HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

THE TRIPLE TRANSFORMATION

An intuition in the heart sees that truth. - Rig Veda, I. 24. 12.

If the spirit could from the first dwell securely on the superior heights and deal with a blank and virgin stuff of mind and matter, a complete spiritual transformation might be rapid, even facile: but the actual process of Nature is more difficult, the logic of her movement more manifold, contorted, winding, comprehensive; she recognises all the data of the task she has set to herself and is not satisfied with a summary triumph over her own complexities. Every part of our being has to be taken in its own nature and character, with all the moulds and writings of the past still there in it: each minutest portion and movement must either be destroyed and replaced if it is unfit, or, if it is capable, transmuted into the truth of the higher being. If the psychic change is complete, this can be done by a painless process, though still the programme must be long and scrupulous and the progress deliberate; but otherwise one has to be satisfied with a partial result or, if one’s own scrupulousness of perfection or hunger of the spirit is insatiable, consent to a difficult, often painful and seemingly interminable action. For ordinarily the consciousness does not rise to the summits except in the highest moments; it remains on the mental level and receives descents from above, sometimes a single descent of some spiritual power that stays and moulds the being into something predominatingly spiritual, or a succession of descents bringing into it more and more of the spiritual status and dynamis: but unless one can live on the highest height reached, there cannot be the complete or more integral change. If the psychic mutation has not taken place, if there has been a premature pulling down of the higher Forces, their contact may be too strong for the flawed and impure material of Nature and its immediate fate may be that of the unbaked jar of the Veda which could not hold the divine Soma Wine; or the descending influence may withdraw or be spilt because the nature cannot contain or keep it. Again, if it is Power that descends, the egoistic mind or vital may try to seize on it for its own use and a magnified ego or a hunting after powers and self-aggrandising masteries may be the untoward result. The Ananda descending cannot be held if there is too much sexual impurity creating an intoxicant or degrading mixture; the Power recedes, if there is ambition, vanity or other aggressive form of lower self, the Light if there is an attachment to obscurity or to any form of the Ignorance, the Presence if the chamber of the heart has not been made pure. Or some undivine Force may try to seize hold, not of the Power itself, for that withholds, but of the result of force it leaves behind in the instrument and use it for the purposes of the Adversary. Even if none of these more disastrous faults or errors should take place, still the numerous mistakes of reception or the imperfections of the vessel may impede the transformation. The Power has to come at intervals and work meanwhile behind the veil or hold itself back through long periods of obscure assimilation or preparation of the recalcitrant parts of Nature; the Light has to work in darkness or semi-darkness on the regions in us that are still in the Night. At any moment the work may be stayed, personally for this life, because the nature is able to receive or assimilate no more, — for it has reached the present limits of its capacity, — or because the mind may be ready but the vital, when faced with a choice between the old life and the new, refuses, or if the vital accepts, the body may prove too weak, unfit or flawed for the necessary change of its consciousness and its dynamic transformation.

THE LIFE DIVINE, book II, part II, chap. XXV

SRI AUROBINDO

Gratitude:
It is something very special.
It is not love, it is not self-giving.
It is a very full joy. Very full.
It is a very special vibration
unlike anything other than itself.
The Mother
ref. The Spiritual Significance of Flowers, p.122

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Report on GM - Participatory Planning & L’avenir restructure

Report on General Meeting to Discuss

Participatory Planning & L’avenir restructure, Sept 6, 2016

Your feedback invited

This report is to communicate the results of this meeting and to invite you to send your queries and feedback to the RAS at: raservice@auroville.org.in.

Full presentation & notes available

The full meeting presentation and more detailed meeting notes are available on the online version of this report: www.auroville.org.in/article/58847. If you would like a print version of these documents, please don’t hesitate to email the RAS at: raservice@auroville.org.in and we’ll print them out for you.

Introduction: RAS (Jesse) and AVC (Marc)

Facilitation: Elvira

The objective of this meeting was to gather comments and inputs as well as clarify questions on a work in progress proposal aiming at re-structuring L’Avenir d’Auroville, so that Planning and Development of Auroville can be carried forward with a participatory approach.

The presentation was done by Suhasini on behalf of the team that had worked over the past three months on this.

Summary of the presentation made

- Why we need to re-structure the planning and development of Auroville; reasons leading to this work, outcomes of the 2015 Retreat, overview of the April 2016 two-day workshop
  • The Need for an agreed methodology for an effective participatory planning process; the different levels of participation with roles and responsibilities, participation by delegation as a proposal
  • A proposal of Roadmap for participatory methodology that will integrate the concerns/qualities to build up a coherent planning and development process
  • First steps towards implementation of road map - the ‘sounding board’ idea to work on the terms of reference for planning. That would then guide the selection of a TDC. The idea presented also of an auditing/guiding/monitoring Body for ensuring community endorsed terms of reference are used for development goals and policies.

In conclusion:

1. The proposal presents the concept of a collaboratively-created planning guide, called a “Terms of Reference” (TOR) that would be the key reference for planning Auroville.
2. By delegation through a ‘sounding board’, residents would create this TOR together with planners and experts.
3. A group of people would audit/monitor L’avenir’s work to ensure that it reflected the Terms of Reference.
4. Mita Dasgupta and the Residents’ Assembly Service would coordinate a series of Interactive Sessions with an aim to raise awareness and understand planning and development topics in Auroville. This would enable residents to take informed decisions as well as give inputs/feedback on development policies

Questions & Feedback

At the conclusion of the presentation, the facilitators invited participants to ask questions and offer feedback on the proposal. A brief summary below:

Feedback:
- How to infuse more intuition into these frameworks, processes & systems - to be worked upon
- The Terms of Reference (ToR) needs to be dynamic to enable changes as parameters change, it needs a time frame and regular review and feedback / presentations to the community as part of the monitoring process

- Need to “translate” technical language into easier lay person’s lingo
- Consider fundraising for the consolidation of lands as a priority in the terms of reference (ToR)
- The name ‘sounding board’ may not be the best- to be reconsidered
- Study the galaxy plan in depth, in parallel and in connection with what exists and this outlined proposal. Not to forget - we are building and experimenting
- Consider to use surveys in the community to get a wider participation. Create points of access. Think of ways to increase participation

Questions & Answers based on the presentation

Q: Will the ToR be a planning bible for Auroville? What is it exactly?
A: The terms of reference or ToR frames the general intent using simple language; it creates ‘boundary conditions’ for planning and development.

Q: What is the time frame for all of this?
A: Preparing the terms of reference, getting community inputs and feedback would take between 2 & 3 months. Based on this ToR, the new TDC could be in place between February & April 2017.

Q: The ‘sounding board’ is it active or passive? Do they call out for expertise?
A: The sounding board is active and will be working out the ToR and yes, they will call for expertise as required.

Q: What do you mean by “mandate of the project”?
A: The Mother’s vision, that she talked about an urban fabric, a city.

Q: Have you run a model on how to fill this with people and make it work? How many people would be needed for this work? Isn’t everyone already 99.9% committed to something else? If we choose this framework, would we get the means (people, funds, resources) to be successful?
A: The idea is that this framework will simplify things, which will also minimize the needed resources. Note: the sounding board is not a ‘standing body’ (like a working group) but is formed only to formulate the ToR and facilitate the formation of TDC.

Q: All this impacts land of the Auroville Foundation while development outside is going strong. Where is the connection to the NTDA proposal (New Town Development Authority)?
A: This is an important question that is being asked by many voices. Part of a TDC will deal with the NTDA. [It was agreed to not go into that topic further.]

Q: If the community agrees to take this forward, how will we create the ‘sounding board’?
A: Participants from different areas of work in Auroville would be invited to join. Areas of work such as education, services, economy, farming, forest etc.

Resident Input Invited

The RAS and Mita invite any resident who would like to present a planning topic for exploration to contact either her or the Residents’ Assembly Service (RAS) at: raservice@auroville.org.in or mita@auroville.org.in.

More information: For more information, please don’t hesitate to email the RAS at: raservice@auroville.org.in.

Kind regards, Your Residents’ Assembly Service

Draft document of the “Appeal Process” for the Community feedback

Dear community members,

The Auroville Council is hereby presenting you the draft document of the “Appeal Process against working groups’ decisions” elaborated by its sub group. See the link: www.auroville.org.in/article/58830
We have incorporated feedback from the working groups whose decisions can be appealed against and is now publishing this work to the community for 2 weeks of feedback, comments and suggestions.

The aims of the Appeal Process are to:
- ensure fair, open and transparent decision-making processes.
- encourage accountability from our working groups.
- allow for working groups to revise or change a decision.
- encourage the Auroville community to move towards shared responsibility.

Please go through the draft and write to avcouncil@auroville.org.in, your feedback by 1st of October latest. Alternatively, you can give feedback on the RAS mass mail system, or pass by the AVC office to drop off your feedback.

Warmly, Auroville Council

Clarification regarding the new Entry Service secretariat

Dear friends,

We would like to bring clarity on some points regarding the Entry Service Secretariat.

1) The old Entry Service team

The Auroville Council, having closely followed their work for past few months, saw that the team was not functioning well in several respects. One reason was the change of policy itself - it is never easy for a group functioning in a certain way to switch over to a new mode. One other reason was internal conflicts within the team. A Restorative Circle was called by one of the team members in which 3 Council members were named - the process itself did not yield satisfying results, but showed the Council the urgent need to reconfigure the team, what we felt was central for the health of the new policy. We would like to reiterate at this point that this decision was not taken overnight nor was it without the awareness of the old team members, who were well aware of the past few months' process, having been part of it.

2) The team building workshop

This was not intended by the Auroville Council as a selection process. The intent was to call for volunteers and let the room come up with the core team that will carry the day-to-day administrative tasks.

In the past few years, the way for members to join the Entry Service has been through individuals volunteering and then being announced for feedback by the AV Council. It is the same presently, the only difference being that a workshop was organized by us to build the team, considering the transition and need for a fresh start.

It is very important to note here that the Entry Service as per the new policy is an administrative body only. It is a secretariat that processes applications, organizes the mentor pool, updates the files and works closely with the Council to solve issues that may come up while implementing the new policy. The function of decision making has been largely distributed amongst the Mentor Pool. For more information please read the new policy here: www.auroville.org.in/page/entry-policy-2015-annexes

3) The new team having started work without the feedback period being over

This has been the practice for new members in the past few years - individuals volunteer and begin working while Auroville Council asks for and processes feedback. This process may need to be improved for the future, but for the moment we have chosen to stay with the existing system of volunteering and feedback. For profiles and photos please see the link: www.auroville.org.in/article/58761

4) What about the old team members and the transition?

Out of seven old members, one of them had already left, two of them had sent in their resignation for the mid of September, two of them were part of the new team and the remaining two of them were requested by the Auroville Council to wrap up their work by mid-September, unless they needed more time.

While we are aware that this may look like a fast-track process, please bear in mind that this was only the end of a process that lasted several months.

5) How feedback will be processed

Feedback from the community will be received till Sept. 24th 2016 and afterwards it will be processed by the Auroville Council, in the same way as before. The results of this process and a detailed report of the processing will be published by us after the feedback period. After this, the new team will have a 3 month trial period and then a one year term, after which we will plan for a staggered member-replacement system.

Conclusion:

The AV Council has nothing to gain from all this re-organization and struggle, except to have a working Entry Service Secretariat. It is in the interest of the success of a larger collective experiment that we felt personal grievances and preferences must be immediately put aside.

The AV Council will continue to monitor the new team and the implementation of the new policy closely during the 3 month trial period, so if something still is not right, we will not hesitate to change it with the consultation of the community.

We request you to trust us in this difficult transition period and to help us change the spirit behind entry into Auroville.

We take this opportunity yet again to thank and appreciate the old team that carried on in their best capacity despite the many challenges they faced.

Sincerely, AVCouncil

An update on NTDA

Dear residents,

Bearing in mind that the community is divided on the topic of a New Town Development Authority for the Auroville area, representatives of the Working Committee and Auroville Council recently met with the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Mr. Chunkath, to solicit his views on frequently-asked-questions from the community. While Mr. Chunkath has advised that this is the best option available for Auroville presently as protection against unwanted development in the Master Plan area, he has also given an objective and clear view of the pros and cons of this endeavor. His observations have subsequently been shared with the Governing Board and International Advisory Council. Please find the same document here: www.auroville.org.in/article/58862

The Working Committee and Auroville Council, without a clear decision of whether the community wants an NTDA or not, are finding it very difficult to give direction to this topic and propose to start a process similar to the Residents Assembly Decision making process (RAD) on this topic, in October. Preceding the RAD, all information, old and new, will be published for information, and a GM will be held for information, to which Mr. Chunkath will be invited. The intention is to draw a fair picture of pros and cons and eventually arrive at a collective decision on the NTDA.

In the meantime, the NTDA Task Force has been asked by the Working Committee and Auroville Council to pause its interactions with any relevant authorities until further notice.

Best regards, Working Committee & Auroville Council

Forest Group Meeting

Aurodam - 2nd of September, 2016

38 participants: Diego, Fabian (chair), Auronevi, Hans (Abri), Dave (notes), P Elumalai, Rita, Madda, Malvika, Jan, Eric, Thanajayan, Karthik, Vimal, Sathyaseelan, Kanniyapan, Dominik, Shivraj, Balu, Vengatesh, V. Boobalan, Clapton, Nina, Kumar, Vinny, Achilles, Glenn, Rishi, David, Jasmin, Shakti and baby, Marco, Aurore, Arun, Hans (Silence), Mani, Sandeep (Fertile).

Unutilised land in the city area

Rita informed the group that the land board, with assistance from Tency, were fencing about 3 acres of Auroville land for protection, between centre guesthouse and the solar kitchen.
Wildlife
In addition to the recent reports of wildlife in Pitchandikulum, Dominik informed the group about sightings of deer in the Minati, Revelation area.

Land use in the city area
The TDC has requested the Forest Group for up-to-date information about land use in the city area. Glenn will look into this and provide updated maps if available.

Land use planning in general
A discussion ensued about the relative merits of a more active role for the forest group in land use planning in general and forest planning in particular. A sub group should be formed to work on this; anyone who could take this on should inform the Forest Group at the next meeting.

Adventure community
Adventure community representatives asked permission to go ahead to demarcate the internal boundary between the “community” and “forest” areas. The group suggested that planting a hedge was the most appropriate method.

9-Palms
Shanti introduced Marco, an Italian newcomer who is currently working in 9-Palms.

Adventure sports ground
Adventure sports ground is around 4 acres and currently under the stewardship of a sports ground group of 8 Aurovilians. The sports ground group sometimes has an uneasy relationship with certain members of the village. This recently culminated in an encroachment into the sports ground around a Banyan tree. This is clearly unacceptable, and the land board has taken action to erect a new fence.

The forest group requested that the sports ground group take a more active role as stewards of that plot in the future. The sports ground group in turn, sought to reassure the forest group that they were indeed still active.

Northern green belt road
Madda and Rishi gave an update as far as the development of a tar road in the northern greenbelt, with a plan to link Alankuppam with Pillachavady. The push behind the road stems from commercial interests in land development and illegal pebble mining. The TDC has been active in trying to stop the road with variable success.

Proposed practical options for stopping the further development of the road include:
Using a JCB to narrow the existing dirt track to prevent access by 4-wheelers and looking at purchase/exchange options in this area to secure strategic plots.

Forest Group accounts
Hans (Abri) has offered to take over the forest group accounts from Diego in April. His offer was gratefully accepted.

A discussion ensued about the need for revised criteria for the allocation of forest budgets and maintainances. In addition to acreages, criteria should also reflect personal means as well as location. A topic for a further sub-group to consider...

Forest stewardship
A request for TNEB for Azhagu Bhoomi revealed that despite substantial financial and human assistance by Diego, Glenn and Dominik over the last four years, Balu has not met a number of previous promises given to address the situation. A more general discussion about the need for ensuring basic standards in forest stewardship ensued. As a bare minimum, the Forest Group expects stewards to actively manage and protect land from encroachment as well as make efforts to hold a forest group meeting at least once every few years and generally be more accountable for their work.

For now, the issue of Azhagu Bhoomi will go back to the neighbourhood level to try to find a solution.

Unwanted development
Sandeep reported that unwanted development in the guise of a “high-tech organic farm” on a private plot between Fertile and Dana has accelerated recently. The forest group advised him to approach the TDC as soon as possible.

Planting
Glenn encouraged individuals to make their planting requests for this year as soon as possible. Requests should normally be between 500 and 1000 trees this year, as less funding is available.

For those who are interested, Glenn proposed a session on good planting practices at the Botanical Gardens in two weeks.

Addendum
GOOD news! After the meeting, Dominik and Dave put together the rough outline of a new forest field sub-group. The idea is to begin to meet every second Friday of the month to exchange ideas and offer positive advice and assistance to all land stewards, starting with the northern green belt area. The first field trip will take place on Friday the 9th of September.

Next meeting
The next meeting will be at Siddhartha Forest on Friday the 7th of October.

We are grateful to Secretary Chunkath for his endorsement and support!

A Message from Thiru Mohan Verghese Chunkath, IAS (Retd.), Secretary of the Auroville Foundation

2 September 2016

"In order that Auroville may strengthen and manifest her potential of a far-reaching consequence, not just for the wider Auroville bio-region but also for Tamil Nadu, India and humanity as a whole, it is essential to ensure that land development in the Township area happens in a planned and orderly manner.

I wholeheartedly endorse the efforts of the ‘Acres for Auroville’ and ‘GreenAcres’ campaigns which seek to raise financial resources for purchasing remaining lands in the City area and Greenbelt of Auroville. I request all people of goodwill to actively support and contribute towards the success of these two dedicated campaigns."
Financial Service announces Notifications

Financial Service has created a notification system for transactions made at Financial Service. The system will send an email to the email account registered with Financial Service each time a transaction is made. Your participation is entirely voluntary and can be enabled or disabled at your discretion.

If you would like to receive Notifications when your account is credited or debited, please log on to: fs.auroville.org.in, go to my accounts > accounts and tick the notification box(es) for the account(s) you would like to receive notifications on. Also make sure your email ID under my accounts > change settings is correct. To discontinue receiving Notifications, simply untick the Notification box(es).

Please note that Notifications are currently undergoing testing, and they do not yet work for cash deposits/withdrawals. This means you will not receive a notification for transactions that involve cash, but the transaction itself will not be affected. It is possible that some notifications may not be completely accurate (though we have not yet seen any cases in the most recent update). We are 100% certain that enabling them will not affect the actual transactions in any way.

The Financial Service Team

Reviewing the conflict resolution policy

Dear community members,

The current Conflict Resolution Policy was given a one-year trial, which ended in May 2016. Due to an overload of work, we were unable to start until now to collect feedback from the community to review this policy. The intent is to learn from the past year, to see what has worked well and what could be improved, and to make changes to the document to keep it up to date with the community's needs. Although we are understaffed presently, we would like to receive your feedback and create a sub-group after the upcoming Selection Process to study and integrate your inputs.

Please have a look at the Conflict Resolution Policy: www.auroville.org.in/article/48491 and mail any comments to: avcouncil@auroville.org.in.

We also publish the list of arbitrers for feedback here:
Alok (Cuppa Chai), Aloka (Sangha ATB), Ange (Samriddhi / Pottery), Angelinka (Grace / Deepam), B (International House), Biggie (Samriddhi / Botanical Gardens), Danny (Wellpaper), Dave (Evergreen), Deepthi (Last School/Certitude), Fabian (Pitchandikulam/ architect), Jean Francois (Sharanga), Joy (Dana), Judith (Grace), Kalsang (Tibetan Pavilion) Kathy (Eco-fame), Kripa (Sharanga), Marlenk (Ara), Nicola (Transformation/Dental Clinic), Otto (Samasti / Financial Service), Partha (Maitre), Ponnumas (Grace / Electrical Service), Ruslan (Humility / Sante Clinic), Sacha (Ami), Suzie (Aurogreen), Umberto (Arodame), Vladmir, Yuval (Utility)

Warmly, AV Council and Koodam

Kalpana Housing Project

Apartments to be allocated with financial assistance

Application period reminder (27 August to 27 September)

You may refer to our initial announcement in the 27 August 2016 News & Notes, or AuroNet posting www.auroville.org.in/article/58615.

The application period is through 27 September.

To obtain an application write to: kalpana-application@auroville.org.in, or pass by the FAMC desk in Town Hall.

For more details about the project, the model, the poster and the brochure with complete information, individual plans, size, cost, and specifications are available at the Housing Service. You can also download a brochure via this link: www.auroville.org.in/article/47800

Further information can be obtained on request from the project holders Satyakam and Devasmita by writing to satyakam@auroville.org.in.

Thank you for your interest in the Kalpana Housing Project.

Sincerely, Kalpana Review and Allocation Group team - Housing Service / Housing Board: Eva, Divya, Robert; Project holders: Satyakam and Devasmita; FAMC: Matriprasad; Inspiration pro-bono housing, ad-hoc review and allocation committee: Otto, and Amy. 17 September 2016.

Clarification on the Friends of Auroville "invasion"

Some people have been shocked to see the lists of Friends of Auroville announced in the News and Notes. They have voiced their concerns without reading the explanations that were always given in the paragraph above the lists. What is happening is that the new Entry Policy requires that all FOA have to be announced in N&N and this applies retroactively to all the "old" FOA that have already been with us for years. We have been asked to put this clarification so there is no misunderstanding that Entry has opened the doors so wide that crowds of FOA are now rushing in.

The Entry Service

Notice to Guest House and Home Stay Managers

When guests go for registration at Visitors' Centre or Town Hall, they need verification that they are staying in a registered Auroville guest facility. So for your guests’ sake, please make sure you send them with a simple chit signed by the manager or executive (see example below). It needs to state the name of the guest facility, the guest’s name, and their arrival and departure dates. It is also essential that guests bring their passport and visa when they go to register—please don’t forget to inform them!

Auroville Guest Booking Confirmation

Guest House / Home Stay: ..................................................
Legal name of guest (as on passport): ..................................
Date of arrival: .................../ Date of departure: .................
Signature of GH/Home Stay Manager: ..................................

Dear Guests, bring this form with your passport and visa (or for residents of India, proof of identity) to the Guest Registration Service, located at Town Hall and Visitors’ Centre within 24 hours of your arrival!

Lieve for GFGC

Call for Grant Proposals - Annual Review for Funding in 2017

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will be meeting for its annual review of grant proposals for funding by the Foundation for World Education and Stichting De Zaaijer in 2016. All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in the prescribed forms as attachments emailed to pcg@auroville.org.in latest by Monday, 17 October.

Following the procedure set up by the Foundation for World Education, the Project Coordination Group will review and select projects for approval and budget allocation by their Board members. In recent years, funds available with the Foundation for World Education for Auroville projects and programmes amounted to approx. USD 30,000 in total. The Foundation for World Education has indicated a preference for funding projects and activities for which the maintenance of Aurovilians is either covered by Auroville or from a source other than Foundation for World Education grants.

With regard to Stichting De Zaaijer, the Project Coordination Group will check whether proposals fall within their funding criteria and forward those that do to the SDZ Board for final selection and grant allocation. In recent years, funds available with Stichting De Zaaijer for Auroville projects and programmes were in the range of € 50,000 to € 60,000 in total.
Stichting De Zaaier welcomes project proposals for:

- research studies in the fields of sociology, economy, psychology and inner development;
- exploratory (research) studies into the relations with the world outside Auroville, in particular with the villages (and villagers) surrounding Auroville, as well as proposals for initiatives that seek to contribute to strengthening these relations;
- initiatives that seek to enhance efficient co-operation of Aurovilians with the aim of making full use of the existing potential in Auroville;
- studies exploring a sustainable future for Auroville and initiatives contributing to such a future;
- initiatives requiring seed money for innovative and informal education and training, women’s development, as well as proposals prepared by youth.

Please note that no funds are available for infrastructure, buildings or transport. Requests for equipment will only be considered if specifically required for the implementation of the project and are not already available in Auroville.

Stichting De Zaaier has also indicated a preference for the funding of projects and activities for which the maintenance of Aurovilians is either covered by Auroville or from a source other than SDG grants.

A revised grant application form, budget request form and guide for filling these in are available on request from pcg@auroville.org.in or may be downloaded from Auronet.

Please note that if you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or, students of any individual classes, your project is to be reviewed by the Auroville and/or Outreach School Boards prior to the Project Coordination Group review. (Please be sure to contact all individual schools before submitting your proposal to the School Boards.) Therefore, it is important that all the relevant bodies (i.e. schools, teachers, school board, etc.) are aware of your project and support it. In this way, the Project Coordination Group can more easily recommend a project for funding knowing it will have the support of schools and thereby have a greater impact on the beneficiaries of the project.

NB: If you have already received funding for a project through the Project Coordination Group please send in a progress report/status update (if project is ongoing) or final report (if project has been completed or all funds have been utilized) before making an application for new grant.

For more information or assistance please write to: pcg@auroville.org.in or contact the Project Coordination Group at the ACUR (Town Hall) by phoning 2622250. Last date for submitting proposals for possible funding next year is Monday, 17 October.

L’avenird’Auroville / TDC – Site and Building Applications feedback - 17/09/16

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’avenird’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. Sumark - Peter & Kevin for an Office Building corrugated sheet roof in Reve on plot no. IR 206/3A, 35 sq.m.
2. Auroville Vehicle Service-Raju, Temporary Cycle Shed on Plot No IR 400/2 for 50 sq.m. opposite to existing AV Vehicle Service, Administrative area.

Collective Projects
- Site applications: No new SA
- Building Application: No new 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.

From the Entry Service - N&N NO - 665 - dated 17.09.2016

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

AUROVILIANs:
Alain PRUVOT (French) - Staying in Maitreye II, working at Future School and Auro Orchard
Catherine PRUVOT (French) - Staying in Maitreye II, working at Deepam School
Ivana FROUSOVA (Czech) - Staying in Maitreye II, working at Art Service
Kyong Hyon LEE (South Korean) - Staying in Siddhartha Forest, working at Right Path Cafe

NEWCOMERS:
Anandbaskaran VEERAPPAN (Indian from Tamil Nadu) - Staying in Baboo Farm, working at Mohanam Centre for Culture and Heritage
Kalvikarasi KARUNANITHY (Indian from Puducherry) - Staying in Maitreye II, working at Eco Femme
Kannan KRISHNAN (Indian from Kerala) - Staying in Pony Farm, working at the Visitor Center
Rupavathi DHANASU (Indian from Kottakarai) - Staying and working at Joy Guesthouse as a caretaker/receptionist

AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18 BY SEPTEMBER 2016:
We are happy to announce the names of the children of Aurovilians that have reached the age of 18. They will be invited to sign the B Form and will be entered in The Register of Residents held by the Auroville Foundation after feedback process.

Aditya Chidambaram ARUMUGAN - Indian - living in Mitra and studying in Future School
Divyabharathi RAMAN - Indian - living at Service Farm and studying in Pondicherry
India BOVI - Italian - living in Dana and studying in Future School
Jayasri LAKSHMANAN - Indian - living in Sangamam and studying in Pondicherry
Jean LEDUC-CORBET - French - living in Kailash and studying in Future School
Leela BALDWIN - French - living in Anusuya and studying in Future School
Nokia PLOTNIKOV - Russian - living in Certitude and studying in Future School
Nila ARUMUGAM - Indian - living in Arc-en-Ciel and studying in Future School
Rajeev SHANKAR - Indian - living in Aurofarm and studying in Future School
Valldidevanai NATARAJAN - Indian - living in Kottakarai, has studied Environmental engineering and works at L’Avenir

The Entry Service is open to the public every day from 9:30 to 12:30 and from 2:30 to 4:30 except on Tuesday morning (team meeting) and Sunday.

B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.

At your service, The Entry Service team
The Housing service is happy to announce the work on the conversion of Marilea’s house in Samasti for a home for 7 people that need assistance, either seniors or Aurovilians that need temporary assistance. And the completion of the restoration of the old Yoshi’s house and guest house (Celebration) into a beautiful home for young Newcomers, Interns and Volunteers, with 20 beds (9 single and 3 dorm rooms, two big community kitchens).

For the Newcomers to come…..
The Housing service is making an Action plan for the reception of extra newcomers with the new Entry policy. There are still NC houses available and more being offered and being created (2 in Habitat, 4 in Promesse, 5 in Auromode which all will be ready within a 2/3 months).

Aspiration huts will be renovated and upgraded for Newcomers on a budget from HS of between 30/35lakhs. We can ask a loan from the FAMC to help finance what we cannot completely advance (at least 5 or 6 units). There are 2 projects X and Y that provide fast track prefabricated housing in a plot that is in danger of encroachment. Infrastructure installation has started. A 48 lakhs for 15 units single/ and 49 lakhs for 6 family units and land enough in danger of encroachment, that can be built in a year’s time. Government grants are being asked. Site permission is there and the infrastructure being installed and prefabricated elements on its way. Can be built within a year. Celebration: 20 beds in a newly renovated 2 houses/guesthouse, that is presently used by volunteers and interns but can be used for Newcomers. There can be up to 37 units extra on top of the 20+ we have already.

Housing Service

ICITI project
Dear Community Residents,
The ICITI project has been funded and supported from many contributing sources, one of the sizable one being the Government of India grant to the community. The GOI grant supports the capital expenditures of the project (cap-ex) to offset costs in the laying of the infrastructure of the intranet backbone, the systems and equipment to setup the networking and computing servers to allow for the management of the data and traffic infrastructure. The GOI grant is not usable against the operating expenses (op-ex) for deploying and maintaining the intranet, nor for the data pipes that will be necessary for the residential and commercial part of the community data needs. There are many expenses related to setting and maintaining the network that have to be raised through various other means. The overarching goal is to setup the infrastructure and transition the communication backbone to internal resources.

From the get go the project has been envisaged to be funded from several sources. The fiber cable to the community premises or to a public campus will be provided by the ICITI rollout team. It has been our view that the internal wiring or equipment necessary to augment the data and network use will need to be supported by stewards of the premises in order to connect to the community resources and services that will be rolled out over the next year and more. This allows a portion of the project sustainability cost to come from within the community on a piece meal basis as we grow.

Only together can we roll out this project and make it self-sustaining. We need continued support from the community at large.

Chandresh for ICITI rollout team at Aurinoco Systems

The Cycle Kiosk at Solar Kitchen
- We don't rent cycles - Visitors Center does
- If you have an old, ugly, rusty cycle we can make it an objet d'art
- Your cycle can be hand-painted by an Auroville artist in the colours you choose, or touched up to keep it bright & happy
- Contact us, too, if you have an old cycle you don't want anymore
- We do complete overhauls using parts available locally, to keep prices down
- Most gear-cycle parts up to 8-speed are available
- Air is FREE always!

Contact us at: 9843093538

Art Break Day 2016: Believe
I believe art is awareness. I believe art is connection. I believe in celebration.

For the 4th year, Sankalpa hosted a hub site for the international Art Break Day, as one of 40 locations around the world. We expanded our offering over two days to include our art center for a giant collaborative mandala.

Over 300 people joined us on September 2nd & 3rd at Visitor’s Center and the Sankalpa Art Center to sit down, take an art break, and express themselves for free. The scale, depth and layers of artistic interaction and creativity went above and beyond this year, with new explorations and collaborations in every direction.

It was touching to see many schoolchildren for the 4th year, returning with visible confidence and enthusiasm to sit down and create again. Large groups of young Tamil tourists passed shyly through Visitor’s Center, and with encouragement, several sat down to turn their curiosity into art. The theme of believe inspired many unique and interesting responses with such a range of participants from different ages and backgrounds. Whether someone was creating art for the first time in 15 years (as many come to us in this state), or several times in a day, all were welcomed.

At the Sankalpa Art Center, over 50 people joined us to sit equally across all barriers and play with colorful materials, collaborating on a large-scale rainbow mandala. The sight of this interaction brought tears to (not only) my eyes, inspiring and reminding all of the reason we were called to Auroville, to live together in human unity. Often it is the individual ego that blocks our willingness to sit at the same level as the other, to let hierarchy disappear, to take a risk to share materials, to loosen boundaries and cross them occasionally with respect, to play and interact in simple ways. In metaphor, this mandala was a visible map of the Mother's Dream for Auroville, particularly: Beauty in all its artistic forms, painting, sculpture, music, literature, would be equally accessible to all; the ability to share in the joy it brings would be limited only by the capacities of each one and not by social or financial position."

Infinite gratitude to Lauren & Lisa of Art is Moving in CA, USA for sponsoring and initiating this global art revolution; the hand-working and expanding Sankalpa team including Elena (pre-Newcomer from Russia), Subadhra (AV youth), Jayabharathi (Edyanchavadi), Manaali (Bangalore), Vinay (AV youth), and Marie-Claire (Auroville); Nicole, Peter, Marc, Selvam, Narayan and all friends at Dreamer’s Café and Visitor’s Center for
ongoing support; incredible photo/video/radio documentation from Vinay & Ashwin (AV youth), Darshan (Chandigahr), Marco Saroldi (AV Arts - GSS), Fanny (Pondy), Doris & Francis (AV), Fabienne & Srijita (AV - Outreach Media & Security), Dinesh Varma/5 Senthilar/SS Kumar (The Hindu), Miriam & Pierre (Auroville Radio). So many others supported in less visible but invaluable ways, thank you to each of you too.

Though I am an artist therapist, I believe in art being accessible to all. The scale of our programs and effort is expanding to meet the needs of our larger community, starting with community art as outreach at our Art Cart and events, and widening and deepening to art therapy in individual and group sessions in our center, as well as sharing this work internationally. Art has the potential to change lives, and to unify our communities.

I will be speaking about ritual and resilience in a TEDx talk in Wilmington, DE, USA in October 2016, highlighting the value and power of these events as part of a community ritual of gathering around art.

Press coverage and photos/video online soon at links below: A space for art; The Hindu, Sept 10, 2016 Time for art for art’s sake; The Hindu. Aug 31, 2016 I Believe; Auroville Radio, Sept 11, 2016

Love, light, and color,
Krupa for Sankalpa (sub-unit of Thamarai)
sankalpa.art@gmail.com / www.sankalpajourneys.com

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POSTINGS

Planting Time
There will be vegetable seedlings available by next week: Salad, basil, eggplant, capsicum, chili, beans, ladyfingers - Also ongoing support; incredible photo/video/radio documentation from Vinay & Ashwin (AV youth), Darshan (Chandigahr), Marco Saroldi (AV Arts - GSS), Fanny (Pondy), Doris & Francis (AV), Fabienne & Srijita (AV - Outreach Media & Security), Dinesh Varma/5 Senthilar/SS Kumar (The Hindu), Miriam & Pierre (Auroville Radio). So many others supported in less visible but invaluable ways, thank you to each of you too.

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New - Vetri Computers:
We are happy to announce our new called Vetri Computers (an Auroville registered activity)! All types of computer and laptop service and sales can be done here, contact Sandar at: 9786521688 - thank you

Paola’s presentation in Ferrara
Once again Aurovilian Paola de Paolis has been requested to present her new book “Savitri - La scoperta dell’Anima e la vittoria sulla Morte” (“Savitri, the finding of the Soul and the victory over Death”). This time her presentation and talk will be in the city of Ferrara in Northern Italy, at the Biblioteca Ariostea on Tuesday 27 September at 5.00 pm.

5th “LUYE” eco - music festival
Dear Friends, 24th September Solitude Farm is hosting the 5th “LUYE” eco - music festival. The festival as already mentioned, is going to focus on workshops and kids’ activities, music and food. There will be no market but many opportunities to learn fun things and celebrate our collective creativity. At the end of the workshops there will be a parade with giant butterfly puppets, fire, music and a huge circle for a collective creative expression. Next Saturday 17th September 4 pm , there will be a meeting at Solitude for all those interested in helping with the parade and the creative circle We need dancers, singers, artists maybe a Shaman or two! From Monday 19th and on the day of the festival, we need volunteers who could help with site preparation, decorations, face painting, making simple coconut shell lanterns for the parade and generally to help with the kids’ activities and with running the event. The meeting on Saturday 17th at 4 pm will focus on the parade and then look at other parts of the festival. Looking forward to a beautiful festival. Yours, Krishna - 9843319260

Light and Asian Food Festival (Human Unity in Diversity)
We are planning to organize the 2nd Light and Asian Food Festival on October the 29th with the theme of “Human Unity in Diversity” and we are looking for people who would like to volunteer/help to make this event happen. Musicians and people who would like to cook for this event are invited to contact us at: mawite@auroville.org.in - If anyone is willing to donate for this event it will be highly appreciated as so far no funds have come yet, please contact me, than you, Mawite:

Change on Contact numbers for Av Public Bus
Dear Residents, please do NOT call on 2623274 for booking the seats in AV Public bus. It was our mistake in previous announcements. Kindly book your reservation by emails or send a SMS to 9443074825. Please do not call late in the evening. Thank you, AV Public Bus (Email: avbus@auroville.org.in / Phone: 9443074825)

12 Auroville Artists invited to a Residency Camp
12 artists from Auroville and the bioregion have been invited to participate in a ceramic and sculpture camp hosted by JSW Foundation at JSW Steel Ltd (Vijayanagar Works), Vijayanagar Township, Bellary District, Karnataka. Called ‘RENDEZVOUS WITH VIJAYANAGAR - Inner Space...Outer Space...’, the camp is on until September 27, 2016. Participants are: Chantal Gowa, D Saravana, Kratu, Marie-Claire Barsotti, Masha, Nausheen Bari, Nele Martens, O Ramesh, Priya Sundaravalli, Puneet Brar, Sabrina Srinivas, Saraswati (Renata Sereda). To know more about their work, look them up on artservice.auroville.org

AVAILABLE

An Amma
Mrs Kuppu, who works with me in Grace, lost two afternoons work after Victoria left Auroville. Being a widow, she really needs the money. I can fully recommend her; she works fine, and a hard worker. She is from Nepal, can understand a little English. Contact Raju & Lea: 2622931 / 9843734825

Rangoli clearance sale for Aurovilians/NC
Limited time mega-clearance Sale of Rangoli garments at La Boutique d’Auroville, Visitor’s Center. The clearance items are discounted up to 75%. There is an additional 50% discount for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Long Term Volunteers using AuroAccount. From Saturday 17th Sept till Monday 3rd October. The clearance stock will be rotated several times during this period. The Rangoli Team
THANK YOU

An Amma

Mrs Kuppu, who works with me in Grace, lost two afternoons work after Victoria left Auroville. Being a widow, she really needs the money. I can fully recommend her; she works fine, in the house as well as garden and is a pleasant presence. She works for various Aurovilians in AV’s centre area and has still Wed & Fri free days. In case you’re interested in one or two of them, phone her son via 8015488091 or me via 9443168323. Mauna

Contact lenses

Good quality contact lenses. Unfortunately not comfortable for my eyes, but maybe perfect for yours? Bausch + Lomb Pure Vision 2. 4 Soft monthly contact lenses. Power: -1.50 left and right eye. Exp date: 12-2018
Contact Connie on: 9655853368 by SMS or Whatsapp.

LOOKING FOR...

Looking for extra work hours

Arumugam has been part of the News&Notes team continuously for over 20 years now, and is doing a great job as you know. He would like to find an additional part-time work in the Auroville area. All options are considered. Own bike, English spoken and written, reliable, good team worker. (We are happy to give reference for him, please contact newsandnotes@auroville.org.in). For any offer, please call Arumugam 8940431717, thanks! News&Notes

House work job

For a house in Auromede, house work job. Ladies with some prior experience can contact me at my office. Shama - 2622128

An Acerola bush

I am looking for an Acerola bush to plant in my garden. If somebody knows where to get one please give me a note by E-mail: lilli@auroville.org.in or by phone early morning or evening - 2622 275 - Thanks! Lilli

Someone going to Germany

I need to send something to a friend in Germany. If anybody is going, please let me know. The best way to get in touch with me is to sms! Krishna Devanandan (Anusuya): 9884120010

A new home...

These three cute puppies were abandoned and landed at Integrated Animal Care Centre. They are about four weeks old now and would soon be ready to be adopted into a new family. Please come and see them and help us find a good home for them.

Thanks, Integrated Animal Care Team

A computer

Unity Pavilion is in urgent need of an additional computer. Maybe there is somewhere in the community a system which is not used for the time being and that we could borrow for some time. If you have a computer to lend us please contact unitypavilion@auroville.org.in, 2623576. Thank you very much!

Second-hand washing machine

Hello, I’m looking for a second hand washing machine. Please call me at 9487340778 or email me at: giacomoaurowville@gmail.com - Giacomo Colomba

A Part Time Gardener

Looking for a part time gardener for two half days, on Tuesday and Saturday, either morning or afternoon. If you are interested please phone me on 2622714 or send an email to: eliennentessloff@auroville.org.in, Ellen T., Arati 1

House furniture and items

Newcomer couple with a four-year old daughter, just settling into a new accommodation, need the following items to set up home:
- Double bed, child bed, gas stove, food cupboard (safe), kitchen items (pots/pans/dishes/utensils) - If you have any to sell or give away, please let us know: danielaboban@hotmail.com - Thanks! Daniela

Water based Colour

Hi, Live art performance at solitude farm “Lively up your earth 5th Eco music festival” on 24th September 2016 Saturday (2 pm to 11pm), requires water based Colour. If anyone has any extra and is willing to share or want to join us in live art performance, all of you are welcome. Contact Sathya- 9486145072 / email-sathyacolour@auroville.org.in - Thank you, Solitude farm team

Ipad keyboard

I am looking for a second-hand Ipad keyboard. If you have one in a good condition, please contact me on: 262 3330 / 262 3064 (Office number) or email to: shaghayegh.rajabzadeh@gmail.com - Thank you, Shaghayegh (Sharan)

Lost & Found

Small USB key (Lost): black and red - lost last week. Lots of Ladakh pictures that I would love to get back. Please bring back to News&Notes office, thanks.
Key (Lost): Desperately seeking lost key (old style with rectangular lock). It's silver and the teeth of the key are shaped like the capital letter E, with one tooth slightly bent. Honor: 9159856148 / Honor.chance@gmail.com

Black Aqua Sphere Kaiman Swim Goggle (Lost): It has a small logo on both sides of the goggle. It was inside the La Piscine office. If anyone has it, I would love to get it back. If you could return it to La Piscine, bring it to Financial Service Town Hall or call me 2622379, I would be grateful. Lyle

Thank you from Auroville Nature Camp 2016

A big thank you to all donors, units and students who helped make this year’s Nature Camps successful! Three camps were held in May, with a total of 91 students from eleven Auroville and outreach schools and 11 teachers participating. Nature Camp is made possible through the tremendous support (in both cash and kind) from numerous well-wishers of Auroville, including: City Services, AVI-Germany, Center Guest House, Inside India, La Ferme Cheese, Naturellement, Pour Tous Purchasing Service, Rakhal and Dominique, Nandhini Tailoring Section, Gecko, Auromics, Mahi and Anita’s sister. We would also like to thank a few parents who generously paid the full amount to send their children to camp. Thank you all for your wonderful support of Auroville Nature Camp and we look forward to continued support in years to come!

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**APPEAL**

**Help Foxey!**

This clever dog that we named Foxey was found hobbling around Kindergarten. Several people noticed him and phoned us. Since two weeks he is at Integrated Animal Care Centre. He needs a lot of care, the wounds on his hind legs which he got from dragging them around have to be treated at least twice daily. He is very friendly and enjoys contact with people. _Please help, at least financially, FS a/c 103111._

Thanks, _IAC Team_

**Financial aid**

Hello. My name is Ágúst and I have been accepted into Maastricht University for September 2017. My father (Axel) will help with the tuition fees and I will be taking a student loan, but I’ll only get the money a month or two after I start attending in September. Then there’s also the flight ticket and some other things that need to be paid for, that the student loans won’t cover. I estimate that I need about 160 000 INR in addition to what I’ve already saved. If you’d like to help, please contact me at: ulrike.strassmann@web.de

Please contact: mariano@auroville.org.in

**APPEAL to the Community**

The Community has accepted by vote the New Entry Policy and therefore there will be more people joining Auroville. This is something Aurovilians know is needed and hope for. However we have no ready housing for all of them. Can we, the Community also make some more space for these Newcomers or do we want to send them to the periphery of Auroville? How would these Newcomers be able to integrate in our day to day life?

Please, Guest houses and Home stays and anyone that has some extra room, could we be generous and give some space, a room for these Newcomers before we need to rent guest houses outside Auroville?

The monthly contribution for the Auroville Homestays or guesthouse room: The contribution can be spread over 12 months - the same one as usually for a short guest period of a few weeks.

And there is no need of the 20 % contribution as these Newcomers are no guests.

Please contact the: _Housingservice@auroville.org.in_ or phone: 0413 6232658, If you are interested and we will be able to help you find the person that you will feel comfortable with, even for just one room.

_Housing Service_ 

**ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED**

**House-sitting 1**

We are a family of four and we’re looking for house sitting, starting from 1st of October 2016, during our Newcomer process, for about a year. Contact information _Petter Sekuloski_: 9442171420

**House-sitting 2**

Dear Friends, I am a long-time volunteer, pre-Newcomer, working as a project manager at _SVARAM_. I am looking for an opportunity to house-sit from October to mid-December. Please contact me on Tel 262 3330 / 262 3064 (Office number) or email to: shaghayegh.rajzbadeh@gmail.com - Thank you.

**House-sitting 3**

Hello dear friends, my name is Tatyana, I'm 55 years old and a Newcomer. Looking for long-term house-sitting. I love pets and plants. If you need a person like me, please contact: btv.12@mail.ru - Thanks a lot.

**House-sitting 4**

Dear Community members, I am Shaghayegh (Sharan), a short-term volunteer, working as a post Doc researcher in _Auroville Earth Institute_. I am looking for an opportunity to house-sit from October to mid-December. Please contact me on Tel 262 3330 / 262 3064 (Office number) or email to: shaghayegh.rajzbadeh@gmail.com - Thank you.

**TAXI SHARING**

**September 18th:** Hi, are you interested to share cab back to Auroville/Pondicherry? I land at Chennai Int. Airport on Sunday September 18 2016 at 3:30 pm (Air India). Please contact me: eddie.grassi@gmail.com If you want to share cab on that Sunday. Thanks, _Edoardo_

**September 19th:** Who wants to share a taxi going to Chennai Airport next Monday morning, Sept 19, at about 2 am. Please contact _Claudine_ at 894 023 16 13 or lostmow@yahoo.com - _Claudine_

**September 20th:** Leaving Auroville 2.30 pm to Chennai airport. Flight at 5 pm. Also pick up in Chennai possible. Contact: _mariano@auroville.org.in_ - _Mariano_

**September 23rd:** Taxi to share from Auroville to Chennai Airport. Leaving Auroville at 11 am. If you are interested, please contact me: Patti; lostmow@yahoo.com or SMS +91 915 937 8642 - _Thanks_

**Friday 23rd:** Taxi leaving from Chennai airport to Auroville, available around 6 pm. Will be empty in this way. Good driver. If you are interested, _Fanny_: 894 023 16 13 or fanny@auroville.org.in

**October 1st:** My friend Bill will arrive in Chennai airport around 3 am on the first of October. He will need a taxi to share from Chennai Airport to Auroville. If you need to go to Chennai airport around the same time or need a ride back at around 3 am the same morning and would like to share, please contact me: _Patti_; lostmow@yahoo.com, or SMS +91: 915 937 8642 - Thanks

**Tuesday 27th:** Leaving Auroville (Arati) 27th of September 4 am to Chennai International Airport, Taxi can be shared as only 1 Person is going / Return at Chennai International Airport 12th of October 14.30 pm. Contact _Ingrid_; ingridt@auroville.org.in / 9443843976

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

**At Unity Pavilion**

Unity Pavilion is looking for a volunteer or Newcomer with some technical understanding to handle sound and projector equipment on some mornings during week (1-4 times) and sometimes, on request, to be present in the evening or on a Sunday/holiday at Unity Pavilion. We can offer simple accommodation in exchange.

If you are interested please write to Unity Pavilion, (Name, present address, phone, and work experience/ qualifications) at: unitypavilion@auroville.org.in.

Thank you, _Unity Pavilion Team_
Facilitator/teacher at Transformation Kindergarten

Transformation Kindergarten, a non-profit project in the making is looking for a facilitator/teacher to spend the weekdays with children aged 3 to 7. Timings are from 8:30 to 1:30 plus meetings. At present a half maintenance is available after a short trial period.

For more information on our initiative, please visit our website and Facebook page: transformationkg.org

If you feel open to change and transformation, without fear of communication, and above all, a curiosity to work in a team to learn everyday with our children, please write to us! We would love to hear from you!

Mail: Transformationkg@auroville.org.in

H E A L T H

Monthly Tibetan Doctors visit

Dear All, the Tibetan doctor is visiting this month on 24th (Saturday) & 25th (Sunday) morning only. For your appointment please call us between 9:00 am and 4:30pm @ 2622401 or 8489067332.

Wish you all a healthy & happy life.

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

Integral Health

Classical homeopathy - transpersonal regression therapy - child care

Sigrid will be out of station till mid Nov, but contact for follow-up by Email, remedy can be given by Malar. Malar is certified in homeopathy and offers consultation for homeopathic First Aid and PC remedies.

New therapists joining: Angelika Kolb, highly experienced psychotherapist, Gestalt and other therapy modes, in German language only [tiefenpsychologische und körpertherapeutische Psychotherapie und Beratung] - Contact: anika@auroville.org.in / Cell 94 86 973148 Landline 2622806

Camille, professional in “psychomotricite” - occupational therapist, working with children, mainly afternoons and Saturdays, in English and French. Contact Email: worldvibes7@gmail.com, mobile: 8098796307

First Aid Kits with 32 homeopathic remedies and brochure in English, French, Deutsch and Tamil are available again!

AUROVILLE RADIO

Dear listeners!

Our team is enlarged by internship student Apoorva, and three volunteers, Karthick, Pierre and Stephen from different parts of the Earth, and you can listen to their contribution.

Here are the programs done by AV Radio during the past week:

Apoorva covered the End of term G.B click here to listen, and made a short interview with Malika Sharabai - click here to listen

You will surely be thrilled to listen to the common coverage of Art Break Day at Visitors’ Centre done by Apoorva, Pierre and Karthick along with Saturday Mandala making - I Believe… click here to listen.

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And as usual, you are very much welcome to pass by with any questions, suggestions, thoughts, or if you might like to share something with us, and with the audience. You are welcome if you would like to participate, volunteer, co-create in any way if you simply would like to take some of your favourite programs on your USB stick

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

Happy listening,

Yours, AV Radio Team

EATING OUT

New flavours at Naturellement Garden Café!

We have added to our desserts two new flavours of gelato. Come and try the Mint-Chocolate and Organic Mango flavor from Royal Element, Auroville’s own gelato factory!

The Garden Café team

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Happy listening,

Yours, AV Radio Team

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AUROVILLE RADIO

Dear listeners!

Our team is enlarged by internship student Apoorva, and three volunteers, Karthick, Pierre and Stephen from different parts of the Earth, and you can listen to their contribution.

Here are the programs done by AV Radio during the past week:

Apoorva covered the End of term G.B click here to listen, and made a short interview with Malika Sharabai - click here to listen

You will surely be thrilled to listen to the common coverage of Art Break Day at Visitors’ Centre done by Apoorva, Pierre and Karthick along with Saturday Mandala making - I Believe… click here to listen.

Loretta’s reading of Savitri, B. II, C. V, Part Z, click here to listen, and Questions and Answers by The Mother of February 8th 1956, Link: www.aurovilleradio.org/mothers-q-a-8256/

Marlenka continues with Chapter II Synthesis of Yoga - click here to listen and Gangalakshmi with Selections par Gangalakshmi 93 click here to listen

Musical edition was dreamier on how to grow old together or Heaven Can Wait - click here to listen and of course Thursdays news GB, GM, Aikido - click here to listen, and Monday’s one’s Thought for Good bye, Peace - click here to listen

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The Auroville Aura: Noteworthy

Many of us saw one of the recent screenings of the French film “Demain” (Tomorrow) in MMC or Bharat Nivas. They show clearly the truth about “money” — its creation, use and control. The film also shows Transition Towns (also called New Towns) who have created their own “currency” and the difference it makes in terms of the community and the economy.

Several years ago, Auroville began an experiment with “auras”. The aura note is made of Auroville recycled paper at Auroville Papers and printed at the Auroville Press. It is inscribed with symbols we are all familiar with, and has the Banyan Tree on one side and the Urn on the other. It is used as a debit coupon (or better said, as a gift card) and so does not break any laws. It has remained valid since its inception and is backed up by an account in the Financial Service. It is risk-free.

If you went to the Auroville Retreat a couple years ago, you would remember how at the end of the reports on changing the economy, auras were offered freely to the task force and others who requested them. All joking aside, most did not understand that it was for real.

The aura does not de-throne “money as the sovereign Lord” in Auroville and does not fulfill Mother’s Dream for a money-less society among ourselves. It is, however, a small step to shatter some of the illusions about government issued currencies held by the ordinary mind. Exchanging our auras among ourselves for goods and services is a totally different feeling than using cash or our FS account number. How much is that worth? It is an experiment. It can go parallel with all our other forms of payment. On a practical level, auras are not so efficient as our FS # but can be more playful. The “value” of the aura is set by those doing the transaction, even though one aura is “worth” one hundred rupees as a standard set in the Financial Service for “investing in” auras. That standard was set to approximate the “cost” of one meal, or a haircut, or a massage, or a simple service exchange. Of course “prices” have gone up since the aura started, and a provider might ask two or three auras now for the same service or may not, or may decide with each customer. It is all open, there is no control. The market is in hands of the users.

You get auras only from those who have them, or use them with you, or give you one for your birthday, or you contribute for them at the Financial Service. The front desk at FS may be mystified by your aura questions, but not Otto. If you sit at Otto’s desk you will see the official Aura Sharing sticker on the back of his computer screen facing you. It is has been there for years but very few have ever stopped by to get auras from Otto, or to give him auras for exchange back to rupees when they no longer want to play this “game.”

Up until now, the only shop that joined the aura experiment was at the Satchitananda Raw Food Restaurant and KOFP in Kottakarai. Anandi put the official aura sharing sticker on her counter years ago. Last week, Krishna at Solitude Farm pasted two aura sharing stickers at the counter of the Cafe. Now you can get a thali or a dish of home-made vegan chocolate/banana ice cream or a carrot cake or anything else with auras. Local currency meets Local Organic Food both in KOFPU and Solitude. Our local healthy food and our local healthy “money” are the foundations we are starting and growing from. Anyone can use auras, any shop/service that wants to can accept them. Could it be one small step along the sunlit path towards prosperity in our City of Dawn?

From a lunch conversation at the Solitude Café noted by B

TOWARDS

An exhibition of paintings by V5 - Kala Kendra - Sept 7 - 24, 2016

One thing I have appreciated in India is the brotherhood among men. I discovered this aspect of India about four years ago, when a friend and I took a two-month trip all over the Northeast of India with the “Manipur Riders,” men who all rode Enfield Bullets. Being the only woman on this expedition, I discovered the world of Indian brotherhood.

Meeting Ezhilarasan, Danasegar and Vengatesan, all soul brothers from Pondicherry, reminded me of those Bullet riders from Manipur. Exploring their exhibition, “TOWARDS by V5” at Kala Kendra, was like an insight into their brotherhood.

They met in art school and their love for art reunited them on a painting journey, giving birth to V5. If there is something uniting the works shown, it is that their painting styles are as diverse as the artists themselves. The exhibit is influenced by their recent visit to Varanasi, emotions and visions collected and brought back on canvas. The most predominant themes are water and women, both oft-represented as a dark power with an undertone of admiration, mystic and magic, reminiscent of Kali.

Ezhilarasan’s main motifs are legs, fish, Maha Kumbh Mela and Varanasi. Legs, he says, because they take you somewhere, fish representing water, and Varanasi being a place where you can learn about death and where everything always changes. Varanasi is the perfect metaphor for the impermanence of all things, and this city, he explained, left him with a deep impression.

One of his paintings, “Green Legs” was almost black and seemed to have nothing to do with Varanasi. For me it evoked a Muslim woman, but he told me, “I wanted to paint a woman who wants to walk alone, without anything thinking on her mind. The legs are green because they are soft and they have never seen the sun.”
Dansegar’s art is capital-A Abstract. I thought I saw what could be a Buddha overlooking an industrial city; his answer was that he did not remember what he had in mind and never does. His slogan is “I paint and I forget.”

With Vengatesan and Sridar we enter another realm.

Sridar’s oils and acrylic will often remind one of tales, sometimes surrealistic. You will have a taste of Tamil landscape and culture tinted with a Chagall background, which makes the whole thing original, informative and touching.

Vengatesan’s paintings are the core of Varanasi. From “River Steps” to “Ganga Devi” to “Ashy Evening” and “Benares,” colourful textured paintings represent attractive women, sometimes winged, sometimes naked, intermingled with cats, what could be Egyptian or African symbols, mixed with Krishna temples, birds, eagle God, boats.

Whether you are a lover of Varanasi or not, your imagination will run wild in “TOWARDS by V5.” At Kala Kendra until Sept 24.

This article was written by Chana Corinne Devor for Auroville Art Service. Presently exploring Auroville, she is an art critic and writes for international travel and spiritual magazines.

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**For your calendar**

**AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR**

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil’s music  
Every THURSDAY at sunset - 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, l-pads, cell phones, etc.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos.

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 to 6.30 pm.

Please try to be seated by 5.55 pm. Thank you.

*Amphitheatre Team*

*Meditation in memory of SHARANAM*

This is an invitation to a silent meditation at the Matrimandir Banyan Tree in memory of Sharanam, who left her body on the 31st of August.

The meditation will be on Thursday 22nd at 5pm.

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**INVITATIONS**

*Bharat Nivas invites all music lovers & singers to an informal*

**Singing Session of Hindi songs (old and new)**

Venue: SAWCHU, Bharatnivas  
Monday, 19 September, 2016, from 7:45 onwards.

Everyone is welcome to come and sing and/or listen.  
We will have the pleasure of some friends from Ahmedabad, who will sing old Hindi film songs from K.L. Saigal, Mohammed Rafi, Kishore Kumar, etc.

Organized by Tapas and Mona (Yantra)

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**Auroville Month of PEACE**

21 September till 21 October 2016

**Programme**

**September**

Unity Pavilion, the 21st: 3 to 4.30 pm - Kolams, Origami, Kids’ Activities

4.30 pm: Opening Celebration of Auroville Month of Peace.  
5 to 6 pm: Aurelio´s Music and Meditation with Noel.

**October**

Savitri Bhavan, the 2nd at 5 pm: Mudra - Chi for Peace with Anandi.

Unity Pavilion, the 14th at 5 pm: Anandi’s Latinamerican Journey 2015.

Unity Pavilion, the 16th at 4.30 pm: Poetry Reading and more for Peace, “Trovadores” and the “World Poetry Movement”.  
21st: Walking for Peace in the Villages, finishing with the “Pachamama (Mother Earth) Celebration”.

Anandi for C.A.L.I (House of Latinamerica ) & Youth Link
International Day of Peace - September 21

Unity Pavilion invites you to join us for the Peace Day event
3 to 4.30 pm: Creative activities
Learn the Japanese art of Origami (making Peace pelicans) with Tomoko
Join the collective flower mandala making
Post your Peace Day wishes and messages
Or just be there with goodwill for Peace and Harmony

4.30 to 5 pm: Peace Day Ceremony; Chanting of Peace Mantra
Anandi will hand over the Peace flag and the “Embassy of Peace” certificate to the Hall of Peace

5 to 6 pm: Special Peace meditation, Sound Concentration guided by Noel and Aurelio
Starting with silent meditation and gradually going deeper with the accompaniment of sounds and music.

Venue: Unity Pavilion - Date: 21 September 2016
All are Welcome
At 12 noon at the Tibetan Pavilion the Russian Peace Bells will be played (see below) We invite the entire community to tune into this world wide call for peace and hold a few moments of silence at their workplace or home.

PS: Unfortunately we have to cancel the proposed meditation in MM amphitheatre, due to logistics issues.

Chime in with the rest of the world on International Day of Peace!

On the 21st of September (the International Day of Peace), we invite you to join us ringing bells at noon, wherever you are, whether at work, at home, at school, etc...
On that day we would like for the bells in Auroville and all over the World to call for Peace, bringing it to every place on this Planet.
In Auroville, the Peace Bells are going to ring from 12 to 12.30 at the Tibetan Pavilion in the International Zone
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE PEACE BELL RINGING!
Peace. Paz, Paix, Mir, Pax in Auroville
Anandi and the Youth Link

Savi is happy to invite volunteers and guests to discover Auroville through its program:

“VIP”
(Volunteer Introduction Program)
A 4 day discovery journey in Auroville for long term volunteers and interns
Date: 22 -23 September and 26-27 September 2016 - 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
We’ll explore Auroville history, bioregion life, spiritual insights, environmental projects, educational activities and much more.
We’ll visit projects on site and meet dedicated Aurovilians. And on Saturday evening we will gather around a potluck.

We have few places available for guests.
Information and registration at study@auroville.org.
Savi team

Open Capoeira Roda
The Ginga Saroba group is organizing its open Capoeira roda on
Friday 23rd of September at 6 pm near Mahalakshmi park
The roda is the circle in which Capoeira (traditional Brazilian martial art) happens.
All are welcome to join, enjoy, participate or watch :) 
Prof. Samuka da Índia & students
Phone: +91 948832-8435 - Website: ginga-saroba.com

Invitation for a meeting to plan Deepawali celebrations
Dear Friends, Bharatnivas invites all interested to discuss/think/brainstorm together on:

Friday morning at 10 am, September 23, 2016
Venue: India Space, Bharat Nivas
1. How to plan conscious and quality Indian festival events with specific focus on upcoming Navratri & Deepawali.
2. We can create a harmonious dialogue with teachers in the field of dance, theatre, painting, music & crafts.

This invitation is extended to all who are already in preparation of the above events, and to those who have contacted Bharatnivas for the above subject.

Hope to see you all
Bharatnivas Activities Coordination Group
EXHIBITIONS

‘THE WORLD I CHOOSE TO LIVE IN’
CREATIVE VISION BOARDS & PHOTOGRAPHS BY DARIYA

September 17th 2016 to September 30th 2016

Welcome to glimpses of a personal journey of creating and experiencing life!
Opening timings except Sunday 8 am -12.00 pm and 2 pm - 6 pm
Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India. (0413) 2622403/2622994 / Pitanga@auroville.org.in

TALKS, SEMINARS

THE FRENCH PAVILION
presents

“Toward an alternative complementary economy for Auroville and its surroundings”

A Conference in French by Yves Laborde (Udumbu community)

Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 5 pm - Cinema Paradiso (Town Hall)

Yves will develop on new happening economies such as local currencies and time banks.
A proposal respecting the founding principles of Auroville will also be presented.

INVITATION

Green Belt Land Use Plan - Presentation & Discussion

Presenter: DAVID STEIN (Senior US Planner in India, Israel and USA)

Presentation of the Green Belt Land Use Plan
The RAS and L’avenir d’Auroville encourage you attend to hear David Stein, a senior US town planner, present the current Green Belt Land Use Plan.

The plan aims to work as a tool for cooperation in the bio-region towards the protection of the Green Belt.

WHEN: 4.30 pm, Mon 19 Sept
WHERE: Unity Pavilion

More on David:
David has worked on:
• The National Capital Region Plan for New Delhi;
• In collaboration with his wife Achva on the first comprehensive Regional Plan for Southern California;

More on Achva:
She is professor of landscape architecture at:
• The University of Southern California;
• North Carolina State University;
• City College of NY; and
• The University of California at Berkeley.

Background
To view the Green Belt Land Use Plan previously (March 2015) presented to the community, please click on this link: www.auroville.org.in/article/57597 (published on the Auronet page of L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC on June 4th 2016).

For more information, please don’t hesitate to contact the RAS at raservice@auroville.org.in
BHAVISHYATE
Sri Aurobindo Center of Studies - Bharat Nivas

INDIA: past, present and future challenges
Open sessions anchored by Mona since January 2016
Resumes after summer break.

Next upcoming session
22nd September, Thursday (exceptionally)
By Galia Sauoma,
Director of Cultural Expressions and Creative Industries, UNESCO

Topic - UNESCO- History in India and personal journey

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

Other upcoming sessions:
• Indian painting tradition - Ajanta to modern times by Prof. S. Swaminathan from Chennai,
• Challenges in Indian Education system, Challenges in Health sector in India

All sessions will be held at 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.

CIRHU
Aurovilian Conversation - “Every True Aurovilian should be an educator”
Ambre on “About communities and community building processes”

Since the middle of June, spontaneously, CIRHU started “Aurovilian Conversations”, a series of weekly reflections (not lectures) between students, volunteers, Newcomers and interested people with Aurovilians and friends of Auroville with experience in specific fields of knowledge. Considering the interest and the enthusiasm this initiative has awakened, we plan to continue it on a weekly base and to extend the invitation to the entire Auroville Community. All are welcome.

Thursday 22nd September we will have Ambre and the topic will be: About communities and community building processes.

Date: Thursday 22nd September 2016
Timing: 3:30 pm
Venue: Auroservice Office: Town Hall, Second Floor, Left side
Contact: cirhu@auroville.org.in

CULTURAL EVENTS

Dear Friends, greetings from Adishakti!

We are delighted to invite everyone for a music performance:

‘3 Musicians - A Jazz & Neo-soul Interpretation’
At Adishakti on Saturday 17th September, 2016 at 7 pm
Venue: Adishakti, Edayanchavadi Road, Diagonally Opposite to Hope
Contact: 0413 2622287 - Entry Free!

NADA HOMAN - Autumn Equinox 2016
CRIPA, Sep. 23. Twilight, 6-7 pm
- an invisible but recorded sound track leading through the eventide transition of day and night,
- a sonic ceremony gathering instruments from all directions to invoke the transforming power of fire, casting, forgining raw metal into resonating bodies, - an incantation of peace and power....

Aurelio and Holger share an excerpt of the commissioned work which was recorded and staged for the exhibition “Vanishing Beauty - Jewelry and Ritual Objects from Asia” at the Chicago Art Institute, an awarded, grand museum of antique and world culture.

C L A S S E S , W O R K S H O P S

Speak to Inspire
Speak To Inspire I - 17 September & Speak to Inspire II 24 September

Your body language and voice are instrumental in determining the impression you make on the people around you. Especially in a workplace environment, it is not enough for you or your idea to be brilliant - you must illustrate and communicate your brilliance so that it may truly impact your audience.

Speak to Inspire is a one-day course, during which actor and voice professional Jesse Fox-Allen will help you to overcome your fear of public speaking. As you learn to speak with authority and precision, you will return to your workplace better able to handle challenges with confidence and impact.
To register please call: 9655696982, or email: info@aurovilleretreat.org.
For more info, please visit www.aurovilleretreat.org to register.
**Inner-Work-Workshop**

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

20th September (Tuesday) - Focus: 'The Inner Being - Chakras'
- Overview with multimedia presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books

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

**Place:** Savitri Bhavan - Time: 9 am to 12 Noon
Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922)

No Registration required (except for groups). Fees: Voluntary Contribution-All are welcome. For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit [www.integralyoga-auroville.com](http://www.integralyoga-auroville.com)

**Forest Herbal Food Workshop**

Pitchandikulam Forest welcomes you to an afternoon herbal food preparation workshop with Ms. Parvati of Amirtha/Meera Enterprises. We will learn to identify the wild, edible plants, their health benefits and demonstrate them in cooking processes. This week we focus on ragi, adai and other millet dosas. We will end the workshop in a food tasting - dosa, chutneys and tea. All welcome!

**Wednesday 21st of September, 2 pm - 5 pm**

Registrations compulsory and closed on the 20th evening to be able to prepare ingredients for the workshop. Contribution of Rs 200 to cover costs. To register and for more info: contact email: pitchandikulam.outreach@auroville.org.in

**Couples in Flow**

Join us to share these two days together to reconnect, rediscover and celebrate each other on land and in warm water.

**Quiet Healing Center, 23 & 24 September, Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-5**
Welcome, Dariya & Daniel

**Training Course at the Auroville Earth Institute**

The Auroville Erath Institute is conducting a course on the Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks (CSEB Masonry) from the 12th to 17th September and Arches, Vaults and Domes (AVD Theory & Masonry) from September 19th to 24th and 26th to 1st October.

**Bioclimatic Earth: Design Workshop**

Conducted by Omar K. Rabie - Organized by the Earth Institute

**31 Oct - 12 Nov 2016**

The immemorial tradition of building with earth proves the capacity of versatile earth construction techniques to adapt to varied bioclimatic regions. This two-week design workshop will reinvestigate earth architecture predominantly through environmental reasoning.

During the first week, students will: 1-be introduced to the characteristics of the different climatic zones. 2-establish an understanding of the principles of bioclimatic architecture. 3-study examples of vernacular earth architecture acclimated for environmental comfort. 4-practice methods and use tools of weather analysis, establishing initial design guidelines for different environmental conditions. 5-gain a basic understanding of a few environmental design simulation tools. Then, through the second week of the workshop, students will apply the gained theoretical knowledge and practical skills in a design project; a challenge to design examples of innovative earth architecture adapted to the environmental conditions of different regions. The intensive design workshop aims at providing designers with the knowledge needed to evoke their sensibility to simultaneously design with earth and with climate.

For more information, please see: [www.earth-auroville.com/bioclimatic_earth_en.php](http://www.earth-auroville.com/bioclimatic_earth_en.php) or contact training@earth-auroville.com

**SCHEDULES**

**VÉRITÉ NEWS**

Please contact Vérité to register with 24hr advance for the following workshop and Therapies: 0413 2622045, 7094104329 or [programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in)

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

**Fate or choice?**

(family) constellations with Yuval

**Saturday, 24 September from 9 am to 4.45 pm**

In our lives hidden dynamics can unconsciously create our fate. To become aware of them, we can bring back choice by applying (family) constellation techniques. **YUVAL is a life & business coach.**

**New Therapies In Vérité (by appointment only)**

- Holistic Rebalancing - Deep Tissue Massage for Men with Ananda

Holistic Rebalancing combines deep tissue massage, joint release, energy work, and breath work. It helps body-mind-energy to relax, to release, to heal and rebalance, and connect with inner bliss.

- Foot Reflexology with Ananda

Relax and ground through reflexology, the activation of reflex points on the feet. Reflexology helps brings balance to the internal systems of the body and energy field. **Ananda has been exploring yoga, meditation, mystics, and energy work for more than 24 years, and has studied and practiced healing modalities for over 10 years. He is professionally trained with international certifications in Watsu, Aqua wellness, Foot Reflexology, Hypnotherapy, Pranic Healing, Alchemy of Touch - Rebalancing.**
**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

**Sadhana Forest, September 23rd, Friday**

**Schedule of Fridays 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!!

**LIVING IN A FOOD DESERT**
46mins, 2015, Directed by Jesse Vaughan
Across Virginia in the USA, hundreds of thousands are affected by food deserts which are defined as urban neighbourhoods or rural towns without ready access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food. Based on a study done at Virginia State University that details food insecurity issues in Virginia, Filmmaker Jesse Vaughan explores both the problems and solutions in this film. “Living in a Food Desert” delves into a problem that affects people throughout the country.

**Reminder:**
Friday - September 16th: - What the Ancients Knew: Japan
The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 2677682 or 2677683, or by email sadhanaforest@sadhana.org.in.
Do visit us online: sadhanaforest.org / facebook.com/sadhanaforest

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**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

Monday, 19th of September 2016 at 6:30 pm

“Interview of Shraddhavan - Responses to Questions about Auroville” by a Russian TV crew on April 3, 2013.

Shraddhavan talks about the process of entering Auroville in 1970 and on several subjects as The City the Earth needs, the Matrimandir, on Savitri - the Supreme revelation of Sri Aurobindo’s vision, the Supermind and that “Auroville is meant to hasten the advent of the supernal Real into the human life. And there is the learning for us that “Above the mind there is a supermind” one understands even more completely in the depths of things there is a will much more powerful than the human will.” Duration: 54min.

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**Important information about News & Notes**

Absolute deadline for submissions, corrections or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm

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

How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the email address (below). Text and photos have to come separated to allow for layout insertion.

**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 Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News layout is on Wednesday and printing starts at 2 pm.

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

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

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

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm: **No visitors on Wednesday.**

Soft Version: We encourage you to ask us for a soft version of News&Notes sent directly to your own mail. First, it saves trees, money (Rs 12,000 monthly are spent only on purchasing paper) and labor (more than 900 copies are printed every week). Secondly, we send your soft copy as a PDF file (with full colors and clickable links) on Thursday morning latest, so you can get information earlier than the printing version which is delivered only on Friday and Saturday. Don’t hesitate to mail: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in or to phone 2622133 if you want to give it a try.

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The amazing almost magical metamorphosis of a caterpillar to chrysalis and finally to an amazing butterfly has caught the imagination of cultures and creativity throughout the world. In various cultures butterfly is a symbol of transformation, resurrection, psyche, and soul. In film making too butterfly has been used both literally and metaphorically in films of various genre. We bring you a few selected films of varied spread in this Butterfly Series.

**Butterfly Series - Monday 18 September, 8:00 pm:**
- **THE BLUE BUTTERFLY**
  - Canada-USA-UK, 2004, Dir. Lea Pool w/ Marc Donato, William Hurt, Pascale Bussières, and others, Drama-Adventure, 97mins, English w/ Spanish subtitles, Rated: PG
  - Based on true events, the film tells the story of a terminally ill 10yr old boy whose dream is to catch the mystical and elusive Blue Morpho - the most beautiful butterfly on Earth. His mother persuades a renowned entomologist to take them on a trip to the forest to see for the butterfly, leading to an adventure that will transform their lives. _An amazing film, do not miss!_

**Butterfly Series - Tuesday 19 September, 8:00 pm:**
- **LA LENGUA DE LAS MARIPosas (Butterfly)**
  - Spain, 1999, Dir. José Luis Cuerda w/ Manuel Lozano, Fernando Fernán Gómez, Uxia Blanco, and others, Drama, 99mins, Spanish-Gallegan-Latin w/ English subtitles, Rated: R (PG-13)
  - For Moncho, it’s an idyllic year: he starts school, he has a wonderful teacher – who takes them for nature walks, and tells them about butterflies. He makes a friend in Roque. But it’s also the year that the Spanish Republic comes under fire from Fascist rebels. Moncho’s father is a Republican as is the aging teacher, Don Gregorio. As sides are drawn and power falls, Moncho and Roque are drawn too. Moncho’s life is forever changed.

**Butterfly Series - Wednesday 20 September, 8:00 pm:**
- **TITLI (Butterfly)**
  - In the badlands of Delhi’s dystopic underbelly, Titli, the youngest member of a violent car-jacking brotherhood plots a desperate bid to escape the ‘family’ business. His struggle to do, so is countered at each stage by his indignant brothers, who finally try marrying him off to ‘settle’ him. Titli finds an unlikely ally in his new wife, Neelu. They form a strange, mutually exploitative partnership. But is escape the same as freedom?

**Butterfly Series - Thursday 21 September, 8:00 pm:**
- **BUTTERFLY**
  - UK, 2015, Dir. Martin Bull, BBC Documentary, 13mins, English - Winner of the Best Wildlife Documentary, this short film contains mesmerizing shots of leading to transformation of an egg to a butterfly. It also touches upon the fascinating world of butterfly wings - its structure and use of light as it is revolutionizing our knowledge.

- **THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY OF THE BUTTERFLIES**
  - USA, 2009, Dir. Nick de Pencier w/ Homero Aridjis, Lincoln Brower, Bill Calvert, and others, Documentary-Biography, PBS-NOVA Series, 55mins, English - One of the most amazing sight is the flight of a gliding monarch butterfly during its migration. This film flies along with the monarchs, visiting the spectacular locations they call home and meeting the dangers they encounter and overcome along their journey. It is an award winning and critically acclaimed film.

**International - Saturday 17 September, 8:00 pm:**
- **GENIUS**
  - UK-USA, 2016, Dir. Michael Grandage w/ Colin Firth, Jude Law, Nicole Kidman, and others, Biography-Drama, 104mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13
  - At its heart - this is a tale of two men. Circumstances brought them together, made the friends, and split them as well. In 1929 when Thomas Wolfe, a writer without success - made his way to Max Perkins, editor at Scribner’s, he was expecting rejection. But Perkins accepted the manuscript under the condition that it will be drastically reduced in length. Wolfe grudgingly agreed. Perkins personally got involved, and trimmed version was a runaway success. The second book was even more successful - but at a cost. A fascinating tale.

**Children’s Film - Sunday 18 September, 4:30 pm:**
- **OLIVER TWIST**
  - UK, 1948, Dir. David Lean w/ Robert Newton, Alec Guinness, Kay Walsh and others, Drama, 105mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: U (G)
  - Based on the Charles Dickens novel Oliver Twist is about an orphan boy who runs away from a workhouse and meets a pickpocket on the streets of London. Oliver is taken in by the pickpocket and he joins a household of young boys who are trained to steal for their master.

**JEAN-JACQUES ANNAUD Film Festival @ Ciné-Club**
- **Ciné-Club - Sunday 18 September, 8:00 pm:**
  - **SEVEN YEARS IN TIBET**
    - USA-UK, 1997, Dir. Jean-Jacques Annaud w/ Brad Pitt, David Thewlis, and others, Biography-Adventure, 115mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
    - In this vivid memoir, Heinrich Harrer recounts his adventures as one of the first Europeans ever to enter Tibet. Harrer was imprisoned by British authorities while traveling in India during the WWII. He escaped. After an arduous journey Harrer finally reached Lhasa where he soon became His Holiness’s tutor and trusted confidant. When the Chinese invaded Tibet in 1950, Harrer and the Dalai Lama fled the country together.

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Introducing the KUILAI CLEAN SERVICE

The idea of KUILAI CLEAN SERVICE came after the third clean up in the Kuilapalayam village in a row when the Cleanup organizers realized that something more was needed to have any lasting impact on the piles of waste reappearing soon after each cleanup. A small team Selveraj, Babu, Loes, Guillaume and Gillian have committed themselves to tackle this problem. This initiative is supported by Auroville Town Development Council (TDC) and the Project Coordination Group (PCG) in the frame of Bioregional development.

The cleaning team: Kamala, Laxmi, Chancra, Alamelo, Sundar

Since February 2016, the five ladies of Kuilai Clean Service pick up the waste along the main road from NESS school to Marc’s Coffee thanks to the financial support of the businesses and individuals of Kuilapalayam. This has proven to be very successful and the whole area is becoming progressively CLEAN.

It is a long distance for the ladies to carry the waste back to our Storage Shed in the Park opposite SBI. There is a great need to have a vehicle to pick up full bags along that road, make the work less strenuous for the women and free some time to start a proper segregation and recycling project.

We recently visited a SWM project in Coimbatore with the ladies where the waste collection is also done by women including driving a specially designed electric rickshaw which carries the waste to the segregation shed. This is the ideal transport for our work.

We are very interested to get one of these e-rickshaws and are currently fund raising for it.

The Amount needed: one e-rikshaw = 1.5 lakhs + extending the segregation shed = 0.5 lakh

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