The substance of intuition, then the whole inner movement of the inner mind becomes a movement of intuition, organised as the reason (see under Exhibition) that of the individual, of the little separate individual; one can make just a little more progress and instead of being subject to all these animal needs of the being, one dominates them. But these are not two consciousnesses, one superimposed on the other, it is one consciousness being transformed into another. (Looking at the child) I am afraid she doesn't understand at all! She is looking at me completely bewildered! You are wondering how, in a body like this, you can be different from what you are? Well, you can! (laughing) It is something that can happen! (Silence) (Mother looks at some written questions.)

Here is the exact complement of your question. I am asked: “What are the characteristic features of a world-personality?” The most characteristic feature is precisely this change of consciousness. Instead of feeling like a little, isolated person, separated from others, one feels one is a universal person, containing all others and intimately united and identified with all others.

And I am asked: “How does this person speak and act?”

Speak!...The question is not very well put, for if you ask how he speaks, well, he speaks as everybody does, with his voice, his tongue, his mouth and with words! If you were to ask what is the nature of what he says... obviously, if he expresses the state of consciousness in which he lives, he expresses a universal state of consciousness, and seeing things in a different way from ordinary men, he will express them differently, in accordance with what he sees and feels. As for acting... if all the parts of his being are in harmony, his action will obviously express his state of consciousness.

Now, there are people who have very decisive experiences in one part of their being, but these are not necessarily translated, or at least not immediately, in the other parts of their being. It is possible that through sadhana or concentration or through Grace, somebody has attained the consciousness of a world-personality, but that he still continues to act physically in quite an ordinary, non-descriptive way, because he has not taken care to unify his whole being, and though one part of his being is universally conscious, as soon as he begins to eat, to sleep, walk, act, he does this like all human animals. That may happen. So, it is again a purely personal question, it depends on each one, on his stage of development. But if it is someone who has taken care to unify his being, to identify all its parts with the central truth, then naturally he will act with a total absence of egoism, with an understanding of others, an understanding which comes to him from his identification with others — and so he will act like a sage. But that depends on the care he has taken to unify his whole being around the central consciousness.

For example, to take the most positively material things like food and sleep: it is quite possible that, if he has not taken care to infuse, as it were, his new consciousness into his body, his need for food and sleep will remain almost the same and that he won’t have much control over them. On the other hand, if he has taken care to unify his being and has infused his consciousness into the elements constituting his body, well, his sleep will be a conscious sleep and of a universal kind; he will be able to know at will what goes on here or anywhere, in this person or that other, in this corner of the world or any other; and his consciousness, being universal, will naturally put him in contact with all the things he wants to know. Instead of having a sleep that's unconscious and useless, except from a purely material point of view, he will have a productive and altogether conscious sleep. For food it will be the same thing. Instead of being a slave to his needs, usually in almost entire ignorance of what he needs, well, he will be perfectly conscious, at once of the needs of his body and the means of governing them. He will be able to control his needs and rule them, transform them according to the necessity of what he wants to do. But this requires a great self-mastery and the realisation of what Sri Aurobindo says in this last paragraph, that is, instead of remaining below, subject to the laws of Nature, dominated by these laws and compelled to submit to them, failing which one is completely unbalanced, one becomes the master, one looks at these things from above, knows the truth of these things and imposes it upon the body which should normally accept it without any difficulty. Anything else on the same subject?

Mother, what does “ordered intuition” mean? (“Transform reason into ordered intuition.”)

Ordered intuition.... For at the beginning, when one enters into contact with the realm of intuition, it is a sort of spasmodic contact; that is, from time to time, for more or less explicable or conscious reasons, one suddenly has an intuition or is possessed by the spirit of intuition; but it is not methodical, not a phenomenon which occurs at will, organised and obeying a central will. But Sri Aurobindo says that if the entire reason is transformed — he speaks of transformation, you know — if the reason is transformed into the very essence, the substance of intuition, then the whole inner movement of the inner mind becomes a movement of intuition, organised as the reason is organised, that is, it becomes active at will, answers all needs and comes into the being in accordance with a methodical system. It is not something which appears and disappears one doesn’t know how or why; it is the result of the transformation of the reason, which is the higher part of the human mind, into a light higher than the mental light, a light of intuition. So it becomes ordered, organised, instead of being spasmodic and uncoordinated.

Questions and Answers, 5 December 1956

Mother

Humility before the Divine is also a sine qua non of the spiritual life, and spiritual pride, arrogance, or vanity and self-assurance press always downward.

Sri Aurobindo

Ref. Letters on Yoga, p.533

Cover: “AND THE ADVENTURE BEGINS...” in homage to Dominique Darr - Alain G. & Ruud L. at the Matrimandir Ampitheatre building site (see under Exhibition)
ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLIDARITY for Auroville’s UNIFIED LAND BASE

In February, the Visitors Centre and the Unity Pavilion are joining in solidarity with Lands for Auroville Unified to raise awareness and funds for the land.

Centered around the Marathon and the Art for Land Exhibition & Auction, there will be rich opportunities to understand the issues, profit from the many dedicated activities, and bring your support for the land!

We take this occasion to warmly thank donors whose support for the Acres for Auroville & GreenAcres land campaigns have enabled recent additions to the Greenbelt & the City Area!

Visitors Centre actions & participation

The outlets, boutiques and eateries at Visitors Centre are all joining in the land fundraising and awareness campaign at the occasion of the Auroville Marathon. Up to 50% of the turnover of the weekend of 11th & 12th February will be given by the units to the land fund. This will be publicised to the visitors and marathon participants to create a momentum of offering.

Posters, films and direct communication are also organised at the Visitors Centre on the theme of land to inspire the public to donate generously.

All other outlets and restaurants in Auroville and especially the units participating in the Marathon Market are warmly invited to join in this common effort as a show of unity. Posters, cards and donation boxes are available with LFAU at Town Hall for this purpose.

During the full month of February, we are encouraging all eateries in Auroville to participate to the land funding campaign by carrying the LFAU standing cards on their tables and the donation boxes on their counter.

Nicole & The Visitors Centre

at the Unity Pavilion

Art exhibition, events, & Art auction

During the month of February The Unity Pavilion will host an Exhibition cum Auction ‘Art for Land’ to raise funds and awareness for the Auroville Land. Artists from Auroville, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram and from India and abroad have contributed most generously in creating a rich exhibition of Painting and Drawing, Sculpture, Ceramics and Photography. With the Exhibition there is also a sale of rare photos of The Mother. The Art For Land Website presenting photos of all the works with information about the artists is launched on February 1st and goes out worldwide http://artforland.auroville.org/ Bidding can be done on-line and at the Unity Pavilion through the month of February.

The Art for Land Auction will take place at the Unity Pavilion on the 25th February.

At the Unity Pavilion there will be almost daily activities and cultural events as part of the fundraising program. Please see program below or our weekly posters for information. If you come to Auroville especially for this, please check for change of timings on the weekly program posters, on our website: unitypavilionauroville.wordpress.com/ or at 0413-2623 576

Jaya & the Unity Pavilion

Solidarity Events for Auroville Land

Week 2 at Unity Pavilion

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All the above programs are Fund Raising Programs for Auroville Land
- ALL ARE WELCOME -

An “Art For Auroville” Website has been launched worldwide on February 1st: http://artforland.auroville.org/
And as always, all through the year donations are welcome through LFAU: www.colaap.org

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Exhibition cum Auction of Art Works
Donated by Well-known Artists from Auroville and Outside

Exhibition:
1 February 2017 to 28 February 2017

Auction:
25 February 2017

Venue:
Unity Pavilion

A Unique Opportunity to buy exquisite art and at the same time contribute towards purchase of land for Auroville which is of utmost importance in today’s context.

All Proceeds go towards purchase of land for Auroville
Visit the exhibition or make a bid online via the website http://artforland.auroville.org/

Exhibition cum Auction 'Art for Land' at the Unity Pavilion 1-28 February 2017
During the month of February, Art donated by many artists, representing Painting and Drawing, Sculpture, Ceramics and Photography, will be presented at the Unity Pavilion. Auroville and Ashram artists are participating as well as Friends from abroad.

An Art For Auroville Website was launched worldwide on February 1st: http://artforland.auroville.org/
Bidding can be done on-line through the month of February, and on the 25th February the Art Auction will take place at the Unity Pavilion.

During the full month of February we will have a sale of hundreds and hundreds of beautiful and rare photographs of Mother and Sri Aurobindo.
Loretta has given for the Land all of the photographs from her Mother and Sri Aurobindo photograph exhibitions.
At the Unity Pavilion during February there will be many fund raising activities for the Auroville Land (see weekly program)
IZ surface water plan

Dear Friends, the ITDC, in collaboration with the Av Water Group and IZ planning Team is preparing a surface water plan for the International Zone (IZ). In the IZ many data about ground levels (elevations) are not mapped, and are needed to better understand the topography of the whole IZ.

In order to get this information, teams of surveyors will be engaged to work in the field, starting with measurements from next week. The work will take approximately one month.

Having surveyors in the field, makes sense to update our maps with measurements and location of existing buildings, major trees (more than 10 inch diameter) and existing infrastructures (electric lines, pipelines).

The survey coordinator Giulio (mobile number 9474224206) will try to facilitate communication with peoples and groups in the IZ, possibly informing one day before the surveyors are physically present into the concerned areas.

We kindly request your cooperation, facilitating access to the areas, and taking care of dogs who might pose a risk to people they are not familiar with.

For ITDC, Tom (7598132290)

Housing Projects under construction

Serenity - 3 BHK House Contact Person: Joseba E-mail: joseba@auroville.org.in

Kalpana - 26 apartments of different sizes available. Studio - 8 nos, 1BHK - 10 nos, 2 BHK – 5 nos, 3 BHK - 3 nos. Will be ready next year 2018. Contact Person: Satyakam E-mail: satyakam@auroville.org.in

Humanscape – 2 family apartments available. Will be ready approximately in September 2017. Contact person: Suhasini E-mail: suhasini@auroville.org.in

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Visits by groups: a request from the Town Hall

In this busy guest season, sightseeing visits by groups of people, guided by Aurovilians, are taking place at the Town Hall premises without prior notice.

The Town Hall is mainly meant as a working place for Auroville administration and visits by groups of people during office hours are disturbing and make for a noisy environment.

It will be much appreciated if Aurovilians planning to bring a group of more than 5 people could inform the management beforehand as to the proper timing for such a visit.

Please phone 9442070213 or write to: acur@auroville.org.in

Many thanks, Town Hall team

Reminder: Feedback call for the three candidates for BCC

(1 Representative community at large)

Dear community members, we are reminding you of the following three names posted previously for feedback as potential members for the community at large representative in the BCC: Claudine (Inspiration), Manohar (Realization) and Venkatesh (Maitrey II).

Please send your feedback to:

avoffice@auroville.org.in before the 5th of February 2017

Warmly, The Auroville Council

Important Information from Residents Service

Please keep in mind the following points:

- The Residents Service is only helping the Residents of Auroville - who are holding an Entry or (X) Visa, to make the papers needed for the registration and extension at the RRO (Regional Registration Office in Pondicherry). But every person is still responsible for their own Visa-related requirements!
- If you furnish all the relevant information to the Residents Service, we can help you to keep track when your Residential Permit is running out, but for that you have to give us a copy of your valid Residential permit or Stay Visa.
- Under all circumstances you are responsible for your own Visa requirements. You must keep in mind the end of validity of your Passport, Visa and Residential Permit.
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- All PIO’s and OCI card holders have to inform the Residents Service your IN’s and OUT’s abroad and your update in Auroville.

Please, don’t forget to inform us when you change your living place, working place and phone number, email id, in order to contact you easily.

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From the Entry Service - N&N No - 685
dated 04.02.2017

The people announced as Newcomers got their letter of recommendation before the Entry process was put on hold and have just come back to Auroville.

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED
Bertrand CORTET (French), staying at New Creation, working at New Creation Boarding School

RETURNING AUROVILIANS
Krishna LESCURE (Swedish), staying at Espace
Island Bernard LESCURE (British), staying at Espace, working at Tree Care

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pongal Celebration at AVAG, 2017

The staff at AVAG celebrated Pongal together with ladies from the AVAL tailoring and crochet unit and Udhayam Federation leaders this year. Pongal is one of the two main ancient traditions of this region, the other being the festival of Mariamma. It is a harvest festival and has now come to be known as the Farmer’s Festival too.

Every aspect of the Pongal festival is deeply rooted in natural cycles of land. We spent the morning making flower kolams and decorations with fresh palm leaves. When I first saw these decorations I was struck by how innovative and eco-friendly they are. Anbu Akka (co-founder of AVAG) pointed out that it was a norm to use eco-friendly decorations made of farm and forest products before paper and plastic became abundantly available.

The ladies of the office prepared a brick stove and decorated each brick with turmeric and sindoor, turning them into objects of divine significance. Turmeric is a natural antiseptic and also adds a vibrant yellow colour to the stove. Two mud pots were similarly prepared and mounted on the stove and in these began the preparation of Pongal; a sweet or salty preparation of rice mixed with green gram and jaggery.

All the office members, clad in saris and dhotis, sat in a circle around the stove and patiently waited for the Pongal to be made. While we waited, Anbu Akka initiated a discussion on the values celebrated in this festival. Pongal is celebrated for four days during the winter harvest season. Each day has a particular significance. The first day, called Bogi, is the last day of the month ‘Margazhi’ and on this day we prepare ourselves physically and spiritually to welcome the new month ‘Thai’, which marks the Harvest Festival. We discard old and unused things like old clothes and other items that clutter up a home. This is also a metaphor for cleansing our hearts and minds of old enmities and negative emotions.

The first day of Pongal is a fresh start to the year and the AVAG family took this opportunity to express appreciation for one another and remember the fact that we are a unit that can only progress in togetherness.

The second day, called Perum Pongal, is a celebration of the Sun and the farmers. We thank the Sun for providing the energy that makes life possible on earth and the farmers for their efforts toward growing the food we consume. The third day, called Maattu-Pongal, is dedicated to the cattle who help us till the land and put in all their muscle strength to make the produce possible. Cows and bulls are worshiped and offered Pongal to eat. The cattle also provide milk for consumption and manure which is a rich fertiliser for the soil. Cattle have a special place in the agrarian economy of rural India because of their contribution to farming practices. Farmers clean their cows and bulls and decorate their horns for the occasion. The bulls are also traditionally raced on this day in the village streets making an exciting and colourful show of the stud-bulls.

The fourth day, called Kari Naal, is to visit family and friends, to get blessings of the elders and to renew relationships.

Pongal is a celebration of the generosity of Mother Nature. It is one of the few festival celebrations we see today that has escaped commercialisation. The traditional way of celebration doesn’t involve pollution from crackers or consumption of unhealthy food. It is, in fact, designed to remind man of his humble roots in the land and reflect both internally and externally on our priorities and everyday practices.”

By Ain Contractor - volunteer with Auroville Village Action Group (AVAG) Auroville Village Action Group (AVAG), has been working in the villages surrounding Auroville for the past 33 years with all sections of society; irrespective of caste, class, race and gender, with a shared dream of a sustainable future for all. AVAGs emphasis is on co-development and works through its network of over 337 village level self-help groups (SHGs) and over 5000 women and men in 78 settlements and 34 Panchayat villages benefiting 1,00,000 people living in the bio-region of Auroville. AVAG fosters participatory village transformation through 1)Community development especially through local environment and community infrastructure development 2) Economic development through women’s federation social enterprises 3) Capacity building ongoing training, seminars and empowerment activities and 4) Psychosocial support, counselling, health and healing. There are ongoing programs in all of these areas: see – www.villageaction.in; you can be a part of this work; donations are welcome to financial services account 0226

SAIER is happy to present a new children’s book:

“The Brave Little Parrot” - An ancient Buddhist tale retold by Neha Partha and illustrated by Ruchi Mhasane.

In a forest live many animals and among them a little parrot. One day a fire breaks out and spreads through the forest. The parrot can fly to safety, but his friends are in danger. What will he do?

A story of how courage and selflessness in the face of difficulty may call an answering Grace.

A softcover book full of bright illustrations, available for Rs.250 from White Seagull bookshop (Visitors’ Center).

News from OutreachMedia

Dear friends, The Metro Plus, the weekend supplement of The Hindu newspaper (Chennai/Pondicherry) has expanded in size and the chief editor has expressed his interest in publishing more information about Auroville in the following categories:

· Public events
· Lifestyle
· Art and Culture
· Sustainability

If you are interested please send us your information (press release with HD photographs) to: outreachmedia@auroville.org.in no later than Monday noon of each week for the Friday issue of the paper. OutreachMedia Team
YouthLink 2016 Report & 2017 Aspirations

Dear Community, YouthLink is happy to update you regarding our current progress and projects. We are a team of youth who work from an office which is temporarily situated at Kalakendra building, Bharat Nivas campus. We have about 15 members who work through the office, compensated according to their time commitments, with many youth extended members supporting our work from afar, in schools and in working groups. We began our work in early 2015, as part of the Auroville and client Body. We have been working with youth for 2 years now! Below is a summary of our last year and update on our work. YouthLink is a non-exclusive space, please feel part of the family and feel welcome to work with us as a youth or as a mentor. Everyone is welcome!

Core Projects:
1) Hive: The Hive project is a space in the International Zone 'for youth and by the youth,' to engage young people in meaningful activities - with a youth Office for International Networking, a Hostel for groups of visiting students, and Kitchen for the Cooking Apprenticeship Program, and a small Outlet to display Youth Products and Art. The project includes an income generating aspect to ensure we can provide for our own Maintenances and the up keep of our building. This project visions to empower young architects, contractors, project holders and the client body of Aging in Auroville.

2) Joy of Impermanence (JOI): JOI is a project started by youth which initially aims to provide an income generating aspect to ensure we can provide for our own Maintenances and the up keep of our building. This project visions to empower young architects, contractors, project holders and the client body of Aging in Auroville. We have been in mediation and re-designed the construction to be 40m distance from the closest neighbour and now we have initiated a Restorative Circle. We would like to build the 1st phase of the Hive for Auroville’s 50th Anniversary, as it was named as ‘Golden Jubilee’ project for 2018 by our respected chairman Dr. Karon Singh. We look forward to the support of the concerned working groups to make this a priority, if it is felt like an important need for our community today. We invite your participation and goodwill for this project to manifest. (Primary coordinator: Kavitha and Hive Construction Team, & Client Body)

3) ProSkills: ProSkills was launched in November 2016 at the Visitor’s Center, with a fantastic event facilitated by Jesse, our very own ‘Communications’ expert. ProSkills is a space for youth to receive training in design and facilitation, as part of the Auroville Core Projects, and to serve as a ‘cool’ community resource. We have been training 35 students since December 2016 to 35 students. JOI embraces the idea of impermanence as a spiritual concept of detachment from possession. JOI hopes to build a sense of trust and abundance in simplicity for Auroville. It will ideally provide a space to experiment on self sufficiency, closed loop system, low technology, post monetary system and collective intelligence. JOI would become a platform to provide and protect space in Auroville to create impermanent communities until more permanent structure would be ready to be started. (Primary coordinator: Michael, Serena and Joy team)

4) Networking: YouthLink has been connecting to several international networks, in order to facilitate movement for youth who aspire to see the world, and youth who wish to return to Auroville and connect in a meaningful way. So far we are establishing contact with:

a) Sourcing Our Oneness: YouthLink participated in the design and facilitation of the Nainital SOO trip, where many individuals from Sri Aurobindo organizations across India and abroad, came together for a weeklong retreat. It was an amazing experience, connecting to our common vision through the elders we met there, and connecting to a large number of youth with whom we have formed friendships and eagerness to meet again, hopefully inviting them to Auroville in 2018.

b) NextGEN: YouthLink hosts the ‘youth’ branch of GEN, which stands for the ‘Global EcoVillage Network’. This network is an international array of various intentional communities and projects that are working to find new ways of living and solutions for our global crisis. It has been wonderful to connect to so many individuals devoted to the same vision, and who go back to places in the world to join or start projects similar to our own. YouthLink has a Youth Exchange program, available to any youth who would like to visit such a community elsewhere in the world. NextGEN at YouthLink works closely to the GEN desk in Pitchandikulam Forest.

YouthLink is proud to share that with the immense support and hosting from Pitchandikulam Forest, we have conducted a 5 Week community design course, exploring Auroville and India’s Social, Economy, Ecology and Worldview dimensions... and exploring our own motivations for projects with tools to design them. This course was primarily designed and implemented by youth. It included 35 participants, with 17 invited to get a taster introduction to the ‘Cool’ things going on in our hometown.
youth from Auroville area, and the rest coming to join us from intentional communities and projects worldwide - example: SriLanka, Sweden, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Switzerland, Portugal, France, Germany etc. We extend a huge THANK YOU to Joss and all the Aurovilians who so gracefully welcomed us into their lives, to experience a new form of learning together.

Auroville Youth Abroad: YouthLink is maintaining a Growing database of Auroville Youth Abroad - those who left for any reason, usually for education and the need to explore the world. These youth have the tremendous potential to support Auroville’s vision while abroad, while simultaneously also needed our support as they often have challenges returning to Auroville, and challenges relating to re-integrating. YouthLink intends to work with Auroville Youth Abroad to strengthen our AVI network, and to invite these youth back to Auroville to celebrate our 2018 anniversary together.

Ubiquity: This is an online University that is also exploring ‘integral education’, as it encourages and hands on learning which is very practical complemented by an innovative academic learning space. More here: www.ubiquity.university . This opportunity to learn is very relevant for some youth here, as it is competency based (meaning, you do not necessarily need a high school certificate to take a course). This is also a very interesting program as you can collect credits from your work sphere, and also supplement your degree by taking courses in nearby Universities. Its flexibility encourages the individual to grow according to their needs, and helps find you the right network globally to be successful. If any youth are interested in taking any of their certificate or diploma courses for undergraduate/postgraduate, please let us know and we can provide you with more information and put you in direct contact with their team.

Events Organised:

Global Zeitgeist Day: YouthLink worked with Jerry from Auroville to organise a Global Zeitgeist Day at Unity Pavilion in March 2016. This is another example of a global movement which may have some relevance to connect to our community here. These networks of people have sometimes overlapping, sometimes contradictory efforts, but overall tend to share a deep aspiration to help find solutions to the world. We invite TZM members to Auroville this day, held a movie marathon and invited creative discussion on the topic, over food, debate, and laughter. It was a wonderful experience and we thank the Zeitgeist India for visiting us once again.

Planning & Communications Workshop: In March 2016, we also were fortunate enough to have Dave and Pala support us with a workshop to explore project planning tools and methods to communicate our dreams. It took place as an introduction to simple and effective planning and communication in order to gain greater clarity and confidence.

International Youth Day August 12th & 13th at Unity Pavilion; Displaying an impressive Art Exhibition, Stalls with various food and games, Stage Performances and Stage Initiative Presentations, all under this year’s theme chosen as ‘Exploring Generosity & Gratitude in Auroville’. This is our annual event, and we invite anyone interested to contact us for this year’s upcoming event. It has been hosted twice in Auroville so far, and has also been recognised by UNESCO and the UN-Youth map of international events.

POStINGS

YEN KALVI - My Education 2017

YEN KALVI, the career guidance program of Life Education Center (LEC) for students from the bioregion, is organizing two events this month. There will be a career guidance workshop on Feb 4 and an information session on Feb 11. Both events are in Tamil. We only have a few spaces left. Registration required. Priority will be given to girls who are in their 12th grade interested in pursuing college education. If you would like to recommend someone from the bioregion who would like to attend one or both events, please write to lec@auroville.org.in.

Devi Namisavayam for YEN KALVI (a program of LEC)

Economy Orientation Day at Vérité: was organised by Integral Entrepreneurship Lab as requested by YouthLink in August, with morning sessions, discussions and an afternoon field trip to visit an example of a Service and Unit. The event was organised based on the questions of the youth themselves, and although not all questions were answered, a deeper understanding of the economic-landscape of Auroville in relation to the world was understood. Many of the IEL members themselves are struggling to answer some of the larger questions, so it was a valuable session on coming together to measure our own success and limitations as a community. We are especially grateful to Torkil, Uma, Dhanya, Pashi, Aurelio and Ulrike who helped answer questions and hold space for the interesting discussion groups.

Higher Education: A Gate & A Path: Omar Rabie, newcomer, has offered youth in Auroville 4 sessions in September 2016 with an offer to help follow up. Many youth aspire to leave Auroville for learning more about their areas of interest, and to experience a global exposure, quite naturally. YouthLink would like to support youth through mentoring, and workshop spaces, as facilitated by Omar, in order for youth to identify their true interest and direction in life. We hope this helps provide youth with the right mentorship to also support their application processes and help ensure that they go to the places which offer the type of education they were longing for.

Peace Day: YouthLink joined the opening of the Peace month celebrations at Unity Pavilion, Auroville on September 21st, the International Day of Peace. The event included a special opening, with chanting for peace around the peace table, where YouthLink received the flag of peace on behalf of Auroville. The event also included activities such as origami, flower mandalas, and an interactive map on the wall for people to write messages directed at any part of the world where they wished for peace. We were unable to conduct a Peace Walk as initially planned, due to political tension and other reasons - we are exploring the possibility to organise a Peace Walk event for Earth Day and anyone who may be inspired is invited to help organize.

Presentations: YouthLink has also presented to various groups over the years, to name a few: Governing Board, International Advisory Council, Rotary International, AVI, CIHRU team, Swadharma Group, Weltwaerts Group, Kodaikanal International School group, Savi Groups, etc.

Conclusions: YouthLink has also conducted various other sessions and is exploring topics not mentioned in this report. We welcome you to make an appointment with us if inspired to join our team as a member or mentor. We would also like to specifically inviting You to:
- Join our 2018 Auroville 50th Anniversary organization team.
- Join any of our above mentioned efforts, or approach our team to Propose Your Own.
- Join us to work in YouthLink: work related to Communications, Networking & Website maintenance available.

Please feel free to contact us: www.youthlink.org.in / youth@auroville.org.in.

Our Current Team: Serena, Natasha, Michael, Kowsalya, Kovitha, Madhu, Sathish, Nikki, Mani, Ricky, Vijayan, Imran, Sundar, Luca, Anand, Anais, Kalvi, Abhimanyu, etc. including many extended members and mentors.

Svedam Hibiscus Art Festival - Call for creators.

The Arts Festival will be a one-day event on Sunday Feb 19th. We want to invite performers, painters, sculptors, magicians, jugglers, musicians, fire dancers, dancers, volunteers and more to make this Festival a dynamic and marvelous event. The program on Feb 19th will be in the morning and afternoon, with an Art and Craft market and a Tombola . During the day there will be workshops and games . In the afternoon music and dance and in the evening a concert.

There is a meeting for those who wish to participate on Feb 8th at 4 pm and Well Café (opp Upasana).

COME! Phone: 9443385617 for more details.
Probiotics House Tips - Serial #6
- Microbes: Our Tiny, Crucial Allies

...For anyone, when a course of antibiotics can’t be avoided, medical professionals should consider following up with an additional prescription of Probiotics. These are typically specific strains or species of bacteria, that, used properly, can help recover beneficial gut microbiota in the aftermath of antibiotics." - https://theconversation.com/microbes-our-tiny-crucial-allies-69536

Margaret for MGECoduties

Creativity Atelier - A Cooperative Studio
This is a cooperative studio which means to us that everyone who uses the studio has a vested interest in it. We depend on donations to run the studio and maintain the supplies. But we appreciate very much also the support we get from the community of Creativity. Our “Figure Drawing” evening--Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 is growing. It is helpful if you come on time. We are always open for new models so come and have a new experience. It is very helpful if you are an artist or just learning to draw for your awareness is increased by modeling. When we put one of everyone’s pieces up together at the end of the evening it is an education for all, no matter whether you are just beginning or are experienced.

We have one two-day workshop a month alternating “Exploring Drawing” and “Exploring Color”. It is important to get your reservations in early for these workshops are not given for less than three or more than six. Aurovilians, guests, volunteers and kids over seven can use the studio for their own exploration if they call 0413-262-2641 and leave their name and number on the answering machine if Audrey is not in so she can call you back and let you in.

Using your body through your hands on the page to express yourself can be energy giving, healing and a delightful exploration, let alone increase your ability to see. You are very welcome. Audrey

A V A I L A B L E

Consulting arborist
Hi! We, (Island, Krishna and Una) are back to stay. I have been working in the UK as a consulting arborist conducting professional tree inspections and providing reports with management recommendations. I will be working with Tree Care and various other persons involved in trees and woodland management. If you have any queries, specifically about trees, such as when building near them or to see if they are safe, please give me a call: 7598103616, send me an email: islandarb@gmail.com or just stop me on the road. I am also interested in strange things happening to trees, so if you spot something please let me know. Cheers, Island

Mobile phone
MI 4 mobile phone, brand new and never used in original box with accessories. Contact: 9751420678 - Fabien B.

Roof tiles
Around 3,500 roof tiles of Pondicherry available. Location: Brihaspathi - Red Earth riding school. Contact Damien: damien.navineau@gmail.com / 90 477 2740

Willing Servitors Needed - Photos for Land Purchase
As part of the Art for Auroville Land campaign taking place this month, Loretta has generously donated hundreds of photos of The Mother and a few of Sri Aurobindo for sale, with all proceeds going to Land Purchase. The display will be set up in the alcove of the Peace Table room at the Unity Pavilion for the entire month of February. Willing servitors are needed - people with a deep contact, who would enjoy being with these "many faces of The Mother" while contributing to our urgent efforts to secure "the body of Auroville". If you have a morning, afternoon or early evening (or several) to give for this, please contact Swaha at: swahals@gmail.com, (0413) 262-3886 or 890-344-9398 (text, or if you don't reach me on the land line). Thank you!

Someone going to Belgium: If anyone is going to Belgium in the next 30 days, and is willing to carry 2 kg of clothes for my friend, who lives in Zoesel, please call/sms me: Alice - 944 207 2835

A moped: I am looking for a good second-hand TVS moped. Please contact me at: guydinet@gmail.com / 962672945 / 0413 2622945 - Thank you, Guy

House cleaning work: Our cleaning lady is looking for some additional work on Tuesdays and Thursdays, preferably in the city area. She is very independent and efficient. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please let me know. Thanks, Dorle (Madhuca): 2622509 or Dorle@auroville.org.in

Flute/recorder: My name is Luna. I am 9 years old. I need a flute/recorder. If you want to give or sell one please call me: 2622446, 9843191370. Thank you, Luna

Playstation: A big blue Playstation 2 (the big heavy-duty one!) is up for grabs in the community of Auromodele! It comes with a big bunch of games too and two PS2 remotes! This marvelous console can be used to read DVDs as well. Donations are welcome. Call Satya at: 9751678103 or (0413)2623332, if interested. Thank you!

L O O K I N G  F O R ...

Computer
Two-in-One ASUS desktop - Pentium J2900/2 GB/500GB - Windows 10 - 6 months old under warranty to September, Screen 24x43 cm Marlenka 948 636 3525

Oil and cushions
Dear Friends, we got our new stock of Kalamata Extra Virgin Olive Oil 5 litres. We also have a few faded Thai cushion to pass on. If you are interested, please come to the cafe to pick them up at Naturlement Garden Café. Naturellel team

Aurosunshine gems stone Jewelry
We have got new healing stones and crystals. We do silver, gold jewelry too. At Auroshilpam, near the CSR - phone: 0413 2622090 / mail: venugopal@auroville.org.in - all are welcome. Venugopal (Aurosunshine)

Gas cooker
On a full gas bottle (37cm high) and a new Siemens iron. Contact Gita: annetteav@auroville.org.in

L O S T & F O U N D

Grocery bag (Lost): Last Friday I lost a grocery bag (red, blue and black) with floral patterns with some food items inside between Hers supermarket, Alankuppam gas station and Blue Basket in Kulippalayam. It was a souvenir, if you found it, contact Julia 80982 08799

Angle grinder (lost): A while ago I lent an angle grinder to someone but forgot to whom. If it’s with you please return it. In case you are having any other tools of mine they’re welcome too. Dominik: 8489188785

Long Sleeve shirt (Lost): Last Friday, we lost my son’s favorite ‘Pepe jeans’ button-up warm cotton shirt, navy blue, long sleeve, size for 4-5 year old, while riding between the Blue Basket in Kulippalayam, Alankuppam gas station, Hers supermarket, Naturlement and Auromode. We really, really need it back) Contact Alicja: 82705 12623

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THANK YOU

Farm Festival: Thank you all!
The Farm Group expresses its gratitude to all those who participated in this year’s Farm Festival to make it a success. We would particularly like to thank:

- Sunlit Future for its donation of steel plates and cups, which allowed us to substantially reduce waste
- Dustudio for all the beautifully designed posters and their team who volunteered, even on the day of the bandh, to put it all up
- Swaram for their awesome percussion performance
- Sustenance Farm for the delicious organic meals
- All farms and farmers who organized vandi trips and hosted site visits
- Green Centre for organizing the trip to Annapurna Farm
- Unity Pavilion for hosting the talks and discussions
- FOODLINK TEAM and all the volunteers (but especially Shradha, Bridget, and Ingmarie) for their work
- Project Coordination Group for funding this event, which brings farmers and consumers (the community) together around our basic need of healthy food.

Vivek for the Farm Group

Thank you Aurosoya for your amazing tempeh. (And for all the products that you make that are compassionate and cruelty free). Dr Nandita Shah • SHARAN Auroville

Thank you for “Savitri” at Matrimandir Gardens
My gratitude for the creative group-mediation on “Savitri” offered at Matrimandir Gardens on Sunday evening. Playing skilfully with the vastness and space donated to us in the Center of Auroville, the powerful expressions of the actors brought us closer to the mysteries of the Epic. Every moment spent in the company of “Savitri” is beneficial for our town so much turned nowadays towards mundane preoccupations.

Love, Amar (Vikas)

AVHS Thanks you all
The AVHS team wants to thank everybody for the interest and appreciation received at the Solar Kitchen during our "Joy Flower" fair on 27th Jan - 2017. Thanks to all who came and contributed for the seniors to feel good and be healthy and joyful - if you missed the fair and want to give contribution, this is our account number 0658

Thank you very much, AVHS Team
(contact: Rosanna -8903546705, AVHS Office -2622425)

From GEN Auroville
Dear Auroville Community,
With immense joy and gratitude we are delighted to share that our 5-week Ecovillage Design Education course finished on the 7th of January. The course was designed and implemented through Pitchandikulam Forest and YouthLink, primarily focused on creating space for Auroville and bioregional youth to design and participate in learning about our community and our place in India. The course has also been supported through the Global Ecovillage Network and recognized through Gaia Education, which has given it an international outreach and involvement that has enriched the experience.

We had a group of 35 students, half from the Auroville area, and half from intentional spaces from countries all over the world such as Bhutan, Sri Lanka, South Africa, France, Sweden, Bangladesh, USA, Switzerland, etc. This community building course explored the dimensions of Ecology, Economy, Social, and Worldview and included a week for integrated design work. It was truly a life changing experience, one that brought a deep sense of human unity and individual growth within the collective.

We would like to thank the individuals and units of Auroville who have supported this experience: Thank you Aloka, Jaya, Gilles, Grace, Anand, Danielia, Toine, Carsten, Elvira, Fabien, Carel, Kripa, Sheba, Leena, Torkil, Ethan, Jean Yves, Dr. Bee, Arnab, Yves, J.F. Noubel, Matrimandir, Solar Kitchen, FreeStore, PTDC, Nandini, Solitude, Sacred Groves, EcoFemme, AuroOrchard, Earth Institute, Sadhana Forest, Pebble Garden, Sustainable Livelihood Institute, Auroville Village Action Group, Bamboo Center, Kopfu, Swaram, Auroville Papers, Ashram School, Aquadyn, Unity Pavilion, and the Pitchandikulam community for welcoming and integrating us. A big thank you to PCG and all those abroad for making this possible, including Friends of Auroville, GEN, AVI, etc. for your wisdom and contributions.

We look forward to connecting with you all again one day, and making new friends. Do contact us anytime.

In gratitude,

The GEN-Auroville Team (Anais, Ethan, Joss, Kirthik, Kavitha, Michael, Natasha, Nikethena, Serena, Ramanan, Riccardo, Eugenie) • Supported by Pitchandikulam Forest & YouthLink

[gen@auroville.org.in]

TAXI SHARING

February 4th: Leaving Chennai domestic airport to Auroville around 5.30 pm, both ways... call Silvana 0413-2622943 or Elisabetto elisegal@gmail.com

February 4th: I leave Auroville at 8 am on Sat 4th Feb for Chennai airport. If you wish to travel around the same time or would like to return after 11.30 or noon on the 4th, please contact me (Nandita). SMS 9488483286 or email: nandita@sharan-india.org

February 5th: I would like to share a Taxi to Chennai airport on Feb 5th 2 pm departing for the airport for drop. Taxi can be shared both ways. Sigrid, sigrid@auroville.org.in or 04132623888 / 9626006961

February 5th or 6th: I am going to Mahabalipuram on Sunday or Monday, if someone is interested to share a taxi please phone Poumi: 8489752172

February 6th: Looking to share a taxi to Chennai airport, on the 6th, leaving Auroville between 8-9:00 am. Please contact Osnat at: 7539956719, or amosack@gmail.com - Thanks!

February 6th: Auroville to Chennai/Airport and back: Start is Monday morning, 6th Feb. at 2.30 am. The way back around 5.30 am (he also can wait longer) is empty. Contact Christina: 0413-2622246 or 8098306993 If you would like to join!

February 7th: I will leave Auroville at 9.00 pm on the 7th of February to Chennai airport. My flight is at 1.50 am on Wednesday. If you are interested to share the taxi, let me know by e-mail to: evm.lang@gmx.net or mobile phone 9486 363454 - Thanks, Evmarie

February 7th: Would like to share a taxi on Tuesday, Feb 7 at 16.00, from Chennai airport int’l (pickup to Auroville). Contact: yanooa@gmail.com - Thank you, Yanooaka

February 8th: leaving AV 5:30 a.m. for Chennai airport. Call/sms Alice - 944 207 2835.

February 8th: taxi will go empty to national airport for pickup 1 person arriving at 12:55 (noon). Sharing in both directions would be possible. Contact: Gerhard@auroville.org.in or Phone/SMS 9488610506.

February 8th: A friend of mine will arrive at Chennai airport at 3:15 PM. Interested in sharing either way, contact Antoine, 8940704529 - antoine@auroville.org.in.

February 9th: Hi all, I am Tillia. I will travel on February 9 in the morning from Chennai airport to Auroville around 9 am. If you would like to share a taxi, please contact me on: feher.tilla@gmail.com or on whatsapp: +36706077810.
WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Secretary for International Zone Coordination Team

Dear community, the IZCT is offering a part-time secretarial position for anyone with the skills for this dynamic, yet demanding, work. The skills required include good written and spoken English, with an ability to prepare agendas, take meeting notes and facilitate a meeting if needed. Additional work includes presence in office to maintain records for International Zone activities and projects, while at times drafting emails on behalf of the team and liaising with the relevant working groups. This job includes a wide scope to explore creatively visualizing International Zone activities and Auroville’s relationships with the world. It is a great opportunity for learning about how this zone aspires to develop and contribute towards Auroville as ‘a city of dawn’ that the world is waiting for. Several IZCT members are in process of setting up an office and are ready to mentor and support the new secretary in integrating into the work.

If you’re interested please contact us via email at izcoordination@auroville.org.in and express your motivation for this work.

Looking forward to hearing from you!
IZ Coordination Team

Italian language specialist

Avitra is looking for an Italian native speaker, ideally for full-time work, with a good command of English for an engagement in the area of proofreading, translation, dtp/Layouting, and gives an opportunity to youth and adults to come together to learn, have fun, and challenge themselves each at their own level. We would like to invite you all to come to the Gaia field and watch and meet people. And maybe be inspired to join later…:-) - See you there! Av Ultimate

Avitra basketball league

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We encourage all to sign up as this league will be for all age, gender & skill level so that everyone can participate.

Get in touch with us for more info: Velu, Virya & Jothi

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Maasimaham

Maasimaham is a religious festival held in Pondicherry every year in Tamil month of Maasi. This year it falls on 11.02.2017. Auroville has declared an optional holiday for its units on this occasion. It is arranged on the seashore in Vaithikuppam, a fishermen hamlet, which is very near a place where Patel Salai and north end of Beach Road meet. If you closely observe the various aspects of the festival, you will find that it reflects the features of the Evolutionary Process of Yoga of Nature as explained by the Vedic Rishis. On this day the devotees in and around Pondicherry start coming to Vaithikuppam from early in the morning onwards. Deities from various temples in and around Pondicherry start arriving to the seashore of this village. They are all well decorated with ornaments and flowers and the priests perform pujas for them. Because of the presence of deities on the seashore, the seawater becomes sacred and is called ‘Theertham’. Some devotees have a good dip in the sea and others would collect seawater in their palm and sprinkle it over their head. That is why this festival is called ‘Theerthavaari’. Then the devotees go to the deities and ask the priests to perform special pujas in their names. They spend sometimes on the seashore and leave the venue late in the evening, following the procession of the deities.

Most of the devotees are not aware of the Vedic truths underlying the various aspects of the festival. Only those who are familiar with the Vedic ideas could interpret the different features of the festival in accordance with the Vedic tradition. Devotees who are in touch with the seawater have to visualize themselves as follows. They are mental beings in the Heart Ocean, the mental plane of Consciousness in the Universe. They struggle and suffer in their life due to the ignorance and darkness in their nature. Diti, who is the Mother of the mental beings in the Heart Ocean and contains, constitutes and conducts her children, is unable to liberate them from the struggle and suffering in their life, since she, too, has half knowledge and half ignorance. The deities on the seashore represent the overmental gods and goddesses, the children of Aditi, the divine Mother. They are in a state of illumination with the divine Knowledge, Power and Bliss due to their exposure to Aditi and are ready to give them to those devotees who submit and surrender to them. Now the devotees, who are in possession of the Truth Consciousness, could lead a happy and prosperous life.

Maasimaham has a relevance to Auroville life. The Mother says that Auroville is a place for the practice of the Evolutionary Yoga of Nature. As this festival reflects the principles and practices of this Yoga, it would serve as a model for those who aspire to follow it in their life.

Submitted by Somasudaram.
The Entry Policy and the Wideness of Auroville

The new Entry Policy has again brought forward the subject of how open and flexible we are as a community towards people wanting to join Auroville. With the ETG continuing its work on making ‘revisions’ of the new policy, I offer a little perspective on the wide and open approach Mother actually had towards Auroville. It seems that many people wish to pick and choose their favorite quote by Mother to justify their own beliefs or preferences, and then disregard the rest which highlights important aspects of the Spirit that Mother was trying to infuse into our collective consciousness. Mother said many things about Auroville, and it is only when you read all of it, study all of it, and go deeper into it, that one can find the Truth that lies behind the words.

Some people like to focus on the very simple idea which is captured in the following quote by Mother: “....in Auroville simply the good will to make a collective experiment for the progress of humanity is sufficient to gain admittance.” Other people will react and say that Mother also said other things – She put emphasis on very high qualities and levels of consciousness in order to be a True Aurovillian - being a "willing servant of the Divine Consciousness", going beyond all ego in life and having attained the ‘inner discovery’, and the role of Auroville for manifesting the new species. On the one hand, Mother’s comments about who can gain admittance are kept extremely simple, while on the other hand She has placed very High Spiritual qualities for us to live up to. These very High qualities were obviously not meant to be used as a means to keep people from becoming members of the community, for if we look closely we shall see that nobody in Auroville, now or in the beginning, live up to these high ideals, yet. It seems clear that Mother wanted to create a place which was Open and Flexible, and kept the ‘requirements’ for living in Auroville very simple and focused on the willingness of a person to work for Human Unity, for humanity. She also gave us, however, a Higher Vision that She wanted to inspire us to try to live up to, to create, to grow into - but never suggested that we should be capable of living it all before being allowed to be a member of Auroville. She even sent people away from the Ashram to Auroville, to see how they would work out here, She gave people the opportunity to live here who She clearly saw doubts about, and She gave people who made mistakes new chances to grow into the life in Auroville (as She did also in the Ashram). She did not make conditions relating to the amount of money a person had or from what country they were from, or whether they knew anything about Her and Sri Aurobindo, nor did She wait for everything to be ‘ready’ in terms of organization, economics, housing, work, etc. to allow people to join. She kept the door quite Wide Open, because She Herself was Wide and wanted a field of Play for all aspects and difficulties of life to be worked upon by Her Presence, to Transform them in a deeper way by allowing a free play of things so that the difficulties presented (by people or situations or anything of life) would be considered as Opportunities to Change, to see the Truth behind, to work more deeply on, and to trigger a greater Aspiration in the Collective Life so that a new society and a new Life might be truly born.

When we take all that She said together as One Body of Wisdom and Knowledge, we find that in regards to Auroville’s Entry Policy, it should be as Simple, Flexible, Open, and Welcoming as possible - because it is She that is at work through all the people that come to Auroville, even if they represent something that we find difficult to accept or to work with. There are of course times that we will need to send people away from Auroville, to reject people who obviously do not contribute to the community or are committing acts that don’t reflect the values of Auroville, but this requires the community to finally stand in its own power to say No at times - to have a way to say No in exceptional cases. However, our fears of these exceptional cases should not be what dictate our Entry Policy and the Spirit behind it. We should not be trying to control every possible potential problem that might come our way from the very beginning - this is simply the road to becoming Judges of others, which Mother did not want. Auroville should be a place of Opportunity and a Wideness of Possibility - including for those who may not live up to our own individual ideas about living in Auroville. Instead of trying to judge, filter and reject, we should be trying to inspire those people, while living our Truth by example.

In Their Light,
Noel Parent
(For specific quote sources, contact me at earthyoga@hotmail.com)

And the Adventure Begins

Photographs by Dominique Darr - see details under “Exhibitions” and N&N cover

When she picked the title for her exhibition, photographer Dominique Darr, who passed away last December in Auroville, had in mind a testimony of the beginning of the great adventure of Auroville, and within it her own great adventure. This exhibition is unique as it focuses on everyday life in Auroville during its first years of existence. The photographs have a softness and a light heart to them, it seems that there is nothing to prove, nothing to show. They are a documentation of a happy time and happy people, builders of the new world they believed in.

It took months to choose carefully the 32 photographs from the thousands in Dominique Darr’s photo archives. You will recognise the bare land of Auroville in the ’70s: the construction of the Matrimandir and Last School. There are also faces that you might recognize that will make you smile in nostalgia, or faces that you will discover like the moving and beautiful picture of a village resident who, during the construction of the Matrimandir refused to remove her house which was located under the banyan.

Gigantic contact sheets describe everyday life and show development in architecture, people at work, at leisure and sport, children going to school... this is Auroville at its beginnings.

One of the moving features of the exhibition is the documentation of one of the first births in Auroville, that of Auro Marichi, born the 14th of March 1973. Nothing more moving than a birth, but even more of a birth within a birth, the ultimate symbolism of a new sparkle of cosmic life being brought to earth.

The main jewel of this saga remains the photograph of two men looking at each other warmly in friendship, love, hope and determination, going together towards the ultimate adventure of their life, with the backdrop of the building of the amphitheater of the Matrimandir. All the greatest things in life are in this picture: idealism, the building of great things, friendship, human unity, and the ultimate hope that all is possible.

The exhibition carries in it the dream and the awe of the building of a promised land. It has the feeling of a happy time that only a heart in a process of transferring ideas and ideals into a tangible reality can carry. It is an exhibition about promises, visions, ideals, commitments and the people who carried them. With these Auroville could be built, and with these it could concretize.

AND THE ADVENTURE BEGINS will leave you with a feeling of happiness and beauty, a certainty of a wonderful and enjoyable time and maybe a hope that what has once begun not only might never end but will keep on for eternity.

This article was written by Chana Corinne Devor for Auroville Art Service.
AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil’s music
Every THURSDAY at sunset
We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season...

5.30 to 6.00 pm

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 use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 pm.
Please be seated by 5.25 pm.

Thank you,
Amphitheatre Team

INVITATIONS

African Pavilion
Sunday February 5th February - 3 pm - 5.30 pm
The CORE of AFRICAN SPIRITUALITY
Consciousness, Energy and the 13 Whispers
Aunkh Chabalala, Amen-Ra Institute and Infinite Earth, Pretoria, South Africa
Organised by Africa Pavilion team in collaboration with Unity Pavilion
All are welcome

LILALOKA NEEDS MANPOWER IN THE GARDEN :-)! 
Wednesday 8th of February from 9 to 12 am!
We need strong men and women for a morning of physical work in the garden (moving logs, stones, small and big, digging a little pond...)! Snacks and lemon juice will be provided ;-) ! Please come, we need you!
Lilaloka is located in the cultural zone, opposite the new last school campus, at the zebra crossing.

Love,
Lilaloka’s team

Programmes at Unity Pavilion
8th February 5.30 pm: Sound Bath by Svaram
8th February 7.30 pm: Movies on New Economy Experiments
9th February 5 pm: Healing and Peace Meditation around the Peace Table
10th-14th February 9 am to 5 pm: Seminar on IPK (Integral Paradigm of Knowledge): Integral Education and Self-Development

All Are Welcome

Full moon night Meditation
On Friday 10th of February, Full moon night Meditation with Tibetan Singing Bowls
With Jinpa Gyato at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone Auroville.
From 7.45 till 9 pm.

All are invited.
We request you please take the road through the visitor center and then take the right towards International Zone.
We appreciate your support.

Get Ready For "THE BIG AUROVILLE GIVE AWAY"!!
On the occasion of my 80th birthday I would like to celebrate by inviting everybody to join me in "THE BIG GIVE AWAY" to be held on Sunday 12th Feb At Pour Tours Distribution gardens - starting at 10 am

Look through your cupboards and shelves to find the nice things you no longer use, bring something, take something, let it flow.
(Please no junk or broken things)
Love, Jocelyn (Certitude)
Dialogue on Humanity in Sadhana Forest

All are welcome to participate in the Dialogue on Humanity in Sadhana Forest on February 11th and 12th!

The objective of this gathering at Sadhana Forest is to explore ways to create change across various topics concerning our planet and its survival. These include: Community, Energy, Food, Forestry, Water, Construction, Transportation, Economy, Health, Education, Farming, and Happiness.

The Dialogue on Humanity is comprised of Agoras (open public discussion sessions), facilitated by people from the relevant field. The shuttle bus will leave daily at 9:30 am from Solar Kitchen with return trips after dinner and after the performances. The Dialogue is completely free of cost for all participants; including shuttle buses, participation, and vegan, organic meals. No pre-registration required, just show up. Please check the News and Notes next week for a full schedule. See you soon!

EXHIBITIONS

AND THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

Photographs by Dominique Darr

At Centre d’Art des Citadines

From 4th till 14th February 2017

Mornings: 10 to 12, Sunday included. Afternoons: 2.30 to 6 pm

Parking at Town Hall

Opening
Saturday, 4th February from 4 to 6 pm
Homage to Dominique at 4.30 pm
Cocktail with live jazz music
Interviews with pioneers
Wednesday 8th and Saturday 11th February at 5 pm

TALKS, SEMINARS

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

Perspectives of Integral Psychology and our Auroville Experience

Works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother unfold perspectives of understanding ... in our individual growth and collective inter-action.

Integral Psychology - Psyche and Dreams

We invite you to come and share your insights and intuition on the role of the psyche in Auroville. And tell us also about your dreams! This is an open forum for anyone interested in understanding how our thoughts, emotions and psychology can be illuminated through the lens of an integral yoga practice - an opportunity to learn together - and from each other.

We will meet on February 3, 2017, Friday at 4 pm
In Bhavishyate, Bharat Nivas [integralpsychology.auroville@gmail.com]

The Science of the Environment:
Architecture’s influence on health and well-being

Saturday, 4th Feb 4-6pm at Bhavasyaté, Bharat Nivas

Dr. Jan Golembiewski, PhD

Architecture affects our health in many ways, just like food or drink: there are the effects of light, ambient temperature, nature, pollutants; the influences on the social environment - its ability to bring people together or isolate them - give access to amenities or take these away. But what’s more significant still is that the effects of architecture can be found in our brains and hormones. Dr. Golembiewski, a global thought-leader on the link between architecture and neuroscience, will discuss some of the mechanisms at play and make recommendations on how we can make our homes and buildings healthier.

Questions? jg@psychological.design

The Greek myths in relation with the yoga of Sri Aurobindo

Every Monday, from 5:00 till 6:00 pm, House of Mother’s Agenda at Savitri Bhavan - By Claude de Warren

Topic of Monday 6th of February: Prometheus; Pandora; Jason and the quest of the Golden Fleece (first part).

The aim of these talks is to present the deep meaning of the Greek myths. These myths illustrate the spiritual journey up to the point where Sri Aurobindo and the Mother started the yoga of transformation. Everyone is welcome!
Let us meet where we are in touch with our inspirational space and feel the resonance of oneness, the heartbeat of unity in diversity in action!

Welcome to a bilingual session on CAT 01: The City - We Forgot
By Anu, Shanker, Meenakshi, Partha in English and Tamil.

Auroville is a dream for all humanity. It does not look like other cities, has different priorities. It was designed to change us and change life. How did the city happen and why does it wait to be realised?

Tuesday the 7th of February at the Unity Pavilion from 4 pm to 6.30 pm.

CAT is a space to unleash our creative energies. CAT aspires to be a springboard to the future. CAT is a space where we respond with discernment, respect and a spirit of collaboration instead of reacting through likes, dislikes and distrust.

See you there! Love, Inge, Mita, Sandyra for the CATs team.

Creative Intelligence - An introduction to collaborative problem-solving

Dear friends,

We have dedicated friends who are spending a two-month sabbatical - January / February with us - in Auroville. We are happy that they are sharing with us the work that they have been engaged with for some time, and which brings them here. Please join us for this event, which will be very enriching for us as we move into a month, February, of further collaboration with CIHRU and the AVI Group, on the subject of further learning.

With love, Aster

Tuesday, February 7 - Time: 4 pm-6 pm
at Bhavishyate, Sri Aurobindo Centre of Studies... India and the World Bharat Nivas, Auroville

Auroville gives us the opportunity to thrive and transform in a living laboratory - the challenges we face are emergent and complex as we forge a new path - for ourselves, for Auroville, and the world. We invite you to immerse yourself in a creative lab that will address some of these challenges, using methodologies developed by a world-first, future-facing degree in Creative Intelligence,

“India is the representation of all human difficulties on Earth, and it is in India that the...cure will be found... that is why I was made to start Auroville.” Mother

In this lab, you will decide which challenges are worth addressing - in Auroville and beyond.

Facilitators: Associate Professor Bem Le Hunte, University of Technology Sydney
Dr Jan Golembiewski, University of Technology Sydney

Dr Bem Le Hunte is on sabbatical in Auroville. She is the Course Director of the Bachelor of Creative Intelligence and Innovation, at the University of Technology Sydney, a transdisciplinary, future-facing degree that combines with 25 different disciplines. She is also a novelist, currently completing her fourth novel - and has a research interest in forging educational futures that better prepare our students to tackle the challenges and changes ahead.

Dr Jan Golembiewski is one of the world's leading researchers in architectural design psychology, recognized internationally as a popular keynote speaker, specializing in cultural understanding and human-centred design psychology. He is also an artist, having exhibited artwork in Australia's national galleries and prizes - and teaches Creative Intelligence, as well as Architecture, in Sydney, alongside his architectural practice.

ARCOSANTI: an old connection, a new collaboration?

Through the Art of the Architectural Instrument - Come explore a “LEAN ALTERNATIVE” to urban sprawl based on PAOLO SOLERI's theory of compact city design, ARCOLOGY [ARCHITECTURE + ECOLOGY]

“The city is the necessary instrument for the evolution of humankind” Paolo Soleri

Presentation by David & Nadia (Long term Arcosanti residents & friends of Auroville)

Wednesday, February 8th @ 5 pm to 6:30 pm - at Cinema Paradiso

CULTURAL EVENTS

Well Café invites you all to our
World dance party
On Saturday 4/2/17.
8pm-10 pm  D.J Pricila // 10.pm till midnight - First time in Auroville presenting MeDiZeN
Percussion by Baba Ritvik (Master Shifu) infused with Ethnic Electronica by DJ Vikram (Master Uruguay), served with a tinge of Retro and gallons of Zen Visuals.
Get ready to Groove and Levitate to Space - Cakes, snacks and drinks will be available.
Welcome to bring drums and other percussion to join D.J Pricila
Well café - Sve Dame (04132622219)

Reading Night: Aurovilian Writers

Reading night in English, at Citadines (next to the Art gallery)
on Monday 6th of February - from 5.30 to 6.30 pm
We'll share a drink after the reading with the writers
Organized by the French Pavilion for AUROLIRE festival
Adishakti’s Remembering Veenapani Festival 2017 will open this weekend with the following performances at Adishakti Theatre:

**Indian Steam**  
3-2-2017, Friday - 7pm  
Prodigal Theatre, UK

A group of urban explorers discover the skeletal remains of a Steam Locomotive. Inspired they bring to life scenes from its imagined life.

**Akshayambara**  
4-2-2017, Saturday - 7pm  
Playwright & Director: Sharanya Ramprakash

An experimental Kannada play that uses both modern theatrical tools and the dance drama form of Yakshagana to create a contemporary narrative that raises questions on female representation and male ownership.

**Jujubee**  
5-2-2017, Sunday - 7pm  
Directed by Rajiv Krishnan

A kingdom of rules. An evil king. An unlikely heroine. A Jujubee....This forms the premise for a fantastic story filled with action, colourful masks, larger-than-life puppets, music and dance!

**Across, not over**  
10-2-2017, Friday - 7pm  
Choreographer: Preethi Athreya  
Performer: Vikram Iyengar

Across, not Over engages with the fragmentation of the body in an essentially sensorial way. The work draws out the miniscule details of movement to represent them in a newly-assembled poetics.

This festival is celebrated in memory of our founder Veenapani Chawla.

free entry for all performances - Contact: 0413 2622287 / 09487514962

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**Concert of Western Music**  
Tuesday, 7th February, 2017 - 8 pm sharp, CRIPA, Auroville

*No latecomer admitted*

Johan S. Svendsen, Romance Op.26 (1881) (approx. 8 minutes)  
Kriesler, Prelude and Allegro in the style of Pugnani (1910) (approx. 8 minutes)  
(Short pause)  
Khachaturian, Concerto for Violin and Orchestra (1940) (approx. 30 minutes)

Ladislav, violin - Pushkar, piano

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**My Burning Heart**

This is the true story of an ordinary man who all of a sudden has a contact with his soul. But the contact is fleeting and leaves him with a life which no longer makes sense.

During the years when the Beat Generation was starting on its journey in search of something still unknown and finding a voice through writers such as Jack Kerouac, Satprem began a similar adventurous journey, but knowing very well what he was looking for. He finally found it and was able to embody it in himself once and for all.

Performed by Francesca

You are invited to the new Sangam Hall at Savitri Bhavan  
On Saturday 11th of February - At 6.30 pm

Advance Booking is required - Please email to: francesca@auroville.org.in  
(6 hours before the event at least)

Please note: doors will be closed at 6.30pm

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**Classes, Workshops**

**Classes of Sanskrit Mantra Chanting** cancelled 2/02 & 9/02

The classes of Sanskrit Mantra Chanting are cancelled on the 2nd of February (Thursday) and on the 9th of February (also Thursday). The Regular Classes on Friday will remain.

*Sonia and Joy Team :)*

**NEW! Cuban Salsa** - Learn and practice Cuban Salsa, every Wednesday, 6-8 pm, at African Pavilion.  
Class is Free and all are welcome.  
Instructors: Mouhine & Camilla.  
For questions, email serrar@gmail.com

**Practise English while exploring spiritual bases of Auroville**

Six sessions on topics related to the ideals of Auroville will be group-interactive to build communication skills. Pronunciation, vocabulary and comprehension will be facilitated by Patricia (mother tongue English).

It will take place at YouthLink in the KalaKendra building at Bharat Nivas, as part of ProSkills offerings. Wednesdays, promptly from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Beginning on February 8th through March 15th.

Freely offered to all, but with preference to NC, AV and registered volunteers.

We have a few chairs, some cushions and lots of floor space; a western latrine. You might want to bring a notebook with stiff cover, pencil or pen.  
Feel free to attend, but if we know in advance that you are coming, it will be a big help for us to prepare the space.  
(youthlink@auroville.org.in, +91 8940568266)

**LFA cushion workshop**  
February 4th & March 4th, 11th, 18th 25th. - 10 am – 12 am  
Venue: Up cycling Studio Auroville in Udavi school.

This workshop gives you 3 gifts:

1st gift: One cushion free! You compose 2 cushions with PVC which is the leftover from a tent factory.

2nd gift: reduce landfill 3-5 kg plastic per cushion. You fill the cushion with premium waste (clean plastic waste), what you produce from your daily life.

3rd gift: better future for all! Once we know what we can reduce or change, we change. This makes our future better.

All cushions that you create will be exhibited at the LFA art exhibition in March 2017.

For more detail; please contact Ok: By email: okjeonglee@gmail.com or call: 9344002972
HOLISTIC presents: Yoga & meditation workshop
Traditional yoga and meditation to connect with your inner-self or/and improve your own practice:
8 to 11 February 2017 - 8 to 12 noon
With Christine P. - at Sharga Guest house.
We will do yoga asanas, breathing exercises and Patanjali yoga sutras reading (yoga philosophy). We will explore the limitations of our body (and mind). The purpose of this 4-day workshop is to help you find more stability in your emotions and more peace inside.
Registration & info: www.auroville-holistic.com/
And you can see some comments on the website on the previous yoga workshop.

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
7th February (Tuesday)
- Overview with multimedia presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books
Focus this week on: 'The Inner Being'
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
(For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.)
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

Vocal-Nada-Yoga & Sacred Chanting
With Hansini - in English and French
Thursday February 9th - 9 am to 4 pm
To register: 9487544184
What is Vocal Yoga? Explore and strengthen your Vocal instrument and discover your unique voice.
What is Nada-Yoga? This ancient technique teaches us to feel sound's vibration in your energetic centers tuning our inner instrument and helps tone deaf to sing in tune.
Sacred Chanting / Mantra / Kirtans and Bajhans / Silent our mind & Open our heart to our inner sacred place.

Inner Light
February 10th-12th 2017
Do you feel the revelation of your heart will speed up the momentum of touching the supreme power more enthusiastically? Do you feel that you should be surrounded by more peace and calmness so that it can spark your world with better definition? The Inner Light Retreat is designed to help you to motivate yourself in a tacit way for deriving the negative energy resides in you and it will give you the power to create the quality of inner world you desire.
You will eventually improve the world around you by building an intense and impregnable relationship with the outer world. You will feel relaxed, composed and a sudden evolvement of calmness will unlock the spectrum of your personality structure.
To register:
call: 9655696982 or email info@aurovilleretreat.org.
For more details, please visit our website Auroville Retreat:
http://www.aurovilleretreat.org/retreat.php?subj=82

The Art of Listening
Over 2 weekends - February 18th-19th & 24th-26th 2017
Coaching is the art of listening profoundly and asking powerful questions, facilitating sustainable and real change. This experiential certificate course provides you with core coaching skills, essential to anyone interested in optimizing their relationships. You will learn to listen in a focused and intuitive way, ask questions that quickly build resonance and trust, and facilitate transformation.
As a result you will master an inclusive leadership style and maximize your relationships based on mutual respect and openness. Julie, a Certified Professional Coach from London's prestigious Coaches Training Institute, will train you to coach anyone, on any topic, focusing on each person’s full potential.
Call: 9655696982 or email: info@aurovilleretreat.org.in to register. For more details, please visit our website Auroville Retreat:
http://www.aurovilleretreat.org/retreat.php?subj=82

Kirtan Chanting
Thursday 9, February, 18-19.30, In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn
Welcome to join us into this circle of celebration through singing from the heart. (Thank you for coming on time and parking outside the community gate.)

Women Temple
On Wednesdays 8th & 22 February 7-9 pm, in Butterfly barn, Sve-dame.
Welcome into the circle, to explore this body mystery as a portal to spirit and our unique way how it expresses itself. Through contemplation, movement, touch, self-inquiry, deep listening, celebration...
Thank you for coming a little early, park at the gate, follow the candles & let’s start together on time.

Create your vision board
Creating a sacred space that displays what qualities we want to manifest in life, actually does bring them to life - what we focus on expands. When we create a vision board with a focus and place it in a space where we see it often, we essentially end up doing short visualization exercises throughout the day. Visualization is one of very powerful mind exercises we can do; for ex Olympic athletes have been using it to improve performance. It’s simple: a vision board needs to focus on how/what one wants to feel/experience, not simply on things that one wants...
Welcome to join this 5 hour workshop, to connect with your deeper longings, let your creativity flow using recycled materials and create your Vision board around specific project/topic, or a more general one for ex for next month, a year etc.
In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn,
Saturday 11 February 2.30-5.30pm & Sunday 12 February 3.30-5.30 pm.
Please register, so I know how much material to prepare!
[978658567 or dariya@auroville.org.in]

Mongolian yurt construction workshop
16th to 19th of February - 4 days
Training and Workshop
The importance of Bamboo as an Eco-friendly raw material capable of meeting many needs is gaining global acceptance among many people. Being a natural gift to mankind, bamboo is very popular due to its multipurpose use, fast growth, easy propagation, soil binding properties and short gestation period. Mongolian yurt or ger as known in Mongolia is a traditional portable round tent and used as a dwelling for nomads. We are conducting a Mongolian yurt workshop in our Auroville Bamboo Centre.
The program will consist of learning inputs: theory, instruction, demonstration, and practical work.
Contribution: Contributions requested from guests/ Volunteers. For further inquiries please contact bamboo centre.
Flexible training dates offered to groups.
Contact: 0413-2623806, 262394 / bambooworkshop@auroville.org.in / www.aurovillebamboocentre.org
Bharat Natyam Classes

After their successful workshop now on request are many more dance classes!
The masters Suresh and Ramdjiet invite you to join their weekly classes!
Friday 3 February 2017
5:30 to 6:30 pm
maximum 12 participants

Venue: Cripa Kalabhumi Auroville
For booking and info please contact 9777296426 or email: arangart@outlook.com. Guests: contributions required

SCHEDULES

**QUIET**

**Somatic Movement with Maggie**
Saturday 11 - Sunday 12 February 2017 (2 days)
9.30 AM - 5.00 PM (12 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
A 2-day neuro-muscular re-education (mind-body training) workshop in the tradition of Thomas Hanna.
Somatics is a system of slow, mindful movement. It improves the function of the nervous system, creating more ease and freedom within ourselves. Somatics teaches us to recognise and release holding patterns, resulting from pain, injury, stress or habituated posture, and enhances any kind of exercise such as yoga, dance, sport or just moving through life.
You will also learn a daily practice in order to maintain better flexibility, coordination, balance and wellness, resulting in a decrease of aches commonly attributed to stress, injury and ageing.
Maggie is a certified Somatic Movement Educator and graduate of the International Institute for Somatic Movement Education (IISEM). She is also a highly experienced massage therapist and has been working in the field of pain relief for over 15 years.

**Antigym® with Francesca**
Saturday 18 January 2017 - 9.00 AM - 12.30 PM
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
Developed in the early 1970s by the French physiotherapist Thérèse Bertherat, Antigym® is a unique method of bodywork which enables you to better understand and (re)claim ownership of your body. The movements that are suggested are subtle, precise and exact. They take into account thoughts and emotions while respecting the body's structural integrity. As body and mind are intertwined, the method focuses on the entire being.
More than 40 years after its creation, Antigym is known and practiced worldwide. Benefits of Antigym® practice:
- improved mobility and muscle tone;
- decreased stress and muscular tension in back, neck, shoulders, etc.
- improved ease of movement and coordination;
- you discover the pleasure of living in a body that is autonomous and free.
For more info, visit www.antigymnastique.com
Francesca started practicing Antigym in 2007 as a new approach to body awareness; after receiving her formation, she became a certified Antigym practitioner in 2010 and has been teaching it ever since.

**Niramaya Ayurvedic Massage Course with Dr. Sankar**
Sunday 19 - Friday 24 February 2017 (6 days)
9.00 AM - 4.00 PM (30 hours in total)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
Dr. Sankar developed his unique “Niramaya” Ayurvedic therapeutic massage technique, using the traditional concepts of Ayurvedic massage and marma (vital points) therapy in combination with modern anatomy and physiology.
A practical hands-on approach is used to learn this innovative massage, which rejuvenates the client and, at the same time, takes care of the well-being of the therapist. You will also learn to control your breathing before, during and after the massage, to protect yourself from negative energies, and to become a receptive channel for transferring positive healing energies to your client. In addition, you will be introduced to the basic principles of Ayurveda as well as anatomy, physiology, yoga, meditation, and breathing.
Hailing from a traditional Ayurvedic doctors' family, Dr. Sankar is a gifted 5th-generation doctor, who has been teaching in Asia and Europe. He also heads “Ayurtoday”, an Ayurvedic therapy centre in Guruvayur, Kerala.
No knowledge or previous experience is required to attend. Certificate is given upon completion of the course.

**FATE OR CHOICE?(FAMILY) CONSTELLATIONS – with YUVAL**
Saturday, 11 February - 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.

**Kaya Bodha (Body awareness) with Hans**
Better posture and flexibility in movement. Tension and stress release.
Chronic aches and pain reduction.
Workshops of 2 mornings: Timings: 10.30-12.30
On: Wednesday & Thursday: Dates for February: 8th & 9th, 15th & 16th, 22nd & 23rd
For registration contact: Pitanga@aurville.org.in or phone 0413-2622403.
Kaya Bodha trains the brain and nervous system to release tensions and old patterns. We create a relaxation reflex so that we feel more energized and focused. This release improves our physical and mental wellbeing. There will be less wear and tear while practicing other disciplines, sports etc.
About the teacher and founder of Kaya Bodha: Hans van Baaren has been teaching since 25 years The Art of Chi: Tai Ji & Chi Qong, Kaya Bodha and Relaxation.

Bharat Nivas in collaboration with Japanese Pavilion invites you to participate in: “LET’S ENJOY ORIGAMI”
Friday 10th February, 3 to 4 pm
Place/ India Space (Bharat Nivas)
In our 3rd workshop we will create a bird and a modular octahedral unit.
Special thanks to Upcycling for recycled papers!
Bookings not needed, all are welcome!
Contact Tomoko or Emiko on: letsenjoyorigami@gmail.com

VERITE

Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshops (0413 2622045, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in) – 24hr advanced registration required.
Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

**SOMATICS - AN INTRODUCTION FOR EVERY BODY! - with Maggie**
Monday, 6 February - 9.30 am to 12:30 pm
Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements (mind-body training) in the tradition of Thomas Hanna. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.
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Kaya Bodha trains the brain and nervous system to release tensions and old patterns. We create a relaxation reflex so that we feel more energized and focused. This release improves our physical and mental wellbeing. There will be less wear and tear while practicing other disciplines, sports etc.
About the teacher and founder of Kaya Bodha: Hans van Baaren has been teaching since 25 years The Art of Chi: Tai Ji & Chi Qong, Kaya Bodha and Relaxation.
THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, February 10th, Friday.

Schedule of Events:
16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest
18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films
20:00 Dinner is served
21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

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

VEGAN: EVERYDAY STORIES
90mins / English / 2016 / Directed by Glenn Scott Lacey
A feature-length documentary that explores the lives of four remarkably different people who share a common thread - they're all vegan. The movie traces the personal journeys of an ultramarathon runner who has overcome addiction to compete in one hundred mile races, a cattle rancher’s wife who creates the first cattle ranch turned farm animal sanctuary in Texas, a food truck owner cooking up knee-buckling plant-based foods, and an 8-year-old girl who convinces her family of six to go vegan.

(Reminder: Friday- ALMENDRO: TREE OF LIFE - February 3rd)
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 sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org / https://facebook.com/sadhanaforest

KINO AUROVILLE
Kino Auroville is now 4 months old! The next Kino screening will be on Saturday 4th February at 10 am at MMC Cinema Paradiso (at Auroville’s Town Hall)

Please come and enjoy the latest varied and diverse offerings our intrepid filmmakers have conjured up this last month. If you have a film to screen (no less than 30 seconds, and no more than 6 minutes), then please arrive 15 minutes early.

Watch the films of our last screenings that have been uploaded to our vimeo group and to check the guidelines here: https://vimeo.com/groups/kinonaurovillemonthly

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW
9th February Thursday 8 pm
Dr.STRANGE (2016)
Genre: Adventure/Fiction/Action / Dur: 1.55 mins / Rated: PG 13 / Language: English/Subtitle: English
Dir: Scott Derrickson / Cast: Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams
Story Line: A former neurosurgeon embarks on a journey of healing only to be drawn into the world of the mystic arts.

10th February Friday 8 pm
BFG (Big Friendly Giant) (2016)
Genre: Fiction/Adventure / Dur:1.57 mins / Rated: PG 13 / Language: English/Subtitle: English
Dir: Steven Spielberg / Cast: Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill, Penelope Wilton
Story Line: A girl named Sophie encounters the Big Friendly Giant who, despite his intimidating appearance, turns out to be a kind-hearted soul who is considered an outcast by the other giants because, unlike them, he refuses to eat children.
The FRENCH PAVILION presents

DANCE OF SHIVA
Presented live by both the movie maker Lionel Tardif and the dance student/actress Manochaya

Saturday 4th February at 5pm
Cinéma Paradiso
(in English with French subtitles)
An American dancer goes to the high lands of South Indian Dance looking for the origins of the danced theatre of India: BarathaNatyam.

First in the series: Wednesday, 8 February, 7:45 pm

PARADISE OR OBLIVION
(48 minutes/English)
This video presentation introduces a new socio-economic system called “Resource-Based Economy”, featuring the life-long work of Social Engineer, Futurist, Inventor and Industrial Designer Jacque Fresco. It details the root causes of the systemic value disorders and detrimental symptoms caused by our current established system. It presents the need to outgrow the dated and inefficient methods of politics, law, business, or any other “establishment” notions of human affairs. Based on maintaining a dynamic equilibrium with the planet that could ultimately provide abundance for all people, it uses the methods of science, combined with high technology, for value-based directions, such as providing for the needs of the entire world’s people. Paradise or Oblivion, by The Venus Project, introduces the viewer to a more appropriate value system that would be required to enable this caring and holistic approach to benefit human civilization. This alternative surpasses the need for a monetary-based, controlled, and scarcity-oriented environment, which we find ourselves in today.

All are welcome. Contact: new.av.economy@gmail.com

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And regular events at http://www.auroville.org/contents/4201

Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions 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 N&N email address (below).

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

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

The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.
Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday.

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

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

Extra page request: Only if space available, with cost contribution. Need to be in on Monday latest.

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

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9th. AUROVILLE PANORAMA OF CONTEMPORARY INDIAN CINEMA

3:00, 5:00, 5:30 & 8:00 pm
10-11-12 FEBRUARY

Venue:
SRI AUROBINDO
AUDITORIUM,
BHARAT NIVAS

An Auroville annual Film Festival showcasing the most recent films from the different states of India.

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9th PANORAMA OF CONTEMPORARY INDIAN CINEMA

SRI AUROBINDO AUDITORIUM, BHARAT NIVAS, AUROVILLE

10-11-12 FEBRUARY 2017

Friday 10 February:

5.30 pm DRUMS / TEAM AGORA
Directed by Jini THOMAS
Music 4'
Encounter in the deep forest…

5.35 pm ISHTI / IN SEARCH FOR SELF
Directed by Dr. G. PRABHA
Sanskrit / EST 1h.48'
Ishti centres around a 71-year-old Ramavikraman Namboodiri, a Vedic scholar, his family members and Sreedevi, his young, third wife. Sreedevi stands up against orthodoxy and manages to inspire her husband’s son from another marriage to read and write. The conflict between these characters and those who revolve around their lives is what the film is generally about. Highly esthetic, sort of educational and slow paced, this film is a first one in this beautiful language, bearing a social theme.

8.00 pm KAADU POOKKUNNA NERAM
Dir. by Dr. BIJU
Malayalam / EST 1h.46'
A policeman arrests a suspected Maoist woman in a forest area. But he loses the way out from the forest. Thus, both the hunter and the hunted are stranded in the jungle. Power, Rebellion, Man, Woman, the Hunter, the Hunted… all such equations utterly change the protagonists and are no more what they used to be.

Saturday 11 February:

5.00 pm CHITROKAR
Directed by Saibal MITRA
Bengali / EST 2h.27'
The film is inspired by two incidents in the life of two painters, Binod Bhishnu Mukherjee of India (1904-1980, a blind artist from Shantiniketan) and Mark Rothko of US. It raises the question of who a painter paints for, and presents the tension between the artistic endeavour and commercial reality through a painter's eye.

8.00 pm HARIKATHA PRASANGA
Dir. by Ananya KASARAVALLI
Kannada / EST 1h.45'
Documentary filmmakers Sharmila and Sundar are doing research on a Yakshagana artist named Harischandra. Harish was popular in female roles, and this seemed to have upset his life. The film follows his story and life as the young filmmakers advance on their research. The film director, lead actor and crew members should be present with us.

Sunday 12 February:

3.00 pm ONE
Directed by P. JAYENDRA
Music, Nature 1h.30'
An exceptional film about the music of Thodur Madhusri Krishna (widely known as TMK), a vocalist in the Carnatic tradition (classical music from South India). "One" is an experiment where the filmmaker took the artiste away from the stage, trying to find a space where he could let his inspiration flow unchecked. Shot in beautiful landscapes in the Nilgiri Hills and with high quality and special care for sound.

5.00 pm ASMAD / ME
Directed by Prabhjit DHAMIJA
English & Hindi/ EST 34'
A quality short film shot around the Himalayas, it enquires into the idea of ‘me’, thoughts, actions…

5.35 pm LOKTAK LAIREMBEE / LADY OF THE LAKE
by Debesh CHATTERJEE
Manipuri / EST 1h.11'
One morning Tomba accidentally finds a gun within the biomass in the lake on which he lives (literally). Not far away are heard the government machines clearing the islands and evicting the inhabitants…

8.00 pm BASTU SHAAP / CURSED HOUSE
Directed by Kaushik GANGULY
Bengali / EST 2h.09'
Major Arjun’s life was completely changed by a car accident in which he lost his sister’s husband and his nephew, but the ability to walk without a walking stick. The film asks questions about what the key to a happy life is and how one can rejuvenate the spirit.

All films in their original version with English Subtitles (EST) Audience: from 12

Aurofilm, Kalabhoomi, Auroville, 605 101, TN - aurofilm@auroville.org.in - Tel. 0413-2622037 - 9655485487
The film revolves around the character Benjamin Braddock: a disillusioned college graduate who finds himself torn between his older lover and her daughter. The music is also woven through the care of Erica and his doctor, a love triangle starts to take shape. Actors playing Erica and Harry display an amazing chemistry so glowing and palpable one wonders why no filmmaker casted the together before. In addition the film boasts excellent supporting actors who plays the role of Harry's handsome young doctor who finds himself smitten by Erica's mature beauty and charm.

**International - Saturday 11 February, 8:00 pm:**

- **YOU ARE NOT YOU**
  USA, 2014, Dir. George C. Wolfe w/ Hilary Swank, Emmy Rossum, and others, 102 mins, Drama, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R
  Kate is a classical pianist just diagnosed with ALS. Bec is a brash college student and would-be rock singer who can barely keep her wildly chaotic affairs, romantic and otherwise, together. Yet, when Bec takes a job assisting Kate, just as Kate's marriage to Evan hits the skids, both women come to rely on what becomes an unconventional, sometimes confrontational and fiercely honest bond. As meticulous, willful Kate begins to rub off on whirlwind, spontaneous Bec - and vice versa - both women find themselves facing down regrets, exploring new territory and expanding their ideas of who they want to be.

**Children's Film - Sunday 12 February, 4:30 pm:**

- **PADDINGTON**
  UK, 2014, Dir. Paul King, w/ Hugh Bonneville, Sally Hawkins, Julie Walters and others, Comedy, 95mins, English w/English subtitles Rated: PG
  A young Peruvian bear travels to London in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone at Paddington Station, he meets the kindly Brown family, who offer him a temporary haven.

**SATYAJITH RAY’S APU TRILOGY Film Festival @ Ciné-Club**

*Ciné-Club - Sunday 12 February, 8:00 pm:*

- **APARAJITO**
  India, 1956, Dir. Satyajith Ray w/ Smanar Goshal, Kamala Adhikari, Lalchand Banerjee, and others, Drama,110mins, Bengali w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
  This is the second film in the Apu Trilogy, preceded by Pather Panchaliand followed by Apur Sansar. The film is basically about Apu growing up and growing away from his mother. The highlight of the film is the mother-son relationship and conflict. The characterization of Apu and mother are a treat. Karuna Banerjee gives a brilliant performance as Sarbajaya.

**Rating codes** we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available. For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support. Please make a contribution to “Cinema Paradiso” account (#105106) at the Financial Service.

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**Comedy Series - Monday 6 February, 8:00 pm:**

- **CITY LIGHTS**
  USA, 1931, Dir. Charles Chaplin w/ Charles Chaplin, Virginia Cherrill and others, Comedy-Romance, 87 mins, Silent, Rated: G.
  Chaplin was at his zenith in 1928 when he started a journey of more than two years to develop and film this story. By then the Little Tramp had already been a familiar character to audiences. The film displays the Tramp at his funniest, his bravest, his most romantic, and his most sympathetic self.

**Comedy Series - Tuesday 7 February, 8:00 pm:**

- **THE PRIVATE LIFE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES**
  USA, 1970, Dir. Billy Wilder w/ Robert Stephens, Christopher Lee, Colin Blakely and others, Comedy-Mystery, 125 mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G.
  When a bored Holmes eagerly takes the case of Gabrielle Valladon after an attempt on her life. The search for her missing husband leads to Loch Ness and the legendary monster. The director’s take on the world’s most famous detective is both painstakingly faithful and sardonically subversive to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s idiosyncratic creation. One of fiction literature’s most fascinating pairs of characters, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are depicted well here in this gem of a film, which has a biting, and witty script, as well as superb production values.

**Comedy Series - Wednesday 8 February, 8:00 pm:**

- **THE GRADUATE**
  USA, 1967, Mike Nichols w/ Dustin Hoffman, Anne Bancroft, Katharine Ross and others, Comedy-Romance, 106 mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G.
  The film revolves around the character Benjamin Braddock: the epitome of the confused and isolated young adult male, a disillusioned college graduate who finds himself torn between his older lover and her daughter. The music is also one of the biggest accomplishments of this film. Simon and Garfunkel perfectly depict Ben’s moods throughout the movie with their timeless classic: “The Sound of Silence”.

**Comedy Series - Thursday 9 February, 12:00 pm:**

- **SOMETHING’S GOTTA GIVE**
  USA, 2003, Dir. Nancy Meyers w/ Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton, Keanu Reeves and others, Comedy-Romance, 128mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G.
  Harry Sanborn is an aged music industry executive with a fondness for younger women like Marin, his latest trophy girlfriend. Things get a little awkward when Harry suffers a heart attack at the home of Marin’s mother Erica. Left in the care of Erica and his doctor, a love triangle starts to take shape. Actors playing Erica and Harry display an amazing chemistry so glowing and palpable one wonders why no filmmaker casted the together before. In addition