News & Notes
4th March 2017..............A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville..............Number 689
HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

One thing seems obvious, humanity has reached a certain state of general tension — tension in effort, in action, even in daily life — with such an excessive hyperactivity, so widespread a trepidation, that mankind as a whole seems to have come to a point where it must either break through the resistance and emerge into a new consciousness or else fall back into an abyss of darkness and inertia.

This tension is so complete and so widespread that something obviously has to break. It cannot go on in this way. We may take it as a sure sign of the infusion into matter of a new principle of force, consciousness, power, which by its very pressure is producing this acute state. Outwardly, we could expect the old methods used by Nature when she wants to bring about an upheaval; but there is a new characteristic, which of course is only visible in an elite, but even this elite is fairly widespread — it is not localised at one point, at one place in the world; we find traces of it in all countries, all over the world: the will to find a new, higher, progressive solution, an effort to rise towards a vaster, more comprehensive perfection.

Certain ideas of a more general nature, of a wider, perhaps more “collective” kind, are being worked out and are acting in the world. And both things go together: a possibility of a greater and more total destruction, a reckless inventiveness which increases the possibility of catastrophe, a catastrophe which would be on a far greater scale than it has ever been; and, at the same time, the birth or rather the manifestation of much higher and more comprehensive ideas and acts of will which, when they are heard, will bring a wider, vaster, more complete, more perfect remedy than before.

This struggle, this conflict between the constructive forces of the ascending evolution of a more and more perfect and divine realisation, and the more and more destructive, powerfully destructive forces — forces that are mad beyond all control — is more and more obvious, marked, visible, and it is a kind of race or struggle as to which will reach the goal first. It would seem that all the adverse, anti-divine forces, the forces of the vital world, have descended on the earth, are making use of it as their field of action, and that at the same time a new, higher, more powerful spiritual force has also descended on earth to bring it a new life. This makes the struggle more acute, more violent, more visible, but it seems also more definitive, and that is why we can hope to reach an early solution.

There was a time, not so long ago, when the spiritual aspiration of man was turned towards a silent, inactive peace, detached from all worldly things, a flight from life, precisely to avoid battle, to rise above the struggle, escape all effort; it was a spiritual peace in which, along with the cessation of all tension, struggle, effort, there ceased also suffering in all its forms, and this was considered to be the true and only expression of a spiritual and divine life. It was considered to be the divine grace, the divine help, the divine intervention. And even now, in this age of anguish, tension, hypertension, this sovereign peace is the best received aid of all, the most welcome, the solace people ask and hope for. For many it is still the true sign of a divine intervention, of divine grace. In fact, no matter what one wants to realise, one must begin by establishing this perfect and immutable peace; it is the basis from which one must work; but unless one is dreaming of an exclusive, personal and egoistic liberation, one cannot stop there.

There is another aspect of the divine grace, the aspect of progress which will be victorious over all obstacles, the aspect which will propel humanity to a new realisation, which will open the doors of a new world and make it possible not only for a chosen few to benefit by the divine realisation but for their influence, their example, their power to bring to the rest of mankind new and better conditions.

This opens up roads of realisation into the future, possibilities which are already foreseen, when an entire part of humanity, the one which has opened consciously or unconsciously to the new forces, is lifted up, as it were, into a higher, more harmonious, more perfect life…. Even if individual transformation is not always permissible or possible, there will be a kind of general uplifting, a harmonisation of the whole, which will make it possible for a new order, a new harmony to be established and for the anguish of the present disorder and struggle to disappear and be replaced by an order which will allow a harmonium functioning of the whole.

There will be other consequences which will tend to eliminate in an opposite way what the intervention of the mind in life has created, the perversions, the ugliness, the whole mass of distortions which have increased suffering, misery, moral poverty, an entire area of sordid and repulsive misery which makes a whole part of human life into something so frightful. That must disappear. This is what makes humanity in so many ways infinitely worse than animal life in its simplicity and the natural spontaneity and harmony that it has in spite of everything. Suffering in animals is never so miserable and sordid as it is in an entire section of humanity which has been perverted by the use of a mentality exclusively at the service of egoistic needs.

We must rise above, spring up into Light and Harmony or fall back, down into the simplicity of a healthy unperverted animal life.

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MOTHER

The Ponder Corner

It is the psychic that gives the true aspiration — if the vital is purified and subjected to the psychic, then the vital gives intensity but if it is unpurified it brings in a rajasic intensity with impatience and reactions of depression and disappointment.

Sri Aurobindo

ref. Letters on Yoga, p.515

Cover: “Auroville Becoming 50” — the selected logo is by Vimal (see under “FOR YOUR INFORMATION”)
**WORKING GROUPS REPORTS**

**Water Group Meeting Report**

On Feb 22nd, the Water Group called together a group of stakeholders connected to water issues in the community. We shared with them our work to date, and also asked them to share their feedback on our proposed water management strategy for Auroville. The group was largely in favour of the creation of a coordinated effort involving strong community participation, and agreed that multi-sourcing is crucial for water management in Auroville. They also offered insightful feedback and suggestions for moving forward. We invite you to read the full meeting minutes on Auronet [www.auroville.org.in/article/61919](http://www.auroville.org.in/article/61919) or email the Water Group directly and we will email you a copy: [watergroup@auroville.org.in](mailto:watergroup@auroville.org.in)

Thank you!  
Water Group

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Update on TDC restructuring and General Meeting on the 16th of March**

On the 6th of September 2016, a GM was held to give an update of the ongoing work of participatory town planning and L'Avenir restructuring. Methodologies for effective participation were explored and work was done to formulate basic planning guidelines that would be the terms of reference - a document which will be used by the new L’Avenir as a guiding document in its work.

As a culmination of this ongoing work, the Auroville Council together with the RAS will be conducting a GM on the 16th of March at Unity Pavilion at 4:30 pm. To present, discuss and take questions on the proposal for TDC restructuring. A concept note of the Terms of Reference will also be presented. More information will follow. 

The Resident Assembly Service and the Auroville Council

**New contribution policy for eateries and restaurants**

We have decided that from 1st April 2017 all eateries and restaurants will contribute 5% of their turnover to City Services. The Budget Coordination Committee members, after some study of our proposal, have recently endorsed the below described change finding it “a fair and applicable option”. In the case of units that have both eateries and other activities, the accounts may not be separated. The contribution shall be calculated as follows:

1. Eateries who only serve food are expected to contribute 5% of all invoices raised.
2. For eateries who also operate a guest house the contribution will be 5% on food billing and 20% on accommodation.
3. For eateries who form part of a larger commercial setup (i.e. Naturellement, Bakery, Sri Ma etc.) monthly 1/12 of 33% of annual profit.

To further explain our considerations in the case of multipurpose units for various setups:

- For all food bills a contribution of 5% applies and is due on a monthly base. (Eateries contribution)
- Accommodation bills (if applicable) will be subject to 20% contribution, due on a monthly base. (Guest House contribution)
- Contributions on profit of other activities (manufacturing etc.) monthly 1/12 of 33% of annual profit.

Annual process: Total unit profit to be determined and already made contributions (5%, 20% and monthly contribution) offset against total dues.

If you have any questions, please let us know immediately.

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

**Community at large representative**

Dear Community Members,

We published three names for feedback (Claudine, Manohar and Vengatesh). We would like to inform you that we did not receive any negative feedback. Positive feedback was received for all three. Claudine has been selected to serve in the BCC as community at large representative and Manohar being kept as a standby member, as the second community at large representative's term ends in June 2017.

We would like to thank Vengatesh for offering his time and services for the BCC work. It is much appreciated.

Warmly,

For the Auroville Council

Elisa, Enrica, Martin, Marc, Matriprasad, Mita, Renuka, Sandyra and Sundar

**Informational Meeting of Waste Water Treatment Plant**

Auroville’s Waste Water Treatment Plant will begin soon in the Residential Zone. This is the first time that waste water will be handled collectively (for Res Zones 1&2) instead of at the community level. We want to share information about the WWTP, including the route of the sewer lines, the layout of the pipes, and the management plan of the WWTP. We also want to listen to your concerns and answer any questions you may have.

You are invited to join an informational meeting, hosted by TDC, held at 4:30 pm, Monday 6th March, at the SAILer Conference Hall.

We look forward to seeing you there! ITDC

**Appeal process ratified by the Residents' Assembly**

Dear Community members,

Please find below the auronet link for the appeal process document ratified by the Residents’ Assembly. The Appeal Process entered into effect on January 30th, 2017, date of announcement by the Residents Assembly Service of the ratification outcome.

Link: [https://www.auroville.org.in/article/61969](https://www.auroville.org.in/article/61969)

Warmly,

For the Auroville Council (Elisa, Enrica, Martin, Marc, Matriprasad, Mita, Renuka, Sandyra and Sundar)

**Anonymous letters received by Working groups**

Dear Friends,

Working groups are often receiving anonymous letters of complaint, sometimes even containing threats against fellow Aurovilians. We believe that such letters are not in the spirit of Auroville. Complaints will not be considered by working groups unless they are signed by the person making the complaint. If you wish your complaint to remain confidential, you may say so and your identity will not be revealed. We hope this is fully understood.

Warmly, AV Council

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L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 4th March 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 permit 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: NO New BA

Collective Projects
- Site applications: No New SA
- Building Application
  1. Sustainable Resource Center - ECO Service + Wasteless + Upcycling Studio on plot no. IR 216 / 0a
  Project Title: Sustainable Resource Center - Phase 1
  Proposed Site Location: Southern Service Node
  Project Holder: Kali & Palani for Eco Service, Ribhu & Chandra for WasteLess, Marc & Ok for Upcycling studio
  Architect: Dorle, Office 4

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

New land purchase on February 21st! “Land Solidarity” month ends on an encouraging note!

On the special day of February 21st, Auroville’s Land Board announced the second consecutive land purchase in two consecutive weeks! We thank all donors for their loyal support and remind everyone that it is your donations which fuel and enable continuing success in the harmonious consolidation of Auroville’s land.

Two more Visitors Centre units have added their contributions to the Marathon weekend solidarity for Auroville’s land. We warmly thank the Potters Market and the Auroville Boutique for their enthusiastic solidarity, bringing the number to 16 participating VC units! Our appreciation goes to Nicole for launching this wonderful solidarity initiative, and to Sophie for the “Land Information Stand” she organized as an addition to the Visitors Centre’s outreach!

The Art for Land Auction of February 25th took place in a joyous atmosphere after a full-month exhibition of creativity and beauty that filled the Unity Pavilion’s tables and walls. With Paul as auctioneer, over 67 works of art received winning bids and found new homes – all to benefit Auroville’s land. We once again thank the over 70 artists for their inspiring generosity, as well as the lucky, and loyal, winning donor-bidders! The artworks will remain available for viewing and ongoing bidding beyond February via the dedicated Art For Land Web Site.

The February 28th gala “Coming Together for Auroville’s land” culminated February’s land solidarity actions with an appropriately festive celebration. We express our sincere thanks to the many musicians, speakers, and dancers whose land-dedicated events made February such a special month, and to the many friends who donated generously at these events. Warm appreciation goes to the sound engineers for their skill, and to the photographers and film-makers who recorded the events.

On behalf of LFAU and the Land Board, we express our gratitude to the Unity Pavilion team that worked so hard to make Art for Land 2017 a rich and inspiring success: Jaya, Devasmita & Rema, plus to Jasmin, Suresh, & Rakhal for their work on the Art for Land website, and to Loretta and Swaha for their collaboration. For the immense job of framing and hanging the works, we warmly thank Savitri Bhavan, Pitanga, Kalabhumi, and Jo, Emiko, & Veronik!

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

We are pleased to announce that the unveiling of the logo for “Auroville becoming 50” took place as planned on the 28th of February this year. It can now be seen on banners in several public spaces: Town Hall, Visitors’ Center and Solar Kitchen. Ten designs were received after a call for concepts was published in the News and Notes in January 2017. A jury composed of 6 people (4 Aurovilians, 2 non-Aurovilians but familiar with its ideals) made the selection along with recommendations for refinements. The runner up choice for the logo, as well as the design for a commemorative coin for the occasion, was from Goliath Studio. The design that was finally selected is by Vimal Studio. We are grateful to him for his participation and his patient follow-up work, and we also thank all the artists and designers who submitted their concepts, as well as the Jury members for their time in reviewing the submissions and selecting the logo. Thank you all! Submitted by Fabienne for the Core Organizing Team - Auroville Becoming 50

Who is the Water Group & what do we do?

During the beginning of 2015 TDC requested a small group of people with experience in water resources management to take up the challenge of coordinating overall water activities in Auroville. The team consisted of Christian, Tency, Toby and Tom. During 2016 two extra persons were added, Nele and Giulio. This core group works to generate awareness and lead the way toward a water sensitive city through integrative and participatory planning. This year a volunteer team with professional experience in water management issues was put together mainly for helping to draft an Auroville Water Plan (Aditi, Camille, Gilles B, Mariu), take care of data management (Julia, Pavneet), measure borewells and collect current data (Ramesh, Paolo), and communicate with the wider community (Ing-Marie).

We are certainly not the first nor the last group of people working on water issues here. There is Auroville Water Service (AWS), which works on water distribution, Pour Tous Water (PTW), which handles infrastructure repairs, AquaDyn, which provides biodynamised drinking water, Palmyra, which conducts research on sustainable water and land management, all of the rainwater harvesting done at a community scale such as in Ravena, Annapurna, Darkali and Sadhana Forest, the people working with Eco-San toilets, the healers of Watsu, or the individuals working on hydroponics or rainwater catchment. And of course our foresters and farmers, who are concerned with water on a daily basis. This is merely a small sampling, and doesn’t do justice to how many people have invested years of time, commitment and energy working with water!

One key characteristic of our group is that we’re attempting to work with all stakeholders to create a dynamic water plan for the city. And we hope that you, the community, will be a part of it. More soon!

The Water Group can be reached at: watergroup@auroville.org.in. Water Group

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

Probiotics house tips - serial #8 - new way to clear out blocked drains: No More Blockages: 70% of all blockages are due to lumping of fats & oils in drain pipes. Regular dosing of PROKLEAN GREASOLVE keeps the pipes flowing freely. It’s Probiotics, hygienic, chemical free and 100% eco-friendly!

Totally Hygienic: PROKLEAN GREASOLVE suppresses pathogens and other harmful bacteria resulting in a hygienic kitchen.

No Odour: Regular dosing aids in total elimination of odour from sinks and drains.

How to Use? Just 3 capfuls per day per drain.

Where to find in Auroville the PROKLEAN GREASOLVE? In Probiotics House (Reve). Do not forget to bring your clean empty bottle. We do promote re-filling system and NO waste to landfill.

Margarita for MGEdcoutes - Probiotics House [www.probioticshouse.com / Reve -. Phone: 0413 - 2623774]

Poem. anthology: Some time ago, I posted a request on Auronet for poems to be included in the proposed anthology. Thank you for all of you who sent me their poems. What I did not get was any contribution from any youth in Auroville. Please, if you are an Auroville youth and you write poems in English, send your best to me for consideration. I cannot guarantee everything will get published, because I want only the very best to be in the anthology and that is why it’s limited to 50 poems. Send them to: a.vickers.arch@ntlworld.com. Many thanks, Alan Vickers

Thank you all!
Dear All,

We have begun work towards establishing an Auroville Library of Things (ALoT) and would like to invite you to help us chalk out the way the library should run and the things to include in the library. We really hope to delve deep into the intricacies of ALoT’s system and welcome anyone who would like to brainstorm with us.

If interested, please let us know by Friday 10 March 2017.

Contact: aishwaryas@earthandhandus.org / sahil@earthandhandus.org / min@auvuroville.org.in

A message from Atithi Griha Guest House: Dear Members of the Community, this is to bring to the notice of the Community at large that, before we employ a watchman or worker, it is advisable to take the opinion of the previous employer. There has been instances were a couple of our staff have been terminated from our services due to bad behavior and irregular reporting to work, finding a job immediately with some of our Units. This could set a bad example and allow the person to continue making mistakes or get away with his mistakes. With Regards, Sandivy for Atithi Griha Guest House

Joy Community Guest House (phone Number Correction): Dear Friends, the Land line at Joy is working no more; also our previous mobile number has changed, so please note down, for any queries, question and doubts, call on our New Phone Number: 948 72 72 393. Have a Good Day :) Joy Team

Announcement from the Free Store: The Free Store is welcoming: Aurovilians / Newcomers / Friends of Auroville / Long-term Volunteers (6 months to 1 year only) - We had a trial period of almost a year for short and long term Volunteers to use the Free Store. Unfortunately we cannot handle the amount of Volunteers using this service and therefore have decided to limit it to Long term Volunteers only staying in Auroville for 6 months to 1 year. Long term Volunteers should please bring their Volunteer card with them each time they visit the Free Store. Short term Volunteers and Guests can of course donate to the Free Store anytime.

Warmly, the Free Store Team

Car Hyundai Getz GLE: In good working condition. Petrol, 1350 cubic B.H.P. ’83 A/C Color: real Earth Tamil Nadu registration, mfg. date 03/2007: 81500 km only. Contact Yury: 9489937230, yury@auvuroville.org.in

Netbook: Two months old - Lenovo Yoga 300, Windows 10 Home - Intel Celeron CPU N3050 @ 1.60 GHz / 2 GB RAM / 32 GB SSD (expandable to 128GB), 11” screen. Call Mira computer: 26 23 404 and after for eventual price discussion Hema: 26 22 830 or 9486308690 or 7598 11 0262

Colourful magazines: Anybody interested in colourful magazines with beautiful photos? I have many available in the magazine “Happiness”. Contact Tineke: Tineke@auvuroville.org.in or 944.34.69.330

Various items: 1 washing machine “Samsung” in very good condition (1 year and still in warranty), 1 fridge Samsung (good condition), 1 bike “Hercules” with gears, 1 single bed in rattan, 1 small metal cupboard, 1 plastic table with 2 chairs… Contact: Sunja: 9787628294

Bikes: Yo bike, electric bike without battery / Simple men’s bicycle - Please contact Prem Shakti: 9489244823

Looking for...

Work as a gardener: Vishvanathan, a very kind, very nice, lovely hardworking gardener is looking for a good job on Mondays, Weds, Thurs, and Fridays. His magic phone number is 9843197402. Submitted by Smham

A computer/laptop: Auroville Art Service needs one computer/laptop in a good working condition. Do you have one to donate to us? Contact: aurovillearts@auvuroville.org.in

Anyone traveling to California, USA?: A successful bidder in the Art for Land Auction (through the website) would like the items to be shipped to him in California, USA. The items include one photograph 30 x 30 cm and one art print 30 x 30 cm (nothing heavy). We would be grateful if any one traveling there can carry them, to avoid damage in transit. Please contact Unity Pavilion: 2623576 or unityppavilion@auvuroville.org.in - Art for Land Team

Work as an amma: A full time Amma in the neighborhood of Kottakarai is looking for work - Please contact Prem Shakti: 9489244823

Mountain bike / cellphone: I am looking for a used mountain bike (I am 1.73m tall) - mobile phone (nothing fancy, just for texting and calling). I am staying until mid-May, therefore I look for something low budget. Contact me: ndejonge@outlook.com /+91 7867899043. Warmly, Nina

Lose & Found

Sunglasses (Found): I found in my bag a pair of sunglasses, around 2 weeks ago but I am unable to explain how this could have happened… please if you think they are yours contact Vidya 0413-2622786 or send a mail at: vidya@auvuroville.org.in , giving the brand of the glasses. Thank you, Vidya

Thank you

A Big Thank You to the Auroville and Bioregional Schools

Mohanam team appreciates all the children who came and participated in our Youth Integrated Camp. Over the 5-day program, many happy children participated: 27 were from Auroville and 167 from the bioregion!

An Appeal from AV Nature Camp

It’s that time of year again - Nature Camp time! It takes a tremendous amount of time and energy to coordinate each camp, and resources - including financial - are always appreciated. Along these lines, we’d like to reach out to anyone who feels inspired to donate financially to Nature Camp - especially units and schools. In addition, the true cost of one student’s camp attendance is Rs 6,000, although we only ask for Rs 3,600. This amount is simply not affordable for everyone. If there are any individuals out there who feel inspired to sponsor one student, we welcome donations that allow all students - no matter what their financial background - to participate.

Please make all donations to account number: 0009. If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us: naturecamp@auvuroville.org.in

Thanks very much!

Nature Camp Team

Auroville and 167 from the bioregion!
**ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED**

**House-sitting 1:** Dear Community, at the end of my newcomer process, I'm looking for a house-sitting. My name is Camille, I'm 31 years old and I'm working as a therapist (psychomotricity) in various places in Auroville and the bio-region. I'm a calm and serious person. Two lovely cats are living with me and I'll love to take care of yours if you have pets too (and plants of course). Thank you for your attention and I hope, for your help, Love, Camille (80 98 73 63 07 or camille@auroville.org.in)

**House-sitting 2:** Anyone willing to invite me into your lovely home space for house sitting, responsible quiet female volunteering long-term at Sankalpa - March onwards (flexible with dates), please get in touch with me Mahima: 9910813943 / mahimabhatnagar11@yahoo.com

**House-sitting 3:** Couple who have been coming 2 to 3 months a year for seven years, volunteering their time and helping when possible. We are looking for a home stay to accommodate us about 3 to 4 months a year, in the years to come. Contribution to be defined together. We are in Auroville until March 20. We will be pleased to hear from you by email: saraswati@auroville.org.in

**TAXI SHARING**

**March 1st:** Hello, I’m Isabel and I am going on the 1st of March to Chennai. I would like to share the taxi leaving at 7 am in front of Joy community. Please contact me: lamaisonlejardinemoi.ch / 739273693

**March 4th or 5th:** Taxi share to Chennai airport Sunday 5 March at 5 am, or Saturday 4 March late afternoon. Sharing return also possible as taxi will be empty. Call Peter 7807094073, thesahdude@gmail.com

**March 5th:** Taxi share to Chennai airport Sunday 5 March at 7 am. Call Joanne: 9923699378 or whatsapp, same number. Email: domoreyoga@gmail.com

**March 6th:** Taxi to Chennai airport will leave Auroville at 7 am on 5th of March. Only one person is going. Please join. Saraswati: 0413-2622769, 9489748043 or saraswati@auroville.org.in

**March 5th:** On Sunday 5th March 10.30 am Auroville to Chennai Airport. Contact Regine at Afsanah Guesthouse or mail to: regine.kumar@gmx.at

**March 6th:** Taxi from Chennai airport to Auroville at 6 pm. In case you want to join, contact me, Satya: 7291 871 261

**March 6th:** Leaving on 6th March from Chennai Airport to AV at 22h30. Or can take taxi from AV to Chennai Airport at 18h30-19h30. For sharing the taxi either way please contact verity.thorburn@gmail.com

**March 7th:** From Auroville to Chennai airport Tuesday March 7 at 10:30 am in the morning. Contact adarkalter@hotmail.com

**March 9th:** Taxi to Chennai airport will leave Auroville at 7 am on 9th of March. Two people are going. Saraswati: 0413-2622769, 948748043 or saraswati@auroville.org.in

**March 9th:** Taxi to Chennai airport will leave Auroville on 9/03 at 9 pm (for a 3am flight on 10/03). Contact Catherine at 8754772435 or reby.catherine@neuf.fr

**March 10th:** Leaving Auroville at 3 pm to Chennai Airport. Can be shared both ways. Contact Nathalie: natnat@hotmail.com

**March 17th:** leaving Auroville around 2 pm empty to Chennai Airport and will return around 5 pm with one person. Sharing both ways is possible. Please contact Erin: 8300236771 by sms.

**March 23rd:** leaving New Creation for Chennai Airport at 1am. Please ring Norman 9585437380

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

**Job posting: FAMC Secretary**

The FAMC invites an Aurovilian/Newcomer to fill the position of secretary, part time. We are looking for someone with very good spoken and written communication skills in English who can draft letters, as well as oversee communication and topics. You should be able to keep accessible hard & soft copy filing systems, maintain a task list for follow up items and handle our administrative tasks. Accounting experience is helpful but not essential. You will have to coordinate the work load with our other secretary, Angelo. Integrity and ability to work with equanimity are essential qualities for the job!

Please write to: adminfamc@auroville.org.in if you feel you have the pertinent skills, time and interest. Do let us know of your previous work experience.

Thank you!

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

Wallpaper is looking for a volunteers for the following jobs:

1. Social Media Content Associate

Duration: Minimum 3 months
Job Description: Responsible for creating and sharing content to communicate Wallpaper’s activities, products and values through the medium of social media especially Facebook, twitter, Instagram and Quora with an objective to build brand awareness and consequently drive sales.

2. Marketing Analyst
Duration: Minimum 3 months
Job Description: Responsible for aiding the existing marketing plan by understanding and re-organizing historic raw-sales data. The marketing analyst is expected to come up with data driven suggestions/plans to increase sales.

Note: Should be comfortable with MS Excel.

3. Blogger
Duration: Minimum 3 months with a mandatory induction for 1 week. After 1 week, candidate can work from home with occasional visit to Wallpaper office (once or twice a week)
Job Description: Responsible to write and maintain a regular blog for Wallpaper.

If you are interested, please send us a mail to: wallpaper@auroville.org.in, Wallpaper team
**Sales manager and an office manager for LiGHT FiSH**

We are looking for a sales manager and an office manager for LiGHT FiSH Company located at Aurelec.

LiGHT FiSH is a design company specialized in manufacturing lamps and prototypes.

The office manager will be in charge of organisation, financial management (account keeping, billing), customer relations, inventory management...

The sales manager will be in charge of the prospecting and commercial negotiation, the follow-up of retailers’ contracts, the organization of events to promote the brand...

Volunteers, newcomers and Aurovilians are welcome.

To contact us: 2622853 / +9142622979 / sblass@light-fish.com

**Secretary for International Zone Coordination Team (IZCT)**

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

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

Looking forward to hearing from you! IZ Coordination Team

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**Auroville Radio**

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 is still the busiest out of our volunteers, and he recorded: The Medieval Band , Beyond the Time (Art for AV Land), African Tribal Dance, Encounturers and Reflections, Songs fo Yoga and Kabir, Hindustani and Carnatic Music (Art for AV Land) , Classic Rock Concert (Art for AV Land).

Zila and the Swing Mates, Ilhaam Project, Rotem Sivam and Elenora Bianchini, Romel and Minshana has covered A Film on Pigmies of Bwindi, Interview with Anna Bolmark, CATTG Creating Greener AV, Happy Birthday Bhaga, Marco Speaking on Tai Chi Chuan.

At Pavilion of Tibetan Culture it was touching to see TCV in Deep Gratitude

Adishakti last weekend of Remembering Veenapani Festival with: I am Yusuf and this is my brother, The Raghuraman Trio, and Massive Vibe Live

Rema talks on process of bidding for the auction Art for Land.

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

Out of our regular programs are here Thursday and Monday.

For music lovers we have The Pygmy Love Song

Happy listening, Your AV Radio Team

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**Travel**

Latest News from the Travel Shop

Located at inside India in Auroshiplam.

We are open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00

Currently several Airlines departing from India are giving short term special offers for selected destination, lasting only for a few days. If someone is interested to avail of them we need to have their travel itinerary with us and will monitor and inform you as soon an interesting offer is available.

Most domestic Airlines offer extreme discounted flights similar to the pricing of train tickets.

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**Eating Out**

Naturellement CLOSED on 11/03

Dear community, Naturellement Company and Garden Cafe will be close on Saturday 11th March for Masi Magam.

Naturellement team

Welcome to all for this new Terra Soul lunch on 11/03!

This time our team of multicultural cooks will surprise us with highly delicious Punjabi dishes.

Venue: Saturday 11th of March at Terra Soul community, Windarra Farm.

Book by phone 9159676139 or by e-mail: francisco@auroville.org.in - Come and enjoy!

Bharat Nivas the Pavilion of India presents: “Wild Lunch” by Aparana Pallavi who has been working for many years with the tribals of Madhya Pradesh. Based on her experience in tribal cuisines around India, she is preparing a lunch with the following menu (proposed)


At Atithi Gria Guest House - Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India- On Sunday 5th of February, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

For Aurovilians and Newcomers only. Fixed contribution.

For reservations, please write to: atithigriha@auroville.org.in.

Or call us at 0413-2622445 before 4 pm on Friday 3rd of March

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**Green Matters**

Sunday walk

5th March 9-11 am

Baraka with Achilles, tel: 915944 8069

Directions: Baraka is located along the Green Belt Road opposite Dana community. From Solar Kitchen (about 15 min by cycle) take the paved road towards Arka, continue straight on the dirt road passing Kalabhumi, Last School and Future School. After the “planted car” turn right direction Dana/Fertile. Follow the road passing Minati, TLC and Dehashakti. Baraka entrance is on the left side, follow the winding road through the gate and park at the Parking where Achilles will meet you.

Next week: Sunday 12th March 9-11.30 Botanical Gardens with Nasim & Marie
Growing towards a ‘Green Universal Township’…

Choosing to hold the latest CAT (Creating Auroville Together) event on Mother’s birthday, gave a special note and flavour to the invitation, as if an appeal to the deepest of our aspirations, and a prayer for Grace. The title itself, ‘The Joy of building a Green Universal Township, seemed to set the menu for extensive reflection and contemplation…

Proposing an ‘exploration of collaboration between environment and development’ in the context of the relationship between ‘city’ and ‘greenbelt’, in its short introduction it expressed the hope to ‘resolve polarities and prejudices’, and to ‘embrace diversity in search of an effective unity’. For some among us who have found ourselves on either side of the perceived ‘divide’ for a long time, who have drunk deep from the bitterness of entrenched oppositions, it may have taken some effort to resist the habit of cynicism, to genuinely give a chance to something new to be heard. If we dared, there were many heartening elements that afternoon. It was encouraging and hopeful to meet a panel of Aurovilians who are known to hold vastly different views. It was inspiring to learn about amazing possibilities of creating green cities, urban farming, high-rise buildings that host elements of forest and agriculture within them, and environments that promise a far better and harmonious balance between nature and humans. The presentations were rich and varied, touching on various aspects of the vast field of creating a green city environment; the panelists added important perspectives (and would have done more so if time had allowed), and everybody felt the relevance of a topic that cannot but be a top priority in planning and building Auroville as a ‘city the earth needs’.

The interaction and discussion among all present was again rich and alive; it felt like an excellent beginning, with far more opportunity required in future to allow this crucially important process to grow and develop. One of the participants seemed to speak out of many hearts when she expressed (freely quoted from memory): ‘Unless all aspects of our existence, from the material and environmental, to the emotional and aesthetic and spiritual and everything in-between, are explored, respected and integrated in our planning, it is not worth placing even the first brick’. Another participant wondered how the efforts in planning Auroville would relate to and interact with our neighbours, the surrounding villages, our bioregion. One reflection, shared by a greenbeltter, raised the question of what gives to so many newcomers and in general people drawn to Auroville - as well as some seasoned Aurovilians - an intense yearning for an intimacy with Nature, something they mostly don’t seem to find in our present city housing. ‘We have come here leaving behind the concrete jungles and boxes of a suffocating world; we are looking to live simply but in harmony with nature’, so many of them express in one way or another. The deeply-felt need to live in the presence of Nature obviously has many facets, worth a deeper exploration to which this short column cannot do justice. One element very commonly encountered is the hesitation and resistance towards high-density living. This fear of being ‘crowded in’, too close to neighbours (and thus missing the peace and harmony of being in Nature) has for instance been expressed by many who otherwise love the planned community of Sacred Groves. Could this be a challenge to all of us, town-planners, architects and all us residents of the city-the-earth-needs alike - to explore questions such as: What qualities do we cherish and need when we yearn for ‘living in Nature’? What is it that causes our need for a safe protective distance from our neighbours (most, or at least some of them…)? And, is it possible to imagine a harmonious, free and truly fulfilling way of living in reasonably close proximity of each other, without losing those precious gifts we receive from living in untouched nature, from the privileged, deep communion with our Mother Earth? Perhaps we can start cultivating some of those qualities within and between us, and by doing so not only acquire precious freedom and new discoveries within, but also grow into a happily transforming society?

Happy birthday Auroville!
For AV Green Center (Jasmin, Lisbeth) - Reach us at: avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

'Something central to add to our 50th birthday program'
From the LOE-CHU Research Section:

For nearly fifty years there have been (and still are) between us in Auroville too many conflicts. Whether big or small, they have always inevitably had some damaging effects for Auroville, as a whole or through one or the other of its parts, and that's such a pity. In this year 2017 still at its beginning, my own most intense wish is that I myself may learn even better, 1/ how to avoid starting new such conflicts in spite of all the good will I generally have towards others, and 2/ how to dissolve those conflicts when they already exist, often since so long that they have become entrenched seemingly forever in all the persons involved.

I know most of you feel like me and want sincerely to find a way towards more harmony between us, more mutual understanding in spite of all our so diverse personalities, more reciprocal compassion for the defects we still all have - only each of us has different ones!... We usually notice more readily the defects of the others, simply because they are different from our own, and may seem more reprehensible in our eyes... Well, that's just the ordinary human judgmental tendency at work!

But there might be also still deeper misunderstandings and misgivings, radically wrong readings of each other's motivations, and that is much worse: for this is how those Forces who try to block or slow down or distort the growth of Auroville (and through it, the growth of the New World) are playing havoc among us, making us distrust each other so deeply that it become s impossible even for the sincerest... We usually notice more readily the defects of the others, simply because they are different from our own, and may seem more reprehensible in our eyes... Well, that's just the ordinary human judgmental tendency at work!

But let's still not despair of ever having between us the true understanding and harmony that should be there for Auroville to become what it must become.

Here is Sri Aurobindo’s so simple but so precious advice when things seem impossible to change, including in ourselves and all the more in our collective Sadhana:

"What one cannot do oneself one can get done by calling the Mother's Force.
To receive that and let it work in you is the true means of success in the Sadhana."

With my heartfelt best wishes for this 49th Birthday and the whole year to follow: may the Mother’s Force, during this year, transform us all enough to be a truer, more harmonious Auroville on our 50th Birthday!
Bhaga

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Citizen One - Jesse speaks about a new play

Johnny and Jesse are working on the production of a new play called Citizen One. Set in the imaginary City of Neotopia, the play tells a story of a government frustrated by their city’s lack of growth. In an attempt to identify the main obstacles to the city’s progress, a group of politicians invite in a team of foreign consultants to identify the problem. After an exhaustive study, the consultants conclude that the main obstacle to the city’s growth is the citizens, recommending the introduction of a new kind of citizen - Citizen One. Free from the inconvenience of emotion and opinion, Citizen One promises to get things moving again, but things do not go as planned.

Jesse explains that the play pokes light-hearted fun at Auroville and some of the challenges facing it, including decision-making. “We constantly wrestle to come to grips with the fact that we’re a collaborative activity and that Auroville’s residents are its greatest resource, whilst I have also heard some people say that the residents are our biggest problem,” says Jesse, pointing out our habit of constant disagreement and blocking of action. [...] He explains that the play itself follows the usual structure of epic story telling that was articulated famously by Joseph Campbell in ‘The Hero with a Thousand Faces’. In these timeless, mythological stories, the hero’s outer journey reflects his or her inner journey, where often a character’s physical sacrifice for a greater good functions as a symbol for the inner step towards dissolution of the ego. “Life in Auroville is a bit like living out an epic tale,” he says.

“I would never make fun of Mother and Sri Aurobindo,” says Jesse to me, “After all, aren’t we here because we believe in Sri Aurobindo and Mother’s work?”

[...] Citizen One will be performed once, at the Kalabhumi Amphitheatre, 8pm, March 4, 2017.

Written for Auroville Art Service by Krishna, in collaboration with Jesse, editing by Petra

[Editor’s note: this is an abridged version; see the full version of the article on auronet: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/61975]

I am an Active, Living Dynamo

If you truly make One step towards me,
I will leap Nine steps to grab you,
Stir you up,
Churn you thoroughly,
Spin you around,
Swirl you upside down,
Draw you to yourself,
Strip you from all past,
And leave you NAKED.

Celestine, Auroville, 24th February 2017

For your calendar

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

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

From March onwards: 6.00 to 6.30 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 5.45 pm. Please be seated by 5.55 pm.
Thank you. Amphitheatre Team

INVITATIONS

The Mother and Sri Aurobindo Centre is launching regular activities:
Every Thursday meditation 6:00-6:60 pm - starting on 2nd of March!

Every first Sunday of the month reading circle led by Bhuvana Sundari in Tamil and English
Starts on 5th of March with reading from Savitri and “The Mother” from 5:30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME - For direction kindly consult Google maps and see map.

3/134, Kalathu Metti Street, Edrayanchavadi, Auroville - 605101, Tamil Nadu
Email: kshetram2014@gmail.com, Mobile: +91 76 39 84 59 21
International Women’s Day
At Unity Pavilion - On Wednesday 8th March

This event ‘International Women’s Day’ is organized by Unity Pavilion - for bringing together many women with rich experiences in life here in Auroville and abroad. International Women’s Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

It is to share, what it means to be a woman - Shakti and Beauty, a wife, a mother a partner, an active participant in all the professional skill from manual trade to top executive in corporate office. An artist or a scientist, a woman with versatile capacities, a woman who can work 18 to 20 hours a day, without thinking of herself.

Come and join us for the International Women’s Day, declared by UNESCO to share and listen. There will be 12 women from 12 different countries who will be sharing some special moments of their life, some readings from great women in the world and a cultural evening based on 4 qualities of the Divine Mother.

We will end the event with a potluck dinner, we invite all to come with their culinary art. All men and women are welcome!

Programme
4 pm - Sharing by the 12 women
5 pm - Tea Break
6 pm - Reading from Great Women in the world
7.30 pm - Cultural event on 4 aspects of the Divine Mother
8.30 pm - Potluck dinner

CIRHU - Aurovilian Conversations - “Every True Aurovilian should be an educator”

Giacomo’s Experience on “Martial Arts and Yoga”
Thursday, 9th March 2017 - 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm - Venue: Bhavishyate, Bharat Nivas

CIRHU started “Aurovilian Conversations”, a series of weekly reflections (not lectures) between students, volunteers, newcomers and interested people with Aurovilians and friends of Auroville with experience in specific fields of knowledge. We extend the invitation to the entire Auroville Community to the ‘Aurovilian Conversations’ conducted by CIRHU (Center for International Research on Human Unity). For queries kindly call 810556795 (Niveditha) or contact: cirhu@auroville.org.in

EXHIBITIONS

extended: MATRIMANDIR: AS ABOVE, SO BELOW
A Photographic Exhibition by Paulette Hadnagy
At Pitanga, Auroville - extended until Saturday 4th March
Open daily 8- 12 and 14- 18. Closed on Sundays

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

Dark Heavens: Hunters & Shamans of Mongolia
Photos by Hamid Sardar-Afkhami
Open from 8 am to 5 pm
From 5th March onwards

Hamid Sardar-Afkhami [Iran, b. 1966] is a professional photographer as well as a scholar of Tibetan and Mongolian languages who received his Ph.D. from Harvard University. After moving to Nepal in the late 1980’s and exploring Tibet and the Himalayas for more than a decade, he went to live in Outer Mongolia in 2000 to make a record of people’s customs and manners of life before they became divorced from their natural and spiritual environment.

Inspired by the pioneers of photography during the Age of Exploration, Sardar-Afkhami dedicates his cameras to making a visual record of the world’s last nomadic tribes. Spanning over almost a decade, Sardar-Afkhami’s expeditions have produced a valuable important photographic collection concentrating on nomadic culture at the cusp of a great irreversible change.

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 6th March: Jason and the quest of the Golden Fleece (the beginnings of the spiritual journey: fourth 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!
Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research (SACAR) & The Element of Wisdom in Management Organises
A One-Day Seminar
Saturday 4th March 2017
Venue: SACAR, 39, Vanniar Street, Puducherry
For Registration, fees and details please contact: sacarstudycamps@gmail.com / 9994190403, 9443019172
For details of speakers and topics please visit www.sacar.in
All are Welcome - Submitted by Anandi

Let us meet where we are in touch with our inspiration and feel the resonance, the heartbeat of Unity in Diversity in action!

**CAT 11: Progressive Integral Economy**

By Yves, Micheal and Lotus group.
CAT in English on a “Pour Tous Economy” in Auroville

Making distinction between the day-to-day economy of self-sufficiency and the economy of long-term development, we introduce a better visibility of the operational economical modes likely to grow the Auroville dream. Keeping an economy ideally harmonious as an axis of progress, we put forward a ‘Pour Tous’ Progressive Integral Economy able to shift from an informal paradigm to a clarified one which articulates new steps to gradually grow the collective. Our proposal allows individuals, units and services to choose between improved ways to act on the nature of interchanges on the Auroville internal market. Built on the past Aurovilians initiatives strongly linked to Auroville ideals, we trust that our proposal will be in tune with the Aurovillian spirit.

Join with us to learn more with Michael (MDJ), Yves (Udumbu) and the Lotus Group
On 10th of March at Unity Pavilion
We will do a break between the presentation and a question/answer time.
The presentation has been entirely remastered compared to the last one given in French in Cinema Paradiso.

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!

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**CULTURAL EVENTS**

**WARNING! Do Not Watch**
The Office of Progress has been made aware of the presence of a subversive theatrical production.
**DO NOT WATCH THIS PERFORMANCE:**
**SUBVERSIVE MATERIAL TITLE:**
**CITIZEN ONE**
Citizens are advised to avoid this performance at the following coordinates:
**WHEN:** 8pm, SATURDAY MARCH 4
**WHERE:** KALABHUMI AMPHITHEATRE
You are at risk of being reprogrammed.
**GRAPHIC MATERIAL WARNING!**
This post also contains attached graphic material. Do not look at it.

**CHANGE OF DATE: Musical Evening around the piano**

With Dominique, Yaroslava, Alain
Bach / Beethoven / Schubert / Dvorak / Borodin
SUNDAY 5 MARCH at 7.30 pm at CRIPA
(Latecomers not admitted)

**NAMASPAMUS**
Brass band from Marseilles
Come and join us in an evening of music, food & fun
At the Youth Centre on Monday the 6th of March
From 7.30 pm onwards

**Tango Performance at Visitors Center**

Wednesday 8th March - A feast for the senses
For this occasion the cafeteria is serving a special Latin Dinner starting from 6:30 pm
Then, at 8 pm on the stage: international maestros will demonstrate this Argentine art
A warm welcome to all tangueros and well-wishers of tango in Auroville.
Thank you, AV Tango
Musical evening around the piano

With Dominique,
Yaroslava,
Alain

POSTPONED TO:
SUNDAY 5TH MARCH
7.30 pm sharp at CRIPA
(Latecomers not admitted)

Music by:
Bach
Beethoven
Schubert
Dvorak
Borodin..
MUSIC CONCERT 4 March 8 pm
DJELAN DUO
OPTIMYSTIC FRENCH SONG WORLD/LATIN/JAZZ COMPOSITIONS
DJELAN: Vocal & Midi Guitar, Suresh: Drums
DJ Vikram: Retro & SDM/Spiritual Dance Music 10 pm
DJ Bijou: World Music 11 pm
Contribution Required
**HUMAN JOURNEY ACROSS THE AGES**

Ecology, Culture & The Self

**A SERIES OF FOUR LECTURES ABOUT MAN'S PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE**

BY

PROF. SEHDEV KUMAR

Session #1: Thursday, March 9, 2017

“*What is so unique about Human presence in the Universe?”*

Session #2: Thursday, March 16, 2017

“*How do we humans communicate with each other, and with the universe? The Birth of Science, Arts and the Languages*”

Session #3: Thursday, March 23, 2017

“*Nature/Nurture Debate? What makes Us who We are: Biology or Culture?*

Session #4: Thursday, March 30, 2017

*Jacob’s Ladder: Where Must it Lead to? The Future of Man*

An Author, Columnist & Professor Emeritus in Canada, Dr. Kumar is a Nuclear Physicist, a Historian and Philosopher of Science, a Mediator and a Bioethicist. Author of many books, including *The Vision of Kabir*, his forthcoming book is “7000 Million Degrees of Freedom”. He lectures internationally on the History of Ideas & Culture.

**Venue: Unity Pavilion, Auroville**

**Time & Dates: Thursday, March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017, 7:30 - 9:00 pm**
Bharat Nivas Presents

Hindustani Classical Recital
(Vocal & Instrumental)

Sri Debasish Haldar: Sarangi
Sri Tapabrata Mitra: Sitar
Smt. Lakshmi Santra: Vocal
Sri Biplab BARMAN: Tabla

Date: Saturday, 4th March 2017
Venue: Sri Aurobindo Auditorium
Time: 8 PM

no advance booking required come 20 minutes early
and gate will be closed 5 minutes before 8pm
Presents

1. HINDUSTANI INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL RECITAL
   Date: Saturday, 4 March 2017 - Time: 8 PM - Venue: Sri Aurobindo Auditorium,
   offered by Reputed Artists from Kolakata and Pondicherry:
   Sri Debashish Haldar: Sarangi
   Sri Tapabrata Mitra: Sitar
   Srimati Lakshmi Santra: Vocal
   Sri Biplab Barman: Tabla

2. ONGOING Photography Exhibition by Olivier Barot

3. TANGO DANCE FESTIVAL
   Dates: 8 to 12 March 2017 - Venue: SAWCHU. BHARATNIVAS
   For more details: please write to: monna@gmx.com / nmzp@yahoo.com

4. AN EVENING WITH PANKAJ SEKHSARIA:
   Saturday, 11 March 2017 - Time: 5 to 6.30 PM - Venue: Bhavishyate Hall. (BHARAT NIVAS)
   Book Launching of Pankaj's latest book:
   "ISLANDS IN FLUX - The Andaman and Nicobar Story" - (Non-Fiction), Harper Collins India, March 2017
   Welcome for a talk and book reading from Pankaj's book followed by questions/answer session. This book is a compilation of
   writings on key issues and developments in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands over the last two decades. He has a long standing
   association with these Islands, being a member of the Environment Action Group known as KALPAVRIKSH.
   PANKAJ SEKHSARIA, PhD., a friend and associate of an Aurovilian in the field of biodiversity conservation. Apart from being a
   reputed journalist, is a researcher, writer, photographer, campaigner and academic. He has worked extensively in the field of
   environment and wild life conservation. He has launched his earlier book in Pondicherry, "The Last Wave - an Island Novel",
   Fiction, Harper Collins India May 2014.
   He is also known for his two earlier non-fiction books based on the Islands: Troubled Islands (2003), a collection of his journalistic
   writings, and the Jarawa Tribal Reserve Dossier for UNESCO: Cultural and biological diversity in the Andamans.
   PHD Thesis Title: Enculturing Innovation - Indian Engagements with nanotechnology in the field of Science and Technology Studies
   (STS) from the MAASTRICHT University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
   FOR MORE DETAILS: bharatnivas@auroville.org.in

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Badminton class: People interested in badminton class training for boys, girls and ladies can register by calling me, Sundaramoorthy: 9489214020 / 9500819221

Clay Class at 'White Peacock'
Dear young participants of Sunday Clay Class at 'White Peacock', please notice that there will be no classes on Sundays for a couple of weeks. See you there again on 26th of March. White Peacock team.

English & Hindi Class
Learn to speak and/or read, write Hindi at New Creation every Sunday at 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm.
Contact Shiv at: 9884035536 at Reach for the Stars.

Women Temple Circle
We come together in silence... to connect with the Shakti flow as it keeps changing. We pray with our bodies, connect through music and touch; we self-inquire and hold space; a practice and discovery of embodied feminine spirituality where every experience can be a portal to presence where here and now is the moment supporting each other and drinking the nectar that the circle creates (inspired by Chameli of Awakening women institute)
Wednesday 8/03, 7-9 pm, In Sve-dame @ Butterfly Barn
(next one will be on 22/03) - (Pls come early to settle in, we start on time and then the door closes)

Family Constellation With Moghan
3rd and 4th of March at Creativity Hall of Light
9 am to 6 pm
Please contact: moghan@auroville.org.in / 975110486

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
7th March (Tuesday)
• Overview with multimedia presentation
• Questions and Answers
• Practice in Daily Life
• Complimentary Concentration Exercises
• Creative Arts, Interactive Games
• Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
• Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: 'The Synthesis of Yoga' 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

Herbs for Health Workshop
Pitchandikulam Forest welcomes you to the Herbs for Health workshop with our traditional health specialist Ms Parvathi of Amrtha/Meera Herbals. As we leave the winter season, and
before the onset of summer, it is a good time to re-awaken and invigorate ourselves with natural, traditional remedies. Join us for a forest walk and a visit to our medicinal herb garden and nursery, where we will identify forest plants, learn about their health benefits and easy ways we can use them in everyday life. We will finish the session with herbal tea made from fresh forest plants, when you'll have a chance to ask Parvathi any questions or share your own herbal health tips with each other.

Wednesday 7th of March, 2-5pm at Pitchandikulam Forest (meet at the 'Seed Room' building opposite the parking). Please arrive 1.45 to register so we can start the workshop at 2pm sharp. Registration compulsory and no unregistered admission on the day. Fixed contribution to cover costs (contact us for details). To register email Daniela at pitchandikulam.outreach@auroville.org.in or call +91 8489818523

NLP Workshops
The NLP Workshop in English scheduled on 25 & 26 February had been postponed and rescheduled for 4th and 5th March Level 1 With Christine P. at Sharanga Guest House These 2-day workshop is the first step for changes that you need to make which are within yourself and those are the ones that ensure lasting change and help you start seeing the word differently. With NLP you will learn how to improve your communication, connect with your inner power and it will give you the knowledge and self-confidence to develop deep communication. If you want to have more choices about your behavior and emotions, to improve your relationships and the way you communicate, and create better results, then NLP can provide you with a step-by-step path for achieving all this and more.

Registration & info: www.auroville-holistic.com/ Christine: 9489805493 / contact@auroville-holistic.com Christine Pauchard is a certified NLP Practitioner by INLPA, and she has been working in that field giving session and workshops since 2011 in France and now in Auroville too.

Celebrating the Feminine
"Living Gratitude; Embodying Abundance"
3-Days non-residential Women’s Retreat
March 10-12, Butterfly Barn in Sve-dame, & nature of Auroville
Discovering the Goddess Lakshmi in her diverse qualities...
Exploring our own abundant knowing and creativity...
Awakening a sense of celebration for being alive, in all its forms...
Honouring the sacred feminine and sense of sisterhood...
The Retreat includes: Dance & movement, practices from “Awakening Women Temple Circles”, creating a "Vision Board", Authentic expression and Compassionate listening, nature rituals and more...!
With Dariya who is passionate about creating spaces to explore deeper aspects of our being and inter-connectedness.
For more info and to register contact Dariya: 9786658967 or dariya@auroville.org.in

SCHEDULES

**LANGUAGE LAB**

New Tamil, Hindi, Sanskrit and German classes starting at the Language Lab.

Contact us for schedule.
Ph: 0413-2623601 / Email: all@auroville.org.in

**WORKSHOPS IN VÉRITÉ**

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

**SOMATICS - AN INTRODUCTION FOR EVERY BODY!**

With Maggie

Monday, 6 March - 9.30 am to 12:30 pm

Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements (mind-body training) in the tradition of Thomas Hanna. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.

Maggie is a professionally trained Somatic Movement Educator and offers workshops, classes and clinical sessions in highly effective technique.

**AN INTRODUCTION TO TRADITIONAL THAI YOGA MASSAGE with Andres**

Saturday 11 March - 9 am to 4 pm

In this introductory workshop to traditional Thai Yoga Massage you will learn a short practical sequence (booklet included), plus the theory/spiritual background which is the foundation for a healthy therapy.

Traditional Thai Yoga Massage is an Ancient technique used to unblock energy stagnation and awaken our inner healer. This is achieved through both pressure on the energy lines (Nadis) and movements of the body and joins based in Yoga Asanas. It embraces people of all background who feel drawn to it as a transformative practice. Most important, the practice is not just about some exercises; it’s about giving from the heart with compassion.

**Andres is certified in Yoga Thai Massage by the Sunshine Massage School. Meditation is part of his practice, and he has completed courses in Vipassana meditation, Pranayama, Consciousness, and Vision. Quest of the Native Americans.**

**Watsu® & Pregnancy with Xavier**

Wednesday 8 - Thursday 9 March 2017 (2 days)
8.45 AM - 6.30 PM (15 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622646 / 9488084966)

This course offers water students and practitioners the necessary tools for giving sessions to pregnant women and gaining a deeper insight into the fascinating world of pregnancy and birth in relation to aquatic bodywork. It also offers specific indications and contraindications in the context of pregnancy and will allow you to give a precious support to future mothers. Prerequisite: Watsu Basic

**Watsu® & Breathing with Xavier**

Friday 10 - Saturday 11 March 2017 (2 days)

8.45 AM - 6.30 PM (15 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622646 / 9488084966)

You will discover how to integrate the practice of Watsu and breathing and energetic connection with the receiver. You will study the anatomical basis of our respiratory system to better understand its functioning. Prerequisite: Watsu Basic

**Heart Beats. Intuitive Dance Retreat with Julie**

Friday 10 - Sunday 12 March 2017 (3 days)

10.00 AM - 5.00 PM (18 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622646 / 9488084966)

Certified life coach and dance & movement therapist Julie will guide you through an energising mix of meditation, ceremonies, creative movement and dance to connect you with your essence. Letting go of dancing to impress, instead dance to express. Connecting with your own unique rhythm, you'll experience a deep sense of release and lightness. You'll feel energised and connected, centered and grounded!
Bamboo Centre Training Program for March - 2017

The Importance of Bamboo as an Eco-friendly raw material capable of meeting many needs and is gaining global acceptance among many people.

Being a natural gift to mankind, bamboo is very popular due to its multipurpose use, fast growth, easy propagation, soil binding properties and short gestation period.

Each program will consist of learning inputs: theory, instruction, demonstration, and practical work.

The Auroville Bamboo Centre offers training to individuals and groups in:

**Bamboo Construction Experience**
- 7th to 11th of March (5 days) (full bamboo culm techniques)
- 22nd to 24th of March 9 (3 days) (bamboo joineries techniques)
- 28th to 31st of March (4 days) (split bamboo techniques)

**Bamboo & Wood Furniture Experience**
15th to 18th of March (4 days)

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Auroville & Kaluveli Bio-Region Experience Program for March 2017

**OPENING THE GATES TO THE VILLAGE**

**Village Tour**
Saturday 04/03, Sunday 12/03, Saturday 18/03, Sunday 26/03
Meeting Point is the Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai plaza at 9.30 am (please bring your bike)
Come and enjoy the authentic village experience and celebrate cultural heritage!

**Cultural & Spiritual Experience**
Irumbai Legend Shiva temple Visit
Time: 11am to 12.30pm & 3.30pm - 5.00pm (Please bring your own vehicle)
Date: Special days Every Monday & Saturday but we will take whole week.

**Kolam Village Walk**
Spiritual and lively village experience for Women's empowerment.
Timing: Every Friday from 6.00am to 7.30am

**Kolam Workshop**
Spiritual and lively village experience for Women's empowerment.
Timing: Every Saturday from 11.00am to 12.30pm

**Thiruvakarai Wood Fossil**
An excursion into the park contains petrified woodfossils approximately 20 million years old, scattered throughout the park, which covers about 247 acres (100 ha).
Date: Every Friday, Time: 10am

**Pottery Ceramic Hands on Experience**
Come & learn How to create your own pot
Timing: Every day Month of March except Sunday from 10.00am to 12.30pm & 02.00 pm to 04.30 pm

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Watsu® 2 with Gianni
Sunday 12 - Saturday 18 March 2017 (7 days)
8.45 AM - 6.30 PM (50 hours)
Watsu 2 expands the Transition Flow taught in Watsu 1. You learn additional movements and bodywork in each position and to incorporate them in a session. You also learn about the meridians and acupressure points in Watsu and to creatively explore your own movements, while following the client's tendency to move.
Practicing acupressure massage, lifts, pushes and pulls introduced at this stage, helps developing the ability to explore and play with energy. Prerequisite: Watsu 1.

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Hands on Craft Creative Workshop:

**Bamboo Jewelry**
Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday of February -9.30am to 12.30pm - HANDS ON EXPERIENCE ON BAMBOO JEWELLERY

**Bamboo Toys**
Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday of February -9.30am to 12.30pm - HANDS ON EXPERIENCE ON BAMBOO TOYS

**Bamboo Musical Instruments**
Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday of February -9.30am to 12.30pm - HANDS ON EXPERIENCE ON BAMBOO MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Flexible training dates offered to groups
Contact: 0413-2623806, 2623394
bambooworkshop@auroville.org.in
www.aurovillebamboocentre.org
Contributions requested from guests/Volunteers, Volunteer reduction by advance application only.

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Some Essential Services – March 2017

[Kindly let us know of any changes in opening/closing hours for the service. Eds]

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
Auroville Library, Crown Road: opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday. email: avllib@auroville.org.in. tel: 0413-2622 894
Bike/Car repair & servicing: ★ Painting ★ Modification ★ General service ★ Bike renting. Please contact Satya: 9443482827
At Abri workshop (old puncture service) Auroville. We accept Auroville PT account.
AvHC: The Pharmacy is open 8.30 to 5 pm daily including Saturdays. The doctor’s consultation is the same with a lunch break from 1-2pm, except Saturday up to 1pm only. Phone no 0413-2622123 and 2622018. Email: avhealth@auroville.org.in.
AV Safety & Security Team: Call us 24/7 for emergency, assistance or escort on 944309107. Visit our office (Ceritude Service Area - Near Gas Bottle service) from Monday to Saturday (9AM to 1PM - 2PM to 4PM) or contact us on 0413-2623400/ avsafety@auorove.org.in
City Transport: Quick ‘Pick up and Drop’ Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater people carrier, free of charge for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests for trips within the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromele and Repos/Quiet chargeable with per passenger fares, from Rs. 110/- for 1 person single trip. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 0413-262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30 am-6.00 pm. E-mail: visitorscentre@auroville.org.in - Please note that it is not a taxi that can be ordered in advance for an exact time, but will normally reach you with 10/15 minutes, and will not wait for you for onward or return trips - if needed it will come back to pick you up again when called.
Auroville Dental Centre: Protection / Telephone: (0143) 2622265 or 2622007 / email: aurodentalcenetre@auroville.org.in
EcoService, Kotakkara: Palani 9443535172, or Kali 9443090114. ecoservice@auorove.org.in
Entry Service, MultiMedia Center: 1st floor, Town hall Complex: We are open to the public Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30am to 12:30pm except on Tuesday (team meeting). B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only. For more information on joining Auroville: +91 (0)413 262 2707 email: enryservice@auorove.org.in
Farewell: mobile number: 8903863246. This phone is reachable 24/7.
Financial Service, Town Hall and Aspiration: Mon to Sat, 9 to 12.30 and 3 to 4.30pm
Free Store: Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12.30 pm - Tuesday and Thursday: 2.30 to 4.30 pm. Telephone: 0413-2623680 email: freestore@auorove.org.in
Free Store Tailoring Service: Repair work will be received only from 1st to 15th of every month. Timings will be same as Free Store.
Auroville Gas Service, Service Area: Near Tele Service” and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm. Telephone: (0143) 2622452 / email: avgasservice@auorove.org.in
Green Care: Tree care, pruning, rigging, removal of trees, and or branches over structures. Garden maintenance grass and hedge cutting. Call: Jonas 9159843579 or Anadi 9655477229.
Guest Service above the Solar Kitchen: 1st floor. Opening times: from Monday to Saturday 9.30 to 12.30, and from Monday to Friday 13.00 to 16.00. avguestservice@auorove.org.in. contact no. 0413 2622675
Housing Service, Town Hall: Public Hours: Monday morning from 11 to 12.30 and afternoon from 2.30 till 4.30 - Tuesday morning from 9.30 to 12.30 - Wednesday closed - Thursday 9.30 to 12.30 - Friday morning 9.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - Friday afternoon 2.30 to 4.30 - Saturday morning 10.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - All regular financial matters can also be taken care of on Friday morning. Phone: (0143) 2622658. Email: housing@auorove.org.in
Integral Health, Prayatna: transpersonal regression therapy, classical homeopathy, counselling, vital remedies, child & women health, hypnototherapy. integralhealth@auorove.org.in - 2623669 - Mon to Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.
LFAU - Fundraising for Auroville’s land: with its two campaigns ‘Acres for Auroville’ & ‘GreenAcres’ Aryadeep, Mandakini LB, Sophie, Sigrid, and secretary Johiti. Welcome: Mornings from 9:30 -12.30 at Town Hall, 1st floor. LFAU 0413 2622657. lfauf@auorove.org.in / www.colaap.org
LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas: LOE Library Open every morning Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12 am / Afternoon Monday to Friday: 2.30 to 4.30 pm. loechus@auorove.org.in
Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily 6am to 8.45am/11.30am to 12.30pm (2pm on Sunday)/4.30pm to 8pm. Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you. The Petals are open for Aurovilians daily: 4.30pm to 6pm. To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.40 am on the day of the visit. Please remain with your guests throughout the visit. Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday.
Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 and 11 am.
Music library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9 to 12.30 and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2 to 5.30pm.
Nandini Tailor section (Auroshilpam): tel: 0413-2622527 Email nandini@auorove.org.in. For placing orders: open to public on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings 9am to 12.30, and afternoon 3, Town Hall is open no order taken last week of the month. Don’t forget to bring your bag when you give a new order!!!!!
Nandini Distribution (PTDC area): tel : 0413-262203 Email nandini@auorove.org.in. Open to public from Tuesday to Saturday morning from 9am to 12.30pm and Tuesday, Thursday afternoon 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Don’t forget to bring your bag!
OutreachMedia Services: The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photography - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9552463904
Multi-Media Centre: Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment. outreachmedia@auorove.org.in
Puncture service, service area: next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4 30pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891235.
Auroville Residents Service timings: open from Monday to Friday morning from 9:30 am to 12.30 pm and afternoon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30. Telephone: (0143) 2622191 / email: resservice@auorove.org.in
Residents Assembly Service: new landline number: 0413-2623701 (please note it in your agenda). The RAS office (located 1st floor at Town Hall) is open for public from 10 AM till 12 Noon from Monday till Friday. We are happy to welcome your questions, suggestions or information. We will do our best to help you in whatever way possible. Thank you for your appreciation. Your RAS team
Sante Clinic: Crown Rd. near. Arka: Call 2622803 for an appointment. Hours: Monday to Saturday: 8.45 am to 12.30 pm & 2 to 4.30 pm, closed on Tuesday Afternoons for Internal Admin work.
Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville, a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months). We offer welcome information, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers’ stay. From Monday to Friday from 2 till 4 pm. at the Unity Pavilion. For more information call (0413)2622121 or go to Savi website: www.auroville-learning.net.
Skyworks: Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, power line cleaning. SatYajii: 8531033545

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In celebrating International Women’s Day (8th March) and Women’s History Month (observed in the USA in March) - we bring you a spread of films fiction from different genre, documentary, and biography. Hope you enjoy these inspiring and interesting tales.

Women Series - Monday 6 March, 8:00 pm:
• AN (Sweet Bean)
  Japan, 2015, Dir. Naomi Kawase, w/ Kirin Kiki, Magatoshi Nagase, Kiara Ucida, and others 113 mins, Drama, Japanese w/ English subtitles, Rated: G
  The manager of a pancake stall finds himself confronted with an odd but sympathetic elderly woman looking for work. A taste of her homemade bean jelly convinces him to hire her, which starts a relationship that is about much more than just street food.

Women Series - Tuesday 7 March, 8:00 pm:
• GRANMA
  USA, 2015, Dir. Paul Waitz, w/ Lily Tomlin, Julia Garner, Marcia Gay Harden, and others, 79 mins, Comedy, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R
  Elle, an acerbic septuagenarian poet, who has just gotten through breaking up with her girlfriend, is drawn back into the life when her granddaughter Sage entreats her help in dealing with an unplanned pregnancy, she unexpectedly shows up needing $600 bucks before sundown. Temporarily broke, Grandma Elle and Sage spend the day trying to get their hands on the cash as their unannounced visits to old friends and flames end up rattling skeletons and digging up secrets.

Women Series - Wednesday 8 March, 8:00 pm:
• PEGGY GUGGENHEIM: ART ADDICT
  USA, 2015, Dir. Lisa Immordino Vreeland, 96 mins, Documentary, English, Rated: NR
  Peggy was an heiress to the Guggenheim family who would become a central figure in the modern art movement. As she moved through the cultural upheaval of the 20th century, she collected not only art, but artists. Her colorful personal history included trysts, affairs and marriages with such figures as Samuel Beckett, Max Ernst, Jackson Pollock, Marcel Duchamp as well as countless others. While fighting through personal tragedy, she maintained her vision to build one of the most important collections of modern art, which is today enshrined in her famous Venetian palazzo. The film is a compendium of the greatest 20th century art mixed with the wild and iconoclastic life of one of the most powerful women of the art world.

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