News & Notes
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21st February
Mother’s Birthday
Because the human instrument has failed,
The Godhead frustrate sleeps within its seed,
A spirit entangled in the forms it made.
His failure is not failure whom God leads;
Through all the slow mysterious march goes on:
An immutable Power has made this mutable world;
The driver of the soul upon its path,
It knows its steps, its way is inevitable,
And how shall the end be vain when God is guide?
However man's mind may tire or fail his flesh,
A will prevails cancelling his conscious choice:
The goal recedes, a bournless vastness calls
Retreating into an immense Unknown;
There is no end to the world's stupendous march,
There is no rest for the embodied soul.
It must live on, describe all Time's huge curve.
An Influx presses from the closed Beyond
Forbidding to him rest and earthly ease,
Till he has found himself he cannot pause.
A Light there is that leads, a Power that aids;
Unmarked, unfelt it sees in him and acts:
Ignorant, he forms the All-conscient in his depths,
Human, looks up to superhuman peaks:
A borrower of Supernature's gold,
He paves his road to Immortality.

The Matrimandir’s foundation stone was laid on 21st February 1971, at sunrise at 6.30am. The Mother wrote for the occasion a card, in French:


Actually this ‘foundation stone’ was not a stone, but a precious wooden box from the Mother and it was not laid at the base of the future Matrimandir as the land for it had not yet been purchased; it was buried somewhere between the banyan tree and the Matrimandir.

Interestingly, another ‘foundation stone’ was laid on 21st February 1972 at 6.15am to mark the symbolic beginning of the construction, the cementing of the foundation. The Mother had inscribed on this stone the date, the OM symbol, blessings and her signature. It was laid at the base of the east pillar - Mahalakshmi.

Gilles Guigan

You will need much endurance, much perseverance and courage and an untiring goodwill. Look and see if you are capable of having all this, and then start.
But once you have started, it is finished, there is no going back any more;
You must go to the very end.

The Mother
ref. Words Of The Mother, vol.6, p.441
Below are some issues that FAMC dealt with this month:

- Deepam’s request: Deepam has substantial funds that it keeps with the Unity Fund. It requested FAMC for use of some of the interest that is generated from the funds for the operational expenses of its project. In this context, it suggested the creation of a Corpus Fund for Deepam. FAMC had to turn down the request as it would violate existing guidelines and create a precedent. It instead advised Deepam to directly utilize the funds it currently has to meet its operational expenses, including providing additional maintenances.

**ONGOING ISSUES**

- **Units**
  
  Imagination: We are working with the Auroville Export Trust trustees to find a lasting solution to the various problems that the unit is facing.

- **Auroville Water Service (AWS)**: In collaboration with iTDC we sought the help of the Auroville Road Service so that the AWS project funded by a Govt. of India grant is properly executed within the given time. We are also working on the issue of strengthening financial management and accountability of AWS.

- **Inside India**: Upon receiving a complaint by an Inside Trust trustee, we along with some members of the ABC support group, are investigating allegations against Inside India regarding improper financial practices.

- **Farm Fresh**: We are working with the Free Flow Trust trustees and executives to ensure better management of this unit.

- **Auroville Transport Service (ATS)**: Lieve has submitted her resignation as an executive of ATS. Work is ongoing to close this unit, which has suffered substantial losses, in cooperation with the ABC Trust trustees.

- **Bamboo Center Auroville**: The executives have accepted the new registered unit. The name of this new unit will be ‘Bamboo Center Auroville’. The executives have accepted the decision to change the name from the proposed ‘Auroville Bamboo Center’ to Bamboo Center Auroville in keeping with an existing guideline of not prefixing Auroville to the names of new units.

- **Papyrus executive changes**: The ABC support group recommended endorsement of Papyrus executive changes: the resignation of Bruno and the appointment of Nicolas and Selvi. FAMC requested a third, non-family member executive be included in the team to create more diversity. As a response, Bruno has decided to remain involved as an executive. Appointment of Nicolas and Selvi was approved.

- **Ganesh Beads**: Improper financial practices were reported to us. In response, we have offered our full support in writing to the Artisana Trust trustees to help with their investigation into this allegation.

- **Govt. of India (GOI) grants**

  GOI fund allocation/disbursal and monitoring proposal: In collaboration with the Working Committee, and Government of India Plan grant subgroup, we are working on a proposal to strengthen GOI fund allocation and monitoring.

- **Tamil Heritage Center**: At the request of AV Foundation, FAMC is looking into financial mismanagement that had come to light, in the course of work, concerning the government funded construction of the Tamil Heritage Center building.

- **Development of the Industrial Zone**: iTDC presented their concerns about the lack of development in the Industrial Zone, which directly leads to ad hoc unwanted developments in that area. We reviewed an iTDC proposal to create an office complex in this zone. In principle we are in support of the project, but requested more financial details to be worked out. The project will be submitted for GOI grant funding.

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**COMPLETED ISSUES**

- **Housing**: In keeping with Auroville’s guidelines, we could not grant a request for financial compensation from an Aurovilian who had built a house in Auroville, but had not been living here for many years.

- **Policies and Guidelines**

  Disclosure of unit bank account details: FAMC published a notice reminding units to reveal details of all bank accounts of the unit in compliance with the legal requirement of Auroville Foundation.

- **Miscellaneous**

  Land boundary dispute: FAMC settled a boundary dispute between by the Farm Group and Bamboo Centre regarding land allocated to each party of the plot AL 65/7. It had been alleged that Bamboo Center was occupying more land that in it had been allocated. A survey indicated that this was not true. Additionally, as a gesture of goodwill, Bamboo Center team agreed that stewardship of approximately 0.49 cents of land from plot AL 65/2, which is currently unutilized and is adjacent to Alankuppam pond, will be transferred to the Farm Group.

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**WORKING GROUPS REPORTS**

**FAMC Monthly Report for January 2017**

It has been three months since we started this journey together as the Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC), and as a group we are slowly getting into our stride. We have received both bouquets and brickbats for our work. Along with other working groups, we continue to learn how to best fulfill FAMC’s new mandate. FAMC meets the Working Committee on related issues once a month and the Secretary of Auroville Foundation on a need basis.

We have ironed out many of the logistical issues related to our internal working. For the time being, we have chosen Google services as our main platform for information exchange, but are also exploring other platforms, such as Red Mine for being able to track and close issues more efficiently. Reflecting on the working of the current group and previous group, Ulli feels able to track and close issues more efficiently. Reflecting on services as our main platform for information exchange, but internal working. For the time being, we have chosen Google Secretary of Auroville Foundation on a need basis.

Along with other working groups, we continue to learn related to the work of the FAMC that is on their heart, mind, or table!

- **Auroville Board of Commerce - Amy & Ulli**
- **Auroville Board of Services - Chali & Stephanie**
- **Auroville Council - Amy & Yuval**
- **Budget Coordination Committee - Stephanie & Yuval**
- **Housing Board/Housing Service - Amy & Prabhu**
- **Farm group - Bindu & Prabhu**
- **Forest group - Amy & Bindu**
- **Human Resources Team - Stephanie & Chali**
- **L’avenir d’Auroville (iTDC/TDC) - Amy & Ulli**
- **Land Board - Amy & Chali**
- **Working Committee - Chali, Prabhu & Stephanie**

Below are some issues that FAMC dealt with this month:
**Policies and Guidelines**

**Auroville Learning Activities (ALA) Guidelines proposal:** FAMC is working on the financial aspect in the ALA guidelines together with the ALA study group.

**Site and Building Application process:** FAMC is working with iTDC to revise current site and building application processes.

**Farms**

Bumadevi Farm: FAMC has requested the Farm Group to look into the issue of finding a new steward for land in the Irumbai Alankuppam area. FAMC awaits further communication from the Farm Group on this issue.

**Complaint about Aurosipril:** FAMC received a complaint from the Farm Group that the water discharged from the spirulina ponds was polluting the soil of the neighbouring farm. FAMC has asked Farm Group to address its complaint and seek resolution directly with the executives of Aurosipril.

**Allocation of housing for Gowri (Service Farm steward):** Housing, Farm Group representatives and FAMC are still working on finding a suitable house for Gowri (steward of Service Farm), as was planned with the previous FAMC to help facilitate any potential land exchange of Service Farm.

**Miscellaneous**

Park area between Dana and Transition / Skatepark activity: We gave our input to iTDC on a site-application by Andre and Edgar for a skatepark activity. Work is ongoing to identify a caretaker for the whole park area (about 6 acres between Dana and Transition).

**Asset registry and collaboration with Aurostat:** FAMC plans to create an asset registry i.e. an online database with appropriately defined fields and a workable user interface, which can be easily synced and kept updated. The data will be shared with different stakeholders (primarily working groups) on a need basis. In this context, FAMC feels that its approach towards a database is different from one that is being proposed by Aurostat. FAMC, however, is in correspondence with Aurostat regarding this and is willing to take in their proffered help in data collection. Aurostat has been requested to wait before taking its proposal forward till FAMC has created the necessary structure with a competent programmer for the asset registry database.

**Non-Aurovillian use of Auroville assets:** In response to a request from the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, FAMC is working on compiling a list of all houses that are being used by non-Aurovilians on a long-term basis. In a similar endeavour, started by the previous FAMC group, there is an ongoing attempt to document details of Auroville land that is being stewarded by non-Aurovilians. Please help us to compile both these lists by sending all relevant information to adminfamc@auroville.org.in

**City Services budget:** FAMC is working with BCC to better manage the City Services budget, both through collection of unpaid contributions from units as well as allocation of maintainances. FAMC is waiting for some information from BCC on this issue.

**Unauthorized Building developments within Auroville Master Plan:** FAMC is working on the iTDC to find ways to deal with unauthorized buildings that have been built by Aurovilians without permission i.e. a No Objection Certificate (NOC). It was decided to present such cases to the community and also going forward to deal with each one on a case-by-case basis.

**Kalpana Sports Centre Site Application:** FAMC reviewed the Kalpana Sports Centre Site Application and needs clarification on several issues before it will give approval. It was agreed that the proposed location of the sports centre is acceptable, on the Crown Road near the Auroville Library, provided that it is meant primarily for Aurovilians and newcomers and AV-staying guests.

**Depreciation Method:** FAMC will discuss the transfer to a different depreciation method for assets with Mr. Chunkath (IAS, Retd.), Secretary, Auroville Foundation. It was also noted that the ABC is trying to address the matter in parallel, through the Working Committee. All these efforts will be coordinated to come up with a final proposal.

Funds allocated to different needs: An unspecified donation was received in the amount of Rs. 2,54,880 by the Unity Fund and needs to be allocated before 31/03. It was agreed to allocate Rs. 80,000 to Kireet for erosion control work. Other needs FAMC is considering are fencing and securing land in Revelation and capital expenditure/health-related equipment for Sante. FAMC sincerely thanks the Aurovillian who made this donation.

**FAMC administrative matters**

**FAMC budget:** FAMC is working on its budgetary needs. The budget is in two parts: 1) FAMC administrative needs; and 2) Development projects that FAMC wishes to undertake as part of its strategic work plan.

**Strategic Work Plan:** This month FAMC further detailed the objectives and activities of a strategic work plan, which it will present to the community in the coming weeks. The entire FAMC team thanks Elvira and Joerg for voluntarily facilitating a workshop on this issue and Vérité for hosting the workshop pro-bono.

In community,

**FAMC team:** Members: Amy, Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Lyle, Prabhu, Stephanie, Ulli, and Yuval; Secretary: Angelo; Chair: Auralice

**L’avenir d’Auroville / Town Development Council (iTDC) September-October 2016 report**

Reminder: This report is a synopsis of key topics discussed in regular meetings. It does not include any communication that has been published in the News & Notes or on the Auronet webpage of L’avenir d’Auroville / Town Development Council (TDC), such as community announcements, financial reports and site or building permissions.

**Regular members:** TDC: Cristo (Regional Development) was TOS until December, Jacqueline (Urban Design) was TOS until December, Sauro (Overall Coordination and Facilitation), and Toby (Township Development) was present until mid-November TDC: Divya, Fabian, Pino, Sheba, Tejaswini, Tom

**Occasional attendees:** AVF (M.V. Chunkath, P.R. Srinivasamurthy), Conscious Living (Fabien & Jane), Poppo & RS rep. (AGC), RAS (Jesse & Isha), SAILER rep. (Ashok Chaterji & Michael)

1) **TDC-RELATED TOPIC**

**A/ Site and Building Applications:** Approximately 65 site and building applications were studied in September and October, whether for feedback, discussion, follow-up, survey, etc.

**B/ Work allocation:** Work allocation (including legal aspects, site management and quality of materials) needs to be discussed with the FAMC and the AVF and clarified rapidly, as it will eventually concern all applications.

**C/ Interim TDC (iTDC):** End of September, it became evident that a new TDC would not be in place by October, so the AVC and WCom requested the interim team to remain until end of March. It was discussed that it may be beneficial to have some time to finish loose ends such as the DDP updating and approval, and detailed plans for the Cultural, Industrial and International Zones.

**D/ RAS: GM on new developments:** In October, the iTDC started preparing a presentation with several developments and their status. A General Meeting was to be organized with the RAS.

2) **ROADS**

**A/ RAS roads:** Several applications are directly related to sensitive road developments, such as the access to the Industrial Zone. Options and alternatives are still being studied according to various points of focus such as needs, environment, ecological levels, etc.

We are here to build a city, and for now we can only use heavy traffic to build it (ideally avoiding the city center); the roads can then be transformed for ecologically viable traffic. Apart for developmental reasons, there are also other basic needs regarding roads, such as options that are dust-free in summer and safe in monsoon.
It is clear that mobility itself in AV needs to be clarified, with on the one hand traffic/transportation (a policy to address the issues such as big buses, etc. needs to be set up), and on the other hand the roads themselves (with various components such as target-specific roads, connectivity related, phasing, etc.). Regarding the mobility plan, the TDC is limited in resources and/or time.

It is important to finalize the access to the Industrial Zone for its development so that all relevant activities can finally find their place there. This will enable AV to reach a collective and constructive objective: sustainability and economic growth.

The iTDC and the RS need to organize a consultation meeting with the neighboring residents and concerned groups (ex: FAMC, ABC, HS) to set up a process on how to develop the zone, with maps and a walkability assessment.

**B/ Excavation crossing:** The iTDC met with Chief Excavator Poppo and the RS to discuss the option of having a cycle path going through the excavation site. This crossing represents a serious safety issue, and several members believe that a road alignment needs to be studied.

**C/ Cycle paths and road illuminations:** Some time ago, the GOI grant group has started refusing all requests around street lights (because they kept getting stolen or breaking down) and the AVF stopped all requests around cycle paths. The iTDC will try to work something out with the WCom and the AVF.

**D/ MM-VC road:** The iTDC is of the opinion that the road passing in front of Bharat Nivas needs to be upgraded. Discussions covered several aspects, such as the feasibility of this project work and the source of funding.

**E/ AVF Secretary:** In October, the iTDC met with the Secretary and Under-Secretary of the Auroville Foundation:

- **Internal from the Council - Collective Intelligence Training**
  - François Noubel for 7 weeks to improve our ability to function in our integral approach and his expertise in Collective Intelligence
  - Internal Zone Coordination Group: In September, the iTDC was contacted by other working groups to clarify the role, functioning and mandate (if any) of the IZCG.

**F/ Governing Board:** In September, the iTDC team met with the Governing Board to present several projects and share several aspects of the TDC experience.

**G/ Collaboration between groups:** During the months of September, and October, the iTDC worked in collaboration with the Housing Board, Land Board, FAMC, RAS and WCom on various projects, whether for information request/sharing, land issues, applications, etc.

**H/ International Zone Coordination Group:** In September, the iTDC was contacted by other working groups to clarify the role, functioning and mandate (if any) of the IZCG.

**I/ Governing Board:** In September, the iTDC team met with the Secretary and Under-Secretary of the Auroville Foundation:

- **International Zone loop road:** The iTDC informed the Secretary that we have a written non-objection from the Panchayat for this road on poramboke land. GOI grant can be used for the entire road except for that part that crosses the poramboke (the IZ will be requested to organize a fund-raising for this part.

- **Electrical substation:** The Secretary will confirm whether it is 2 or 2.5 acres that are needed for this project. 3 options have already been studied and communicated to the FAMC, with a first priority in Adventure (2 out of 4 acres of un-used land that had initially been allocated for sports activities). This option requires longer cable length but it is optimal with regard to low forest coverage and utilization of lands, especially as this substation will be serving AV as well as the village(s).

- **Civil works allocation:** In the past, BoQ and tenders have been added to the application procedure. However, there seems to be a desire to make the entire process less competitive and more cooperative (and for example less cumbersome than the SAIIER process), and several groups (TDC, FAMC, etc.) are studying a proposal in which there would be different “levels” of projects according their cost. For example: projects under 50 lakhs allow freedom for the project holder, between 50 lakhs and 2 crores a BoQ should be made, and above 2 crores a tender as well. Discussions need to be organized between TDC, SAIER, constructors, and architects to find an agreement.

More generally, monitoring and project site management need to be strengthened, for example by augmenting the funds to hire qualified personnel, such as civil engineers. A solid team of architect, project manager and engineer is needed for each project.

- **Cycle paths and urban landscaping:** A proposal for paved cycle paths including infrastructure corridors should be formulated.

- **MM-VC road:** It was agreed that this road needs to be rectified (with regard to stabilization and pavers) because it is among the most used roads.

- **DGPS:** The iTDC explained the need for this high-precision equipment for surface water management and city development. The question of responsibility with regard to this equipment was discussed (ex: maintenance, security, etc.). The options of renting a DGPS or utilizing a Total Station instead need to be studied.

- **WW from Pondy:** The project proposal was presented to the Secretary. Questions arose regarding the need for drinking water quality and the mind-set that people may have with regard to using wastewater for the Matrimandir lake. It was highlighted that desalinating saltwater and using water from the bore wells would not suffice for AV, other options (such as rainwater, water waste etc.) need to be studied too. This was discussed within the iTDC, with the WCom and the Lieutenant Governor of Pondy, and all agreed that Phase 1 would anyway be an extensive pre-feasibility study.

**4) OTHER TOPICS**

**A/ Desalination pipe:** In September, the iTDC met a Varuna representative to clarify several questions. Due to important cost differences, the method to lay the pipeline will be trenching, but the drilling option will be kept open if necessary. The relationship between demand/user and resources/provider (multi-sourcing) must be defined in and will follow the Water MP. The Varuna team will be requested for an overview of the entire project.

**Auroville Council Report for November, December 2016 and January 2017**

- **Internal from the Council - Collective Intelligence Training with Jean-François Noubel:** The Auroville Council invited Jean-François Noubel for 7 weeks to improve our ability to understand and foster the best of our Collective Intelligence in our processes within the Council. Jean-François’ pioneering integral approach and his expertise in Collective Intelligence deeply inspired and challenged us. It contributed a lot to the bonding within the group as we welcomed 4 new members in November. The group commits and aspires to self-reflection and evolving practices. Jean-François shared his expertise with other Working Groups and with the wider community. We will soon inform the community with a more detailed report. For more information regarding Jean-François and the 6 agreement, please see the link for the January Working Committee report point No 3: www.auroville.org.in/article/61586

- **Diving into Google:** Min and Mike offered a session for the entire AVC team the basics on Google drive.

- **Representatives in other working groups:** Renuka in the BCC and Sundar in the Housing Board

- **GROWTH**
  - **Entry Service secretariat:** The Entry Task Group (ETG) together with the Petitioners and interested Community members are reviewing the Entry Policy. Soon a GM will be held and the Council, together with the ETG will come up with one or more proposals for Community feedback. Meanwhile the new Entry Policy is on pause for new applications. The ETG follows the request to look into unclarities for some of the announced newcomers under the new policy. We will keep the Community updated.
• **TOWN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

  - New TDC: The selection process is being worked out by the study group, Working Committee, Auroville Council and by the RAS. The core group for TOR (Elvira, Suhasini, Shama, Mamata) are processing feedback on the TOR document (Term of Reference) that will be soon shared with the community for ratification. The feedback for the TOR from the Working Groups is almost finished.
  - Matrimandir Garden development: Please see the link for the January Working Committee report point No 4: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/61586

• **HEALTH**

  - Auroville Health Services – AVHS: The Auroville Council was approached by members of the AVHS regarding the challenges that they are facing. A sub-group of Auroville Council together with Working Committee, after looking into the matter have recommended a solution to the FAMC. It is being further processed by the FAMC.
  - Mental and Emotional Health – EMH: In the month of December, a pilot group for Emotional and Mental Health in Auroville was set-up. This group consists of ten members in total: Jerry B, Sigrid L, Fif L, Siegrun, Barbara, Rita E, Moghan, Linda-Grace, and Palani with Inge (Wcom) and Sandyra (AVC) as support. The group met few times, and is now busy working and reflecting on the scope of the EMH Group, the roles and responsibilities of each of the members, a proposal for announcement to the community, forming a core group which will take up coordination, overview and responsibility, administrative support, budget needs, and others. The Working Committee will keep the community updated in subsequent reports.

• **GOVERNANCE**

  - Silent listener- observer: In accordance with the amended version of the “Participatory Working Groups and 3 Day-Selection-Process of their Members” of March 2016 .The AV Council, in collaboration with Iris, wishes to announce the creation of a Pool of Silent listeners / observers into which the members of the working groups can tap occasionally, for a certain period of time or permanently for support during their meetings. Iris is working with the pool of silent listeners to orient them to the work. The Council will soon present this list to the working groups: for more info please see the link: www.auroville.org.in/article/60646
  - Appeal Process: The Appeal Process has been approved by the community and takes effect from now on. The process was put forth to the community after incorporating the feedback received in November 15, 2016. Following that a GM was held on 9th December, 2016 for questions / answers on the Appeal Process. The intention of the Appeal Process is to create a framework to meaningfully address occasional serious dissatisfaction of individuals with Working Groups’ decisions. It answers to a pertinent need in our community to restore a balanced collaboration between Working Groups and individuals. Please find the Appeal Process doc on the following link: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/59896
  - Sexual Harassment Policy: The Auroville Council with the WCom set up the Internal Complaint Committee along with the sexual Harassment policy which has gone through the community feedback process and is now taking effect. Please find the policy on the following link: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/60606

• **EDUCATION**

  - Auroville Learning Activities - ALA: A meeting was held on 18th January 2017 in the Unity Pavilion, with stakeholders of learning activities in Auroville. The presentation gave a brief overview of the guidelines, with a focus on financial contributions, as well as a proposal for implementation. The Auroville Council will give its recommendations to the FAMC, and afterwards share an update with the community. The ALA Study Group plans to complete this exercise by the end of the current financial year.
  - School bus safety: The AVCouncil met with AVTransport, School board, AVSecurity and have made a task list for the safety of the school bus for the children, involving a collaboration of these groups and the road service. The work is in progress.

• **ECONOMICS**

  - The AVCouncil has met with Divya and Lyle to understand better and have an overview of our internal financial structures. HRT team was invited for a common sharing regarding maintenances, contributions and better coordination and communication on cases reaching our tables.

• **PEACE & JUSTICE**

  - Shivam Forest Conflict: Access issue between Thanachezian and Sangaraparanan. Representatives of the Council and Working Committee met with the Forest group on the 3rd of February at Udumbu. It was decided by the Forest Group together with the AVC and the Working Committee representatives that the status quo will remain and the issue will be looked at after a period of one year (February 2018).

  - We have been involved in trying to solve some conflictual situations regarding AV residents. Thanks to Koodam and WCom for their help.

• **Aspiration Badminton ground topic:**

  - The Arbitration decision has been shared with the concerned parties and the implementation / monitoring process will start soon.

  - Kalpana/ Vikas communication:

  - The Kalpana construction advances on schedule, with harmonious collaboration with Vikas, now established. We thank Elvira for the facilitation in this process and the cooperation of both parties.

  - Warmly, For the Auroville Council [Elisa, Enrica, Martin, Marc, Matriprasad, Mila, Renuka, Sandyra and Sundar]

**Update from Entry Service and Entry Task Group**

Dear Community members, the Auroville Council and the Working Committee received a proposal from the Entry Task Group (ETG) and the Entry Secretariat (ES). We hereby endorse the following:

1. To process (agree/refuse) letters of recommendation for the people who applied previously as well as new applications for letters of recommendation.
2. With regards to new applications on the following categories: Partner/Relative, Associates and Friends of Auroville, to receive applicants but not necessarily process the applications. The team can process undisputed applications - for this a unanimous decision is required.
3. To gather the Information missing or to verify the information given about the present confirmed Newcomers.
4. In the case of the Newcomers who were accepted under the old policy, and are now at the end of their NC process:
   a) To communicate with the Contact Person and ask a thorough assessment about the registered information;
   b) To invite these Newcomers to a friendly “end of process talk” at the Entry Service and come to a final decision. In case there are recommendations made by the mentors/contact persons we advise to take this into account.
5. And to take up any other tasks that may emerge.

Warmly, The Auroville Council and the Working Committee
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art For Land Auction
3pm on Saturday 25th February, 2017 at Unity Pavilion

Lands for Auroville Unified & the Unity Pavilion warmly invite you to attend the second annual ‘Art for Land’ Auction to be held on February 25th at 3 PM with Auroville’s Jesse as the inspired auctioneer! Over 300 beautiful works of art have been donated to benefit Auroville’s land by more than 70 artists from Auroville, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, from India and abroad, many of whom enjoy wide reknown, and some of whom will be in attendance. Several works from an earlier time have been seen and touched by The Mother. The artworks are now on exhibit at the Unity Pavilion and via the online gallery of the dedicated Art For Land Web Site. Winning land-donation bids will be decided on Auction Day February 25th at Auroville’s Unity Pavilion starting at 3 PM.

Rare photographs of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo are also on sale with proceeds going as donations for the land. Unity Pavilion is proposing an encouragement for all Aurovilians, Newcomers, Friends of Auroville as well as Auroville Units and Services who visit the Art for Land Exhibition on the 21st, 25th and 28th February and who sign up for a recurring monthly land contribution. Irrespective of amount, they will receive as a gift a photo of their selection from Loretta’s rare photograph collection.

The ‘Art for Land’ auction is a showcase for the creativity of Auroville’s artists and those of artist friends, united to benefit Auroville’s land. It culminates February’s land solidarity actions where the Unity Pavilion, Visitors Centre, the Auroville Marathon, Auroville commercial units and restaurants have all joined hands for the land. Please look for the table cards at participating AV eateries!

LFAU thanks the artists for their generosity, the Unity Pavilion team for their outstanding work, the Visitors Centre, the Marathon Team and all participants and contributors for their solidarity!

All proceeds are land donations to be used by the Land Board for the unified & harmonious base that the City of Dawn needs!

Settling winning donation bids after the Auction

ART FOR LAND is non-commercial and all proceeds are land donations. The works have been donated by the artists and are distributed through a donation auction whereby donors submit donation-offers for specific works of art. Shipping of works is at the winning bidder’s expense, but can be organized via Unity Pavilion.

For settlement of winning land-donation bids:
- by credit card: make your donation via the ‘Auroville Donation Gateway’ www.auroville.com/donations/ using the specific option “Land Purchase - City Area & Master Plan Priority Plots - Acres for Auroville”

- by cash, bank transfer or check: to “Art for Land” - Unity Fund account No. 252412; For donations in foreign currency, please visit Financial Service at Town Hall with your Passport / Visa and deposit your winning bid in the above-mentioned account.

Tax exemption: Land donations by Indian donors through the above options are tax exempt under sections 80G and SSR 100% via 35(i)(iii). Foreign donors in countries offering tax exemptions must make their land donations via the AVI center of the country where they pay taxes in order to settle their winning bid.

Unity Pavilion - a message of unity for the Land!

The ‘Art for Land’ Exhibition cum Auction is part of the growing efforts to secure needed funds and raise awareness for Auroville’s still-missing land. We warmly invite you to come to see the beauty and diversity of expression as well as the generosity that is so abundantly present! The works can also be viewed in our online gallery Art For Land Web Site.

Pre-bidding is possible at the Unity Pavilion and by email via the above site until Auction Day on February 25th when the land donation bids will be finalized and the winning bids announced. We aspire to be able to include on-line and telephone bidding during the event.

The Unity Pavilion continues on this week with a full and very rich calendar of land solidarity events! To finish this very special month of land solidarity, on 28th February at 5pm we will have a gathering to announce the results of the ‘Art for Land’ Auction and of the other dedicated efforts this month for the land! The Unity Pavilion intends to continue Art for Land as an ongoing action as a valuable tool for raising funds & awareness.

Securing the land Mother envisaged for Auroville needs a very sustained collective effort, possible through an aspiration of Unity at all levels - concrete and material - in attitude as well as effort. We remember that the Supramental Consciousness is a Unity Consciousness, at work amongst us for the 61 years since February 29th, 1956!

The Mother said that she’d rather have 1 million people give one rupee each than one person giving 1 million rupees. This is why we are encouraging every Financial Service account-holder to commit to a regular donation for Land every month. Even a trickle from everyone would have a great symbolic and practical impact! In that spirit, we’re offering a rare photograph of your choice from Loretta’s collection when you sign up on February 21st, 25th, or 28th for a recurrent monthly land donation of any amount!

All those wanting to serve Mother & Sri Aurobindo, wherever you may be, let us each bring whatever support we can offer for the land. Collective aspiration and perseverance can create a true Ganga of Abundance. Let us all come together to secure the lands for manifesting The Mother’s Dream & Vision - for The City of Dawn, ‘the City the Earth needs’! Jaya & the Unity Pavilion
## Solidarity Events for Auroville Land this week at Unity Pavilion

Information at 0413-2623 576 / unitypavilionauroville.wordpress.com/

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

The beautiful ART FOR LAND website with its gallery of artwork is now online [Art For Land Web Site](http://artforland.auroville.org)

And as always, all through the year donations are welcome through LFAU: [www.colaap.org](http://www.colaap.org)
Notice by Bharat Nivas Trust to All Construction Units of Auroville

The Bharat Nivas Trust in collaboration with TDC (Town Development Council) is going to ask bids from registered Auroville construction units for the completion of the skeleton raw structure (column and roof of the first floor and water tank) of the TAMIL HERITAGE CENTER. Proper intimation notice will be send individually to all registered construction units of Auroville. If by any reason you haven’t received the intimation by February 21th at 10.30 am, kindly contact the L’Avenir office if you are interested to bid.

For any information please contact: avenir@auroville.org.in or viji@auroville.org.in

Land Protection - Announcement to the Community

Dear Community, in response to the recommendations made by Land Protection - Announcement to the Core Group in their report of the outcome of the workshops, since no objections have been received from the community, the Working Committee, the Auroville Council and the TDC have formed a Land Protection Team to follow up on all the recommended lines of approach by supporting and harmonising all efforts related to Land protection. The aim is to bring updates on the work done, along with specific proposals for further action, to a Residents Assembly before the end of April.

At present this team consists of the following Core Group members who have renewed their commitment: Bertrand, Carel, Dorle, Mandakini, Martin L., Pashi, Paul Vincent, Peter A., Sauro, Shraddhavan and Suhasini. Resource Persons: Toine has committed to continue acting as a Resource Person for the group working on Statutory land use protection with the Tamil Nadu Government. Other Auroville residents who are willing to commit their energies to one or more of the work areas listed below, are invited to send their contact details to the Working Committee on wcoffice@auroville.org.in by 28-02-2017 mentioning the area(s) you are committing to work on.

AREAS OF WORK:

1) Tasks to be carried out within the Community:

a) The existing Master Plan needs to be supplemented with a Land Use Schedule and Detailed Development Plans based on inputs from the Community of Auroville and approved by the RA and the Governing Board.

b) Preparation of Detailed Development Plans and the selection of the new TDC. This work falls under the responsibility of the Auroville Council, and will soon we presented to the community for RA ratification.

c) Accelerate construction, and support work with the Land Protection Team, in consultation with the relevant groups, and brought to the community; Accelerate land purchase, and support work with the Land Fundraising teams, A4A and LFAU by stimulating new fundraising initiatives and improving communication and data-sharing with the TDC and to Auroville. This work presently falls under the responsibility of the Land Board and the FAMC.

d) Support the Working Committee with increased collaboration and improvement of relations with local authorities.

2) Options for an effective Statutory land-use mechanism to be explored further with the Tamil Nadu Government:

a) Creation of unique statutory land regulation frameworks for Auroville, tailor-made to the uniqueness of the project.

b) Revival of an Amendment to the Town and Country Planning Act that had been considered by the Government of Tamil Nadu committee in 2009 and to which Auroville had contributed.

c) Formation of a New Town Development Authority constituted for regulating land-use within the Master Plan area of Auroville (or a wider area) on the basis of the zoning regulation envisaged in the Auroville Master Plan (published in the gazette of the Government of India), and for promoting the aims and ideals given by the Mother for the development of Auroville.

General outcome and note to the community:
The general outcome of the workshops and studies was that it is the hour to bring about a real change in our internal policies and mind-sets to support growth and sharing and increase cooperation between Auroville and the local authorities. It is important to note that the three key features as described above, (1.a) Preparation of Detailed Development Plans, (1.b) Land Purchase acceleration and, (2) a better statutory land-use regulation mechanism, must run in parallel and that feature number 2 does not replace, but complements the other two actions in order to provide Auroville with a comprehensive land-protection plan and an effective land-protection platform. The tasks to be carried out within the community such as the preparation of Detailed Development Plans and the acceleration of land purchase have to be done, irrespective of whether the existing Tamil-Nadu land-use regulation system remains or whether a new, more effective mechanism is explored and put in place.

The Land Protection Team looks forward to further participation in this work and will keep the community informed.

Kindly, The Core Team, on behalf of the Working Committee, the Auroville Council and the TDC.

General Meeting to discuss Varuna’s Proposed Solar Power Plant in Auroville

Dear Friend, Varuna and the Interim Town Development Council would like to invite you to hear an update on Varuna’s plans for its proposed new Solar Power Plant, located within Auroville.

WHEN: 4.00 pm, Monday, 27th February
WHERE: BHAVISHYATE in BHARAT NIVAS

(new building behind SA Auditorium and Kalakendra)

The meeting will allow time for questions and discussion.

Thank you for your participation,
Varuna and ITDC team

Sign up now for Auroville Nature Camp 2017!

Calling all kids ages 9-14! Registration is now open for Auroville Nature Camp 2017!

Auroville Nature Camp is a chance to explore, discover, and play in the beautiful hills near Kodaikanal for 10 days in May. It is a chance to leave your mobile phones and other digital gadgets at home, and to just be in the wilderness. It is a chance to meet new friends from other schools and to try things that you haven’t tried before, such as trekking or rock-climbing. We invite you to come and join us for camp this year!

This year there will be three separate camps: Group 1 (May 1-12), Group 2 (May 11-22) and Group 3 (May 21-June 1). Each camp is held for 10 full days at camp, plus 2 travel days. The cost per student is Rs 3600, which includes all food and lodging for those days. If you would like to sign up, please find the contact person at your school and s/he will give you all the details. Registration closes on March 15th.

Also - this year, we invite everyone to bring your own tent, if you have one.

We look forward to seeing you at camp! If you have any further questions, please contact: naturecamp@auroville.org.in

AV Nature Camp Team
FAMC on Loans

Dear community,

During the last few months the FAMC has become aware of a few cases of irregular, usurious or unauthorized loans being taken by Auroville units and services and being facilitated by Aurovilians. These loans were also omitted from the unit balance sheet.

Please be reminded that, in accordance with published and email-distributed loan policies, such loans (and facilitation of the same) are not permitted. All loans from external parties (whether from banks, local lenders or others) need to be shown in the book of accounts and need to be done in accordance with the published loan guidelines. (For Trusts and units see: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/49211)

Any loans taken outside of the published guidelines will not be honored and Auroville does not accept any liability for them. If you have a doubt or any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact us at adminfamc@auroville.org.in.

Regards, Amy, Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Lyle, Prabhu, Stephanie, Ulli, and Yuval (FAMC)

Houses available for transfer

1. Vaiya’s House, Surya Nivas, Auromodel: Apartment plus Atelier/Office for transfer in Surya Nivas Auromodel. 86 square meter ground floor apartment with attached 67 square meter ground floor Atelier. Will be available beginning May. Suitable for a single person or couple.

Re-announced:

1. Creativity E-block First Floor Hemant’s House: Area - 111.20 Sqm. Three bedrooms apartment with kitchen, Passage, toilet, open terrace and a balcony. * Available in April 2018
2. Invocation I Isabelle’s House: Area 157.11 Sqm. Family House. Three storied RCC framed structure residential unit consisting of living, two Bed rooms, kitchen, Toilet, verandah & sit outs including one store room which was shared by two residents and stair room shared by six residents. With Solar Panels and fittings. Available in November 2017.
3. Auromodel Anu & Pierre workshop and residence (2 separate buildings): Area - 330Sq.m + 90 Sqm. The place as a whole could accommodate a professional, such as an artist, architect or a quiet unit with residence, or it can be split into 3 to 4 parts to be shared by friends, as a semi collective set-up. Ready now.
5. Quiet Hilde’s House: Area - 100.36 Sqm. Semi-permanent structure with sloped thatched roof, supported on granite pillars with unplastered brick walls in cement mortar. Living cum kitchen, toilet, sit out and mezzanine

Housing Project under construction

-Kalpana - 26 apartments of different sizes available.
-Studio - 8 nos, 1BHK - 10 nos, 2 BHK - 5 nos, 3 BHK - 3 nos. Will be ready next year 2018.
-Contact Person: Satyakam [Satyakam is available every Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5.30. For appointment e-mail to: satyakam@auroville.org.in]

-Contact person: Subasini [E-mail: subasini@auroville.org.in]

-Auromodelle Orchard - Several houses are still to be built. Will be ready in 2018. 7 out of 14 are available for booking.
-Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodelle

For more information contact: Housing Service (Town Hall) - Phone: (0413) 2622585 / e-mail: housing@auroville.org.in

From the Entry Service - N&N No - 687

Dated 18.02.2017

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Andres ACOSTA (Columbian)
Mathilde TRUCHOT (French)

The Entry Service is open to the public Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 12:30.
For additional information, please write to newcomer@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.

L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 18/02/2017

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: NO New SA
• Building Applications:
  1) Conscious Living-Fabien Bontems, office extension and packing room in Fraternity on plot no. BO 139/4 for 77.37 sq.m.

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS
• Site applications
  Housing Service, residential community with shared space for young Aurovilians and Newcomers, on plot no.IR 207/7, for total area 2476 sq.m.
  Project write up given by the project holder:
  Project Title: Semi-permanent fast-track housing for young families of Aurovilians and Newcomers (Extension of Project Y)
  Proposed Site Location: Near Reve
  Project Holder: Housing Service
  Architect: Chun Hoe
  Contact Persons: Housing Service
  Plot No: Near Reve (IR 207/7)
  Total Area of the project: 2476 sq.m.
  Build up Area: 290 sq.m.
  Description / Background: After the Retreat 2015, it has become apparent that there is an urgent need to welcome more young people into Auroville, in order for real growth of all respects to happen. One of the biggest issues that Auroville faces today is a lack of housing, particularly for young Aurovilians and young people that want to join Auroville but have limited financial means. This fast-track housing initiative will at once address the needs of 6 families that are already in Auroville with an urgent need for housing. At the same time it will help to protect a valuable piece of land from the immediate danger of encroachment, in order to reserve it for future city developments.
  This project should be regarded as semi-permanent, as the buildings are permanent movable buildings with a lifecycle of about 30 years but the site they will be built on is non-permanent, pending the further development of the city area. If the buildings need to be relocated before the end of their lifecycle, they can be fully dismantled and moved to another location without any of the materials going to waste.
  • 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.
Important: Auroville becoming 50

Dear all, in order to harmoniously schedule all the events planned for the 50th Anniversary with the regular events that take place from September 2017 to June 2018, we are inviting all the organisers of the recurrent events/festivals/tournaments and those who are planning events especially for the 50th Anniversary, but that are independent from the proposal submitted for GOI grant funding, to send their tentative dates and venues to: 50core@auroville.org.in.

All the information gathered will be available on a public calendar. We aim at avoiding conflict of venues and regulating the number of events during the same period.

Thank you for your collaboration,
Chali, Fabienne, Frederick, Mariana
[Core Team - Auroville Becoming 50]

Submiting bills for AVHF before end of March 2017

To all members of the AV Health Fund, if you still have any medical bills from the past months at home please drop them, together with your doctor prescription and your PT account number, in the Health Fund box at Aspiration Health Centre or the collection box at Santé.

As the financial year is going to end, all the pending bills from April 2016 till February 2017 have to be processed before the end of March 2017. Only the medical bills from March 2017 can be paid till end of April 2017.

The audit service has told not to process any bills from last financial year after March 2017.

Please check your cupboards while there is still time!

From AV Health Fund

OR YOUR INFORMATION

Safety Advice for our Guests

Welcome to Auroville, the universal city in the making!

Our township is located in rural traditional South India whose standard of living is largely different from ours and yours, so:

here are a few recommendations to avoid inconvenience:

• Keep valuable items out of sight or safe in the locker of your guest house.
• Make sure the door of your room locks properly and is locked when you are sleeping.
• Only invite well known persons into your accommodation.
• Keep important documents in a safe at your guesthouse and keep a photocopy of them.
• Do not leave your passport with anyone.
• Keep your bag on you, strap across your shoulders, and not in the basket of either your cycle or moped/motorbike.
• Lock your moped, bike or cycle when you are not using it.
• Only offer rides to men or women you know well.
• None of the two-wheelers available for rental in and around Auroville have insurance that is valid for commercial rental hire. This can be a problem if you have an accident, or are checked by traffic police.
• Night falls quickly over here. It gets dark between 6.00 to 7.00pm depending on the time of the year.
• If you need to travel at dusk or at night, first make sure you know the way to your destination in order not to get lost, and then if possible try to go together with someone rather than alone.
• It is best for couples to refrain from showing their affection in public places.
• Dress decently by local standards, both men and women: pants or long shorts and tops with sleeves.
• Ladies, wearing full piece bathing suits can help you from being bothered on the beach.

Be aware that incidents of theft, harassment and aggression are not uncommon in this area.

If you are confronted with a potentially dangerous situation:

♦Call our emergency line immediately.
♦If you do not have a phone, approach one of the security guards posted at road junctions in Auroville. They will call one of the Security in Charge.
♦Try to note the offender’s vehicle plate number and any detail that can help identify the vehicle or the offender.
♦Report the incident to your Guest House manager.

The laws of India must be respected:

- Consumption, possession and selling of drugs are illegal in India.
- Smoking in public places is illegal in India.
- If you want to drive a motor vehicle, you will need an International Driving Permit or an Indian Driving License.

The use of alcohol or drugs is contrary to the spirit and ideals of Auroville.

Keep the following numbers in your phone directory

AV Safety & Security (Emergency line): 94430-90107 (24/7)
AV Safety & Security Office: 0413-2623400 (9.30AM to 12.30PM - 2.30PM to 4.30PM on weekdays)
AV Ambulance: 9442224680 - PIMS Hospital: 0413 - 2656271

Pondy trips on Darshan days - February 21st, Mother’s Birthday

For those wishing to have Darshan in Mother’s room using Auroville’s collective transport, the SAIER bus will leave from Matrimandir at 3 pm, stop at the Solar Kitchen and follow the ordinary route, returning from Pondy at 6 pm.

Tokens are required.

This is not a commercial bus and the offer is only for Aurovillians and newcomers having Darshan.

Paulette
Children Activity Garten - Open during Feb Holidays

“Children Activity Garten” in a friendly-home atmosphere is open for children from 3 to 6 years old, during the school holiday in February; Mo - Fr, 9 am to 4 pm.

Interested working or traveling parents can contact us via email for more information: egle@auroville.org.in

Important: from the Residents Service

Please keep in mind the following points:

- The Residents Service is only helping the Residents of Auroville, who are holding an Entry or (X) Visa, to make the papers needed for the registration and extension at the RRO (Regional Registration Office in Pondicherry).
- But every person is still responsible for their own Visa-related requirements! If you come too late, at the moment of expiry or afterwards, we cannot be pushed or prioritize you online.
- If you furnish all the relevant information to the Residents Service, we can help you to keep track when your Residential Permit is running out, but for that you have to give us a copy of your valid Residential permit or Stay Visa.
- Under all circumstances you are responsible for your own Visa requirements. You must keep in mind the end of validity of your Passport, Visa and Residential Permit.

Postings

Looking for contact details of Ann’s family in NZ

Hello this is Chieko and I'm now at home in New Zealand. I've heard about a story of Ann (I hope my memory is correct) who started the Integral Animal Care and dedicated her life for the animals. While I'm in New Zealand, I'd like to pay a visit to her family. Her family has been sending NZ calendars every year, and I saw the one of last year at the Integral Animal Care Centre. If anyone knows her family's address, I'd really appreciate it very much. I'll be here in NZ till 1 March. Love, Chieko. Email chichocado@auroville.org.in, Whatsapp 9159052180. NZ mobile. 0064-21-0236-8435

Shared Transport Services - Our Recent Success Story!

In collaboration with Auro’ Cabs, Shared Transport Services (STS) was able to complete its first 3-person sharing trip! One passenger was dropped at Chennai Airport and 2 passengers were picked up on the way back to Auroville. Each passenger was able to make up to Rs 1,450 in savings and cut carbon emissions by approximately 95kg.

Thank you for your support! We can further reduce cost of travel, environmental impact and traffic congestion, if more taxi bookings are done through STS. Kind Regards, STS

To book a taxi please visit: sharedtransport.auroville.org.in or dial: +91 413 2623 200, +91 413 2623 201, +91 8270512508


“The approach in these lectures, as in other courses that have been published, was to follow the formal, systematic approach of the University of Human Unity, to undertake an exploration of the points of view of various writers, - in this case philosophers of the modern and post-modern period who have asked the question: What is Consciousness?” - Rod Hemsel

Volunteers Still Needed at the Art for Land!

Pleasant, easy duty in a beautiful (and sometimes entertaining) energy field - why not help out for a shift or two before the end of Feb? Be with hundreds of photos of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo, while friends and guests select them against a donation to the land. Help secure the body of Auroville! Contact Swaha @ SwahaUS@gmail.com; (0413) 262-3898 or text to 890-344-9398 (if you don’t reach me on the land line). Thanks much!

- All new passports and new Entry Visas (X) have to be registered at the RRO within 14 days of issues or arrival in India, failing that a penalty of Rs. 1,800/- will have to be paid.
- Avoid the fine by coming to the Residents Service on time.
- All PIO and OCI card holders have to inform the Residents Service of their IN’s and OUT’s abroad and of your update in Auroville.

Please, don’t forget to inform us when you are leaving and arriving from abroad. Also inform us when you change your residing place, working place, phone number and email id, in order to contact you easily.

For any information needed please contact us at the Residents Service, Phone: (0413) 2622191 - resservice@auroville.org.in

New BSNL Selfcare Portal: login solution

Previously we were seized with this new portal, that BSNL suddenly shifted to, causing consternation. NOW one of our star team members “Segar”, the Accountant, discovered a simple solution!!! At the new portal use your old User ID and CAPTCHA to reach the Password page. Here again use your old password. Now change/update the email and mobile number with the one you want to use, and click the confirmation link and OTP to update your information. Thereafter the username will be the email address used.

TS is replacing all emails and mobile numbers with your current data if not already done. AVTS

Road Safety for all: a message to guests and guesthouse managers:

Every year in the February season Auroville hosts many guests, visitors and day trippers; hospitality business in full flow. The figure of people visiting in and around Auroville exceeds the number of Auroville residents and last weekend the numbers swelled with another 3,500 marathon runners! The roads everyone uses have become dangerous and many small and larger accidents happen. Guest house managers let your guests know about the long, shady network of bicycle paths for pedestrians and cyclists, encourage cycling and carry the cycle network map for your guests.

Warn your guests about Traffic rules (loose at the best of times) but keeping to the LEFT side of the road and using indicators or hand gestures while changing direction will go a long way!

Many guests drive a motorized vehicle for the first time and should at least know the basics of driving … Wishing everyone safe travels on the Auroville roads and pathways. Lisbeth

Volunteers wanted for Litter Free Auroville 2017: Do you feel concerned by the growing quantity of waste which is spreading out all over our planet? Ecoservice, Upcycling and Wasteless are organizing an event to present a beautiful trashion show, to do some workshops with school children and adults, and most important to inform about waste management. It will take place from the 17th of March till the 9th of April in Kala Kendra, in Bharat Nivas.

We would like to meet some volunteers to help us to prepare and install the information exhibition, to create some nice and meaningful environment in the place and much more. Come and join the team! - Contact coordinators preferably by SMS: Marc: 944 200 6807 - Maggie: 948 996 9825

Paola, in Rome: After a break, Auroviliana Paola de Paolis continues her journey through Rome with her new book ‘Savitri - La scoperta dell’Anima e la vittoria sulla Morte’ (‘Savitri - The finding of the Soul and the victory over Death’). On Sunday 19/02 evening, she will give her presentation at ‘Mangiarte’, a classy restaurant cum art gallery, mainly frequented by youth and dedicated to artistic and musical events. It is located in the San Lorenzo quarter in the historical heart of Rome. A special addition this time will be showing of a short video of the 2007 theatrical performance of Paola’s ‘Savitri - The Finding of the Soul and the Victory over Death’ on the stage of the ‘Auditorium Parco della Musica’, the biggest multiple-stage in Rome. Submitted by Mauna
THANK YOU

A Big Thank You from Auroville Marathon Team

Auroville Marathon Organizing team appreciates the welcome and support extended to the 3,000 or so runners who came and participated in our annual event. The feedback received was very heart warming and the goodwill and appreciation that was shared was very touching. All this is only possible due to the full community support on this big annual event. A big thank you to all the residents, communities, support services and runners within Auroville. Also a big thank you to the support from the medical and police support from Pondicherry/Tamil Nadu for helping with the operational logistics for the health and security required of this large gathering.

Thank You! Auroville Marathon Organizing Team

THANK YOU

To all the participants who made this event so lively. Thank you Anand, Chandresh and the Marathon team for the opportunity.

Uma for the whole team.

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

Newcomer rooms available

In collaboration with Housing Service, Auromode Trust has created newcomers single rooms - preferably for youth, completely furnished which is available now for rent at Auromode with the following facilities all included:
- Fridge - Water Heater - Gas stove with cylinder - Washing machine collective - Wi-Fi Connection collective - Aquadyn drinking water collective - 24 hours Generator back-up - 24 hours Security service - Car, Bike & Cycle parking
For visiting, please contact Louis, Telephone: 0413-2622209 / Email: louis@auroville.org.in (or) Pandian, Mobile: 9943390391 Email: pandian@auroville.org.in, Louis & Andre (Auromode)

House-sitting 1: I am a French woman (30 years old) and I am new since December. I am looking for a long house sitting during my new comer period from the beginning of May to January/February 2018 (Date is flexible, I can start little bit before). I am available at this number 82 70 70 90 17 and also at this email address audreysserre@outlook.fr. Thank you, Audrey.

House-sitting 2: My name is Isis, I am the daughter of Auromodians and I will hopefully start the Newcomer process soon. I am looking for an accommodation from now onwards. I've been staying at my parents’ but I feel I need a cocoon of my own. I am an architect and especially sensitive to space harmony, cleanliness and beauty, so I will take good care of the space you are ready to welcome me in. A house to sit, a flat/house to share or any construction to update/refurbish will do, since it is in a conscious and harmonious place. I'm a hands-on person. Thank you all. Isis - 9611396869 or isisrouxpages@gmail.com

TAXI SHARING

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 20th: A taxi will be leaving for Chennai airport on 20th Feb, in the afternoon. If you want to use the taxi from AV to Chennai, please get in touch at the earliest. Thank you. Sudhir - Contact: sudhir@auroville.org.in, 9486268021

February 21st: I would like to share a taxi to Chennai airport on the 21st Feb at 10 am - Leaving from Aspiration. Contact Nicole: 005491162972919 what’s up - Thanks

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/SM: 8270404170

February 21st: Going to Chennai airport, leaving Auroville at 3:30 am. Interested in sharing either way, contact Antoine: 8940740529 / antoine@auroville.org.in.

February 22nd: Taxi to Chennai Airport on Wednesday Feb 22nd, leaving Auroville at 4.30 am with one person - coming back empty. Thank you, Yanooaka at: yanooaya@gmail.com

February 23rd: Leaving on 23rd March from AV to Chennai Airport at 18.30-1900hrs. For sharing the taxi either way please contact verity.thorburn@gmail.com

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

March 2nd: 3 seats available, departing Joy Community at 11:30 pm to go to Chennai Airport. Taxi empty back to Auroville. Contact: Michèle Astried: 786 8084 923 or herran08@gmail.com

March 14th/15th: leaving from CGH at 8pm on 14/03 to Chennai- Airport. Sharing charges with two persons is possible. Taxi is empty going back to Auroville at midnight. Three spaces available. Please contact Amba at: herran08@gmail.com

AVAILABLE

A motorbike: Do you need a motorbike? Here a Honda Hero available, helmet included. Contact Giacomo: 9487340778 or giacomoauroville@gmail.com

Pure organic coconut oil: From Av Gokulam Farm - excellent for cooking, hair and skin care, massage etc... Contact Anand: 986 562 3504

Solar Freezer: Top loader: ideal for cafes, restaurants or community kitchens - See it in AEP (Auroville Energy Products), just past Auromode and Inside India /the Travel agency at workdays. Contribution negotiable. Lisbeth for AEP - tel 2622581/2


German books - Electronics - Motorbike: Cleaning up - help would be fine. Available with Hans in Silence - the hidden place between Verite and Auromics. Subjects: spirituality, healing, alternative, Live, tec and others. Hans: 95858 29329 / innowation@gmail.com

Good helmet available: In the small town where I grew up, my brothers and I were known as the “family of big heads.” My big head (not swollen, mind you!) has meant that I have spent quite a bit of time, energy, money, searching for the perfect helmet that fits me. In the process, I have discarded 2 helmets (I imported one a really good brand that I have used only 3-4 times and can give away for 1/2 the cost; white with crazy design; full face; anti-scratch visor). Given that Puducherry is likely to make helmet use compulsory in the coming months, perhaps you would like to try this helmet for size?
Let me know :) - Bindu 94866-23278 –+91-413-2622794
Climbing rope: The Treecare team is looking for second hand 11mm static climbing rope if anyone has some ropes they are not using we would be happy to buy it or just put it to good use. You can contact us by calling Anadi 9655477329 Jonas 9159843579 or Julian 9443658125 or send us a email under info@treecareindia.com. Regards, Treecare team.

Babies for Water Course: Dear parents, I am teaching Watsu for babies on Tuesday 21st, February, at Quiet Healing Center. After practicing on dolls in the morning, for the afternoon we are looking for babies from birth to 2 years, who would enjoy being in warm water therapy pool together with one of the parents and possibly be in my arms or a student’s (not necessary). Time 2.30-4.30 pm; or less if your baby has enough of water. You will need a water diaper.
If you are interested pls send me an email: dariya@auroville.org.in, or sms: 9786658967. In case I didn't reply, it means I didn't receive your message, so try again.
Thank you, Dariya

A guitar: Hey I'm a Volunteer and will stay in Auroville for 6 months. I'm looking for someone who could lend me his/her guitar. Contact: 8270710327 or lucamiralles@gmail.com - Lucas

Sunglasses (Found): near Grace - Ladies' style, white and purple. Please pass by the News&Notes office.

A set of 2 keys (Found): On a red rope. Looks like TVS moped keys. Found on the road just outside the Town hall on Sunday evening. Please contact: functionalforms@gmail.com if it's yours. Shama

Reading glasses (Found): in Roma's Kitchen on Saturday night. Owner pls claim on Tuesday as Monday we are closed.

Communication Manager for Auroville Consulting
Auroville Consulting is looking for a full time communication manager for its office in Saracon. The person will oversee all marketing and communications for Auroville Consulting services and activities. This includes content creation for reports, social media and press releases in close coordination with project managers and graphic designers, as well as social media management and relation management with media inside and outside of Auroville.

Aravind Vision Centre
The “Aravind” Vision Centre, located inside Auroville Health Centre, is moving to a new location in Koot Road on 28 February 2017, due to insufficient patients reporting at this branch since the centre was opened in 21 February 2014.

Integral Health - Classical homeopathy; transpersonal regression therapy; child care
Presentation Monday 20th February 3 pm at Integral Health on “Harmony and Samata” - homeopathic remedies carrying the energies of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo and “Homeopathic First Aid” - Simple use of homeopathic remedies for injuries, travel sickness, and much more, and PC remedies - information remedies for Trauma, infectious and chronic diseases. Presentation in English. All are welcome.
First Aid Kits with 32 homeopathic remedies. The brochure in English, French, Deutsch and Tamil are available again! PC remedies, information medicine for Diabetes. High Blood pressure and Trauma have shown very effective. We provide 84 PC remedies for Trauma, infectious diseases and chronic diseases. The developer of PC remedies is Dr. Harry van der Zee, internationally renowned homeopath and friend of Auroville [www.arhf.ni] Sigríð and Peter are available for consultations in “Sensation Method”, an internationally practiced advanced classical homeopathy! Sigríð has taught this method since 2004 to MDs in Germany and Spain.
Malar is certified in homeopathy and offers consultation for homeopathic First Aid and PC remedies. Camille, a professional in “psychomotricite” is an occupational therapist, working with children, mainly afternoons and Saturdays, in English and French language. Contact Email: camille@auroville.org.in, mobile 8098796307 Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, and Tamil.
Malar is managing the office, mailing of remedies, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12 am. You are welcome to contact us at: integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue.
Please make an appointment beforehand via Integral Health, Prayatna: 0413-2623669
Sigríð sigrid@auroville.org.in, www.sigridlindemann.com, www.auroville-holistic.com / Peter peterh@auroville.org.in, mobile 9787698464 / Ingo ingo@auroville.org.in, 9489325085 / Malar malar@auroville.org.in, 9585012007 / Camille camille@auroville.org.in, mobile 8098796307
More information is available on: www.auroville.org

Mobile phone (lost): Philips E130 - Basic color - Red & black (old Nokia type). Contact Karthick, email: karthick.275@gmail.com
Kindle lost! Please help us find our kindle, it has a black and white cover (looks like a retro style notebook). We lost it on the 12 of February around “Yatra” guest house and “New Creation” area. If you found it please hand it to “New Creation” office or call: +91 96-65-328365. Thank you, Sarit

An amma: I am looking for an amma for 2 days/week. My house is in Fertile (after Dana), in the green belt and I do not speak Tamil. My phone is: 9489805493 - Thanks, Christine
Dear listeners!

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

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

Stefano seems to be still our busiest volunteer, and this past week he recorded Beyond Time, Rage and Beyond, Concert of Western Music, Acrosanti. Steve meanwhile covered Music of Love for Mother’s Land and Nadeesh Sound Bath.

You might want to listen to an interesting interview with Dr. Aurkha Chabalala on Traditional African Medicine. We captured some impression from 10th AV Marathon for Land, and from The Sage from Ages & Kaa rtikz Ensemble.

Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo and Gangalakshmi with her Selections in French - uncut version on the request of listeners!

Out of the regular programs are here also Thursdays and Mondays news.

Music lovers can dwell a bit in a history with Raw Spouse from Barbados aligning with recent the 50th anniversary of independence of the island. Yesterday was World Radio Day. Radio as a media tool has come a long way since Marconi invented it 120 years ago, in 1897. The UNESCO has designated February 13 as World Radio Day, to celebrate its strengths in fields like socio-economic development.

“When you listen to radio you are a witness of the everlasting war between idea and appearance, between time and eternity, between the human and the divine.” - Hermann Hesse

Wishing you a happy listening! Yours, AV Radio Team

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**Sports**

Darkali Fitness Track open hours

New, redesigned Darkali Fitness Track is open every day From 6.30 am till 8.00 am and From 4.00 pm till 6.30 pm

Please come not later than 15 minutes before closing time: it can take 45 minutes to do all the exercises, jogging takes 15 minutes.

Please note, in case of rain the Fitness Track will be closed until the path is dry. - Way to the gate in Google Maps: goo.gl/dpdTgf

Darkali Team

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Birthday Week Basketball League 2017 - Certitude, February 20th to 28th

Auroville Basketball League 2017 - TEAMS&PLAYERS

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**Eating Out**

**Organic News from the bakery:** We are happy to inform the community that we are going organic with our maida & wheat from next Monday (20.02.2017) onward. There will be a change in the cost too.

You can now get a variety of healthy vegetables & fruits juices at our bakery café as always with the AV discount. Recently we set up a free Wi-Fi hotspot so you can stay connected while sipping the coffee from our new Italian barista machine.

If you still didn’t hear the news, we are open on **Sunday for half a day**. The bakery will have fresh croissants, cakes, cookies and the bakery café with the regular menu.

If you have any questions or suggestions please don’t hesitate to email us: avbakery@auroville.org.in

See you there!

**Auroville Bakery Team**

**Jolly Kimbap update:** On Saturday 18 Feb “Jolly Kimbap” will be closed as we are helping the women festival by cooking up a storm in the kitchen!

And we have added new items to our menu called “one bowl dish” - great as a lunch meal!

Check out the new dishes on the Jolly Kimbap Facebook Smiles, Jolly Team

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**Green Matters**

**Sunday 19th of February**

**Fertile Field from 10.30 - 12 noon**

**With Jan & Jana**

The dream of Jan and Jana in Fertile Field is to maintain a thick lush forest strong enough to support wildlife and restore the earth to a healthier existence. We have many porcupines living here. We have seen quite a few deer and recently we have been seeing Jungle Cats!

This forest is young compared to some other forests in Auroville. It was started 17 years ago by Perumal and Jana. It began as 20 acres of open land with no tree in sight and has now grown into a beautiful thick forest.

Jana studies insects so she planted the front part of the forest with trees that support butterfly life as a special project. A forester named Jan has lived here since 2013 and works hard to keep the forest healthy and strong. This year we planted 900 saplings throughout the forest and on new pieces of land which have been added to our forest this year.

**Route description for the adventurous:** From Solar Kitchen 20 minute cycle ride.

Out of the SK front gate, go straight past the Library, Arka and Sante, towards Transition School. When you see the upturned car, stay to the left until you hit the Green Belt Road. Turn right on this road. Past Baraka on your left, around the corner you see a watchman hut, here turn left, follow the road till you come to a road that runs under the power lines, here turn right. Follow this road until you come to a small left turn-off, marked with 2 granite pillars. Follow this road till the end when you make a left turn, go straight down this long winding forest road, till you come to our silver gate and that’s Fertile Field!

**NEXT WEEK:**

**Sunday Walk of 26th February** location not known yet; see announcements in this space next week, on Auronet and the Posters

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**My Autopsy - A preview**

Hamish Boyd and Fif Fernandes both agree that this has been a lengthy dissection, however, unlike a real body, this body of work has benefitted from a long fermentation process.

The work started out as part of a screenwriting for actors workshop in Vancouver with Jeff Cohen, and really started to get somewhere with Doug Curtis’s storytelling workshop at Ghost River Theatre.

*My Autopsy* is Hamish’s life story, or parts of it. Images and scenes drawn from both his childhood and his adult adventures in India. Demons and monsters come up frequently in our conversation and Hamish tells me that he had a real addiction to horror movies as a child. They gave him nightmares and resulted in a number of monsters taking up residence in his psyche and childhood bedroom. *My Autopsy* reveals and exposes these, and were some of the first stories to come to light in his storytelling workshop with Curtis.

Undoubtedly Fif, Hamish’s partner and “director-by-default” as she called herself, has been a great help to Hamish. She started out just getting him to write down his thoughts (that blank computer screen is so intimidating!), then getting him on his feet, speaking the stories (sometimes improvised) while in process. Now she keeps him from getting “too precious” and pushes him to get down to the barebones of his tales and experiences. Hamish points out that this allows the audience to feel what they want to feel alongside him.

Fif sounds pretty straight up in her direction of Hamish when making the transformation from page to stage, getting him to “just cut all the purple prose [...] Just tell it to me.”

After the first reading in Tibetan Pavilion, Fif says that she and Hamish had many readings of the show. Their goal was to detect the response different groups had to the piece. An important aspect of the show is the balance of Eastern and Western philosophy and the diversity and unity that lies within. The readings were important to get a sense of how the work was received on those levels as well.

Fif and Hamish both agree that this particular incarnation has reached a new depth. Fif sees “a depth and a richness that comes from Auroville,” and Hamish cites a number of experiences in this last year in Auroville that have contributed to that as well. In addition, this year Hamish found himself really plunging into the depth and dealing with darkness and deep personal wounds. This coincided with Hamish’s reading Satprem’s “Adventures in Consciousness,” where he found similar experiences, and drew connections between Sri Aurobindo’s delving into the darkness, and his own childhood experiences of darkness with monsters and demons.

*My Autopsy* plays at CRIPA Feb 17, 18 and 19, (Fri. Sat. Sun.) at 7:30. Please be in your seat by 7:25.

- Kaeridwyn Eftelya (professional theatre artist and sometime writer for Auroville Art Service)
AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

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

5.30 to 6.00 pm

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

Reminder to all:
The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.
We request everyone: please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

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

Water Ceremony
for Auroville’s 50th Anniversary
(An appeal for collecting water)

Dear Friends,
There will be a water ceremony after the early morning meditation of 28.2.2018, in the Amphitheatre. It is proposed that water from different water bodies of the world be collected and brought to Auroville. Bringing together of water from all over the world in a symbolic ceremony at the centre of Auroville would not only mean a prayer for unity but also a prayer for this diminishing resource for the whole world.

We need the collaboration of the peoples of the world to make this event come true.

We invite Aurovilians, Newcomers, Guests, Visitors, Friends of Auroville, representing different nations of the world to help us in our endeavour.

Please bring us a little water from your country.

If you wish to participate in this attempt then this is what we propose:

1. The water must be from a lake or lakes, or from a river or rivers from your country.
2. The amount can be anything between 500ml to 1000ml from each water source.
   Can be a smaller quantity if bringing it over pauses a problem.
3. If possible, to be boiled or sterilized in some manner to avoid transfer of harmful microorganisms.
4. To be bottled in a leak proof bottle and carried in the luggage that is checked in.
5. Each bottle must be labeled with:
   1) name of the county
   2) source of the water
   3) mentioning whether sterilized or not.
   (If not, then the sterilization will be done over here.)
6. The water must reach us anytime between November 2017 and 18th February 2018.
   It can be earlier than November if necessary.

We are open to suggestions as to how it can be done.
Please contact us at <worldwater@auroville.org.in>.

Looking forward to a collaborative effort from all.

Sincerely,
Matrimandir Events Team
Meditation for Mother's Birthday

21st February 2017, 5.45 to 6.45 am

In the Matrimandir Amphitheatre

Entrance from the Second Banyan Gate, open from 4.45 to 5.40 am only.

Please note that the gate closes at 5.40 am.

All are requested to come early and be seated by 5.45 am. Please remember to bring along a torch light and to switch off your cellphones. Please do not bring your pets to the Amphitheatre.

Photos may be taken without flash and only from the PHOTOSPOT
(please look for directions to the PHOTOSPOT)

Please note that access will be limited to the Amphitheatre only.

Please help us to maintain an atmosphere of silence for concentration.

Visitors are requested to either carry their Aurocard or collect personally free tokens available at the Visitors Centre (upstairs) on February 19th and 20th between 3 and 5 pm.

Evening of 21.2.2017, 5.30 pm

Savitri music at the Amphitheatre from 'The Triple Soul Forces'.

Entrance from Office Gate at 5 pm. Guests are requested to carry their guest cards.

Bonne Fête!

A Heart Of Silence

A musical offering by
The Russian Singing Bells

On Sunday 26 February at 5.15 pm
In the Garden of Unity, Matrimandir;
duration 1 hour

Entrance from the Office Gate at 5 pm. Guests are requested to carry their guest card with them.
**INVITATIONS**

**Programs at Unity Pavilion**

**Ongoing Exhibition: 'Art for Land'** Daily 9 am to 4.30 pm

- Friday 17 February 6 pm: Talk by Loretta: 'Sra Aurobindo and the Mother' *
- Saturday 18 February 6 pm: Talk by Loretta: ‘Coming of the New Force’ *
- Sunday 19 February 7 to 8 pm: Presentation on Land by Sigrid*
- Monday 20 February 8 pm: Emergence Concert*,
  with Krishna McKenzie - Vocals and Guitar, Mishko Mba - Bass, Karthik Iyer - Vocals and Violin, Soundar rajan - Drums
- Tuesday 21 February 4.30 pm: CAT 10 'The Joy of Creating a Green Universal Township'
- Wednesday 22 February 5.30 to 6.30 pm: 'Sound Bath' with Svaram
- Thursday 23 February 5 to 5.45 pm: Healing and Peace Meditation in the Hall of Peace
- Friday 24 February 3 pm - 4.30 pm: 'Fogofbwindi', a film by Anna Bohlmark about the destiny of the Pygmy tribe Batwa in the southern part of Uganda
- Friday 24 February 5 pm - 6.30 pm: Dance workshop 'Moving Together' based on Tribal Dance*
- Friday 24 February 7 pm - 7.30 pm: African dance Performance *
- Friday 24 February 8 pm - 10 pm: Pan African dance with Music videos *

*Fund raising Events for Auroville Land in connection with the Art for Land Exhibition

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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**Deepanam 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...

*Your Deepanam Team*

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**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.

**Location:** go from Kullapalayam 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!*

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**Auroville & Bio-Regional Integrated Youth Camp**

We invite you to join us!

We plan to celebrate this special week starting from Mother’s birthday and ending with Auroville’s birthday.

**Activities:**
- Auroville philosophy; Creative Painting; Theater; Playing Music/Singing; Story telling; Dance; Nature walk; Paper craft; Dream capture; Sound Experiences; Yoga chanting; Exchange experience Auroville & The Bio-Region

**Date:** 21 February to 25 February’2017

**Timing:** 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Place:** Mohanam Centre for Culture and Heritage (opp. Imagination)

For schedule contact Anand: 0413-2623806, 9159468946 - Organized by Mohanam (http://mohanam.org/)

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**Savi is happy to invite volunteers and guests to discover Auroville through VIP (Volunteer Introduction Program)**

A 4-day discovery journey in Auroville for long term volunteers and interns

**Date:** 23-24-27 February and 1 March - **Timing:** 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

We’ll explore Auroville history, bioregion life, spiritual insights, environmental projects, educational activities and much more.

We’ll visit projects on site and meet dedicated Aurovillans. And on Saturday evening we will gather around a potluck.

We have few places available for guests. Information and registration at: study@auroville.org, Savi Team
A Visit to Matrigold

On Thursday the 23rd of February at 3.30 pm

Birgitta will tell the quite incredible founding story of Matrigold, explain the Gold-in-Glass technique and talk about the impact this highly energizing jewellery has on the body.

It is also a chance to see the single pieces, if you come earlier or stay on afterward.

Matrigold has moved from its old space in Auromode to its nice new workshop in Sanjana. Sanjana is located in the residential zone on the way between Maitreya and Maduca on the right side (behind Arati 3). You can find us in the first half round building on the right side, when you enter the construction site, which is still hiding behind a silver coloured construction fence.

Please call 2622458, if you have trouble finding us.

EXHIBITIONS

Wall Garden Gallery

You are most kindly invited to the opening of the permanent installation WALL GARDEN GALLERY

By Miranda Rumina. Acceptance,
Thursday 23 February 2017 from 4 pm till 9 pm.

Highlight of the event will be at 7 pm with multimedia. Warm regards, Matej

Reminder: Bharat Nivas presents "India, Land of Light" - A photo Exhibition by Olivier Barot

Art Gallery, Kalakendra - 15 February to 15 March 2017 - 9 am to 5 pm. (Sundays closed)

Inauguration: Saturday, 18th Feb, at 5 pm
Program: chanting by Laxmi Santra - All are welcome.

Reminder: 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

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville - (0413) 2622403/2622994 / Pitanga@auroville.org.in
**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 20th February: Jason and the quest of the Golden Fleece (the beginnings of the spiritual journey: second part).  
The aim of these talks is to present the deep meaning of the Greek myths.  
These myths illustrate the spiritual journey up to the point where Sri Aurobindo and the Mother started the yoga of transformation.  
Everyone is welcome!

**The Joy of building a Green Universal Township (CAT 10)**  
In a spirit of embracing diversity and in search of an effective unity.  
An exploration of collaboration between environment and development.  
Tuesday February 21st from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm at Unity Pavilion  
Discussion panel of Aurovilians from various backgrounds:  
Luigi (presentation), Marti, B, Louis, Jaya, Suzie  
Followed by an open dialogue with the audience on the relation between green city and green belt.  
The aim is to dissolve polarities and prejudices in the light of the Charter and the Dream.  
CAT is a space to unleash our creative energies.  
CAT aspires to be a springboard towards the future.  
CAT is a space where we respond with discernment, respect and a spirit of collaboration.  
See you there! Love: Inge, Mita, Sandyra for the CATs team (cats@auroville.org.in)

**CIRHU (Center for International Research on Human Unity) presents:**  
**Aurovilian Conversations - “Every True Aurovilian should be an educator”**  
Aryamani’s Experience on “Bringing Sri Aurobindo on Stage”  
Thursday, 23rd February 2017 - 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm  
Venue: Bhavishyate, Bharat Nivas

**Aurovilian Conversations** are a series of weekly reflections (not lectures) between students, volunteers, newcomers and anyone interested, with Aurovilians and friends of Auroville with experience in specific fields of knowledge.  
For queries kindly call 8690586909 (Ankita) or contact: cirhu@auroville.org.in

**CULTURAL EVENTS**

**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  
To reserve 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.
Adishakti Theatre presents
Remembering Veenapani Festival 2017 – weekend #3

Friday 17/02
at 7pm
C Sharp
An Indo-German collaboration, directed by Sophia Stepf and performed by Pallavi M.D.

Saturday 18/02
at 7pm
Park
A comedy Written by Manav Kaul and directed by Nimi Ravindran

Sunday 19/02 - 3 shows
at 7 pm, 7:30 pm & 8 pm
Queen-size
Choreographed by Mandeep Raiky (Entry for Above 18yrs only)

Monday 20/02
at 7 pm
A Million Sitas
Choreographed and performed by Anita Ratnam

Friday 24/02
at 7 pm
Mein Hoon Yusuf Aur Yeh Hain Mera Bhai
An ensemble play directed by Mohit Takalkar

Full program at: http://adishaktitheatrearts.com/february-2017/ - free entry for all performances - Contact: 0413 2622287

The French Pavilion and Les Baladantes invite you to the
Closing evening of the Aurolire Festival 2017!
“Poems and songs in French”
Monday 20th February from 5.30 to 6.30 pm
At the gallery of Art of the Citadines.
Followed by a drink together.
Submitted by Florence Guichard

Piano Concert
‘Encounters and reflections’
By Hartmut von Lieres
Impressionistic Jazz
Thursday 23rd February 2017 in CRIPA
8 pm sharp (latecomers will not be admitted)

My Burning Heart
This is the true story of an ordinary man who all of a sudden has a contact with his soul.
But the contact is fleeting and leaves him with a life which no longer makes sense.
During the years when the Beat Generation was starting on its journey in search of something still unknown and finding a voice through writers such as Jack Kerouac, Satprem began a similar adventurous journey, but knowing very well what he was looking for. He finally found it and was able to embody it in himself once and for all.

Saturday 25th of February, 7.30 pm - At the Library
20 seats only available - Booking is required. Please email to: Francesca@auroville.org.in

International Women’s Day Celebration
We are celebrating the International Women’s Day
On Saturday, March 18th, 2017, from 4 pm to 8 pm at SAWCHU building, Bharat Nivas.

On International Women’s Day we salute the women throughout history who have stood up against injustice in their society and those women who continue to fight for change and a better future. Long live the International Women’s Day!

Last fourteen years Mirra Women Group is celebrating the International women’s day along with AV residents and surrounding villagers. Women are often firmly tied to their homes, children, environment and their place, and this confinement influences the outcome of development programs. One could quote various reasons such as shyness, lack of proper guidance, financial background, etc., which prevents women from performing and developing their talents and skills.

The day’s program includes:
Kolam competition: The Kolam patterns are mostly created based on dots arranged in different types of grid patterns. However, many non-dot based Kolam patterns also are available. The purpose of Kolam is not merely decorative. Kolam drawing has several social, spiritual and symbolic meanings attached to it. Those who practice it believe that drawing a Kolam purifies the entrance space and this in turn will invite the goddess of wealth Laxmi to enter the house. This they believe would give the inmates wealth and prosperity.

Dance Program: Deepa’s group presents dance performance. Folk dance by Vijay & his groups. If anybody would like to teach circle dance please contact Madhi - 2622771, Jayanthi (9786852675), Usha (9443003708) or send an email to: Grace@auroville.org.in.

Support needed: A few years back we stopped the sports event for the Auroville women and the Bio region women due to shortage of funds. There were 400 to 500 women from Auroville and different bioregion areas who are connected to Auroville. Still they are interested in that big event but we have NO funds to realize it and the cost will be approximately sixty thousand for a full day (include sports material, appreciating gift to every women, shamiana, prizes, lunch, refreshment, music etc….) Therefore, we will offer a very simple event which will cost Rs. 12,500. We always welcome your small or big contributions which are a great help for us. Send your valuable contribution to our Pour Tous account number: 103868.

You encourage and support us also by sending the women who are working in your units and houses to our program. After all, it’s a day of enjoyment for all the women together! Please share this event with Aurovilians, Newcomers, Guests, Friends and Ammas.

Thanking you, Grace On behalf of Mirra Women’s Group
MY AUTOPSY
a poetic comedy drama

Performer
Hamish Boyd

Director
Fif Fernandes

Musical Director
Jonathon Walton

Writer
Hamish Boyd

A master storyteller. My Autopsy is a very magical show.
Bob Clark, Calgary Herald

A rich tapestry of experience delivered with wry wit.
Sharon Pollock, CBC Radio

A performance so multi-layered, that this show is not just entertaining, but engrossing and enlightening.
Louis B. Hobson, Sun Media

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 * Canadian Pavilion * CRIPA * Komali MeDi Clown Academy
Bharat Nivas

In collaboration with Festival du Feminin presents

"INVOCATIONS"

Danced prayers and meditations addressed to mythological and abstract forms of Hindu deities in Kathak and Odissi.

Date: Friday 17th February 2017
Time: 6.45 pm to 7.45 pm

Venue:

"SAWCHU"
(Sri Aurobindo World Centre for Human Unity)
Bharat Nivas, Auroville.
SVE DAME
HIBISCUS
ART FESTIVAL
10AM to midnight 19TH February

SWEET CREPES / WORLD CUISINE / KALYA'S CAKES
CLOWN PARTY/COME IN COLORFUL CLOTHES

- 5 pm - Jazz (Rotem)
- 5:40 pm - African tribal dance (Audrey)
- 6 pm - Medieval music (Francois Shalini)
- 6:30 pm - Spirituals bards duet Beyond the time
  Magic Laurent
- 7:30 pm - Pagode (Joel Francois Audrey Gino Kathrin) Fusion
- 8 pm - Magnetic Fields (Elie)
- 9 pm - Jam session & Fire show
- 10 pm - MediZen (DJ Vikram & Baba Ritvik) Spiritual Ethnic
  Electronica + Visuals + Ragas
- 11 pm - DJ Priscilla

WORKSHOPS - 10AM TO 5PM - MARKET

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Bharat Nivas Presents

SAMBHAVAMI YUGÉ YUGÉ
I AM BORN FROM AGE TO AGE

An interpretation of Bhagavad Gita
Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 8 pm
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium Bharat Nivas
70 mn duration

Booking Advance booking required
- kindly email bharatnivas@auroville.org.in

Tickets can be collected at:
- Solar Kitchen
- Bharat Nivas Administrative Office
  (situated next to the Archives Office in the back basement of the Auditorium)

PHOTOS: Yatra Multimedia
Hindi Class
Learn to speak and/or read, write Hindi at New Creation every Sunday at 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm. Contact Shiv at: 98840355

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
21st 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: 'Self-realisation'

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

Connection as Life Energy

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

March 4-5 (Sat-Sun)
9.30 am-5 pm (with lunch break)
A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply-rooted consciousness of oneness, as well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We’ll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to communicate, and create better results, then NLP can provide a step-by-step path for achieving all this and more.

More info & register (and for venue info): contact L’aura:
9489805493 / contact@auroville-holistic.com

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

Breathing workshop
2 Levels: (You can do level 1 only, or level 1+2)

Level 1) Change your everyday way to breathe
Select 1 day in the list: - February: 21st, 23rd / March 1st, 2nd, 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd
- From 9.00am to 4.00 pm (1 hour lunch break)
For many of us, breathing means air coming in and out the nostrils, inflating more or less the chest and the abdomen. We never really learnt the process of breathing and how to feel what is going on inside our trunk.
- Learn anatomy bases about the breathing system.
- Learn to stretch down the diaphragm and open the rib cage in a proper way; get rid of tensions sitting there.
- Learn to breathe slowly, deeply, regularly (Patanjali Yoga Sutras)
Breathing is not just about gas exchanges; it deals also with subtle energies as Prana and is as well the royal way to relaxation (by consciously directing the Sympathetic nervous system). Efficient breathing enlarges the consciousness in our body and in our life and brings us - Here and Now - to reach deeper relaxation, to develop inner feeling, to get more centered.

Level 2) Healing by breathing
Select 1 day in the list: February 24th / March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th - From 9.00 am to 4.00pm (1 hour lunch break)
The control of the breath is also the main tool to release and go above our limits, our blockages, at the physical, emotional and mental levels. Whatever are our issues, breathing blockages are always present. Learn to enlarge our comfort zone at those 3 levels.
Stress is the main reason of diseases, by learning to develop and control our breath, you acquire an efficient skill to dissolve stress, layer after layer, the best way to recover or prolong health.
- Learn to use the breath to release deep tensions and to help energies as blood, lymph, nervous impulse to flow freely.
As everyone has different issues, a large part of the workshop will deal separately with each participant.
Contact Marie Noelle (General medicine doctor certified from France, Yoga, Pranayama, Vipassana, Chi Kong approaches): framatim@yahoo.fr / 0413-2622 989 evening time or 9786598767.

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.

**SCHEDULES**

**New therapies and classes at Pitanga**

**THERAPIES:**

**Foot Reflexology with Audrey (By appointment at Pitanga)**

Foot reflexology revitalizes the body, harmonizes the vital functions, and releases the stress and the nervous tensions. It improves the blood circulation, activates the lymphatic system, provides relaxation, and helps to relaxing muscles.

**Naturopathy in French with Audrey.**

The naturopathy is a global approach of the human being to restore or strengthen the capacity of auto-cure of the body by using natural products in intelligence with the laws of nature. The naturopathy is based above all on the good sense, the good nutrition, the management of emotions, the lifestyle, and using only natural products, help to stimulate the vital force which is inside us, to allow our body to auto-be cured and to remain healthy.

During our discussion will focus on your reasons of consultation, your lifestyle, nutrition and your personal path. They will allow me to understand your way of working and to bring you solutions adapted to your rhythm of life.

The naturopath may use natural remedies and techniques and several tools can be used like; herbal medicine, aromatherapy, foot reflexology, Bach Flower.

Note: The naturopathy works in complement and in association with the allopathic medicine and thus does not substitute a medical advice or a current treatment.

**CLASSES:**

**Pranayama - for Beginners with Angela**

(Starting from 17th February)

Every Fridays from - 5.30 to 6.30 pm

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India. ([0413] 2622403/2622994 / Pitanga@auroville.org.in)

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.

**Vedic Healing Workshop with Omkar**

Saturday 25 - Sunday 26 February 2017 (2 days)

10.15 AM -- 5.30 PM (12 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622646 / 9488084966)

This course teaches the ancient art of Vedic Healing through Prana Vidya or the Knowledge of Prana, the universal life force that permeates all creation. Prana Vidya offers the knowledge of gaining, restoring and uplifting Prana in our body. It also explains how to transfer this life force to other people, who are sick or in an imbalanced state.

Prana Vidya was already used in Vedic times; its concepts are described in the Vedas, and works with the pranic body. It is simple to learn, open to all types of lifestyle, does not have any negative side-effects, can cure a wide range of mental and physical issues, improves character, memory power, and thought processes, purifies our inner being and uplifts our spiritual life. While learning, its healing power can already be experienced.

Omkar, founder of “Pranva Peetam Trust”, has been teaching Prana Vidya in India and abroad to everyone, who is eager to learn this ancient Vedic healing method.

**Watsu® & Liquid Flow Basic with Dariya & Daniel**

Wednesday 1 - Monday 6 March 2017 (27 hours)

1.30 PM - 6.00 PM (6 afternoons)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 0413 2622329 / 9488084966)

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

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

You may also discover that this kind of bodywork is something you would like to further explore, in which case this course serves as a perfect precursor to Liquid Flow Essence, Watsu 1 & OBA 1, or WaterDance 1. No previous experience is required!

**Tantsu® 1 with Xavier**

Wednesday 1 - Monday 6 March 2017 (6 days)

8.45 AM -- 6.30 PM (50 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622646 / 9488084966)

Tantsu grew out of Watsu, a form of aquatic bodywork developed in the 1980s by Harold Dull floating, massaging and stretching people in warm water. In Tantsu, the unconditional holding of Watsu is brought back onto land.

During the first 4 days, you will learn the basics of Tantsu: cradling someone in a comfortable hold, which gives access to a deep level of stillness and relaxation. The micro-movements that appear will guide your movements, stretches and rotations of shoulders, arms, hips and legs, thereby releasing blockages in the energy flow.

The following 2 days will take you deeper into body-listening and exploration of various possible body movements. You will also learn about the hara, meridians, and body-mind connection.

This course (on land only) will teach you Tantsu as a joyful expression of caring love. No previous experience required!
paradigm in alignment with the Mother’s vision. It is a network of eye hospitals that has seen 32 million patients in 36 years, and performed more than 4 million eye surgeries most of them ultra-subsidized or free. All this originates with a vision of one man, Dr. Venkatasamy, affectionately known as ‘Dr V.’ In 1976 he founded Aravind, as a post retirement project when he was 58. He was inspired by none other than Sri Aurobindo’s vision of a collective and radical transformation of consciousness of the human spirit. Dr. V represents that asent of that ‘revolutionary staircase’ that unites the inner soul and the logic of nature. He set his goal to give the right to sight to the 12 million people in India suffering from preventable blindness. To find out how, to get inspired, to collaborate in action, to learn, join us for the screening of a talk by Pavi Mehta on the story of Aravind Eyecare followed by snacks and a discussion at the Pavilion of Unity on February 22. All are welcome.
Contact: new.av.economy@gmail.com

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, 20th of February 2017 at 6:30 pm
"THE ONE WHOM WE ADORE AS THE MOTHER"

“The One whom we adore as the Mother is the Divine Consciousness Force that dominates all existence, one and yet so many-sided that to follow her movement is impossible even for the quickest mind and for the freest and most vast intelligence. The Mother is the consciousness and force of the Supreme and far above all she creates. But something of her ways can be seen and felt through her embodiments… in whom she consents to manifest to her creatures.” so said Sri Aurobindo.

And The Mother: “Between eleven and thirteen a series of psychic and spiritual experiences revealed to me not only the existence of God but man’s possibility of uniting with Him, of realizing Him integrally in consciousness and action, of manifesting Him upon earth in a life divine.” Her quest for manifesting this reality ultimately brought her to Sri Aurobindo, in collaboration with whom the divine work was to be done. Duration: 64min.

L’HOMME APRES L’HOMME
A powerful introduction to Sri Aurobindo’s and Mother’s evolutionary Action
2 filmed interviews with Satprem and Sujata:
- “L’Homme après l’homme - Man after man” - 1h00 - (1981)
Both films will be shown in the original French version with English subtitles.
Every Monday from 13/02 to 27/02/2017 - 4.30 pm.
At Cinema Paradiso (MMC Auditorium) - Town Hall

The FRENCH PAVILION presents

Auroville, Retrospective of a Utopia
A Documentary in French, with English subtitles
Saturday 18th February 2017
5 pm at Cinéma Paradiso
A documentary by Hélène Risser shot in 2008. Production Public Senate.
After the first Elkabbach film in 1972, French television, “Public Sénat” returned to Auroville in 2008, 35 years later to see what had become of these “pioneers” filmed in 1972. How did they evolve? Are they still in Auroville? What have become of the basic concepts of Auroville, this utopia, this laboratory?

Next week: Saturday 25th February 2017: Food Coop - Documentary in English subtitled in French. 5 pm at Cinéma Paradiso
The Park Slope Food Coop: a cooperative supermarket where all 16,000 members work 3 hours per month to earn the right to buy the best food in New York at incredibly low prices.

Auroville Emergency Contact Numbers - Save them in your phone now!
→ Auroville Safety and Security Team: 9443090107 (Email: avsecurity@auroville.org.in)
→ Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
→ Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. reachable 24/7.

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Indian - Monday 20 February, 8:00 pm:
- **PRAKTAN (Former)**
  India, 2016, Writer-Director Shiprprasad Mukhopadhyay & Nandita Roy w/ Prasenjit Chatterjee, Rituparna Sengupta, Aparajita Adhya, and others, Drama, 142mins, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: UA (PG-13)
  From the directors of Belasheshe (presented @MMC) comes yet another sensitive film - about life and the art of moving on. This theme runs through the film which centers on its lead pair Ujaan and Sudipta, once married but now estranged couples. There is also a musician who reminisces about his former bandmate, an insecure newly married husband who prods his wife about her ex-boyfriends, an elderly couple who are only a pale shadow of their former selves, and Kolkata, a city that is not the same anymore. All are travelers in different couples on the same train from Mumbai to Kolkata. Apparently, all actors also represent their own real life moving on, with the lead pair coming together on screen after 14yrs of self-imposed ban. A film you shouldn’t miss! The print is good but has a watermark in-built.

German - Tuesday 21 February, 8:00 pm:
- **HELLO I AM DAVID**
  Germany, 2015, Director Cosima Lange w/ David Helfgott, Gillian Helfgott, Matthias Forenny, and others, Documentary-Music, 105 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
  This is a journey into the world of the outstanding pianist David Helfgott whose life inspired the OSCAR-winning film 'Shine'

Interesting - Wednesday 22 February, 8:00 pm:
- **MONEY MOKSHA**
- **MONEY FIX**
  Moneksha: Canada, 2017, Director Mike Sosteric, Animated-Short, 9mins, English, Rated: NR (G)
  - The director also a professor of sociology in Canada makes offers his new film to Auroville. As Sri Aurobindo wrote, money is an important spiritual topic, and force. It is not something we must reject, but something that we must control so that we can manifest the world envisaged by the divine Maha Shakti. This short film, based on the book Rocket Scientists’ Guide to Money and the Economy - enlightens, educates, and transforms.
  - The Money Fix: USA, 2009, Director Alan Rosenblith w/ Francis Ayley, Noam Chomsky, Thomas H. Greco, and others, Documentary, English, 79mins, Rated: NR (G)-Rated as an outstanding, this film on Money is at the intersection of nearly every aspect of modern life. Most of us take the monetary system for granted, but it has a profound and largely misunderstood influence on our lives.

French - Thursday 23 February, 8:00 pm:
- **CHOCOLAT (Chocolate)**
  France, 2016, Director Roschdy Zem w/ Omar Sy, James Thierrée, and others, Drama-Biography, 120 mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated G
  From circus to theater, from anonymity to fame, the incredible destiny of Chocolate, the clown, first black artist on the French stages. The duo he is forming with Tooti will be an immense adventure that spans three fantastic worlds where he must face his greatest fears.

International - Saturday 25 February, 8:00 pm:
- **HIDDEN FIGURES**
  USA, 2016, Director Theodore Melfi w/ Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe and others, Biography-Drama, 127mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
  As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians - known as “human computers” who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history. Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, and Katherine Johnson crossed all gender, race, and professional lines while their brilliance and desire to dream big, beyond anything ever accomplished before by the human race, firmly cemented them in the history as true heroes. A wonderful inspiring film!

Children’s Film - Sunday 26 February, 4:30 pm:
- **THE BOOK OF LIFE**
  USA, 2014, Director Jorge R Gutierrez, w/ Diego Luna, Zoe Saldana, Channing Tatum and others, Animation, 95mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
  Ano, a young man who is torn between fulfilling the expectations of his family and following his heart, embarks on an adventure that spans three fantastic worlds where he must face his greatest fears.

HAL ASHBY Film Festival @ Ciné-Club
Ashby, one of the most prolific and successful filmmakers of the 70s, produced a string of hits starring with his cult film Harold and Maude (1971) and lasting through Being There (1979) is little known today, his films depict a remarkable visual sense of black humor and irony. At its best they are a cry for the life experiences. His characters only succeed when they break out of their cloistered shells and experience life’s joys and dangers.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 26 February, 8:00 pm:
- **HAROLD AND MAUDE**
  USA, 1971, Director Hal Ashby w/Ruth Gordon, Bud Cort, and others, Comedy-Romance, 91mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
  Harold is a depressed, death-obsessed 20yrs old man-child who spends his free time attending funerals and pretending to commit suicide in front of his mother. At a funeral, he befriends Maude, a 79yrs old woman who has a zest for life. She and Harold spend much time together during which she exposes him to the wonders and possibilities of life. After rejecting his mother's repeated attempts to set him up with a potential wife, Harold announces that he is to be married to Maude. However, Maude has a surprise for Harold that is to change his life forever.

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=Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

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February – a Special Month

February is a special month for Auroville and for the new creation upon earth. It was in this month, on the 21st in 1878, that the Mother was born; in this month, on the 29th in 1956, the universal descent of the supramental force took place; and again in this month, on the 28th in 1968, Auroville was founded.

Sri Aurobindo: “The Mother comes to bring down the supramental and it is the descent which makes her full manifestation here possible.”

With reference to the supramental descent of 29th Feb. 1956, The Mother wrote - revising into the present tense what she had first written in the future tense in her diary decades earlier:

“Lord, thou hast willed and I dost execute
A new light breaks upon the earth
A new world is born
Things that were promised are fulfilled”

Subsequently, on 1st January 1969, the Mother experienced the advent of the superman consciousness which led her to write in one of her annual messages:

“The world is preparing for a big change. Will you help?”

When asked what she meant by ‘the world is preparing for a big change’ and how to help it, she replied:

“It is the advent of the being that will succeed man, the being that will be to man what man is to the animal that is being prepared. And the work has already begun with the action of a new consciousness which came on the first of January 1969 and is at work in all who are ready. The action of this consciousness has intensified and is becoming more and more material. It is up to us to be receptive if we want to hasten the outcome of its action. Blessings. 1 January 1970

The words “action of this consciousness has intensified and becoming more and more material” is very relevant in the times we are living in. Auroville, seen in this light, is nothing but action of consciousness ‘becoming more and more material’. Taking this line of understanding further, we can say that to secure an integral material base of Auroville Universal Township, to provide the needed lands for Auroville to take shape in matter, amounts to collaborating with the “big change” the Mother described.

Aryadeep

Mandakini

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ACRES FOR AUROVILLE  Land Campaign
21 February 2017 - the anniversary of The Mother’s birth

“Let us all work with a growing sincerity for the Manifestation of the Divine Truth”

The Mother

The Mother’s symbol represents the truth of a higher reality. Its twelve attributes, the Powers of the Mahashakti, are enshrined in the 12 Meditation chambers at the base of the Matrimandir. They show us the qualities we need to link the two poles of our existence - Divine and Human – and to be builders of a New World: Sincerity, Humility, Gratitude, Perseverance, Aspiration, Receptivity, Progress, Courage, Goodness, Generosity, Equality, Peace.

Bridging these two poles in collective life and in matter is the aim of Auroville, the Mother’s great pioneering point and City of Dawn. Anchored in Matter, Auroville is non-separable from its land. Today, securing Auroville’s still-missing land is the urgent need. We can all see this need around us, and so we must all unite and act! As Sri Aurobindo wrote:

“If you merely wait for things to happen, there is no reason why they should happen at all”

Collaborating to manifest The City of Dawn is our privilege!
Join the A4A action to secure the land now!!

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Quotations:  The Mother - 3 May 1972;  Sri Aurobindo - ‘Gems from Sri Aurobindo’ ( First Series, page 85)