindly send your comments to: avcoffice@auroville.org.in on or before 25th of June 2016.

Thanks and regards, *Auroville Council*

**FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 652
dated 18.06.2016**

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. 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

Philippe PELEN (French)
Thierry MOUCAZAMBO (French)

PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT AUROVILLE ON THEIR OWN:

Janina GLOYER (German)
Haerang KIM & Ellis KIM (Korean)
Wolfgang DONNE (German)

In case the above person(s) wishes to come back to live and work in Auroville, (s)he will need to restart his/her newcomer process.

Note: The Entry Service is not closing for any summer breaks. The new Entry Policy is effective from July 1, 2016. Two important meetings will take place in June for updating everyone.

Mentor Pool gathering on Friday, June 17, 5 pm - 7 pm in SAIER Conference Hall
Welcome Talk on Wednesday, June 22, 3 pm - 5 pm in SAIER Conference Hall

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 2 pm to 4 pm. 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 to the public 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, Christiane, Eva, Giridev, Ishita, , Neeti)*

L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 18th Jun 2016

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks from the date of publication.

The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval. The final approval is given when L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC issues 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 Projects

Site Applications
No New SA

Building Applications

1. Sindhuja, Aurodam, house Extension for an area of 34 sq.m., near the old structure existing on the southern side of the hut on plot No. IR 229/1 (near Radiance Unit).

Collective Projects

Site application
No new SA

Building Applications
No news BA

For additional information, please write to: avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC office in the Town Hall.

For more information on the location of the plots mentioned above, you can find this same announcement with map(s) on the AuroNet page of L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC.

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

WCom reply to community feedback

Dear community,

The Working Committee thanks all the individuals who took the time to give constructive feedback and/or express concern about our new way of communicating. Many suggestions will be incorporated into the next report. Generally, the response was overwhelmingly positive, albeit a few concerns were expressed. To address these concerns, we would like to clarify several things.

There was a misunderstanding that the report would replace general meetings. We do not intend to replace general meetings with any other kind of communication, these types of reports included. One of the intentions behind the report is to ensure communication outside of general meetings and to create a platform where feedback and concerns can be streamlined and answered before having a general meeting. Also, we are aware that not everyone will or can attend general meetings, so this is a way to enable all Aurovilians and Newcomers to be informed and ask questions. We will hold our next General Meeting in August, after people have returned from the summer break.

Questions were also raised about the rating scale and whether it is appropriate or desirable. We would like to clarify that in the rating, 10 = excellent, and 1 = extremely poor. We noticed that a few people gave a negative (1) rating without explaining why. We assume this was done out of a particular discontent with the Working Committee's functioning, but it would have been helpful if the complaint would have been explicitly mentioned. Please bear with us while we attempt some trial and error here in order to ameliorate this communication.

Lastly, some residents expressed interest in knowing the outcome of topics rather than only that a topic has been addressed. If the Working Committee can write about content, it will do so. But we can only report, for example, that we raised concern about pending visa extension applications, as any outcome lies in the future.

Specific questions and answers:

1. *Who will pay for the correction of the Roundabout? How much did the Roundabout cost and where did the money come from? If from the central pot then it is not justifiable.*

For reasons of safety and security (under the Working Committee mandate), the Working Committee decided to close the roundabout. After this decision, the roundabout was narrowed (not closed) by the Road Service. The

Working Committee then flagged the issue to the interim TDC with the request to find a permanent solution. The question of costs has to be replied to by the TDC.

2. *"The decision of the entry service will be binding" Why? Why not the decision of the sub-group?*

Neither the Working Committee nor the Council has been mandated to act as an appeal body to decisions of the Entry Group. Instead, a subgroup was formed that studied if the Entry Group had duly followed the process. The subgroup concluded that it had. The decision of the Entry Service is therefore binding.

3. *Regarding the Trip to Delhi, I would be interested who has met whom with names and more details on the meetings, instead of generic information.*

The Working Committee had decided not to share this information publicly, such as in the News and Notes, as its circulation is not restricted to Auroville only. The names of the members who make visits to Delhi can be published and we will do so hereafter.

4. *In the new appeals process why can't the decisions of the WC and AvC be appealed?*

The appeal process is a proposal only which needs to be approved by the Residents' Assembly. Our report mentioned the drafting of the process, done in collaboration with the other groups concerned. It will take a few months before this proposal can be submitted to the Residents' Assembly for comments and, afterwards, for approval.

5. *In the Working Committee report published in News & Notes #644 (9 April 2016) is listed the pending issue: "Water Harvest / Water Service complaints". This is no longer on the list of pending topics. Why not?*

This was an oversight, thank you for pointing it out. The Water Harvest topic is still pending.

6. *In the first topic, under HRD Ministries (the last line of 1st para) is referred to approval of land sales: Does this include the land of any long-settled communities 'outside' of 'the center'?*

No. The sale of about 26 acres of outlying lands was approved by the community long before this Working Committee took office (see <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/14301>). The sale could not be effected due to new GOI permission requirements. The permission of the HRD Ministry is still awaited.

Auroville Sustainable Livelihood Institute - Naidu House

All in Auroville know about the problems of finding suitable locations, buildings and spaces to support activities and environments that are suitable for operational needs. The solution for SLI was to acquire use of Naidu House on the road to Irumbai that was formerly the home for Water Harvest and its services related to water and irrigation in the bio-region. The first concern is to find the building and the second is to adapt it to suit the purpose of the activity. SLI houses around a dozen permanent staff but, in a busy week, we may have 2 or 3 workshops comprising up to 20 people each, here for 3-4 day programs. To organise and plan workshops for up to 60 people plus the in-house staff (several of whom are typically supporting the visitors from 7 am-8 pm during their stay) it becomes a complex logistics exercise.

First of all the building and its surrounds have been adapted and adjusted over the last year. Rooms inside the building were restored and structures outside were remodelled. We now have three spaces; two inside and one outside that means there are 3 "classrooms" that can each support up to 20 people. These areas have facility to support audio-visual aids as required. In addition SLI has a functioning office facility for administration, finance, logistics and marketing as well as meeting rooms. Of course there is little hierarchy in the arrangements as there is flexible office space that people can use as needs require them to.

Kitchen and toilet facilities were constructed, again crucial elements because we have to provide food and facilities for up to about 70 people. We also constructed an open-air dining space.

The external areas have been remodelled to include shoe rack and circulating area. We have also planted trees, medicinal plants and a vegetable patch maintained by the staff members. Now there is also a poster at SLI giving the location of the various medicinal plants in the campus and their uses.

We invited a group of children from the Puvudham rural School in Dharmapuri who have bought their skill and enthusiasm to decorate the building with beautiful natural material based art-work on the walls with livelihood and cultural themes, this has made the place look and feel unique.

SLI is now a fully-functioning knowledge institution that is fit for providing educational workshops for rural communities and local livelihood in Tamil Nadu and beyond. SLI is open for Auroville community members anytime during the workshop days. Do write to info@tnavslj.in or admin@tnavslj.in and schedule your visit. We already work with over 30 Auroville units and this can also be expanded.

We invite Aurovilians to visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=sustainable%20livelihood%20institute

The website and a blog can be found at: <https://www.tnavslj.in>
[SLI, Naidu house, kottakarai, Auroville, 605 111 / Ph: 91 0413 2622333 / 2622690 - E-mail: programme@tnavslj.in]

"Probiotics Open House" on Thursdays by MGEcoduties

Our ALL NATURAL Probiotics Products are available for you, your family, your friends, or any casual gift. New ALL NATURAL products are on the line. If you feel to test our new products and give us sincere feedback, you are most welcome. They are:

1. Happy Shave for Men
2. Hair Soap Bars (Normal - Oily - Dry)

See you on **Thursday! (Afternoon 3 to 6 pm)**
MGEcoduties (Guidelma and Margarita) - Creativity.



E U R O P E = AVI Germany, AVI Netherlands, AVI UK, AVI France, AVI Liaison Luxembourg and the Italian Pavilion group have considerably contributed toward the temporary **European House** in Auroville's International Zone. The remainder for this venture may come via the European Parliament where interest has also been expressed for a permanent European Pavilion at a later stage.

Related to this is the possible formation of an AVI Belgium group. Sonny of AVI Luxembourg and Belgian Maurice -the latter has been since years associated with AVI Netherlands and has been organising exhibitions and fundraising events in Belgium- have been in contact with an interesting group of Belgian individuals, most of whom have stayed in Auroville for a while and one of whom is Marc Luyckx's daughter and her family.

On 29 May they came for the first time together as a group in Louvain la Neuve (New Leuven) and are in the process of forming an **AVI Liaison Belgium team**. As the European centres yearly meet somewhere in Europe itself, this European gathering, which is planned for 30 September till 3 October this year, may take place in Louvain La Neuve instead of in Berlin.

I T A L Y = Aurovilian Paola De Paolis has once again given a presentation on Sri Aurobindo's work in Italy. The talk on *Savitri* was given in the IBIS esoteric bookshop in Bologna, northern Italy, in the evening of 11 June. Focus was '*Savitri - a Legend and a Symbol*': the true story of our past, present and future as depicted in Sri Aurobindo's poetic masterpiece.

F R A N C E = On Tuesday 21 June another 'Café Auroville' will take place in Paris. This time it will be a 'Meeting with two Aurovilians', namely **Rakhal and Dominique** who happen to be in Paris at the time. As they both extensively work with/for volunteers in the City of Dawn, and Rakhal has also started filming again, they have a wealth of information to share with the audience. Auroville has also been present in Paris' L'entrepôt, Biosphère Culturelle, where from 1 till 26 June Aurovilian **Marie-Claire Barsotti** exhibits her '*peintures intuitives*'.

N E T H E R L A N D S = And last but not least, just now the June issue of the Dutch monthly newsletter came out. Apart from the announcement of a discussion between **Henk Thomas** (Economics for People & Earth, The Auroville Case 1968-2008) en **Gijs Spoor** (initiative taker UnLtd Tamil Nadu & Integrated Enterprises Lab in Auroville) to take place in Amersfoort on Thursday 16 June, it gives, once again, numerous photos and links to items such as Narad's interview with **Alain Grandcolas**, Srinii's film clips of **Bernard Borg, Kripa, Torkil and Renu**; to **Georges Moustaki** (1934 - 2013) singing in French the first five lines of Sri Aurobindo's "Reason was the helper; Reason is the bar" as published in '*Thoughts and Glimpses*'; as well as to a number of other interesting features occurring in the City of Dawn, announcements of upcoming gatherings in north India and Denmark, a new AVI coming up in Belgium etc. . All this can be perused at: goo.gl/bYr4HH.

For all AVI matters, contact: vani@auroville.org.in / This column is maintained by: mauna@auroville.org.in

UnLtd Tamil Nadu update

In an effort to be more united with our Auroville community, and to express our sincere gratitude for everyone's support throughout the years, UnLtd Tamil Nadu will be posting regularly in the News & Notes to update the community about social entrepreneurship and our work. If you're curious or just want to chat, our office is in Auromode and we're open on weekdays. We'd love to connect with you!

In the recent months, to boost our professionalism our team grew exponentially. The tribe is growing and we are closer to having the full resources we need to take the best care of our fellows (social start-up founders) and our incubation program (year-long mentorship program). Now it's time to choose a new batch of social start-ups! Our scouting and selection team (Souaad and Aditi) has been hard at work sorting through dozens of hopeful applicants, screening them, and choosing the ones who are most qualified to move on to the next phases of selection. The best ones meet a selection panel that decides the outcome and will choose the new cohort. At the end of this process, in July, we will come out with a new batch of fellows ready for incubation! It's a joyful time for us meeting so many dedicated and passionate entrepreneurs determined to change India for good. It makes the decision very tough.

We've also launched our consulting firm, which we will be writing more about in the coming weeks. If you're itching to learn more about it you can send an e-mail to: sea.tamilnadu@gmail.com

If you're passionate about social entrepreneurship, volunteer with us! We thrive off your energy. You can get in touch with us at: info@untltdtamilnadu.org
Like our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/unltdtamilnadu) for more frequent updates.



POSTINGS



Savi closed

Savi Office is closed for maintenance for 2 weeks from Monday 27th of June.
Savi Office will reopen on Monday 11th of July.

Bharat Nivas Trust

This is with reference to the News and Notes report dated 30.04.2016 by the International Zone Group.

Bharat Nivas has an existing development proposal for the wooded land to the south of the Auditorium along the proposed loop road towards the Visitor's Centre that has been approved by Shri Doshi and the Governing Board.

Baby born 1

Dear AV Family & Friends, we would like to share with the community that we have been blessed with a new Auroville baby girl, Padmashree. She was born on 17th May 2016, at Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Pondy. Love and smiles, *Mahesh N & Indirani M (Svaram Community)*

Baby born 2

Dear Friends of Auroville, our baby girl "Riyasha Dev" was born on the 18th of May 2016 at Jipmer. She is a healthy baby and her sister Yohana Dev is delighted with her arrival! We are very happy to share this news with you. Love to all, *Sudhakar & Kayathri*

AVAILABLE

Bike Sale

Karizma R, 3 years old, in good condition, 53000 km driven. Please contact this number if interested: 9786526171. *Kumaran*

Fridge

I have a brand new 90 litre Electrolux refrigerator, purchased in the beginning of June, for sale (with bill). For more information please contact *Keshav* at: 9819748582.

Guitars & ampli

I am selling two guitars, one Washburn Electro-acoustic and one Ibanez Stratocaster as well as one amplifier Marshall 10 watts (the ampli is new). Contact *Eric, Svedam*: 9442646250

At Solitude Farm and Organic Café

Dear friends,
As well as particularly good mangoes, we also have other fruits in this season such as bananas, sour sop, lemons and some other produce. Alternatively you can get a Basket once or twice a week and with support from Solitude Cafe cooking workshops you can really explore how to eat almost exclusively from this bio-region. Lunch and breakfast is also served daily in the cafe for you to discover a deeply satisfying taste and cuisine - **nutritionally, ecologically and culturally!**

See you there.
Love,
Solitude Farm and Organic Café

LOST & FOUND

Reading glasses (Found): Near Creativity - Pass by the News office.

Reading glasses in a pouch (Found): At Bharat Nivas after the Cinema show 2 weeks ago - Pass by the News office.

Hurt dog (Found): Dear All, on Wednesday 15/06 morning, a dog has been found by the side of the road, at the entrance of the parking lot of Town Hall. The dog had an open wound as

front right leg looks like it got ran over. Sweet dog, no collar, medium size, mainly black with orange/brown colour on lower part of legs. If this is your dog, we have called Integral Animal Care and they came for it.
Contact them to get your pet home safely: 2622855 / 9655474754 / animalcare@auroville.org.in
Warmly
Sabine

LOOKING FOR ...

English Language Exchange

Help me to improve my beginner's English, and I would offer in return Russian language lessons, or music lessons (Guitar and

Recorder). Interested? Please call +91-9489632878 or email: crystally-ma@yandex.ru -
Thanks! *Slava*

Office Furniture and Equipment

Dear All, YouthLink is looking for furniture (e.g. tables, chairs, and cupboard) and equipment (e.g. camera, second hand computer/laptop) for our office as we have grown in numbers - we are sharing the space with 14 members /weekly. Please let us know if you are willing to give away or sell for a discount. We are happy to come pick it up from your place. Please contact us at 9489861069/8940568266, youth@auroville.org.in. Thank you! *YouthLink*

An amma

We are looking for an amma from Monday to Saturday, half time from 9 am -1 pm in Edaiyanchavadi for a family home. *Sonia 8940288090 or Kayesh 9557975030*

People to help Guests

Dear Aurovilians,

The Guest Service would like to create a list of people willing to help visiting guests who do not speak much English. This person could eventually help visitors of same nationality (short-term) in their first introductory steps in Auroville and would be contacted by phone.

If you would like to contribute please contact us by email and give your telephone contact (and best time to be contacted), your name, and what languages you speak (can be more than one ;-)

Thank you very much,

The Guest Service team

Ph: +91 (413) 26 22 675 / avguestservice@auroville.org.in

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

1 or 2 Bedroom place needed

Om namo Bhagawate. We are Thierry Moucazambo and Philippe Pelen, French from Reunion Island. We are artists (performing arts) and we are Newcomers. We are looking for accommodation from the 10th of July onwards. We need a place with one or two bedrooms (of course 2 bedrooms would be great), kitchen, bathroom with hot water, western toilets. House-sitting would be nice. We like pets and we can contribute financially for expenses. We are open to any other offers. Please contact us: pelenbaldiniphilippe@gmail.com

House-sitting 1

I am a single mom of a 9-year old daughter looking for a house-sitting or any other accommodation opportunity starting in July. My daughter will attend school here, so ideally, we would like a place for 10 months, but shorter periods are also feasible. You can contact me at: mapie02@hotmail.com or by calling: +91 9145629840. Thanks! *Marie-Pierre Lacombe*

House-sitting 2

Hello, I am Parul. I will be coming to experience Auroville and do some voluntary work. I am excited about my stay there :) I am looking for an opportunity to house-sit from 1st July to 31st Oct. If you would enjoy having someone to take care of your

house and keep it clean, please contact me on +91-9564981017 or thatsparul@gmail.com. Thank you, *Parul*

House-sitting 3

Dear all, Anusha, Stefan and our little daughter Ananya have reached AV at the beginning of June and have started our 3-month exploration and volunteering period. We would like to start the newcomer process as soon as possible after this experience and are looking for a house-sitting opportunity from 1st August onwards. If you would enjoy having a small family taking care of your house, keeping things clean and in order and being happily willing to cover running costs, please contact us. Since we are not required to leave India after 3 months of volunteering, we intend to stay on and would be super happy about a long-term house-sitting opportunity.

Contact *Stefan*: 9650826622, stefangebert@gmail.com

House-sitter 1

Hi all, I am looking for somebody to do house sitting at Maitreye 2 from 1st July 2016 for a few months. Please send me an e-mail: ivana@auroville.org.in , if you interested about more information (My mobile is not always reachable) - Take care, *Ivana*

TAXI SHARING

June 20th: I am going to Chennai airport on the 20.06.16. I will leave Auroville around 1:30 AM. The taxi will return empty on the same day anytime between 5:30- 6:00 AM. Please call Isha at (0413) 2622192 if wish to share on either way. *Isha Swayam*

June 20-21: Taxi leaving Auroville between 10.30 pm on Monday, 20 June, and 12.30 on Tuesday, 21 June, to the airport. Taxi sharing is possible both ways. Call or SMS 9047468594. *Ruslan*

June 22nd: I'm going to leave Auroville for Chennai airport at 10 pm. Possible to go earlier. *Galina*: 262 2595

June 23rd: A taxi will drop me at Chennai airport approximately at 1 am on the 23rd of June. An empty taxi will be available for returning to Auroville. If you are interested, please, contact *Galina*: 262 2595,

June 23rd: Empty taxi to Chennai airport 23rd of June. Anyone needing to go? Two people arriving at 8:20 pm, flight returning to AV, room for one. Contact: marlenka@auroville.org.in - *Marlenka*

June 28th: I will go to Chennai airport to catch a domestic flight at 12:35 pm. Please get in touch if you want to share a taxi. Both ways are possible. E-Mail: stefanie.weinert@gmx.de or phone: 8971561015 - *Steffi*

June 29th: Leaving Chennai Airport around 3-4 pm (flight arrives at 2.30 pm). Taxi could be shared both ways - leaving Auroville on the 29th in the morning latest 1 pm or the way back in the afternoon. If you are interested please contact: sandyra@auroville.org.in, thanks! *Sandyra*

June 30th: If somebody wants to share a taxi from AV to Chennai airport leaving AV on 30th June at 9:00 pm (21:00) arriving in Chennai around 12:30 am (0:30) on July 1st, please contact: 9487512625 or b4tasttd@auroville.org.in. *Juergen*

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Yurt on Wheels is in DESPERATE need of teachers and sports coaches!

Yurt on Wheels is a non-profit organization that works with Gypsy community children to form an alternative education model. We have been providing after-school tutoring and activities for the children for 3 years in Lawspet, Pondicherry. We are desperately looking for teachers who can teach basic maths and reading. Even if you can only do a few days a week, that's great.

Along with the conventional learning, we are helping children explore alternative education like dance, drama, computer skills and basic life skills, and sports. For that, we are currently looking for a sports teacher who will work with the children during the evenings on weekdays.

If you are interested in enriching these youngsters' lives, please contact Rajesh at 99-43-215452 or rajeshvln86@gmail.com or johnpeterhr@gmail.com

Thank you SO much, love,
the Yurt on Wheels team :)

HEALTH

Cardiology Camp - change of timings

There will be a free Cardiology Camp at AV Health Center on **Sunday 19th of June 2016 between 9 am and 1 pm**, held by AG Padmavathy Hospital. All Hypertension and Diabetes Patients are urged to take this opportunity.

AvHC

Tibetan Doctor

Dear Friends, the visit of the Tibetan Doctor is as usual every 4th Saturday of the month.

We have more patients from outside of Auroville but keep special timings for Aurovilians. If Friday Morning works well with you please do send us an e-mail or sms as we will be out of station for a few days. Contact: kalsanq@auroville.org.in / 8489067332 / 9943388873

For the month of June the doctor will be giving the consultation on Friday the 24th and Saturday the 25th.

For your information Saturday might not be full day therefore you are requested to get an appointment.

☀ SANTÉ summer news ☀

Clinic Summer Timings: 8:45 am - 12:30 pm / Monday - Saturday / May - June 2016

It has been a slow, hot summer and the sizzle does not seem to have left us yet.

This year, the Santé team had several therapists who went out on summer break including Nisha, our nurse, who is currently visiting wonderful sites in Slovenia with her husband.

Dr. Ruslan was in Kazakhstan to visit his family and is now in Copenhagen, where he will attend a medical conference to present on integrative medicine and the work taking place in Santé. He then goes onto to get some post-graduate experience in a medical trauma center in the Netherlands

where he has been invited to train for a few weeks. We hope our many other TOS therapists are enjoying their time away recharging their batteries.

Dr. Igor has been the Santé doctor-on-call all through the summer, working alongside Dr. Bee (Ayurveda), Natascha (Shiatsu) and Michael (Homoeopathy). Most of our health practitioners will be back by early July.

Santé has shifted its lab collection room this summer and we hope to be adding a computerized lab billing process in the months to come....but these things take time. ☺ We are constantly making efforts towards streamlining the whole billing process but that may take some time too. Health Fund has recently placed a HF bill collection box in Santé so you can now conveniently drop off your bills for reimbursement when you come visit us.

We hope to send Igor to Delhi in early June for a short training course in Ozone treatment as Santé would like to offer Ozone therapy as another complement to our integral health focus. The Sri Aurobindo Society is generously donating some of the special equipment needed to begin this work.

And thanks to another generous donor, Santé will soon have a new radiosurgery unit that will allow us to treat, in-clinic, many patients who require minor dermatological and surgical procedures with minimized trauma, pain and scarring and a much improved healing time.

Also soon-to-be added to the Santé roster are colon hydrotherapy and osteopathy; we are only waiting for the professionals to join us later this year.

It promises to be an exciting year ahead for all of us in Santé. We try to do our best at every step of the way, but if there are ways in which we can serve you or the community better, we would love to hear your feedback at: sante@auroville.org.in

SPORTS

Auroville and Inter-village Sports

The Auroville bio-regional sports event kick started last Sunday June 12th at Dehashakti with over 140 participants competing in athletic and go go events from 18 villages surrounding Auroville.

This Sunday, June 20th will see 40 volleyball teams competing from 8 am to 5 pm and the final will be held on Sunday June 27th at New Creation Resource Centre.

Please support this initiative to foster skill, connection and friendships with local youth by coming to watch the events or contributing to cost to **village action account number 0226**, please mark in description "sports event".

This initiative will be followed by an effort to develop an overall plan for sports in Auroville and the bio region.

- Those from Auroville who would like to be involved should contact: jothi@auroville.org.in at the Auroville Resource Centre
- and village participants should contact Auroville Village Action Office in Irumbai [avagoffice@auroville.org.in]

Notes

An Anti-Obituary.

No obituary when it's time.

We haven't yet found our words facing death: "It is with great sadness.....is now with the Mother".

Too "Christian".

Yuri, I thought you wanted to check out Otto.

Remember once you asked me in Aspiration to set up a unit outside of Auroville as you had a new patent for refrigeration. After you had given everything to Auroville, you wanted the income from the patent to come to you.

You explained that you were working on your body and that you had discovered the secret of immortality, or at least longevity. While you were given maintenance, you had that doubt that Otto would look at the figures when you got to, let's say 120 years, and would call you and say: That's enough! we have to discontinue your maintenance.

Then we agreed that we would put Otto to a test.

Now what?

The patent for refrigeration and the one for immortality are unfinished.

Love you, Brother in arms,

Frederick

Brooding N. Saravanan's unusual demise

I did not happen to come in touch with N. Saravanan personally but on seeing his photo I recall seeing him here and there in Auroville. But my sister worked with him many years ago at Matrimandir and admired his good qualities. His dying because a chariot carrying a wooden statue of a god (Mariamman) fell on him and many people getting injured reminds me four things:

1) An article Mauna wrote in Auroville Today some years ago about this characteristic of the people in which Auroville is situated. "God lovers, god fearing people" was the gist of what Mauna wrote. There is definitely something special in Tamil race behind their external masks - Mother sums it up when she wrote: "A simple peasant here is in his heart closer to the Divine than the intellectuals of Europe." Having said this, everywhere in India and other countries a vast majority of people cherish strong religious sentiments. It is only a recent phenomenon that in England and Wales the number of people with no religion is higher than the people following the country's main religion Christianity. Dr. Karan Singh writes in his biography that even in erstwhile Soviet Union, he saw people with strong religious beliefs and following the Russian Orthodox Church.

2) Second thing I remember is some of the 'Thoughts & Aphorisms' of Sri Aurobindo.

"Providence is not only that which saves me from the shipwreck in which everybody else has foundered. Providence is also that which while all others are saved snatches away my last plank of safety and drowns me in the solitary ocean."

"God struck me with a human hand; shall I say then, "I pardon Thee thy insolence, O God?"

"God gave me good in a blow. Shall I say, "I forgive thee, O Almighty One, the harm and the cruelty, but do it not again?"

"When I pine at misfortune and call it evil, or am jealous and disappointed, then I know that there is awake in me again the eternal fool."

"When I see others suffer, I feel that I am unfortunate, but the wisdom that is not mine, sees the good that is coming and approves."

"Sir Philip Sidney said of the criminal led out to be hanged, "There, but for the grace of God, goes Sir Philip Sidney. Wiser, had he said, "There, by the grace of God, goes Sir Philip Sidney."

"God is a great & cruel Torturer because He loves. You do not understand this, because you have not seen & played with Krishna. "

(Ref. Collected Works of Sri Aurobindo, V. 13)

3. All external supports are breaking. Some 3 or 4 years ago, thousands of people were on a pilgrimage to Amarnath in Kashmir as they do every year in a particular season. Ananda Reddy and others of SAKAR too were among them. Suddenly there was a deluge, tremendous water. All washed away. People ran for their lives. Many lost their lives. Many lost their livelihood. Think of it. You visit a place which is believed to be god's place and you lose your life or life's support. I recall a similar thing that happened in Gujarat long ago. Suddenly there was a Tsunami. People living nearby rushed to a Krishna Temple but water washed them all away including the temple. Alok Pandey of Sri Aurobindo Ashram has written an illuminating article on such calamities, the gist of which is: all external supports are falling apart. Mankind must learn to rely not on any external support including religious but solely on the inner force, inner power, inner divine.

4. We all feel sorry for what happened but as Sri Aurobindo writes in one of his poems, the true spirit of Saravanan might be feeling a release, A liberation, even joy.

What is this talk

*"What is this talk of slayer and of slain?
Swords are not sharp to slay nor floods assuage
This flaming soul. Mortality and pain
Are mere conventions of a mightier stage.
As when a hero by his doom pursued
Falls like a pillar of the huge world upturn
Shaking the hearts of men and awe-imbued,
Silent the audience sits or weeps forlorn,*

*Meanwhile behind the stage the actor sighs
Deep-lunged relief, puts off what he has been
And talks with friends that waited or from the flies
Watches the quiet of the closing scene,
Even so the unwounded spirits of the slain
Beyond our vision passing live again."*

(Ref. Collected Poems, CWSA, V. 2, p. 182)

Submitted by Aryadeep

More farm land lost to Auroville?

The Farm Group were recently told by the Land Board that they want to carry out a survey in Brihaspathi farm as they are thinking to use part of the farm for land exchange. This is the letter we have sent to the Land Board and other groups in response. We are sharing it with the community as we think that everyone should know what is going on with Auroville farm land.

Dear Members of the Land Board

Re: using Brihaspathi farm for land exchange

At the last meeting of the Farm Group on Tuesday June 7th the Farm Group discussed the possibility you raised of using Brihaspathi farm for land exchange. The position of the Farm Group is as follows:

1. The Farm Group is most disturbed that for the fourth time a request for a farm to be used in land exchange has been made. By doing this Auroville seems to be blindly following the rest of India and the world where productive farm land is being lost as it is given up for other uses. Given that losing farm land puts the future food security of Auroville at risk the Farm Group will not willingly give up farm land for land exchange or any other purpose. Past experience has shown that Auroville farm land, once lost to land exchange, is not replaced.
2. The Farm Group acknowledges that there might be exceptional circumstances in which a case could be made for giving up either a farm or farm land for land exchange. If such a case arises this has to be agreed by the whole community. In such a case the Farm Group expects a replacement farm to be provided. In practice this means that sufficient land be made available and resources provided in a separate account to create another farm. These resources to be made available to the Farm Group before the land exchange negotiations begin. This will ensure that in the future farm land is not lost to Auroville because of land exchange as has happened in the past.

Submitted by Priya on behalf of the Farm Group

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

INVITATIONS

United Nations 2nd International Day of Yoga

"Yoga unites us with the Universal flow and connects us with our own personal rhythms. The discipline of yoga enhances our ability to respond to subtle cues that promote wellness. Peace becomes the natural environment of our relationships and our world," said Douglass Stewart, Cofounder of the Solstice in Times Square: Mind Over Madness Yoga.

Join with millions of people around the world to celebrate 2nd UN International Day of Yoga in Auroville.

Programme 1

Place - Town Hall open stage (In front of Le Morgan) cafeteria

Time - Morning 6 to 7.45

Tentative schedule:

Surya Namaskar, 6 to 6.30,

Yoga asana, 6.30 to 7.15,

Reading My favorite quotes / passages on yoga 7.15 - 7.35,

Meditation 7.35 to 7.45

Programme 2

Introduction to Integral Yoga By Ashesh Joshi

Place - Savitri Bhavan

Time 9 to 12

Buildfree One Day Festival

June 18 (Saturday) - 10 am to 5 pm, SACRED GROVES

Ever wondered how to build structures with mud?
If you are a free-spirit who enjoys time with making buildings, furniture, playing musi, and making some cool moves,
then join us on the Buildfree event at Sacred groves.

Buildfree is a one-day festival for building stuff with very little money,
and more fun which is open to all free spirits like artists, craftsmen, designers, architects,
and anybody with an open heart.

EXHIBITIONS

Kala Kendra - Centre for Arts in Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India Presents

ABSTRACT

An exhibition of Paintings
by Juergen Puetz
and Metal Art Craft
by Saravanan

From Friday the 17th of June, 2016 till Saturday the 16th of July, 2016

Inauguration on
Friday the 17th of June, 2016 at 5:00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

Gallery Timings: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays)

TALKS, SEMINARS

BHAVISHYATE

Sri Aurobindo Center of Studies
Bharat Nivas

INDIA: past, present and future challenges

Open sessions have been anchored by Mona since January 2016

Next upcoming session-

20th June, 2016

By Suchindran Baskar Narayan

Topic - Indian Judicial System- Part 2
(Auroville Act Judgement, 1982)

These are informal dialogues/discussions and everyone is welcome to participate.

Sessions held so far-

Indian Administrative Service- origin, training and relevance	Mr. Balabaskar
Economic growth and poverty- the indian experience	Mr. Balabaskar
Historiography of Tamil Nadu- an alternative viewpoint	Mr. Ram Subramaniam
Food and Agriculture- Can India remain self supporting in food?	Mr. Balabaskar
Energy and development paradigms	Mr. Toine
Kelai Draupadai-Tamil Koothu tradition	Mr. Shashikanth Ananthachari
Secularism- An Indian perspective	Ms. Aster
Indian Judicial sytem- Origin and challenges, part 1	Mr. Suchindran
Ecological Sanitation in India	Mr. Lucas Dengel
Skill training - Make in India	Mr. Lavkamad

Timings: 5:00 - 6:30 pm every Tuesday at the new building behind the auditorium, first floor.

Those interested please send a mail to mona@auroville.org.in or cicbn@auroville.org.in to be included in the mailing list for announcements on the next topics.

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

21st June (Tuesday), International Yoga Day

- 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: 'The Vision and the Way'

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

Place: Savitri Bhavan

Time: 9 am to 12 Noon (please be present by 8.50 am for preliminary study)

Led by *Ashesh Joshi* (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922)

No Registration required (except for groups)

Fees: Voluntary Contribution

All are welcome

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

OM CHOIR - OM Singing

At Savitri Bhavan OM Choir starts again

On Tuesday, 21st of June - on the 'New World Day of Yoga'

*The voice that chants to the creator Fire,
The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word (Savitri p.310)*

That is to inform all Lovers of singing OM and who would like to learn about the New Music for the New World that the OM CHOIRS at Savitri Bhavan are happening again, on Tuesdays, 5:45 pm.

In 1961 the Mother gave the adesh to Narad to bring down a new music. She said that one must go far above words and bring down the pure Music. Mother told us to sit in a circle and have no preconceptions as to what we would sing but to be silent and let the music descend in us. The OM Choir aspires to bring down the New Music for the New World in a collective body. We sing only OM, the creative and effectuating word

after starting with warming-up and voice exercises given by Narad.

Kolam power-circuits

Grace offers to make for you a very unique custom designed Kolam that she creates according to Birth dates or any other dates that are special and meaningful to you (Very similar to Birth-date Mandalas).



A Kolam 'power circuit' is made up of one or more continuous lines that weave and knot; 'in Tamil they are called sikku, nelly or kambi' - flowing, meandering around a grid of dots called pulli in Tamil'.

Your very personal dates of birth or any other important dates are assembled according to sacred geometric laws in a 'pulli' dot grid and then with a sikku line skilfully knotted to create a power circuit.

A power circuit is a continuous closed line, just like the symbol eight that flows infinitely recharging itself endlessly, also, representing infinity!

These power-circuits can become a tool for meditation, visualization or function as a lock, seal or emblem representing and empowering you with the intention(s) of your realization and manifestation in this life time.

When following the line with your index finger you can literally recharge yourself with intention.

A personalized Kolam is a beautiful gift to offer friends, loved ones, a new born, even to reinforce the date of union, marriage, special occasions manifested or yet to be manifested etc.

If you are interested and are happy to contribute financially or in kind towards a personalized Kolam, please contact Grace by making an appointment: allgrace@auroville.org.in / mobile message: +919841412550

FILMS



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

(Film starts at 7:45 pm SHARP!)

- Friday 17 June: ALL IS LOST by JC Chandor with Robert Redford
- FRIDAY 24 JUNE: "Nelson Freire" Directed by JOÃO MOREIRA SALLES - Brazil, 2002

Synopsis: Nelson Freire is probably one of the best-kept secrets in the world of the piano. The international press has acclaimed him as one of the greatest pianists of our time, comparing him to legendary greats such as Sergei Rachmaninov, Alfred Cortot, Josef Hofmann, Arthur Rubinstein, and Glenn Gould. Despite many accolades and commendations, however, Freire has avoided the spotlight, focusing on developing himself musically. The film eschews the usual interviews with friends and witnesses in favor of a direct cinema approach that lets Freire's modesty and candor shine through, eloquently and cinematically. Highlights include discussions of the revered pianists Guiomar Novaes and Martha Argerich, Freire's love for American jazz and Hollywood cinema of the 1940s. This is a moving portrait of the soul of a unique Brazilian musician. *Duration:* 1h.42'

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

STAR WARS MONTH

23rd June Thursday 8 pm

STAR WARS EPISODE III

Genre: Sci-Fi/Action - Rated: PG13 / Language:

English/Subtitle: English - Dur: 2:20mins

Dir: [George Lucas](#) / Cast: [Hayden Christensen](#), [Natalie Portman](#), [Ewan McGregor](#)

Storyline: During the near end of the clone wars, Darth Sidious has revealed himself and is ready to execute the last part of his plan to rule the Galaxy. Sidious is ready for his new apprentice, Lord...

24th June Friday 8 pm

STAR WARS EPISODE IV

Genre: Sci-Fi/Action - Rated: PG13 / Language:

English/Subtitle: English / Dur: 2:20mins

Dir: [George Lucas](#) / Cast: [Mark Hamill](#), [Harrison Ford](#), [Carrrie Fisher](#)

Storyline: Luke Skywalker joins forces with a Jedi Knight, a cocky pilot, a wookiee and two droids to save the galaxy from the Empire's world-destroying battle-station, while also attempting to rescue Princess Leia from the evil Darth Vader.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 20th of June 2016 at 6:30pm.

"THE GENIUS OF INDIA"

Sri Aurobindo described the essential spirit of India, the qualities and powers characteristic of her genius in articles entitled "The Renaissance in India". He explained what he meant by a rebirth of India. "We cannot go backward to a past form of our being, but we can go forward to a large repossession of ourselves".

Sri Aurobindo gives a complete, wide, all-embracing answer to the question "What was this ancient spirit and characteristic soul of India?" And one has to rediscover the real nature and capacity of the Indian spirit so as to be able to act in an effective and powerful way in today's world.

The film is based on Sri Aurobindo's articles of "The Renaissance in India" and was made in a unique way of film-art by the Auroville Press team. Duration: 28min.

THE ECO FILM CLUB SADHANA FOREST

Friday, June 24th

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!!



WHAT THE ANCIENTS KNEW - INDIA

The Ancient Indians have not only given us yoga, meditation and complementary medicines, but they have furthered our knowledge of science, maths and invented Chaturanga, which became the game of chess. According to Albert Einstein, they "taught us how to count", as they invented the numbers 1-9 and 'zero', without which there would be no computers or digital age.

(Reminder: Friday, June 17th: "Wild Rio")

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.

Important information about News & Notes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; No visitors on Wednesday. Please, no dictations over the phone unless it is an emergency or you have a medical problem.

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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 20 June 2016 to 26 June 2016

Indian - Monday 20 June, 8:00 pm:

- **KI & KA (Hers and His)**

India, 2016, Writer-Dir. R. Balki w/ Kareena Kapoor, Arjun Kapoor, Amitabh Bachchan, and others, Comedy-Romance, 126mins, Hindi-English w/ English subtitles, Rated : U/A (PG-13)

This is story of role reversal, Kabir the man is the homemaker and Kia, the woman a successful business person. Regardless of their unconventional roles, people are people and the genders don't really matter. It's a mainstream formulaic film that for the first time trying to break the gender stereotypes with humor. *Worth a watch for that alone.*

Potpourri - Tuesday 21 June, 8:00 pm:

- **THEEB**

UAE-Qatar-Jordan-UK, 2014, Writer-Dir. Naji Abu Nowar w/ Jacir Eid Al-Hwietat, Hussein Salameh Al-Sweilhiyeen, Hassan Mutlag Al-Maraiyeh, and others, Adventure-Thriller, 100mins, Arabic w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

This stunning Oscar nominated film is set in the Ottoman province of Hijaz, in 1916, around the time of WWI. Theeb (meaning Wolf) an 11yrs old boy and his brother Hussein - comes from a family who are traditionally pilgrim guides. With the advent of trains they are not in great demand. An Englishman arrives with a chest - supposedly with treasure seeking their help to guide him to Mecca; and Hussein is sent off to guide the English man. Theeb secretly follows, starting the stunning desert adventure of intrigue, drama, betrayal, and growing up.

Interesting - Wednesday 22 June, 8:00 pm:

- **An Enquiry into A New Story for Humanity: Change the Story, Change the World**

UK, 2016, Dir. Mattie Porte - Lorenz Gramann w/Satish Kumar, Pat McCabe, Charles Eisenstein, Documentary, 102mins, English, Rated: NR

From the New Story Summit at the Findhorn Foundation. Captured through the lens of both our frailty and our wisdom, this enquiry into a new story for humanity offers a gateway into the evolutionary consciousness that will propel us as a species to recognize and embody our interdependence in harmony with the planet and in partnership with all life. *The film will be introduced by Christoph.*

East Asian - Thursday 23 June, 8:00 pm:

- **UMIMACHI DIARY (Our Little Sister)**

Japan, 2015, Dir. Hirokazu Koreeda w/ Haruka Ayase, Masami Nagasawa, Kaho, and others, Comedy-Drama, 128mins, Japanese w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Three sisters live together in Kamakura since their parents had left home with their respective love interests. Sachi, 29, the oldest Koda sister, a nurse at the local hospital, acts as a substitute mother to Yoshino, 22, and Chika, 19. One day, the threesome learns of their father's death and reluctantly attend his funeral in Yamagata. There they meet their half-sister Suzu, 13, and as if came under her spell. Sensing that Yoko, her father's widow, will not be a fit guardian Sachi invites Suzu to move to Kamakura home.

International - Saturday 25 June, 8:00 pm:

- **BROOKLYN**

UK-Canada-Ireland, 2015, Dir. John Crowley w/ Saoirse Ronan, Emory Cohen, Domhnall Gleeson, Drama-Romance, 111mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

In late 1951, Eilis Lacey, a young Irish girl, emigrates to Brooklyn, USA from her native town Enniscorthy. The early days are tough, seasickness followed by loneliness and homesickness - for her widowed mother and her dear sister Rose who she had left behind. Slowly she finds her footing in the new land, a new job, new skill, and then new love in Tony an Italian-American man who she marries in secret. But then tragedy strikes inciting Eilis to return to Enniscorthy ... *This acclaimed film premiered at the Sundance with a rapturous standing ovation.*

Hayao Miyazaki Season for Childrens' Matinee

Children's Film - Sunday 26 June, 4:30 pm:

- **MAJO NO TAKKYUBIN (Kiki's Delivery Service)**

Japan, 1989, Dir. Hayao Miyazaki, w/ Kirsten Dunst, Minami Takayama, Rei Sakuma and others, Animation, 103mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

A young witch, on her mandatory year of independent life, finds fitting into a new community difficult while she supports herself by running an air courier service.

Lasse Hallström Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Hallström is known for his charming, humane filmmaking style that embraces life's many unusual characters and situations. He first came to the attention of American audiences with the release of *My Life as a Dog*. It had earned universal praise for its winsome warmth and poignancy and had earned Hallström Oscar nominations for Best Director and Best Screenplay

Ciné-Club - Sunday 26 June, 8:00 pm:

- **MITT LIV SOM HUND (My Life As a Dog)**

Sweden, 1985, Writer-Dir. Lasse Hallstrom w/Anton Glanzelius, Tomas von Bromssen, and others, Drama-Comedy, 101mins, Swedish w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Ingemar lives with his brother and his terminally ill mother. He may have a rough time, but not as bad as Laika - the Russian dog sent into space. He gets sent away to stay with relatives for the summer. While there, he meets strange characters, giving him experiences that will affect him for the rest of his life.

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

Kindly do not bring food, drinks, snacks, munchies or your pets into the auditorium.

As a courtesy to the fellow viewers please be sweet and stop chatting after the film starts.

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

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

Thanking you,
MMC/CP Group