HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

The Virtues
(A tale for young and old)

Once upon a time there was a splendid palace, in the heart of which lay a secret sanctuary, whose threshold no being had ever crossed. Furthermore, even its outermost galleries were almost inaccessible to mortals, for the palace stood on a very high cloud, and very few, in any age, could find the way to it.

It was the palace of Truth.

One day a festival was held there, not for men but for very different beings, gods and goddesses great and small, who on earth are honoured by the name of Virtues. The vestibule of the palace was a great hall, where the walls, the floor, the ceiling, luminous in themselves, were resplendent with a myriad glittering fires.

It was the Hall of Intelligence. Near to the ground, the light was very soft and had a beautiful deep sapphire hue, but it became gradually clearer towards the ceiling, from which girandoles of diamonds hung like chandeliers, their myriad facets shooting dazzling rays.

The Virtues came separately, but soon formed congenial groups, full of joy to find themselves for once at least together, for they are usually so widely scattered throughout the world and the worlds, so isolated amid so many alien beings.

Sincerity reigned over the festival. She was dressed in a transparent robe, like clear water, and held in her hand a cube of purest crystal, through which things can be seen as they really are, far different from what they usually seem, for there their image is reflected without distortion.

Near to her, like two faithful guardians, stood Humility, at once respectful and proud, and Courage, lofty-browed, clear-eyed, his lips firm and smiling, with a calm and resolute air.

Close beside Courage, her hand in his, stood a woman, completely veiled, of whom nothing could be seen but her searching eyes, shining through her veils. It was Prudence.

Among them all, coming and going from one to another and yet seeming always to remain near to each one, Charity, at once vigilant and calm, active and yet discrete, left behind her as she passed through the groups a trail of soft white light. The light that she spreads and softens comes to her, through a radiance so subtle that it is invisible to most eyes, from her closest friend, her inseparable companion, her twin sister, Justice.

And around Charity thronged a shining escort, Kindness, Patience, Gentleness, Solicitude, and many others.

All of them are there, or so at least they think.

But then suddenly, at the golden threshold, a newcomer appears.

With great reluctance the guards, set to watch the gates, have agreed to admit her. Never before had they seen her, and there was nothing in her appearance to impress them.

She was indeed very young and slight, and the white dress which she wore was very simple, almost poor. She takes a few steps forward with a shy, embarrassed air. Then, apparently ill at ease to find herself in such a large and brilliant company, she pauses, not knowing towards whom she should go.

After a brief exchange with her companions, Prudence steps forward at their request and goes towards the stranger. Then, after clearing her throat, as people do when they are embarrassed, to give herself a moment to reflect, she turns to her and says:

“We who are gathered here and who all know each other by our names and our merits are surprised at your coming, for you appear to be a stranger to us, or at least we do not seem to have ever seen you before. Would you be so kind as to tell us who you are?”

Then the newcomer replied with a sigh:

“Alas! I am not surprised that I appear to be a stranger in this palace, for I am so rarely invited anywhere. “My name is Gratitude.”

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WORDS OF LONG AGO

Do not think yourself big or small, very important or very unimportant; for we are nothing in ourselves.

The Mother
ref. Words of The Mother, vol.14, p.159

Cover painting by Satya (Surrender)
Working Committee report January 2017

The main issues dealt with in January have been the following:

1) Visit New Delhi
On behalf of the Working Committee, Hemant and Carel went to New Delhi to pursue a number of issues regarding Auroville. We would like to express our gratitude to François Gautier who was instrumental in securing the appointments with the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, the HRD Minister, and the Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs. Topics discussed:
- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports (with François and Frederick): Possible funding avenues for donations for sports infrastructure and activities.
- HRD Minister (with François and Frederick):
  1. Expressed the community’s gratitude for the reappointment of Dr. Karan Singh.
  2. Asked for help speeding up the development of Auroville, by:
     a. Giving permission for the sale of outlying lands;
     b. Ensuring that Auroville can be included in the list of institutions that are eligible for funding by public sector undertakings from their CSR budgets;
     c. Declaring Auroville an Educational Institution of National Eminence so that Indian donors can avail of 100% tax exemption in accordance with the Income Tax Act;
     d. Instructing the granting of the funds agreed upon for the Humanscapes project;
     e. Supporting a proposal that, at the occasion of Auroville’s 50th anniversary on February 28, 2018, a special India residents’ status such as OCI is granted to Auroville residents of foreign origin who have been living in Auroville for more than 10 or 15 years.
  3. Extended an invitation to attend the 50th anniversary celebrations. The Minister replied that he might come and visit Auroville this April.
- Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs (with François and Frederick):
  1. Requested his intervention in a number of pending visa renewals and new visa requests as well as a request for Indian nationality;
  2. Requested a change in the Auroville Visa Policy, e.g. the granting of two more 1-year extensions of short term visa;
  3. Requested considering the granting of a special status such as OCI to Aurovillians who have been residing in Auroville for 15-20 years;
  4. Requested the issue of 5-year Stay Visa and Residential permits to those who have entered India with a short-term Entry Visa.

Another meeting took place with officials of the HRD Ministry (with Frederick) to pursue pending issues which included:
- the status of the appointment of the new GB and IAC members (pending);
- the change of the Rules of the Auroville Foundation (pending);
- the HRD approval for the Regulations Entry and Exit (pending);
- 50th anniversary grant (decision is expected by the end of March);
- the regular HRD grant 2017-2018 (pending);
- the status of the Humanscapes housing project (pending).

There was also a meeting with Dr. Karan Singh and Ms. Ameeta Mehra (with François and Frederick), where all the above topics were discussed. In addition, Dr. Karan Singh was updated on the preparations for the 50th celebrations; the status of the land protection workshops; the status of the Terms of Reference for the Town Development Council; and the status of the restructuring of the TDC.

2) (V)VIP meetings and visits
Sometimes, individuals or Auroville units/activities are making appointments for meetings with high level officials from the Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry or Central Government or invite them for inaugurations or visits to Auroville. As the Working Committee is the official representative body of the Resident’s Assembly, and in order to avoid confusion – officials may otherwise wrongly assume that those inviting them represent the community - we requests to be informed about any such proposed meeting or invitation. Where possible the invitation should go through the Working Committee and /or the Auroville Foundation office.

3) Internal functioning.
In order to improve our internal functioning, and to help us better articulate our group’s shared agreements we had two respective sessions with Jean-François Noubel who has been invited to Auroville by the Auroville Council. Jean-François advised that the six agreements which have been adopted by the Auroville Council may also be tried-out by the Working Committee. These are: (1) One deep breath before speaking; (2) Listen to the centre; (3) Speak to the centre; (4) Don’t take the floor, have it offered; (5) Speak from direct experience; (6) Anyone can invite silence. Our focus is on the 1st agreement, and as Jean-François Noubel explained, the other 5 are agreements that essentially support the 1st one. The Working Committee is currently trying to practice these and requests the silent encouragement of the community to help us, and the Auroville Council, through this challenging transition towards a new shift in meetings. We would like to thank Jean-François Noubel for his time and for sharing his experience with us.
We will share our practical experience of these agreements in our next report.

4) Matrimandir Garden development.
Jointly with the Auroville Council, discussions were held with the executives of the Matrimandir and the designers of the Matrimandir Gardens. These discussions have been followed up with meetings of the Matrimandir coordinators with one of the garden designers. We have been informed that an agreement has been reached between them on how to proceed with the execution of the Matrimandir gardens. This agreement includes:

1. A detailed design investigation needs to be made for the Living Link to ascertain if it is practicable. Construction of the gardens can only go ahead while this investigation is being made.
2. Trees can be incorporated in the gardens as per the guidelines of Roger Anger, i.e. small and medium sized trees not obstructing the view of Matrimandir can be planted. It is agreed by those present that there are no serious issues regarding the plantation of trees in the gardens as envisioned by the current proposal.
3. The design team will accept support from experienced teams for the gardens execution. The Botanical Gardens team has agreed to give this support and collaboration. All needed support for the execution of the gardens will be arranged by the Executives.
4. Other garden designers are welcome to collaborate with the design team.
5. The design team will share proposals and current design details with the Botanical Gardens team for them to develop to the level of execution drawings. The Botanical Gardens team will share these drawings with the Executives and the Matrimandir gardens design team. If there are different design options for the Progress garden now under construction, discussion will be pursued between the Botanical Gardens team and Marc. In case of an unresolved design point, the Executives will be asked to take the final decision.

7) Proposal to close access roads.
- The Ravena access to the Abri-Forecomers road for 4-wheelers.
- Courage access road by 4-wheelers
In order to improve security and safety, we have proposed to the immediate residents, the Auroville Safety and Security Team and the Town Development Council that the Courage and Ravena access to Auroville is permanently closed for four-wheelers.
The proposals have been positively received by most residents, by the TDC and by the Auroville Safety and Security Team. We have meanwhile asked the TDC to take action.
8) Effect of bandh

The sudden bandh which was declared on January 20 in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry to protest the ban on Jallikattu has caused discomfort to some individuals who had no access to food that day, as all food outlets were closed. We are looking into the possibilities of organising an emergency provision for food which can serve residents.

9) Strengthening Auroville Health Services

Jointly with the AVC, the Working Committee has met with members of AVHS. A joint proposal for a change in executives, trust, and scope of the service has been made and been sent to the FAMC for its decision.

10) Auroville Child Development

The Working Committee has been extensively looking into the functioning of the Auroville Child Development Research Centre for some time, after receiving complaints about its functioning and status. An Administrative Support Group consisting of Frederick, Balabaskar, Kalya, and Beber have proposed that Eric Avril, Pushpa Patha and Antoinette Gervais be the new executives and that André Tardieu, will step down from his executive position. We have recommended to the FAMC that it appoints the new executives accordingly and obtain regular reports from the Administrative Support Group about the functioning of the Centre.

11) Pharmacy Auroville Health Centre.

We have been informed that non-Aurovilians sometimes offer medical advice to Aurovilians and Newcomers and prescribe the use of medicines such as antibiotics. The Auroville pharmacy at the Auroville Health Centre, Aspiration, has informed us that it will not sell any medicines that require a doctor's prescription without such a prescription of recognised doctor. It also cautions Aurovilians and Newcomers about taking advice from people who are not medical doctors and who do not know their medical history and the possible side-effects and or possible drug interaction with other medicines.

The Working Committee fully supports the stand taken by the Auroville pharmacy.

12) Keeping up to speed

In order to upgrade our internal functioning, Mike and Min are giving beginners classes in the use of Google calendar, Google Keep and other ways to make our Working Committee e-life more productive and enjoyable.

13) Pending issues

• Emotional and Mental Health (EMH):
The work is ongoing and the EMH pilot group is making good progress.

• Sea Erosion Management (SEM).
Short term action: Saravanan and Yuval (eternity) have compiled a report regarding the work of sea protection on Auroville land, which is still being hampered. This issue will once again be brought to the attention of the Collector in the Auroville land, which is still being hampered. This issue will once again be brought to the attention of the Collector in the Auroville land.

Long term vision: The sub group of SEM [Sauro (TDC), Jan (AWS), Aurofilio (PYcan), Yuval (Eternity), Inge(wcom)] is preparing for a visit from the National Institute of Ocean Technology, which has been officially invited by the Auroville Foundation to consult on the erosion of Auroville beaches.

• Concerns about new Entry Policy.
An update is published elsewhere in this edition of the News and Notes.

• New Executives Matrimandir.

• Terra-form Reference and appointment new members Town Development Council

• Powers of the Interim Town Development Council

• Revision of the Guidelines between Trusts and Units of the Auroville Foundation.

• Mobility

The Working Committee
Angela, Carel, Hemant, Inge, Kumar, Mandakini, Ranjith.

Update from the Entry Task group

Dear Community members,
The Entry Task Group met for a second time with those who have expressed strong objections to the content of the new Entry Policy. Matilde, Valérie, Otto, Giri, Doris, Umberto, Sonja, and Monique have agreed to join the Entry Task Group (originally consisting of Mandakini, Angela, Ranjith, B, Sandhya, Enrica, Elisa, Noel, Sindhura)

The expanded ETG has organised itself into three subgroups to look into the domains which are listed below. These subgroups will present the results of their work to the expanded ETG, which will then make recommendations to the AVC and WCom for a community ratification of a revised Entry Policy.

1. Process and Structure including Roles and Responsibilities: (Umberto, Sandhya, B, Doris, Otto, Giri). This sub-group will define and recommend a revised Entry structure and process including a set of roles and responsibilities guidelines for internal purposes.

2. Conditions / Filters / Prerequisites including the wider implications: (Sonja, Valérie, Mandakini). This subgroup will make recommendations on the appropriate criteria in the different stages of an applicant’s Entry Process, keeping in mind the wider implications on our socio-economic growth and the Auroville’s absorption capacity of newcomers.

3. Review of Cases Past and Present (since the effect of the New Entry Policy/ Recommendation to the AVC on the Entry Service’s ongoing membership): (Matilde, Monique, Enrica, Angela, Ranjith) This subgroup will:
   a. Review all applications and status of all categories (Newcomers, Aurovilians, etc.) that have been processed under the New Entry Policy since it came into effect and make recommendations on each case to the AVC and the WCom for their joint decision.
   b. to make a recommendation to the AVC on the membership of the Entry Service during the ongoing transition.

The expanded ETG and each subgroup will build on and fine tune the work done so far as expressed in the proposal of the petitioners and that of the original ETG. It may decide to call for a General Meeting or a series of workshops to discuss its findings and conclusions in consultation with the AVC and Working Committee, for a community ratification process via the RAS.

For any questions on the above, please contact the expanded ETG at: etg@auroville.org.in

Thank you,
The Auroville Council and the Working Committee

Appeal Process: a clarification

Dear Community members,
The results of the voting on the appeal process as published already showed a “yes” in favour of the appeal process. As more than 10% of our residents voted “yes”, the one year experimentation of the appeal process for the major working groups’ decisions takes effect from this publishing date.

We would like to share that some members of the FAMC (previous and present) gave us the following feedback: “The main point of contention enables the appeal body to overrule a decision of a major working group. The previous FAMC had provided extensive and repeated feedback that this provision is not acceptable, but that otherwise the appeal process was welcomed.” When this feedback was processed by the Auroville Council and its sub-group, this feedback included, we concluded that if the final say comes back to the concerned Working Group, the appeal process will lose its essence to give a true voice for the residents calling the appeal, knowing also that it might lead to a blocking point (of no decision).

At the end of the experimentation year the full process will be re-evaluated, including this feedback.

Thanking you.
Warmly, the Auroville Council
Land Protection Workshop - Community Feedback Received on the Report of the outcome of Workshops

Dear Community, the Core Group of the Land Protection Workshops, have received and processed the feedback from the community. There have been no substantiated objections received towards the recommendations made by the Core Group in their report of the outcome of the workshops. With this, we inform the community that the recommendations made are considered to be accepted by the community, and that the Core Group will make a subsequent, more detailed announcement in the next News and Notes to keep the community involved and informed.

All feedback received is accessible here: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/61510

With best regards, The Core Group, on behalf of the Auroville Council, the Working Committee and the TDC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLIDARITY for Auroville’s UNITED 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 in the land fundraising 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 3 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

The Beautiful Art for Land Website is Online

The beautiful ART FOR LAND website with its gallery of artwork is now online Art For Land Website in preparation for the ART FOR LAND AUCTION on February 25th at the Unity Pavilion (3-6PM). There’s also a dedicated page on the Auroville website, in the “Securing the Land” section http://www.auroville.org/contents/4210

The works are a stunning collection of creations in all media by artists from Auroville, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, from India and abroad. Many of these artists enjoy wide recognition as described in this week's The Hindu feature article. The month-long exhibition of the works at the Unity Pavilion is in progress with a parallel fundraising sale of rare photographs of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo offered by Loretta.

ART FOR LAND is a non-commercial land-fundraising action to help secure a unified & harmonious land base for the City of Dawn. All art works have been donated in a spirit of generous gifting by the artists. Some works from an earlier time have been seen and touched by The Mother.

All proceeds are land donations and will be used for securing still-missing plots in Auroville’s Master Plan area.

Works are distributed through a donation auction whereby donors submit donation offers for specific works of art. Pre-bidding is possible at the Unity Pavilion or by email via Art For Land Web Site.

Payment of winning donation bids can be made by credit card, cash, check and bank transfer. These are considered as land donations and tax exemptions are possible depending on your country. Shipping of works is at the donor’s expense, but shipping itself can be managed by Unity Pavilion.

Come, browse, enjoy, participate - this is a wonderful showcase for the creativity of Auroville’s artists and friends - and it’s to benefit THE LAND!

PS - The Unity Pavilion team has organized a rich variety of almost daily solidarity events to benefit land fundraising. See the events schedule on Auronet, in News & Notes, on posters, and at https://unitypavilionauroville.wordpress.com/

Solidarity for Auroville’s Unified Land Base: Feb.11th & 12th - Auroville Marathon Weekend

The outlets, boutiques and eateries at Visitors Centre are all joining in the land fundraising and awareness campaign on the occasion of the Auroville Marathon to create a momentum of offering.

Up to 50% of the turnover of the weekend will be given by the units to the land fund - an opportunity for all of us to enrich our lives with beautiful Made in Auroville products - and support the land action for the City of Dawn!

The Visitors Centre has invited other outlets and restaurants in Auroville, including those at the Marathon Market, to join in this common effort as a show of solidarity and unity on the 11th & 12th.

Also, during the full month of February, other eateries in Auroville will participate in this land funding campaign - you will see them carrying the LFAU standing cards on their tables and the donation boxes on their counter.

Posters, films and an information booth are also organised at the Visitors Centre on the theme of land to inspire all of Auroville’s friends and wellwishers to donate generously.

We warmly encourage everyone to join in these solidarity actions for a green and unified land base for Auroville
Mother’s Room Darshan On 21st February 2017

Tokens for Darshan will be registered on:

- **Days:** Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th
- **Timings:** 9 am - 12.30 pm and 3 pm - 6 pm
- **At:** PITANGA, Samasti

This is a service for Aurovillians & Newcomers only. We remind you dear friends that we do not take requests on mail. (Sorry for the inconvenience)

So to register your name(s) for Mother’s Darshan tokens, we invite you to come or send someone to Pitanga with a requesting note. We will do our best for your requirements. Registration on phone will be taken only for people who are sick or not mobile.

Collection of tokens will be on Saturday 18th and Monday 20th at Pitanga from 9-12.30 pm and 3-6 pm

**Darshan timings:** The tokens given by the Ashram enables you to go for Darshan usually between 12 noon and 4.30 pm with the limit of 30 persons per slot. The time slot 3.30 - 4 pm is reserved for Aurovillians taking the bus.

**Transport:** The bus trip restricted to those who are going for the Darshan should be going at the usual time. Please check with the person responsible for the transport on Darshan days.

Reminder from the Ashram:

Auroville will not be granted extra tokens, beyond 240 tokens provided in the regular 8 time slots.

Reminder from us:

There are four ways to go to Sri Aurobindo’s Room or Mother’s Room without a token on Darshan days.

1. You may join the queue of devotees at 5-6 pm on the previous day, spend the night waiting on the street and enter the Ashram compound for Darshan from 3 am onwards.
2. You may go on the day itself. Join the queue between 3 am and 6 am.
3. You may go in the morning of the Darshan day and get your token at the Ashram. In this case you will probably need to wait or come back later at the time indicated on the token.
4. You may join the queue on Darshan day before 5 pm as the queue is generally over between 5 to 6 pm.

**Guidelines for VIP reception**

Dear community,

It has come to our attention that Auroville units and activities are sometimes inviting relevant local authorities and other (VIPs) for inaugurations, meetings, or visits to Auroville. Although this is highly encouraged and we observe that relevant authorities and VIPs are becoming more familiar and enthusiastic about Auroville, the Working Committee requests to be informed about any proposed invitations. The reason for this is that the Working Committee is the official representative body of the Resident’s Assembly. The invitation for such instances will go through the Working Committee and the Auroville Foundation office. In order to better work together, please send all requests for invitation to: workingcom@auroville.org.in, after which you will be informed about the status of your request in due time.

Thank you for your understanding and collaboration,

The Working Committee

L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 11/02/177

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

The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval. The final approval is given when L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC issues a NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens once the feedback period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, a final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start.

It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of the TDC.

**INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS**

- **Site Applications**
  1. Lakshmanan,K, Bore well in Kuppalaylam on plot no. BO 136/3B
- **Building Applications**
  1. Bobby & Andre, Auromics-Leather Workshop on plot no. IR 336/2 for 183 sq.m.

**Project writes up given by the project holder:**

- **Project Title:** Auromics Extension

**Proposed Site Location:** X Bijou

**Project Holder:** Auromics - Bobby & Andre

**Architect:** Ganesh Bala

**Contact Persons:** Bobby & Andre

**Description:**

- **Plot No:** IR 336/3
- **Total Area of the project:** site area 985 sq.m.
- **Built up Area:** 150 sq.m. Phase 1
- **Target:** Commercial Activity

**Background:** To increase Production

**Tiggers:** To Consolidate activity in the Industrial Zone

**Goals/Objectives:** To build a beautiful workshop

- 2. Selvam & Priya, Arc en Ciel, house extension and change of roof (channel to concrete) on plot no. BO 142/4 for 60 sq.m.
- 3. Ilyappan, Felicity, house extension - 1st floor on plot no. BO 174/5 for 50.99 sq.m.

**COLLECTIVE PROJECTS**

- **Site applications**
  1. Chandresh Patel & Manu Zueremuel, Vikas Radial/Water Tower/Realization Junction, Outdoor OFC Pillar

- **Building Application:** NO New BA

For additional information, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L’avenir d’Auroville/TDC office in the Town Hall. For more information on the location of the plots mentioned above, you can find this same announcement with map(s) on the Auronet page of L’avenir d’Auroville/TDC.

**From The Entry Service - N&N No - 686**

Dated 11.02.2017

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**

Svenja HALLEN, (German), Stayig at Aratli, working at French Pavilion

**NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:**

Petr SEKULOSKI (Macedonian)
Saska Trajcheska SEKULOSKA (Macedonian)

**AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:**

Gael LEVASSEUR (French)
Carolynn Anne NEWMAN aka Kaeridwyn (Canadian)

The above people will be confirmed as Aurovilians ONLY after signing the B-Form, which is the last step in order to be included in the Register of Residents of the Auroville Foundation.

The Entry Service is open to the public Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 12:30.

B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.

At your service,

The Entry Service team
V. Gnanavel

In the evening of Friday 3 February our good friend and brother, Aurovillian V Gnanavel of Matrimandir Nursery left his body due to a stroke caused by high blood pressure. The day before he was taken in serious condition to PIMS from where he was transported to the Ramachandra Medical College in Chennai. His family, wife Geetha and children Madivanan and Kalayarsayan accompanied him. Just a week ago he had become 53 years old.

Already in the seventies, Gnanavel came from Kottakarai to work as very young boy in the Matrimandir Nursery, readily learning about plant life and attending Ilaignarkal School. After running an own nursery in Kottakarai for some time, his life became more intimately interwoven with the Matrimandir Nursery when he eventually came to live there in the early nineties, at the time of his joining Auroville for good in ‘92.

Colleagues know him as a gentle, introvert family man, who loved his work, and was dedicated to the Matrimandir gardens. In these latest years, it was Gnanavel who quietly took up the management of the Matrimandir gardens. In these latest years, it was Gnanavel who quietly took up the management of the nursery, having started there as a kid so long ago.

On Saturday 5 February, family and friends buried his remains at Adventure’s burial grounds.

Rest in peace, Gnanavel, and thank you for your quiet presence, hesitant smile and calm dedication.

Our warmest sympathy and strength go out to Geetha, Madi and Kalay.

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The Language Lab and the Tomatis Research Centre have moved!

Dear Community, we are very happy to share the news that as of Monday, 6th February, the Language Lab and Tomatis Centre are finally operating from our new building and permanent “home” in the International Zone. Yes, it has finally happened!

All the language classes, the mediatheque, the Tomatis listening sessions and listening tests are also taking place here.

Many of you have asked us about an official opening. No, we did not have an official inauguration, because the building is not totally complete yet. (About 10-15% is left). But a very large part of it is complete - enough for us to start functioning in it.

Our entire team has worked tremendously hard to make this dream happen.

We have been through ups and downs, especially after the government grant was over two years ago. Many of you have asked how we managed to find the balance funds needed. Thanks to Mother’s Grace, we were able to put a very large part of whatever personal resources we had at our disposal, towards the building, and we were also able to take some personal loans for the balance.

We are so grateful to all our supporters and would like to give special thanks to the key Aurovillian friends who helped us with some donations and interest-free loans during this last stretch in the recent months. You know who you are, and you also know how grateful we are.

We are also immensely grateful to innumerable friends, Aurovillian and others, who helped in the realization of this building through sharing their knowledge and work throughout the last 6 years. You too know who you are; without your support, it could not have happened!

We are so proud to share the ‘fruit’ of our long efforts. It is a beautiful, smart and eye catching building, not just architecturally, from the outside, but also very pleasant to be in. The lime plaster indeed gives the interior space a lovely feeling, in addition to all the other elements which were included to make it a very special building. Our goal was to make it sustainable, beautiful, and healthy! We also wanted to create an environment which made learning and teaching a pleasure! One of our wishes is to make the building a mobile-free space.

We are happy to share information from our research towards this building, with those who are interested. You can already look at www.aurovillevanguagelab.org/architecture.php.

In a nutshell, the Tomatis listening training works through exercising the muscles of the middle ear, and stimulating our brain in order to use our full human potential. It can benefit everyone.

It has multiple facets and applications, in addition to being a marvelous tool for language learning.

We are really excited and look forward to all the wonderful things that are going to happen in this building in the near future, including the possibility to integrate the language classes and Tomatis more fully, the research towards finding the Tomatis settings which will enable us to use it for Tamil and other Indian languages, a long-standing wish, which we can now realize, as well as several projects which were ideas waiting to become reality. We also have deep faith and know that Mother will show us the way towards financial self-sustainability.

Our new doors are open! When visiting us, please note that there is still some carpentry and other work going on… and there are parts of the building which still need to be finished. We are certain that with all our efforts and all your good wishes and support, everything will slowly fall into place, and what is not here yet, will come!

PS : We are looking for people to join our team. In particular:

(i) An English teacher (and of course we welcome teachers of all languages)!
(ii) someone experienced in administration and secretarial support,
(iii) a communications person.

Please contact us: Email : “all@auroville.org.in”, Tel: 2623601. Mob: 9443631861, 9585207962 (Until call forwarding is fully activated!)

Where is it exactly?

Behind Matrimandir Nursery, close to the Unity Pavilion. You can’t miss it: It is a large, bright colored building, plastered with lime. How to find us: If you are coming from Visitors Centre, Bharat Nivas etc, turn left for Savitri Bhavan, and then go past Unity Pavilion (on your right) and continue straight, past the Pump House (which will be on your left), until the end of the road. Take a right and an immediate left. We don’t have signboards up yet, but we will soon. (Basically, it is off the old Kottakarai-Matrimandir road).

For further information, here are some useful links:

We finally managed to add English sub-titles to a film on the Tomatis method, which is available on our YouTube channel here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXpr1T3mo&feature=youtu.be. The original French film (45 minutes) is available here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NlR-Vt1VRU

A detailed presentation of Tomatis is on our website: www.aurovillevanguagelab.org/presentation.php

And an article about how it works for language learning is here: www.aurovillevanguagelab.org/pdf/tomatis-for-language-learning.pdf

Some of our work with children is here: www.aurovillevanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php

Exhausted but satisfied & joyful,

Language Lab and Tomatis Centre Team.
**An urgent appeal to the community**

I have been in charge of Kuilapalayam Post Office and its budget since more than 20 years. Another Aurovillian soon needs to replace me, living in the area (Auromodel, Aspiration, Djaima...). It is a voluntary work which is not such a big task to assume. I will stop being in charge of Kuilapalayam Post Office at the end of March. Someone is needed to step forwards and take up the service which is used by many people. Please contact me, thanking you:

Vaïya at Surya Nivas / Auromodel: e-mail:av.vaiya@gmail.com

Phone: 0413-2622 088

**Scholarship & Educational Fund**

To students & learners of Auroville: in view of the limitation of funds the SEF is obliged to give top priority to financial support of student youth pursuing higher education beyond schooling, higher schooling which is not available in Auroville. As per our statutes support will be given to students who have insufficient private resources.

Particularly students of Future School and NESS need to take notice of this situation.

For Scholarship & Educational Fund (SEF) / SAILER, Lucas

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**A note from Free Store**

Dear community, Free Store's service is only possible with your help, without you all there wouldn't be a Free Store, so thank you all for participating in this beautiful exchange of clothes and more. In a world where reducing, re-using and recycling is indispensable we would like to express our gratitude to you all in participating in the process of sharing, reducing and reusing, and prolonging the lives of our materials. We are so happy with and proud of this service it is our pleasure to see you there. How amazing is it that Free Store is almost always FULL of clothes and so many different things. So thank you for GIVING!

Having said this we would like to remind you of a few points that are important to us:

- Check electronic items before donating them. Are they still working? Are they in good shape? It happens too often that we have to dispose lots of broken unrepairable electronic items to Eco service or while testing them getting a shock here and there. This is something we would like to avoid!

- Expired toiletries which you won’t use anymore won’t be used by others. So please don't give expired toiletries and we cannot accept any type of medicines either. Medicines you don’t use can be brought to the Health Centre.

- Please WASH your clothes before your bring them whether it’s for donating or for our tailoring section. We would like to deal with clean clothes only!!!

Basically before bringing things to Free Store just consider how YOU would like to receive things... that would be very much appreciated.

Proud and happy to offer you service at our Free Store. See you there!

Warm greetings,

Your Free Store Team

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**Bike/Car repair & servicing**

- **Painting** / **Modification** / **General service** / **Bike renting** - Please contact: 9443438287 at Abri workshop (old puncture service) Auroville. We accept Auroville P.T account

By Satyavan

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**New Auroville Unit: Lotus Construction**

Lotus Construction has just started in Auroville, conducting all types of Construction work such as: house building, electrical wiring, plumbing, carpentry, metal work, electronic, etc. as well as Gardening: pruning, granite pillar and barbed wire fence building, etc. If you need any help with these, we are available on appointment for consulting and estimates, please contact M.Sundaramoorthy (Auromodel): 9489214020 , 9500819221 or lotusconstruction@auroville.org.in

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**Future School applications**

Dear Friends,

Students who wish to enter the 9th or 11th grade this upcoming school year, from July 2017 to April 2018, are requested to apply through our website: [http://www.futureschool.org.in/](http://www.futureschool.org.in/) where in the ‘about’ section you will find a brochure which includes nearly all admission related information and a link for the student application. All applications have to be submitted before the 1st of March 2017 and all applicants have to take an evaluation test on the 10th of March at 1 PM on the Future School campus.

Best Regards, Future School

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**Noel: Articles on Entry and Auroville**

Since there seems to be a limit of posting articles in News and Notes of one per month, I simply let anyone interested in some articles relating to the many issues of the Entry Service and Policy, as well as Auroville in general, to see them posted on the AVnet at the following links:

Article: Trusting Auroville and Entry [https://www.auroville.org.in/article/61395](https://www.auroville.org.in/article/61395)

Article: Auroville's Growth: Ready or Not, Spirit Has Come [https://www.auroville.org.in/article/61419](https://www.auroville.org.in/article/61419)

More to come as well in the near future. Best Wishes to All......Noel

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**Regarding Loli’s passing**

(Submitted by Mauna on behalf of friends of the deceased.)

This is to inform that our dear friend Laurence Viallard, French national, born 11.12.1965, left her body on Wednesday 1.2.2017. She was 51 years old.

Loli was the editor of ‘Grain de Sable’, her publishing firm in Noumea, New Caledonia. She has been coming to Pondicherry, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, since 2002 as a visitor and has offered her services in different departments during her stay.

Lately she was staying at ‘Inner Peace’, near Auroville, next to Djaima. She was in contact with the Tibetan Pavilion where she was going to conduct her dream-project for women, the ‘Festival du Féminin’, as she called it.

We regret her abrupt and untimely end. We all pray that she is happy in her new experience.

Proud and happy to offer you service at our Free Store.

See you there!

Warm greetings,

Your Free Store Team


**AVAILABLE**

2 cute puppies looking for a home

Dear All, I found 2 adorable puppies, brother and sister, on the Crown Road near Solar Kitchen. It had rained heavily the night before and they were in a bad condition. I nursed them for about a week and they are now back to completely healthy. They have been through a lot and love each other's company. They sleep together, eat together, and play together. If you would like to offer them a great new life and a cozy home, please call me: 9787919599, thanks! Sanata

Pulsar

The good old 2004 model, 1-year standing need some repair. Also exchange against small scooter, TVS possible. Hans, Silence 9585829329

Netbook

Lenovo Yoga 300, two month old. Windows 10 Home - Intel Celeron CPU N3050 @ 1.60 GHz - 2 GB RAM - 32 GB SSD (expandable to 128GB) - 11" screen. Fixed contribution. Call Mira computer: 0143-2623404. Submitted by Hema (Maitreye)

**LOOKING FOR...**

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: SvahaUS@gmail.com, (0413) 262-3898 or 890-344-9398 (text, or if you don't reach me on the land line). Thank you!

Electrically Sensitive Persons: Dear community, I am interested in learning more about electrosensitivity. For those who are electrically sensitive: what do you feel in your body? Have you made any adjustments in your living/working places that have helped to restore health? Are there any places or situations that you avoid entirely? I'd be grateful to hear about your experiences. Thank you, Kristen (kristen@auroville.org.in)

Child seat (for a bicycle): If someone has one to pass on, we are happy to contribute for it. Please contact us: Petar 9442171420 or Saskia: 9442180610

Bamboo mats: Does somebody have some bamboo mats which they are not using? I would be happy to offer a contribution for them, thanks Ambre: 9489325088

Small scooter: Looking for a small scooter, 125cc, with electric start, or TVS. Hans, Silence 9585829329

House-cleaning work: Dear Community, Indra is looking for work preferably in the area of Bommayarpalayam. She is a good, reliable amma who has been working for Auroville families for many years. She is available 3 days a week, full time. For more information please contact Cinzia: 9751830516

**LOST & FOUND**

Keys (Found): We found two keys: one seems to be of a Honda Scooter; and the other one seems to be of a Cycle with a tag AV 27. If yours come at our office to pick them up 9 to 16. :) Joy Community Guesthouse

Keys (Found): a set of 2 identical keys found on the Visitors Center road on Friday 3/02. Looks like bicycle key. Pass by the News&Notes office to see if they are yours!

**THANK YOU**

Performance of Savitri

On Monday, 30.1.2017, we assisted with a great number of Aurovilians to a representation of Savitri, "The Divine Mother", Book III, Canto IV, in the Matrimandir Garden of Unity.

Immensely gratitude to Aryamani and all her team of interpreters. Particularly four voices, Otto, Srimoyi, Anandamayi and Emmanuel, resounded in clear and lively rendition and each of the passages lifted up our awakened souls.

In this majestic and silent night a 'celestial' music accompanied this whole Savitri interpretation and incarnated in our refreshed hearts, with this secret 'witness', of an infinite future, here and now, in our terrestrial breasts.

Joyfully,
Ganga Lakshmi
(Savitri Bhavan, House of Mother’s Agenda).

Long Life to the Av French Pavilion

If I may... My gratitude to the French Pavilion for the excellent quality of its cultural program that it keeps on offering to Auroville.

Over the recent months, "The birth of a Republic" for example and above all, last week, "The (fascinating) mini Film festival" by Lionel Tardif, the film "The phantom of Henry Langlois" and above all "La Dance de Shiva", a movie by the same M. Tardif showing the unbelievable performances of dancer Manochaya! Never saw anything that great whether life or recorded...

Un grand merci à Claude et à sa petite équipe!
Gildo
**ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED**

**House-sitting:** Dear Community, at the end of my newcomer process (actually living in Maitreyeye 2), I'm looking for a long-term house-sitting, to make me able to become officially Aurovilian. My name is Camille, I'm 31 years old and I'm working as therapist (psychomotoric) in various places in Auroville and bio-region (Integral Health, Pré-créche, LEC, AVAG, Arka, Martuvam Healing Forest and YEP). I'm a calm and serious person. The only thing is that I have two lovely cats living with me. So I'm looking for a place where they also could be accepted by the community...Thank you for your attention and I hope, for your help - With Love, Camille (80 98 79 63 07 or camille@auroville.org.in)

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

**Accounts Assistant:** Auroville.com is looking for an accounts assistant - data entry level or higher. Basic knowledge of Tally and fluent English is required. If you are interested please visit our office in the Aurosarjan Complex, Auroshilpam, or send your CV to: info@auroville.com. Contact: Stephan

**TAXI SHARING**

February 13th: I am reaching Chennai airport on 15.30 on the 13th of Feb. If you want to share the taxi on the same day leaving from Auroville in the morning or returning from the airport at the same time, please contact Nandita: nandita@sharan-india.org or SMS: 9486843286

February 13th: Leaving Chennai domestic airport at 9 pm on Monday 13th, Taxi share both ways possible, Sigrid: sigrids@auroville.org.in 9626006961

February 15th: Empty taxi will drive to the airport & pick up my cousin at 3.45 am. She arrives with Etihad. She has only a small backpack as luggage. Sharing is possible both ways. Pls email Tine: tine@auroville.org.in or call/sms 890 3938 649, thank you!

February 16th: From Chennai Airport to Auroville at 07.30 am. Contact Regine: mailto:kumar@gmx.at

February 18th: Leaving Auroville at 4 pm. If you'd like to join and share a taxi, you're welcome. Fred: 8098299474 (frederic.latour@yahoo.fr)

February 19th: Leaving Auroville at 3.30 am. If you'd like to join and share a taxi, you're welcome. Honor: 9159856148 (honor.chance@gmail.com).

February 19th: A taxi will leave AV at 11.30 am to reach Chennai Airport latest by 2.30 pm. For sharing the taxi (both ways), please contact Stefan: 9442041433 or stefangebert@gmail.com

February 19th: Sunday leaving Auroville around 1200 noon (time flexible) to Chennai and return next day February, 20th Monday around 6.00 am (time flexible) from Chennai to Auroville. Call 9442934306 or a mail varadharajan1936@gmail.com

**February 20th:** Leaving Auroville at around 12 noon to Chennai Airport (for flight at 20h45). Interested in sharing? Taxi also available for return journey around 16h. Quentin, Tel: 8270404975; macfarlaneq@gmail.com

February 21st: A taxi will go empty to Chennai Airport to pick up 1 person arriving at 3.15 pm. Sharing both directions possible. Contact Jean-Paul at: jp.pontoizeau@free.fr or phone/SMS: 8270404170

February 24th: A taxi will leave AV to reach Chennai airport latest by 11:30 pm and return to Auroville. For sharing the taxi (both ways), please call Stefan: 9442041433 or email: stefangebert@gmail.com

February 24th: 2 friends of mine will arrive in Chennai Airport on 24th February. One is reaching at 8:30 am and another at 3:30 pm. They are interested to share the taxi to Auroville or from Auroville. Please contact Prem Shakti on: 9489244823

March 1st: My name is Anne and I am leaving for Chennai airport on Wednesday March 1st at 8 pm from Creativity. I am looking for a friendly person to share a taxi with. If you are interested, please send an email to: anne123@me.com. Looking forward to meet you!

March 3rd: Going to Chennai Airport 3rd March sharing to cost. Leaving around 7 pm, Andrew: Email: andreasseorgiades70@yahoo.in

March 3rd: Going to Chennai Airport to catch a 7pm flight, so leaving Auroville between 12 noon and 2 pm. Contact Michele: 8270404856 / kraina99@gmail.com

**GREEN MATTERS**

**Sunday Walk - Farms & Forests**

**Sunday 12th of February**

An exploration of Urban Farming in Auroville City Centre, Auroville Town Hall area. From 7 am - 12 noon with Luigi, Sacha and Valentina Phone contact: 994 312 5806. 

Let yourself be surprised by the unexpected green spaces around the Town hall and Citadine community. Spend a morning guided through these urban gardens, past the permaculture grown vegetable, several buildings, a guesthouse, community and art exhibition hall, Walking, stretching, a work detail to assist with some pruning, planting and clean-up, a power point presentation and snacks and drinks.

**Program:**
07.00 Welcome at the Town Hall main parking: enjoy coffee, tea and biscuits.
07.15 Soft movements
07.30 Hand on the soil
10.30 Maison des Jeunes refreshment
11.15 Hand work completion
11.15-12.00 Presentation

Directions from Solar Kitchen, direction Matrimandir, past the visitor’s entrance, take a left towards the Industrial Zone, first right is the main Entrance of the Town hall where you will be met at the gate (if late you can also take the other entrance to Cinema Paradiso and find the walkers!)

Next week: **17th of February** - **Sunday morning Walk in Fertile Field with Jan & Jana (details in the next News & Notes and on Auronet)**

**Pitchandikulam Forest: Nature Walk**

**Friday Feb 10th 2017 at 4 pm**

Led by our resident wildlife expert, Dr. Bubesh Guptha, we’ll walk through Pitchandikulam Forest to identify birds, insects and other wildlife, and to talk about birdsong, habits and their environment. We invite you to come and enjoy this unique forest sanctuary!

Meeting place: At the bike parking place inside Pitchandikulam Forest. Please do not bring larger vehicles inside the forest gate. The walk will start promptly at 4pm. If you have binoculars, please bring them, but this is not essential. The walk will last for about an hour.

**Free for all; registration is required as numbers are limited. To register, visit our website: www.pitchandikulamforest.org. Any queries, please call 04132622431 or email: pitchandikulam.outreach@auroville.org.in.**

Donations to help us continue our work are warmly welcomed...
Dear listeners!

Our live streaming can be heard on: http://radio.garden/live/villupuram/auroville-radio/

Following is an update from AV Radio with programs made this past week

Wishing you a happy listening,
yours AV Radio Team

Our new volunteer Stefano was super busy, and he has covered Jujubee, The Science of Environment, The Jaco Pastorius Tribute, Man sole Awake, The Funky Side of Life, Peace Bell at Tibetan Pavilion, while Romel interviewed Jean-François Noubel, and recorded Experience of Integral Psychology. Silke was present at The Auroville Foundation Act. Team recorded Consciousness and Energy and Indian Steam. Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga, and Gangalakshmi with her Selections.

Out of our regular programs are here also Thursday and Monday news. And for music lovers we have Transparent Water – Tama Tama. Of course you are very welcome to pass by AV Radio if you would like to take any of the programs on your USB stick…or if you would like to share something with us (and the audience)...If you would like to volunteer, participate in any way….if you have any suggestions, feedback, thoughts…we are located on the ground floor of Town Hall opposite of Financial Service.

EATING OUT

Visit us at Dolce Vita Bistro Café:
Take a break and enjoy the taste of Italian home-made food specially prepared with selected ingredients from our organic garden and from a wide range of high quality Italian products. Savour some fresh pasta, antipasti board, sandwiches or colourful salads...
If you want to bring Italian flavour to your home, we also offer a range of high quality organic products available directly at our Bistro: Organic olive oil, olives, sun-dried tomatoes, anchovies, oregano, nuts, cheeses, ham, pasta sauces, compotes, fresh home-made pasta, coffee, free-range eggs and much more...
Dolce Vita Bistro Café @ Joy community, Center field
Open every day from 9am to 3:30pm, CLOSED on Wednesdays and Sundays.
Check out Auronet announcements for more information.
Info: joycommunity@auroville.org.in / Ph: 9442328120

S P O R T S

Run for the Joy of Running – 10th Auroville Marathon,
12th February, 2017

Dear Friends,

On this coming Sunday, the 10th Auroville Marathon run will be hosted by the Auroville Marathon Organizing team.

Full Marathon start at 5 am, Half at 6.15 am, 10Km start at 7 am, Children's/Open at 7.30 am

We invite Aurovilians and guests to cheer and encourage the runners as they pass by your community. Play music, greet them, cheer them, offer water, offer your wishes. We request everyone to drive slow and give ample space for the runners and walkers sharing the roads on Sunday. The less dust we kick off, the happier the runners will be and so much better their “Joy of Running” in Auroville.

The runners will pass by the following aid stations:
Visitor Center (4.30 am to 11.30 am)
SaraCon/KOPPU/Celebration (5.00 am to 8.45 am)
Transition School (5.15 am to 8.55 am)
Rajeswari College (5.20 am to 9.10 am)
Aikyam School/New Creation (5.30 am to 9.30 am)
Ansuya Forest (5.40 am to 9.40 am)
Gaia Junction (5.45 am to 9.50 am)
Deepanam School (5.55 am to 10.05 am)
Samasti (6.00 am to 10.20 am)
Matrimandir Gate (6.07 am to 10.50 am)

The venue for the event is at the Visitor Center.
Everyone is welcome.
Chandresh for Marathon Organizing Team

The Auroville Badminton Team is announcing its
6th Annual Auroville Badminton Tournament
at Certitude Sports Ground

We will be holding matches for our community players and the categories are: Sub Junior Boys Double’s, Sub Junior Girls Double’s, Junior Girls Double’s, Junior Boys Double’s, Women Double’s and Men’s Double’s.

Event details:
Matches will start from Tuesday 21st of February to 27th and we will hold all the finals on 28th of February 2017. We will have matches regularly happening in the evenings till we reach the finals of all the categories.
We will regularly keep you posted on the upcoming matches.

Registration
Registrations of all categories are open from Tuesday 7th of February and will be closed on 19th of February 2017.
We invite all players to register themselves and come and enjoy the moment together and have fun!!

For Registration Please contact:
Bharathy 9751110018; 9443610798 / Manickam 9443001761 / Palani 9443535172

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A sad story or Memento mori!

My dad, a former judge, wrote the attached article which might be of general interest to the community. Birgitta Voz

As a former judge I got involved in the following case:
Some years ago an Aurovilian died suddenly. He was married in the Aurovilian way which means that they were not married legally and with no share of the inheritance to his wife. The inheritance consisted of some thousand Rupees in India and some hundred thousand Euros abroad.
The deceased had left two identical wills in which he named his wife as his heir, which yet were typed and signed by him. Those wills were null and void as neither written totally by hand nor signed by two witnesses according to the Indian law.
Therefore the legal heirs were his brother and a half-sister abroad and not his wife. Those finally consented that the small amount of money on the account in India should go to his wife. They filled special forms of the State Bank and had them confirmed by a notary. This however did not bother the State Bank at all, not even did it give any advice if some form or statement was still missing. Now since two years a case is pending somewhere. Considering honoraries and fees there is little hope that in the end some money may find its way to his wife.
So if you have money in India and abroad make sure that your will is in conformity with the Indian law or with the law of your country of origin. If you choose the Indian law for your will, it is advisable to do it with the help of a notary to prevent your heirs from trouble. If you have only money in an account in India it will be sufficient to sign a form called <Power of attorney or Nomination form> yet explicitly beyond death that allows a designated person to withdraw the money after your death without further complications.

Hans-Gerhard
Submitted by Birgitta Voz

The Hirudotherapy

“Old medicine is news; the European medicinal leech, Hirudo medicinalis, an invertebrate 3 mm long in adulthood, was considered indispensable in the 19th century. It was used in bloodletting and helping alleviate certain conditions. The leech is now making a comeback.” (The Hindu 1st Jan. 2017, p.10).

We have in Auroville a lot of mosquitoes but no leech. Near Kodaikanal around our camp the situation is opposite: no mosquitoes but the leeches are very common. Especially numerous leeches were present in 2015. It was a rainy year: in Auroville there were 2161 mm of rain, but in 2016 only 590 mm (average is 1250). Usually our kids meet leeches while trekking but one year we had a lot of these creatures in the camp. It was the first year for our camp near Kavunjil village and the tents were near a rivulet. The farmers opened a dam and our camp was flooded. Many leeches were found in the tents. The kids received great pleasure in their hunting.
If a mosquito bites us, we feel pain and irritation. But the Lord gave to leech a special capacity. They make wounds in a human body without pain for the victim, and the blood in the wound does not coagulate - it bleeds non-stop. The leeches are miraculous creatures of evolution. Usually the kids are afraid of them but maybe these lovers of human blood give health to their victims. I think that kids when trekking around the camp could collect these invertebrates for a special therapy in Auroville.

There is an awful mosquito “Aedes aegipti” - it can give different diseases: chikungunya, dengue, malaria etc. But we have no such information about leeches. Albert Einstein wrote to his daughter: “This universal force is love, love is God and God is love”. Evidently the leeches are our friends; the divine love is in them.

Boris

For your calendar

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
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

Saturday 11th of February, 6.30pm

You are invited to the new Sangam Hall at Savitri Bhavan

Booking is required
Please email to: francesca@auroville.org.in
(6 hours before the event at least)
Doors will be closed at 6.30
Russian Pavilion presents

**Duet “Beyond the time”**

11 February, Saturday  
At Unity Pavilion - 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
A concert of lyrical songs about Love, Light, Beauty and miracles of life.  
A surprise - one song in Tamil!

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**Savitri**

“To see a World in a Grain of Sand”  
Poems of Small Things  
Reading and Flute by Gordon  
Thursday 16 February, 5.15 - 6.30 p.m.

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**MY AUTOPSY**

*a poetic comedy drama*

**Performer**  
Hamish Boyd

**Director**  
Fif Fernandes

**Musical Director**  
Jonathon Walton

**Writer**  
Hamish Boyd

CRIPA  
Auroville  
Feb 17 18 19 (Fri Sat Sun)  
7:30 pm

Latecomers will not be admitted  
Not for children under the age of 12!

**Presented in collaboration with**  
African Pavilion - Canada Pavilion - CRIPA - Komali MeDi Clown Academy

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**Adishakti Theatre arts invites you to the 2nd weekend of**

“**Remembering Veenapani Festival 2017**”

A month-long weekend festival, of dance, music and theatre, celebrated in memory of our founder Veenapani Chawla

**Friday, 10th Feb. at 7 pm**  
*Across, not over*

**Saturday, 11th Feb. at 7 pm**  
*The Sage for The Ages & Kaartikz Ensemble*

**Sunday, 12th Feb. at 7 pm**  
*Rage & Beyond: Irawati’s Gandhari*

**Friday, 17th Feb. at 7 pm**  
*C Sharp C Blunt*

In collaboration with  
India Foundation for the Arts  
Choreographer: Preethi Athreya  
Performer: Vikram Iyengar

A group of eloquent musicians from Bangladesh

A dance piece written, choreographed & performed by Sanjukta Wagh

An Indo-German collaboration

*free entry for all performances - Contact: 0413 2622287*
AUROVILLE CHOIRS AND ENSEMBLE
IN CONCERT

THE PEACEMAKERS by Karl Jenkins
Auroville Choir, Youth Choir and Instrumental Ensemble
Presenting a selection of songs extolling Peace
Friday 17th and Saturday 18th of February,
At 8.00 pm at Bharat Nivas Auditorium

For reserving your seat on EITHER the 17th OR the 18th of February please write to bharatnivas@auroville.org.in.
Please come on time and be seated before 8.00 pm so as not to disturb the performers.

Please keep in mind that the number of seats is limited,
therefore we beseech you to not make more reservations than you need, and for one of the 2 dates only. Enjoy

INVITATIONS

Saturday Farmers Market is ON!
Every Saturday at Youth Center
The SATURDAY MARKET is happening this week too!
Feb 11th, 2017 at 10 am at Youth Centre, until 2 pm

To all lovers of…
- Fresh farm products
- Home-made preserves of all sorts
- Live music by Auroville's own musicians
- Home-cooked food (to eat on the spot or take away)
- Crafts of all kinds
- Eco-friendly articles
- The Youth Centre's famous dosai
- Fertile's fabulous tea-and-bread stall…
- And above all, a lively community vibe in a peaceful green space

See you there!

Programmes at Unity Pavilion 9 – 18 February 2017

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* Fundraising for Land Programs
All Are Welcome
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture invites everyone for
a quiet meditation with the recorded Tibetan Mantra
On the full moon night of 10/02/17 from 7.45 till 9 pm.
At Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone Auroville.
Please maintain silence.

Fund Raising Fête
Deepanam School welcomes all to join us on 18th Feb Saturday
to our fundraiser for the camping trip.

Highlights
- Flea market
- Restaurant and bake sales (vegan food and chaat too)
- Games and lottery
- Puppet show by our oldest students (Faith group)
- Tour of the school
- Pony rides, Face painting, henna tattoo and much more...

DEEPAM is 25 years old!
We warmly invite everyone for an Open House
And for the inauguration of our new Vocational Training Centre
On Friday 17th February from 2 pm - 4.30 pm
And on Saturday 18th February from 10am - 12.30 pm
Our special children will give a performance of singing and dance
on that Friday at 3.30 pm and on that Saturday at 11.30 am.

In January 1992 our project for children with special needs from the surrounding villages started out under trees in Kuilapalayam, near the Auroville Bakery. In 1995 we moved into our first therapy room at the Children’s Home, under the umbrella of the Auroville Health Centre. In 2003 we became an independent service unit under the Auroville Foundation and adopted the name ‘Deepam’.

Deepam means light. We chose this symbolic name because we intend to bring light into the lives of differently-abled children.

Step by step we have grown into a significant therapy center with a wide range of activities:
- Our day-care programme provides special education, individual therapies, social skills, nutrition and health-care for 30 children and youth with various disorders. For babies and small children we offer physio-, speech-, and occupational-therapy.
- Additionally we focus on vocational training skills for our older students.

Location: go from Kuilapalayam about 100m down the road towards the beach, and enter on your right through the big orange gate into the Aspiration Campus.
All are welcome!

EXHIBITIONS

MATRIMANDIR: AS ABOVE, SO BELOW
A Photographic Exhibition by Paulette Hadnagy
At Pitanga, Auroville, February 9th - 25th
Open daily 8-12 and 14-18. Closed on Sundays

The Infinite is below, above, behind, before, to the right, to the left. I am all this.
The Infinite is the Self
Chandogya Upanishad

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

A photo Exhibition
"India, Land of Light"

“From the kindled fire of Energy of Consciousness
Truth was born and the Law of Truth;
from that the Night,
from the Night the flowing ocean of being”. Rig Veda

Photography: Olivier Barot

Venue: Art Gallery, Kalakendra
Date: 15 February to 15 March 2017
Timings: 9 am to 5 pm. (Sundays closed)
Inauguration: Saturday, 18th Feb, at 5 pm
Program: chanting by Laxmi Santra

All are welcome.

TALKS, SEMINARS

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 13th February: Jason and the quest of the Golden Fleece
(First part: the beginnings of the spiritual journey).

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!

At the Guest Service / Above Solar Kitchen
Informative talks about Auroville

Questions and Answers
In French every Wednesday at 10.30 am with Krishna
In English (and German) every Friday at 10.30 am with Roswitha

Introduction on Mother’s Agenda
In English and French every Thursday 10.30 am with Pavitra

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.

Perspectives of Integral Learning
(This session will be hosted by a visiting professor, Dr. Abha Le Hunte)

We will meet on February 10, 2017, Friday at 4 pm
In Bhavishyate, Bharat Nivas [integralpsychology.auroville@gmail.com]

The French Pavilion presents

«My Life in Revolution»

Meeting and Dialogue with the Princess Constance de Polignac
Thursday 16 February 2017 at 5 pm
Cinéma Paradiso

In French only

The life of the Princess Constance de POLIGNAC is the exceptional journey of a Woman's Life, crossed since early childhood by extraordinary trials and experiences, which led her from the sophisticated spheres of a princely aristocracy linked to the history of France ... to deserts and Virgin forests of the First Peoples who initiated it, and immediately recognized as master and healer.
This unique experience, integrated in consciousness in each of the cells of her woman's body, places at the heart of her life path the status of the Feminine and her recognition by the Masculine, “a crucial stake in the construction of a completely new world".
**CIRHU**

Aurovilian Conversations - "Every True Aurovilian should be an educator"

**Thursday, 16th- February 2017:** *Shanta* on “Connection of Psychic being, Matter & Colours”

**Timing:** 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm  
**Venue:** Bhavishyate, Bharat Nivas

CIRHU started “Aurovilian Conversations”, a series of weekly reflections (not lectures) between students, volunteers, newcomers and interested people with Aurovilians and friends of Auroville with experience in specific fields of knowledge. We extend the invitation to the entire Auroville Community to the ‘Aurovilian Conversations’ conducted by CIRHU (Center for International Research on Human Unity).

For queries kindly call 8690586909 (Ankita) - Contact: cirhu@auroville.org.in

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**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 is to explore ways to create change across various topics concerning our planet and its survival. These include: Community, Youth, 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. Their intention was to create an international event that dealt with the human question in and of itself. The first Dialogue was in Lyon, France and now takes place in numerous countries on 5 continents.

**The schedule is as follows:**

### Saturday, February 11th

- **1st Session (2 agoras):** 10:30 - 12:00  
  1) Forestry  
  2) Civil Society & Community

- **Lunch:** 12:30 - 13:30

- **2nd Session (2 agoras, 1 workshop):** 14:00 - 15:30  
  1) Construction & Infrastructure  
  2) Happiness  
  3) Solar Energy Workshop

- **3rd Session (2 agoras, 1 workshop):** 16:00 - 17:30  
  1) Education  
  2) Youth  
  3) Workshop on Death

- **Dinner:** 18:00 - 19:00

- **Films and Performances:** 19:30 - 21:30

### Sunday, February 12th

- **1st Session (2 agoras, 1 workshop):** 10:30 - 12:00  
  1) Farming  
  2) Economy  
  3) Art Workshop

- **Lunch:** 12:30 - 13:30

- **2nd Session (2 agoras, 1 workshop):** 14:00 - 15:30  
  1) Transportation  
  2) Health  
  3) Reiki Workshop

- **3rd Session (2 agoras):** 16:00 - 17:30  
  1) Water  
  2) Food Ethics

- **Dinner:** 18:00 - 19:00

- **Films and Performances:** 19:30 - 21:30

The shuttle bus will leave daily at 9:30 am from Solar Kitchen with return trips after dinner and after the performances.

Translation is available in Tamil, French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Russian, and Portuguese.

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. See you soon!

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**Abundance through sharing | Library of things**

**Tuesday, Feb 14 - 4 PM at SAIIER hall**

earth&us invites you all for an open discussion session on a 'sharing economy' model - the "Library of Things (LoT)" - that has proven successful in several cities across the world.

The goal is to establish an LoT in Auroville and we seek community inputs for this initiative.

LoT seeks to enable access to 'under' used items that we have in our homes, by providing a central system (a library), where these items can be stored and 'shared'. The aim is to provide 'access' and reduce 'ownership' through sharing.
**CLASSES, WORKSHOPS**

**Lilaloka Workshops February 2017**

1. **Hands in the « Earth » - Clay modeling for parents with children** - Saturday, February 18th from 9:30 to 11:30 am
   Dear parents; come and join us for a moment of creative joy with your children. The contact with the earth provides a unique sensation enjoyed by small and big children alike. Each one will let its hands model what comes... Animals, small objects, prints, sculptures, free or representative expressions, according to your inspiration.

   **Booking:** Contact Céline: 8220290131 or celineperroud@yahoo.fr

2. **Introduction to Nature’s Theater for families, educators and interested people** - Sunday, February 19th from 10 to 12 am
   In Nature’s Theater we play with shapes and their number. We explore their character, how they relate to us, our surrounding and how they are used in our language. We will follow a story which will take us on a magical journey of movement, creation and play to experience the birth of the One. I want to share with you my experience of how playing with geometry helps us to function in harmony and joy with our self and the others.

   **Booking:** Contact Anna: 9943528729 (3 to 5 pm) - annachmk@gmail.com

**Technical information for both workshops:** Location: Lilaloka, situated in the cultural zone, opposite Last School - Contribution: Guests Rs. 500 per person or for a parent with child; Aurovilians and Newcomers free contribution. All the proceeds of the workshops go to Lilaloka’s project.

**Exploring color**
Your own sense of color and a little theory
Feb. 24-25: 9:00 - 12:00 and 2:00 - 5:00
At Creativity studio
All materials provided
Guest contribution Rs. 1,000 / volunteers, newcomers and Aurovilians by contribution
Book in advance, workshop will be run only with a minimum of participants
Audrey (0413) 262-2641 - please leave your name and # on the answering machine

**These dates are a change from the poster--feb.17-18**

**Inner-Work-Workshop**
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
14th 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: ‘Soul and Psychic 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

**Mandala Workshop**
24 & 25 Feb - Friday & Saturday - At Center Guest House
9:30-12:30 / 2-4:30 pm
2 days of exploration: different techniques to draw mandala and meet with yourself. Welcome to have fun through discovering with us. For more information, call Rosalba 9787702844 or email rosalba.cicerelli@gmail.com.

**VOCAL-NADA-YOGA & SACRED CHANTING**
In English and French, with Hansmini
Friday February 17th - 9 am to 4.30 pm
To register: 9487544184
Vocal-Yoga: Explore and strengthen your Vocal instrument and discover your unique voice. Nada-Yoga: This ancient technique teaches us to Feel sound’s vibration in your energetic centers tuning our inner instrument Helps tone deaf to sing in tune. Sacred Chanting, Mantra, Kirtans and Bajhans, Silent our mind, Open our heart to our inner sacred place.

**Physical Theatre Workshop**
An intensive for those with or without experience in theatre, this workshop will introduce participants to aspects of physical theatre through practice, including ensemble work, voice, impulse play, and acrobatics. Discover what stories, rhythms and colours you can access through your body and learn how to use your physicality as a pathway to your imagination.

Workshop facilitator Kaeridwyn Eftelya is a professional Canadian theatre artist living in Auroville. She has trained in Grotowski-based theatre, corporeal mime and Pochinko clowning. Kaeridwyn has taught and performed theatre and music in Canada, Europe and India. She is a founding member of the Unicorn Collective.

The workshop will run Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Feb 20, 21 and 22 from 9:30-12:30 in CRIPA.
Participants must be able to attend both sessions.
Please wear plain clothes you can move easily in.
Registration required. Contact Kaeridwyn for more details: kaeridwyn@auroville.org.in, 8489334022.

**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 optimising 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 maximise 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/event.php?subj=87

**Community Permaculture Design**
3rd March - 9th March - 09:00-17:00
Course Material - 11 day programme
You are invited to participate and immerse yourself in a creative design workshop. We will be observing the dynamics of bringing harmony to natural systems through integration of plants, animals, structures, landscapes and the human being into a symbiotic system. Eventually you will develop and be capable of designing projects that are carbon negative and mitigate the adverse effects of climate change.

Please join us for an introductory session on the 15th February at 6:30 pm. Contact us at jd-sacredgroves@auroville.org.in or 08300163498 for location & directions (We will be showing an inspirational documentary by David Holgren. Snacks and drinks are provided).

This 11 day permaculture design course is accredited by Gaia Education and School for Permanent Culture.
The workshop is open to all travellers, volunteers, Aurovilians and newcomers.
“Care for the earth starts with care of the self. It starts with one ripple...We invite you to jump in .Jump in!” BOOK NOW!
Antigym® with Francesca
Saturday 18 February 2017
9.00 AM - 12.30 PM
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
Developed in the early 1970s by the French physiotherapist Therese 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;
♦ your movements and your breathing regain their natural volume;
♦ 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.

Watsu® for Babies with Dariya
Tuesday 21 February 2017
8.45 AM - 6.30 PM (8 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
Watsu for Babies is a beautiful and spontaneous way of experiencing the first childhood years and is open to all those who would like to share the joy of being in water with babies. In this course you will learn to discover that emotions, which arise from a spontaneous movement in water, open extraordinary borders; they allow us to live in the present, here and now, simply listening to the breath of the child, both supported by the healing power of water. Through some exercises from Tantsu and Ai-Chi, you learn to listen to yourself and to the baby you hold in your arms. You will also learn the possible transfers of the Watsu sequence in order to expand it in a creative way for babies.
Prerequisite: Watsu Basic or having a degree to work with babies in water.

Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA®) 2 with Gianni
Wednesday 22 - Tuesday 28 February 2017 (7 days)
8.45 AM - 6.30 PM (60 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
A 7-day course, fully focused on under-water work. This course is a deepening and expansion of the techniques, movements and qualities learned in Oceanic Bodywork Aqua 1 (OBA 1).
Your underwater journey will be enriched by new interesting experiences, additional movements and various forms of dynamic aquatic meditation. You will also learn to focus better and to synchronize yourself with your receiver, so that your life energies will flow more harmoniously and your underwater sessions become more creative, enriching and joyful.
Prerequisite: Oceanic Bodywork Aqua 1 (OBA 1) or Liquid Flow Essence or Waterdance 1.

Arka Wellness Center
Hormonal yoga 3 days workshop,
Monday 13th of February 2017, from 11 am to 12.30 am
Tuesday 14th of February 2017, from 11.am to 12.30 am
Wednesday 15th of February, from 11 am to 12.30 am
Multipurpose Hall - 1st Floor
For those who don’t know about Hormonal yoga, it is a natural treatment, combining postures, movements and breathing techniques from different yoga, which reactivates hormone production in a natural way and eliminates most symptoms of hormone problems (menopause and other problems). As it increases estradiol level, it also helps in the prevention of cardio-vascular diseases and osteoporosis. With energetic exercises of dynamic yoga, specific pranayamas and Tibetan energy techniques, Yoga-Therapy acts directly on the hypophysis, thyroid, ovaries and adrenal glands.
Please contact me by email: Briquitte@auroville.org.in or cell: 9443283980 to confirm your participation before Sunday 12th
http://www.dlnahrodrigues.com.br
All are welcome (young and less young women).

Vérité
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.

Therapy at Pitanga
Cranio- Sacral and Gentle Osteopathy Therapy with Elena
This stimulates and enhances self-healing mechanisms within the body to respond, release and open up to a more balanced healthy state. It is generally experienced as a profound relaxation often accompanied by a feeling of lightness and ease.

For appointment call Pitanga:
Pitanga Cultural Centre,
Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101,
India - (0413) 2622403/2622994 / Pitanga@auroville.org.in
SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
Auroville Library, Crown Road: opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday. Email: avlib@auroville.org.in; tel: 0413-2622204
Bike/Car repair & servicing: At Abhi workshop (old puncture service). ★ Painting ★ Modification ★ General service ★ Bike renting. Please contact Satyaj: 9443438287
AhHV: The pharmacy is open 8.30 to 5 pm daily including Saturdays. The doctor's consultation is a mix with a lunch break from 1-2pm, except Saturday up to 1pm only. Phone no 0413-2622123 and 0413-2622208. Email: ahhealth@auroville.org.in.
AV Safety & Security Team: Call us 24/7 for emergency, assistance or escort on 9443090107. Visit our office (Certiﬁdate Service Area - Near Gas Bottle service) from Monday to Saturday (9AM to 1PM - 2PM to 4PM) or contact us on 0413-2623400/ avsecurity@auroville.org.in
City Transport: Quick “Pick up and Drop” Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 5-seater people carrier, free of charge for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests for trips within the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele and Repos/Quiet chargeable with per passenger fares, from Rs.110/- for 1 person single trip. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 0413-262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30 am-6.00 pm. E-mail: visitorscentre@auroville.org.in – Please note that it is not a taxi.
Auroville Dental Centre: Protection / Telephone: (0413) 2622265 or 2622007 / email: auродentalcentre@auroville.org.in
EcoService, Kottakarai: Palani 9443535172 or Kail 9443090114. eco.service@auroville.org.in
Entry Service, Multimedia Center: 1st floor, Town hall Complex: We are open to the public Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9.30am to 12:30pm except on Tuesday (team meeting). B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only. For more information on joining Auroville: +91 (0413) 262 2707 email: entry.service@auroville.org.in
Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. This phone is reachable 24/7.
Financial Service, Town Hall and Aspiration: Mon to Sat, 9 to 12.30 and 3 to 4.30pm
Free Store: Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12:30 pm - Thursday and Tuesday: 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Telephone: 0413-2623680 email: freestore@auroville.org.in
Free Store Tailoring Service: Repair work will be received only from 1st to 15th of every month. Timings: same as Free Store.
Auroville Gas Service, Service Area: Near Tel Service” and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm. Telephone: (0413) 2622452 / email: avgas.service@auroville.org.in
Green Care: Tree care, pruning, rigging, removal of trees, and branches over structures. Garden maintenance grass and hedge cutting. Call: Josuns 9159843579 or Anadi 9655477329.
Guest Service above the Solar Kitchen: 1st floor. Opening times: from Monday 9.30 to 12.30, and from Monday to Friday 11.30 to 16.00. avguestservice@auroville.org.in; contact no. 0413 2622675
Housing Service, Town Hall: Public Hours: Monday morning from 11 to 12.30 and afternoon from 2.30 till 4.30 - Tuesday morning from 9.30 to 12.30 - Wednesday closed - Thursday 9.30 to 12.30 - Friday morning 9.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - Friday afternoon 2.30 to 4.30 - Saturday morning 10.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - All regular financial matters can also be taken care of on Friday morning. Phone: (0413) 2622658. Email: housing@auroville.org.in
Integral Health, Prayatna: transpersonal regression therapy, classical homeopathy, counselling, vital remedies, child & women health, hypnotherapy. integralhealth@auroville.org.in-, 2622669 - Mon to Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.
LFAU - Fundraising for Auroville’s land: with its two campaigns ‘Acres for Auroville’ & ‘GreenAcres’ Aaryadeep, Mandakini LB, Sophie, Sigrid, and secretary Jothi. Welcome: Mornings from 9.30 - 12.30 at Town Hall, 1st floor. LFAU 0413 2622657. lfau@auroville.org.in / www.colaap.org
LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas: LOE Library Open every Monday morning to Saturday: 9 to 12 am / Afternoon Monday to Thursday: 2:30 to 4.30 pm. loechu@auroville.org.in
Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily 6am to 8.45am/11.30am to 12.30pm (2pm on Sunday)/4:30pm to 8pm. Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you. The Petal are open for Aurovilians daily: 4.30pm to 6pm. To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.40 am on the day of the visit. Please remain with your guests throughout the visit. Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday. Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 and 11 am.
Music library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9 to 12.30 and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2 to 5.30pm.
Nandini Tailor section (Auroshilpam): tel: 0413-2622527 Email nandini@auroville.org.in. For placing orders: open to public on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings 9am to 12:30, and afternoon 3 pm to 5 pm. No new order taken last week of the month. Don’t forget to bring your bag when you give a new order!!!!
Nandini Distribution: (PTDC area): tel: 0413-2622033 Email nandini@auroville.org.in. Open to public from Tuesday to Saturday morning from 9am to 12.30pm and Tuesday, Thursday afternoon 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Don’t forget to bring your bag!
OutreachMedia Services: The services provided by OutreachMedia include dealing with all media that come to Auroville for ﬁlming, writing, photographing – reporters, journalist and writers.
Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment. outreachmedia@auroville.org.in, 0413-2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904
Puncture service, service area: next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4:30pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891235.
Auroville Residents Service timings: open from Monday to Friday morning from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and afternoons Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30. Telephone: (0413) 2622191 / email: resservice@auroville.org.in
Residents Assembly Service: new landline number: 0413-2623701 (please note it in your agenda). The RAS oﬃce (located 1st ﬂoor at Town Hall) is open for public from 10 AM till 12 Noon from Monday till Friday. We are happy to welcome your questions, suggestions or information.
Santé Clinic: Crown Rd. near. Arka: Call 2622803 for an appointment. Hours: Monday to Saturday: 8.45 am to 12.30 pm & 2 to 4.30 pm, closed on Tuesday Afternoons for Internal Admin work.
Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville, a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months). We offer welcome information, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers’ stay. From Monday to Friday from 2 till 4 pm. At the Unity Pavilion. For more information call (0413)2622121 or go to Savi website: www.auroville-learning.net.
Skyworks: Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, powerline cleaning. SottYaaji: 853 103 35 45
Shared Transport Service (STS): sharedtransport@auroville.org.in | sharedtransport.auroville.org/ + 91 413 2623 200 | +91 413 2623 201 | +91 8270512508
Vehicle Service, Town Hall: Monday to Friday: 9am to 12.30pm, 2.30 to 4.30pm. Saturday: 9am to 12.30pm. Rental of bicycles and children car seats also available. avvehicle@auroville.org.in or phone 9843734825
Video library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 10 am to 1pm and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 3 to 6pm.
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C IN E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

• 10-11-12 FEBRUARY
9th PANORAMA OF CONTEMPORARY INDIAN CINEMA
- SRI AUROBINDO AUDITORIUM, BHARAT NIVAS

Vanakkom, Namasté, Hello to All, Bonjour à toutes et tous,
Aurofilm has the great pleasure to inform you and invite you this weekend to its annual Panorama of Contemporary Indian Cinema at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium in Bharat Nivas.
The detailed program was posted in the News&Notes last week, and is published in Auronet and its Calendar (day by day, opening page - no need to log in).
Everybody is welcome - Please share it with friends!
The director and crew members of the Kannada Film “Harikatha Prasanga” will be us on Saturday evening.
With the pleasure to see you at the auditorium for this 9th Panorama of Contemporary Indian Cinema! [aurofilm@auroville.org.in - Tel 0413-2622037 - 9654545487]

• Friday 17th February: No Film Show as the Auroville Choir is performing

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, February 17th, 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!

TROUBLED WATER
52 mins / English / 2013 / Directed by Paul Manly
Water is largely taken for granted by consumers but it’s becoming “blue gold” in the 21st century. Troubled Water examines the threats to public water systems and watershed using the East Coast of Vancouver Island as a case study. Privatization, public private partnerships (P3s or P4’s Public Pays for Private Profits), privately owned community watersheds, vulnerable aquifers, over-development, ground water contamination and international trade agreements all undermine the safety and security of public water systems, public ownership and the fundamental human right to access clean drinking water.
(Reminder: Friday- Vegan: Everyday Stories - February 10th)
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 / facebook.com/sadhanaforest

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The archives are found at [http://www.auroville.org/contents/186A] - And regular events at [http://www.auroville.org/contents/4201]

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AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 13th of February 2017 at 6:30 pm
“The Mother’s Mahasamadhi and Her Work for the New Creation”

Dr. Alok Pandey and Narad speak about The Mother’s work for the New Creation and to bring down to Earth the Divine Love and Ananda. In 1956 The Mother declared: “Lord, Thou hast willed, and I execute: A new light breaks upon the earth, a new world is born.” Further on The Mother carried the yoga and the physical transformation to the outmost possibilities. She did much work for the transformation in the inconscience and the physical.
In 1962 she experienced the yoga of the world and she became love even on the material level. To Satprem The Mother speaks about the transformation of the cells and the impersonalisation of the cells and that ‘the cells she has transformed by a vast contagion will spread out to those who are ready’, which requires an inner tuning.
Yoga became generalised and Auroville’s creation was an important step. For to help in the New Creation we need to do our inner tuning and as expressed in Savitri: “We are sons of God and must be even as he: / His human portion, we must grow divine. / Our life is a paradox with God for key.”
And we can be aware of The Mother’s presence, because ‘she was, she is and she will always be there. Duration: 59min.

A NEW ECONOMIC PARADIGM

A series of movie screenings covering various aspects of the economy and giving new perspectives on the economy in the broadest sense, setting the stage for creating a new economic paradigm in alignment with the Mother’s vision.

Every Wednesday, 7:45 pm at Unity Pavilion
Wednesday, February 15, 7:45 pm at Unity Pavilion: “NERO’S GUESTS”: We would like to invite you to the Pavilion of Unity for a documentary screening of Nero’s Guests. The documentary looks at inequality in the world using farmer suicides in India as a microcosm.

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

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

Thursday 17th + Friday 18th February = NO SHOW

The FRENCH PAVILION presents

Auroville, Story of a Utopia
Saturday 11th February 2017 - 5pm - Cinéma Paradiso
- Documentary in French with English subtitles
Mother was still in her body when the documentary was made. Few western journalists were interested in the project of Auroville in the 70s; but one of them, Jean-Pierre Elkabach, came to investigate for French TV in 1972. His documentary of 118 minutes reveals an Auroville as it was then: a few houses rising from the red desert, schools like Last School, the Pyramid or so called “yogurt pots”, and of course the Matrimandir under construction. The documentary includes also precious interviews, and among them Roger Anger and Kireet Joshi but also from Aurovilians like Riid, Jean P., Vicenzo, Rod H., and many others.

An exceptional documentary to discover or rediscover Auroville...

Next week: Sat 18/02 - 5pm. “Auroville, Retrospective of a Utopia” The French television comes back in 2008, 35 years later, to see what the pioneers of 1972 became. Where is Auroville at regarding the ideals, the utopia, the laboratory?

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**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.

The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News is given to the printers on Wednesday.

Soft Version: We encourage you to ask us for a soft version of News&Notes sent directly to your own mail Thursday latest.

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Italian - Tuesday 14 February, 8:00 pm:
• SANGUE DEL MIO SANGUE (Blood of my Blood)
   Italy, 2015, Dir. Marco Bellocchio, w/ Roberto Herlitzka, Pier Giorgio Bellocchio, Alba Rohrwacher, Drama-History, 106 mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Two haunting Italian tales from different centuries, caught somewhere between past and present: Federico, a young man of war, is seduced by a priest as his twin sister Benedetta is to be condemned to be buried alive in the old prisons of Bobbio. The father is a successful businessman, the mother a weight -obsessed housewife and the two sons are managing, though the elder one has some difficulties with his prospective wife. Then, pops up a charming young lady from the countryside who brings havoc in that delicate balance with an unexpected claim.

Indian - Monday 13 February, 8:00 pm:
• LUCIA
   India, 2013, Writer-Dir. Pawan Kumar w/ Sathish Neenasam, Sruthi Harisharan, Achyuth Kumar, and others, SciFi-Romance, 135mins, Kannada w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG)

This is the first film in Kannada film industry that is crowd funded - i.e. made with publicly raised fund. In the story, an usher at a decrepit cinema suffers from insomnia. His life changes when he starts getting weird and wonderful dreams but with a caveat. Set in the teeming young metropolis of Bangalore, the film is a turbulent ride where the lines between dreams and reality are blurred to delirious effect. A highly rated film.

Parvez is a taxi driver of Pakistani origins, living in the UK. His formative years in Pakistan were filled with religious rules which he was happy to break off from in the UK and tried to provide the best opportunity for his son Farid despite his discordant married life. To do so, Pervez worked at night - and ended up giving rides to hookers and their clients and sometime liaising between them. He finds a connection with one of the hookers, Bettina because she sees him as an individual. When he found Farid on whom he had pinned so much hope, turn towards religious fundamentalism - Pervez had no body but Bettina to turn to. This is a wonderful film; a MUST see. The film won Om Puri the best actor award. We are screening this film as a tribute to the actor, who has recently passed away.

Children’s Film - Sunday 19 February, 4:30 pm:
• THE BOX TROLLS
   USA, 2014, Dir. Graham Annable, w/ Ben Kingsley, Jared Harris, Nick Frost and others, Adventure, 96mins, English w/English subtitles Rated: PG

A young orphaned boy raised by underground cave-dwelling trash collectors tries to save his friends from an evil exterminator.

SATYAJITH RAY’S APU TRILOGY Film Festival @ Ciné-Club
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Russian - Thursday 16 February, 8:00 pm:
• SESTROYONKA (Little Sister)
   Russia, 2007, Dir. Sergey Rayevsky, w/ Tatiana Dogilyeva, Alla Fomicheva, Nikolay Chindyaykin, and others, Comedy, 90mins, Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Life is not too bad for that upper-middle class Russian family. The father is a successful businessman, the mother a weight-obsessed housewife and the two sons are managing, though the elder one has some difficulties with his prospective wife. Then, pops up a charming young lady from the countryside who brings havoc in that delicate balance with an unexpected claim.

International - Saturday 18 February, 4:00 pm:
• MY SON THE FANATIC
   UK, 1997, Dir. Udayan Prasad w/ Om Puri, Rachel Griffiths, Akbar Kurtha, and others, Drama, 87mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

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

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

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

Ciné-Club
Cinema Paradiso
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 13 February 2017 to 19 February 2017

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