HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

But always the whole foundation of the gnostic life must be by its very nature inward and not outward. In the life of the Spirit it is the Spirit, the inner Reality, that has built up and uses the mind, vital being and body as its instrumentation; thought, feeling and action do not exist for themselves, they are not an object, but the means; they serve to express the manifested divine Reality within us: otherwise, without this inwardness, this spiritual origination, in a too externalised consciousness or by only external means, no greater or divine life is possible. In our present life of Nature, in our externalised surface existence, it is the world that seems to create us; but in the turn to the spiritual life it is we who must create ourselves and our world. In this new formula of creation, the inner life becomes of the first importance and the rest can be only its expression and outcome. It is this, indeed, that is indicated by our own strivings towards perfection, the perfection of our own soul and mind and life and the perfection of the life of the race. For we are given a world which is obscure, ignorant, material, imperfect, and our external conscious being is itself created by the energies, the pressure, the moulding operations of this vast mute obscurity, by physical birth, by environment, by a training through the impacts and shocks of life; and yet we are vaguely aware of something that is there in us or seeking to be, something other than what has been thus made, a Spirit self-existent, self-determining, pushing the nature towards the creation of an image of its own occult perfection or Idea of perfection. There is something that grows in us in answer to this demand, that strives to become the image of a divine Somewhat, and is impelled also to labour at the world outside that has been given to it and to remake that too in a greater image, in the image of its own spiritual and mental and vital growth, to make our world too something created according to our own mind and self-conceiving spirit, something new, harmonious, perfect.

But our mind is obscure, partial in its notions, misled by opposite surface appearances, divided between various possibilities; it is led in three different directions to any of which it may give an exclusive preference. Our mind, in its search for what must be, turns towards a concentration on our own inner spiritual growth and perfection, on our own individual being and inner living; or it turns towards a concentration on an individual development of our surface nature, on the perfection of our thought and outer dynamic or practical action on the world, on some idealism of our personal relation with the world around us; or it turns rather towards a concentration on the outer world itself, on making it better, more suited to our ideas and temperament or to our conception of what should be. On one side there is the call of our spiritual being which is our true self, a transcendent reality, a being of the Divine Being, not created by the world, able to live in itself, to rise out of world to transcendence; on the other side there is the demand of the world around us which is a cosmic form, a formulation of the Divine Being, a power of the Reality in disguise. There is too the divided or double demand of our being of Nature which is poised between these two terms, depends on them and connects them; for it is apparently made by the world and yet, because its true creator is in ourselves and the world-instrumentation that seems to make it is only the means first used, it is really a form, a disguised manifestation of a greater spiritual being within us. It is this demand that mediates between our preoccupation with an inward perfection or spiritual liberation and our preoccupation with the outer world and its formation, insists on a happier relation between the two terms and creates the ideal of a better individual in a better world. But it is within us that the Reality must be found and the source and foundation of a perfected life; no outward formation can replace it: there must be the true self realised within if there is to be the true life realised in world and Nature.

In the growth into a divine life the Spirit must be our first preoccupation; until we have revealed and evolved it in our self out of its mental, vital, physical wrappings and disguises, extracted it with patience from our own body, as the Upanishad puts it, until we have built up in ourselves an inner life of the Spirit, it is obvious that no outer divine living can become possible.

THE LIFE DIVINE, book II, part II, chap. XXVIII: The Divine Life
SRI AUROBINDO

There is nothing small in God's eyes;
let there be nothing small in thine.

Sri Aurobindo
ref. Gems from Sri Aurobindo, First series, p.10A

Cover “Vortex” by Carla Sello. Last chance to see Carla’s Exhibition at Centre D’Art Citadines, closing at 5pm on Saturday 8/4
WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

BCC Presentation at the GM held on 17 March 2017

1. Introduction to the BCC
2. Update on the Financial Situation
3. Role and Functioning of HRT (Human Resources Team) a sub-group of the BCC
4. One example of tasks commissioned by the BCC for greater clarity

1) Introduction to the BCC (Presented by Ananda)
   • The Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) is a subgroup of the FAMC
   • It has a mandate approved by FAMC.
   • It usually meets on Thursdays from 14:30 to 17:00
   • It exceptionally has additional meetings if needed
   • It is a group composed mainly of representatives of other major working groups.

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- Topics during BCC meetings:
  • Allocation of recurring budgets (including Aurovilian maintenances)
  • Yearly wage increase
  • Allocation of non-recurring budgets
  • Exceptional non-budgeted requests
  • Exceptional non-budgeted Aurovilian maintenance allocations
  • Summer repairs allocations for schools.
  • Contribution policies and implementation
  • Miscellaneous (incl. topics referred to the FAMC).

2) Update on City Services Financial Situation - February 2017 (Presented by Jean-Yves)

![Yearly Evolution of Expenses Feb-17](chart)

- Recurring Expenses: +7.9%
- Maintenances: +13.7%
- Non Recurring Exp.: -15.1%

Note: Decrease in Non-Recurring Expenses is due to stopping of a temporary grant from BCC towards youth housing.
Note: The Reserves in March is likely to come to 2.5 months of expenses.

3) The Role and Functioning of Human Resources Team - HRT
(Presented by Jyotiprem)
Responsibilities:
• Deal with requests for maintenance (City Services): full-time, half-time, bridging, maternity, children, student, apprentice and disabilities maintenance, Nandini Scheme and In Kind Scheme. Aurovilians and Newcomers requesting a maintenance will be invited to the HRT office for an interview.
• Deal with requests for payment of: dental treatment, visa and passport fees, special medical treatment e.g alcoholism. (in collaboration with ‘Alcoholic Anonymous’)
• Decisions taken by HRT will be communicated to the Financial Services, who will make the actual transfers.
• Help in the coordination of the Lunch Scheme and the Health Fund.
• Keep track of all the allocations and ensure that they stay within budget.
• Provide available information and discuss certain issues with the relevant groups.
• Maintain and update the database of the Human Resources of Auroville.
• Review maintenance related policies and propose appropriate changes to the BCC and the FAMC whenever necessary.
• Prepare letters, stating the amount of maintenance an Aurovilian receives, that are needed for filing income tax returns and other official purposes.
The Working Committee report March 2017

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

1. Feedback on February report
   The Working Committee thanks the individuals who have taken the time to give feedback on the monthly reports. In the coming days, all substantive feedback and questions from the February report will receive an answer.

2. Award for Auroville
   The Sri Lanka-United Nations Friendship Organisation (SUNFO), is a non-political, non-racial and non-sectarian organization working for peace, harmony and well-being of mankind according to the principles of United Nations.
   SUNFO was inaugurated on 22 May, 1999 under the patronage of Hon. Speaker of the Parliament Sri Lanka Dr.K.B.Rathnayake and with the blessings of the United Nations Resident Coordinator Mr. Peter Witham. During the last 17 years over one million youth, children, and citizens have participated in SUNFO programmes, activities, mobilizations and campaigns.
   One of the main objectives of SUNFO is developing social, cultural, volunteerism, tourism cooperation between people of Sri Lanka and people in other diverse friendly nations. With the blessings of SUNFO Patron Hon. Deshabandu Karu Jayasuriya (The Speaker of the Sri Lankan Parliament) SUNFO declared a Global Village Programme in year 2016. This programme recognizes special initiatives in the world to develop people’s cooperation globally.
   SUNFO decided to honour Auroville by awarding it the “SUNFO Global Village Award of Appreciation” on March 30th during a SUNFO programme - in progress. As soon as it is completed it will be reported to the community.

3. Mohanam Village Heritage Centre
   Together with the FAMC and after consultation with the Secretary and all parties involved, the Working Committee has looked at the creation of the Mohanam Village Heritage Centre on Auroville land near Alankupam, the site of which was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Puducherry on January 2nd, 2017.
   The Mohanam Village Heritage Centre is set up under the Scheme of Rural Tourism and is funded by the Government of Puducherry and Ille-et-Vilaine, a County Council in France. The project costs are estimated at Rs.96.00 lakhs.

4. ADHAAR camp
   The Government of India has made the holding of an ADHAAR card mandatory for many issues, such as rail bookings and opening of bank accounts. ADHAAR is a unique identification number, for which biometric data (scan of finger prints and eyes) are recorded.
   Anyone, including foreigners who have been more than 182 days residing at the same address in India for the past year, is eligible for an ADHAAR card.
   The Working Committee will soon organize an ‘ADHAAR Camp’ in or around the Town Hall, to facilitate the registration of Auroville residents, including children, and the issuance of the ADHAAR card. More information will follow in the coming days.

5. Visa issues
   The Working Committee continues its efforts to resolve a number of long-pending visa issues with the much appreciated help of François Gautier.
   We request all those who are contacted by the Regional Registration Office representatives to inform the Working Committee immediately.

6. Location Youth Hive
   The Working Committee, jointly with the Auroville Council and the TDC, has become involved in trying to find a solution for the relocation of the Youth Hive project, a 60-100-bed youth hostel. The location next to the Pump House, proposed by the TDC at the recommendation of the International Zone Group, has met with opposition from the Pump House residents who consider the site too close to their residences, as well as from Poppo, who would like to reserve the same site for a future archaeological museum. The matter has been discussed in a restorative circle and in joint meetings of the Working Committee, Auroville Council and TDC, together with Pump House residents, Youth Hive representatives and with Poppo and his support group. The matter has not yet been resolved.

7. Renewal of executives/New executives for Matrimandir
   A call for nominations for renewal of/new executives of the Matrimandir has gone out and was published in the News and Notes # 692 on 25th March 2017 and can be read here https://www.auroville.org.in/article/62409. We aim for that by the end of April a decision on the new executives will have been made.

8. ITDC - term of office extension, and new TDC process
   The Auroville Council, jointly with the Working Committee, has requested the members of the ITDC to continue serving as ITDC member, till the new TDC is in place.
   Regarding the new TDC, a General Meeting was held on the 16th of March, at the Unity Pavilion. It was attended by approximately 75 residents. The meeting included an introduction by the Auroville Council and was followed by a presentation by the Core Team on the Planning Guidelines, the recommended structure for TDC/L’avenir and a proposal for the selection process.

9. Code of Conduct for Trust-Units
   In August 2014, the Governing Board approved a “Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Trustees and Units under various Trusts of Auroville” and “Guidelines for Trusts and Units”. The Board directed that the Guidelines be reviewed after three years. On the basis of this Board decision, the Under Secretary and Secretary-in-Charge of the Auroville Foundation issued a Standing Order whereby the Foundation discontinued the issuing of office orders and authorized the FAMC to issue resolutions for the creation of units etc.
   Soon after this, the Working Committee that took office in December 2014 proposed a revision of the Guidelines. This revision was discussed with the FAMC and was subsequently submitted for approval to the meeting of the Governing Board of March 2016. However, the topic was not taken up by the Board. The document was once again submitted to the meeting of the Board, this time in October 2016. This time, the Board requested the advice of the new Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, who was not present in the Board meeting.
   Jointly with the new Secretary the revision was reviewed, and changes were made. The new document, now called Code of Conduct, was then submitted to the FAMC and to the Working Committee for their views and comments.
   Jointly with the FAMC Office, the Working Committee has made further comments to this document. It is the intention that once the comments have been approved by the Secretary it will be submitted to the Governing Board for its approval. The final document will be presented in a General Meeting before submission to the Governing Board.

10. Mattram
   The National and Mental Health care group has named itself “Mattram (the Tamil word for ‘Transformation’) Institute of Integral, Individual Development and Research”. The group is preparing a presentation for April and is still actively searching for a place out of which to work. The core group consists of Jerry B, Linda-Grace and Rita E.
11. Facilitating the entry of young people in Auroville
The Working Committee organised a half-day workshop with invitees from Savi, Housing, TDC, ABC, AVC, BCC, ACI, FAMC, to deliberate on easing the entry for young newcomers and volunteers. The outcome of the meeting will translate into a policy and will be communicated by the relevant working groups.

12. Working Committee feedback on its performance
The Working Committee appreciates feedback and input from the wider community about issues that are deemed relevant. We would also highly appreciate genuine constructive feedback about the functioning, mandate, strengths or shortcomings that can be used to improve our work-output and performance.

PENDING ISSUES:
• Entry - jointly with the AvC, Entry service and the ETG.
• Windarra Arbitration and the Implementation and Monitoring Group (IMG) - jointly with the AvC.
• Strenghtening AVHS
• Work of sea erosion control on Samuthira beach

The Working Committee (Angela, Carel, Hemant, Inge, Kumar, Mandakini, Ranjithkumar)

Land Board Report for January - March 2017

1. The Land Board has purchased the following lands:-
   IR 405/2B - 0.28acres in the Matrimandir circle
   IR 19/2 - 1.86 acres near Siddhartha Farm in the GB
   BO 73/8 - 0.57acres near Pitchadikulam in the GB
   IR 343/6A, 0.36acres close to Windarra farm in the GB
   A total of 3.07 acres have been purchased with the funds from Auroville

2. A Government survey of the lands in Kalabhumi was undertaken and 15 cents of our land was reclaimed from the neighbour and Auroville has legally taken possession of it by fencing it in. This land was encroached for 2 decades.

3. IR 426/1A1, located on the asphalt road near the turn off to Udavi School - Botanical gardens has been reposed and fenced with the help of the collector and police protection.

4. Fencing of land IR 103/1, 0.20 acres, near Red earth riding school, has been completed with police protection. This land has been under dispute with the neighbour for a long time.

5. 3 cases of encroachment in Barakka, Udavi School and near Kotakupnam using fraudulent documents were reported to the Anti Land Grabbing Cell, Villupuram .The investigations are in an advanced stage.

6. FAMC, L'Avenir, and Land board are working together to create a common Asset registry Database which would be accessible to all the concerned working groups to be able to coordinate better the land use, management and possession.

7. Land Board is also assisting CSR, Blueligt, Auroville Survey and Mapping in helping to create a web interface for Geographic data of Auroville.

8. The Land Board would like to appeal to all Aurovilians to monitor the fences around their settlements, forest and farms to prevent encroachment and contact the green group and then land board if there are encroachments and land grabs. If Stewards are unable to protect Housing Service can be approached to allot places for Aurovilians and Newcomers seeking houses.

9. LB made a presentation in Unity pavilion detailing our work and activities in which we stressed upon the fact that 25acres of Auroville land has been encroached and though legal action is being taken a lot of help is needed from the present stewards and Aurovilians to stave off encroachment.

10. Since January 2015 when this land board took office, 36.34 acres of lands have been purchased and more than Rs.30 lakhs have been recovered from wood/timber sales.

11. We have received an amount of ₹ 2,43,333/- through Casuarina lease for the lands in Alipsa farm. In January - March 2017 an amount of ₹ 1,36,239/- was collected from timber/firewood sales.

12. Eucalyptus logs worth an amount of ₹ 11,430/- was given as donation to Certitude Badminton court and firewood worth ₹ 20,910/- was given to Aikiyam and Udavi school

13. For all units and activists interested in buying firewood or timber please call 0413 262 2657 and fix an appointment.

14. A gentle reminder to all who wish to participate in consolidating Auroville lands that contributions can be sent to Financial Service Account No: 0100

Land Board
(Divya, Gerard, Kannyappan, Sandeep, Suhasini, Sukrit)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Entry - General Meeting
Dear Community Members,
The Auroville Council and the Working Committee along with the ETG (Entry Task Group) invites you to a:

General Meeting on Entry on Thursday April 27, 4 pm at Unity Pavillon.

We would like to introduce the amendments to the Policy as proposed by the ETG.
Please come and join!

Please note that the soft copy version of the proposed amendments will be published before the GM.
Please also note that after the GM, you will have a 2-week period for sending your feedback on the proposed amendments.
You will be kept informed via subsequent publications on this topic.

As the ratification process requires additional time, and since the pause on new applications (effective since Nov. 2016), a backlog of applications has piled up which needs to be relieved gradually.

For this reason, and until the revised Entry Policy is ratified, the Auroville Council and the Working Committee want to enhance the functioning of the interim phase in place at the Entry. Therefore we need to enlarge the current Entry team and its original scope (as announced in the NN ref. 686, Feb.11th 2017), 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 of 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.

Enhanced and new endorsement:
6. Start processing the backlog of applications received since the pause was made effective in Nov 2016 by starting the newcomer processes as follows:
   a) Appoint mentors (please note that there will be one chosen mentor and one appointed mentor for now);
   b) Facilitate the intro talk with applicants and mentors;
   c) Process feedback together with the mentors and check the information given is accurate.

7. To set up a functioning Entry Secretariat. The members of the Entry Secretariat will have only administrative functions and no decision making power. The new team will be announced when it is complete.

Please note that the above is only an interim solution and will last only until the ratification process is complete.

We encourage the mentor pool members to be actively involved in this process and ask for new mentors to step forward. Mentor training will begin soon and according to the ratified amendments of the policy.

Warmly,
The Auroville Council and the Working Committee

Last chance to join the Selection process for New Matrimandir Executive

Deadline for nominees to accept their nomination is Tuesday 11th April 2017

Till now around 480 residents nominated 190 community members as potential new members of the Matrimandir Executive team in the recent call for nominations for the new team.

If you have received a mail from the Residents Assembly Service (RAS), that you been nominated but have not yet indicated your willingness to serve on the new executive team, you have time until midday, Tues 11 April to contact the RAS.

A list of proposed nominees will be published in the RAS VIBE on Monday 10th April and on the Auonet.

Love, from the Residents Assembly Service team

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) - Annual Work Plan

Submitted to the residents in accordance with the 2016 FAMC mandate

The new nine-member team was selected by the Residents Assembly-approved selection process on 23 October 2016. Angelo, the secretary and Auralice, the chairperson, arrived in November, answering our call for much-needed assistance. One of our first duties was to review the mandate and what we noticed was an emphasis on verbs such as 'ensure', 'approve', 'oversee', 'constitute' and 'maintain' and a need to 'define' some things. Under the section "Responsibilities" are listed 22 points.

In December 2016 we were facilitated by Elvira and Joerg in a planning session during which we dreamed and envisioned things. Under the section "Responsibilities" are listed 22 points.

Based on the input we've added a few additional activities, and initiated conversations with, for example, the Land Board about purchasing land, and recognized a "gap" in not addressing food costs, and providing more free services.

We view these objectives as being from one to three years in planning with some activities manifesting right away, while others will be initiated, developed, refined, and implemented over the next 12 to 18 to 36 months. They are in no particular order or priority. Each one is important and some are clearly inter-connected.

Basically speaking we aspire to support income-generating activities to increase our discretionary income; make changes to the maintenance system; create a registry for immovable assets to obtain a clear picture of what we have, and develop guidelines for better utilization; improve our ways of matching human potential with needs in the many areas of service / work in Auroville; support food sustainability; and develop alternatives for affordable housing.

To meet these objectives we have submitted a budget request to the Government of India (GoI) plan grant subgroup to build an asset database, establish a GoI accounting office, develop a human resources department, and offer training in areas such as basic accounting and project management.

Objective: Increase financial transparency and accountability by simplifying and strengthening basic regulations and policies. Activities include: accounting manual; unified chart of accounts; policy on qualified business expenses; economic and financial indicators are accessible in a timely manner; cashless finances; contribution guidelines; create support systems including training, workshops for project management including budgeting, etc.; review Budget Coordination Committee mandate, membership, functioning in collaboration with the Auroville Council; system: how to deal with mismangement / embezzlement.

Objective: Increase the accessibility of data related to assets and finances to ensure accurate documentation and more efficient use of Auroville's collective wealth. Activities include: assets application, utilization (tracking & monitoring); create databases for assets and financial information, import existing data and analyzing missing data and fill the gaps; ensure appropriate training for users; economic and financial indicators are accessible in a timely manner; creating an early warning system and define indicators that help us to act on them; review Budget Coordination Committee mandate, membership, functioning in collaboration with the Auroville Council.

Objective: Grow Auroville's income-generating activities to increase work opportunities for Aurovilians as well as increase the amount of unspecified income to City Services. Activities include: create "How to" manual for people to start a unit, etc. (in cooperation with IEL); economic and financial indicators are accessible in a timely manner; create more support systems including training, workshops; streamline process for unit application (research online possibilities). Make capital available for income-generating activities; for example, find incentives for units / individuals to keep funds in Financial Service; look at individuals who work outside the Auroville framework and see how to encourage everyone in the Auroville economy; sliding scale for unit contributions.

Objective: Restructure the GOI grant allocation and monitoring process to ensure fairness, transparency and efficient use of GOI grant monies as well as to ensure proper monitoring of real assets and funds. Activities include: finalize FAMC proposal with GoI subgroup (in progress); review existing manual and regulations [reference SAIIER documentation]; set up central GoI grant accounting office.

Objective: Restructure HRT into a comprehensive Human Resource Department with processes and policies for building up and making effective use of Auroville's human resource potential. Activities include: with inputs from HRT, write a proposal for new HR department organizational
structure including communication platforms (for example, with Entry Service), aims, and objectives; create more support systems including training, workshops; succession plans; research existing apprenticeship programs already being offered in Auroville.

Objective: Redefine the maintenance system to ensure that it provides sufficiently for all (e.g. food, child maintenance, ‘life-long maintenance’, etc.). Activities include: get a clear picture of the current situation in collaboration with the BCC; explore alternative systems and additional means of support; explore alternatives of individual Aurovilian contributions; distribute a questionnaire about what people feel are basic needs (recurring and one time); use the responses to create a baseline (average cost of living); defining in-kind and cash; review Budget Coordination Committee mandate, membership, functioning in collaboration with the Auroville Council; experiment with a sliding scale for individual contribution; work towards providing more free services.

Objective: Redefine the structure of all income - generating activities (units, services, activities) in order to create consistent guidelines. Activities include: explore new body “Auroville Board of Trustees” to oversee and strengthen all income-generating activities; raise awareness of role and responsibility (legal) of trustees, and support accountability; succession plan (refer to HR Department).

Objective: Explore innovative solutions to provide affordable housing opportunities for Newcomers and Aurovilians (e.g. renting & leasing agreements, alternate sources of funding, etc.). Activities include: Chandresh refine a proposal to present to the FAMC team; review Ulli’s proposal concerning “rental” scheme; review previous initiatives to create affordable housing: What worked? What didn’t and why?; review pro-bono housing criteria, process, allocation, etc.

Objective: Increase Auroville’s food production towards greater food security and self-sufficiency. Activities include: review and approve work plan of farmers; support healthy farms to bring more area under cultivation via financing schemes.

Objective: Ensure optimum utilization of assets in keeping with Auroville values. Activities include: develop stewardship guidelines; supporting and developing the Industrial Zone in order to provide space for new activities / units.

Overall: Communicate with the community all along the way. This work requires input from individuals as well as groups. Would you like to help?

In community, Amy, Bindu, Challi, Chandresh, Lyle, Prabhv, Stephanie, Ulli, and Yuval (FAMC)

L’aaven d’Auroville / TDC – Site and Building Applications feedback - 8th April 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 reach 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. Berengere (Be) and Sri, Staff Quarters-Dismountable structure on plot no BO 3/68, BO4/14 for 72 sq.m in Fertile Windmill, Baraka.
2. Paul & Laura, House extension (1bed room, Bath room and 1 Dressing room) on plot no. BO 134/7, 60 sq.m.in Douceur
3. Andy, House extension on plot no. BO67, 40 sq.m in Certitude.

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS
-Site applications - NO New SA
- Building Application - NO New BA

For additional information, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L’aaven d’Auroville/TDC office in the Town Hall.

Houses available for transfer
2. Kalpana - 21 apartments of different size available.

Housing Project under construction
1. Kalpana - 21 apartments of different size available. Studio - 6: 1 BHK - 8; 2 BHK - 5; 3 BHK - 2

For additional information, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in (He is available on the site on Thursdays: 3 pm to 5.30 pm / Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm).

2. Auromodele Orchard - Several houses are still to be build. Will be ready in 2018.

CHILD OF A NEWCOMER:
Vymomi MANATH born on 04-01-2005 Studing in Deepanam School
Vir MANATH born on 04-10-2011 Studing in Aha KG
NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:  
Parandhaman VARADHAMALAI (Indian)  
Svenja HALLEN (German)  

AUROVIllANS ANNOUNCED:  
Premnath SK (Indian) Staying in Surrender and Working at AV Radio  
Rema PREMNATH (Indian) Staying in Surrender and Working at Unity Pavilion  
Seok Ho JIN (Korean) Staying in Salam and Working at Matrimandir  

AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18:  
Mahindra CORDONNIER (French) Staying in Udhyogam and Working at Tree House Community  

FOR YOUR INFORMATION  

“Art for Land” & its beautiful results  

“Art for Land Year 2” - while still far from the full potential this action holds for Auroville’s land - was a beautiful, inspiring and encouraging event!  

Compared to our first pioneering action, in this year’s event:  
The number of participating artists and exhibits increased significantly, from 21 to 77 participating artists, and from 70 to 330 exhibited art works.  
The exhibited works for auction included far more forms of creative media  
The Art for Land website became fully operational as a vital support tool  
The amount raised for land purchase more than tripled compared to last year!  

The exhibit and almost daily events created awareness of the urgent need to secure the remaining missing land in order to have a consolidated and harmonious base for the City of Dawn - as was always the Mother’s wish, intention, and vision, and what Aurovilians and friends of Auroville have worked for in the past 49 years.  

Art for Land was also a showcase for the great creativity that emanates from Auroville’s creative artists. It was a unity event as it also showcased works contributed from the Ashram’s artists, from supporting artists in India, and from the Auroville International network. This creativity and interaction was also present in music, dance, yoga, and multicultural events showing friendship, support, and Auroville’s great global diversity.  

It was a moment to look back on the land’s historical start-up and the present needs. The inspiring films made by Auroimage - “Landing Auroville” and “Early Days Landing Auroville” received the repeat screenings they deserve.  

There was also the privilege of seeing and obtaining rare photographs of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother from Loretta’s special collection.  

So much generosity was in evidence - way more than a hundred people have been directly and actively involved - artists, musicians, sound equipment teams, Auroville film-makers, AV services and units of many kinds, Kalakendra & Savitri Bhavan, individual Aurovilians, friends in the Ashram and in India at large, and the complete Unity Pavilion Team.  

We thank everyone from our hearts for the time and effort they dedicated, their love and commitment for Auroville and its land!  

Our warm appreciation goes to Secretary Chunkath for his encouragement and regular presence at these events.  

The “Art for Land” and LFAU land-fundraiser teams  

 FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:  
Sehdev KUMAR (Canadian)  
Shubha TIWARI (Indian)  

LEFT THE PROCESS ON THEIR OWN:  
Sharmila Murthy (Indian)  
Cristiano RICHERS (Swiss)  

The following people will be confirmed as Aurovilians ONLY after signing the B-Form, which is the last step in order to be included in the Register of Residents of the Auroville Foundation. The Entry Service is open to the public Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 12:30.  

B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.  
At your service, the Entry Service team  

We need to secure the Auroville Land  

The present scenario:  
For the Master Plan area, 40% of the Auroville Land still needs to be bought.  

More and more external development is pushing inside both the Greenbelt and the City area. Being close to Puducherry and with all the amazing environmental work done by Auroville, the land in this area has become a clear target for investors and speculators.  

For us, buying the Auroville land means securing the development of Auroville - the City the Earth needs - a place that does not belong to anybody specific, but to humanity as a whole. This is not about creating new “ownership” - it is about removing ownership, removing speculation and the use of land as investment, and bringing it back to its own beauty and sustainability for the benefit of all.  

A little history on land fundraising and purchases:  
The main body of the Auroville land was secured through the Sri Aurobindo Society at The Mother’s request in the 1960s and up to the mid-1970s, but at the end of this period it slowed down due to low cash flow and the TN Land ceiling. For a long time after that, Auroville did not have community resources for buying land, and what was bought was with individual resources, mainly small plots to consolidate communities, create access to existing plots, obtain neighboring lands offered for sale, etc. Then the Land Fund was created with a 2-lakh unspecified donation, and a large fundraising drive raised about 14 lakh. This enabled the possibility to start buying lands in City and Greenbelt areas which were not directly community-related, as well as larger parcels of family lands. After 1993, far-away lands of higher value were sold, as well as land exchanges to help secure land within the Master Plan. By 1998, Auroville had secured 40% of the land, today we are at 60%. Step by step, large and small, our task now, is to steadily put in place the resources for that missing 40% and complete the solid material base for Auroville’s full manifestation.  

Present land fundraising:  
Aryadeep, Mandakini, and Sigrid are the main people driving the energy to secure funds for the Auroville Land in conjunction with and to support the work of the Land Board.  

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with Aryadeep & Auroville International

Moving from intention to action is just a few clicks away with commitment to participate, individually and as a collectivity.

Thank you, love – I am continuing to take care of wild birds (no pets!). If you find 

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The Land is a priority and we must acknowledge this with the commitment to participate, individually and as a collectivity. Moving from intention to action is just a few clicks away with the set-up RAS has created on Auronet to sign up for a monthly contribution (of any amount). During the week of 19-25 March 38 Aurovilians have joined the call in just the last month - but we need everyone on board. The individual amounts add up and collectively we make a difference! Dear fellow Aurovilians, please join this action and participate in securing the land for Auroville! Let’s go for it! https://auroville.formstack.com/forms/donate_for_land

Submitted by Jaya

Realizing my dream - a bird rescue centre in Auroville

It all began when I went for a trip to Delhi and we visited a bird hospital and I thought it would be nice to have this in Auroville. It took about a year before my dream came true to have a rescue centre for birds in Auroville. All thanks to Aurosylle who encouraged me to make it happen. She gave me a lot of input and advice about how to take care of birds. Also thanks to my father and Amos who helped me to build a big cage for caring for wounded birds.

My first two patients were a Koel and a Kingfisher. The Koel had a problem with his legs and didn’t manage to land from flight or perch and hold a branch. The kingfisher had a broken neck from a fight with a crow and couldn’t hold up his head. He needed to be force-fed. I looked after them for about 2 weeks, but unfortunately they didn’t make it.

My next patient was an owl that Aurosylle was looking after until she gave her to me for care. She was partly blind... I thought she had had a stroke which damaged her sight. In the beginning, I had to force feed her live geckos and minced meat. And then after a while she started eating properly by herself. And then one day, it was my grandfather’s birthday... he died a few months ago)... we were planting a tree for him, and then I went to the owl and found that she had managed to let herself free (even though the cage is safe)!... I tried looking for her and the next morning I saw her free with a mouse in her beak.

I am continuing to take care of wild birds (no pets!). If you find a bird that needs my help, please call me on 7598467796. Thank you, love - Zohar

April Begins What December Promises

Everything starts with a dream and what’s going on in the art and culture scene in Auroville is the perfect example of this spirit: art for beauty, art for creating, art for sharing and art for joy.

TRASHION SHOW

It is easy to be sceptical about the achievement of art in a trashion show. After all, trash is meant to be discarded, isn’t it? To transform it into beauty and something valuable is a real achievement! On the first of April, Auroville’s trashion show (organized as part of Litter Free Auroville 2017) was grandiose and beautiful. The audience applauded the show of creativity: dresses made of lamps, rubber, plastic, discarded cloth, paper and more. Truly impressive was the dress that was made out of fishnets, mushroom trays, cloth and more, all assembled in a variety of shapes, colours and designs. It was exquisitely worn and presented so creatively that it could have rivaled Chanel’s latest collection...what an achievement!

The spirit was high, the intent pure and beauty was prevailing. Art was in its ideal form: creativity, unity and community support gave an adrenaline shot of joy and life.

KINO AUROVILLE

For two hours in the morning of the 1st of April MMC/CP hosted the monthly Kino (first Saturday of every month at 10am), with a presentation of shorts (15-25min) made by Aurovillian directors and producers. The effort for the sake of art and creativity was impressive and the result inspiring. It felt like a seed that would blossom into a beautiful flower...

THEATRE FESTIVAL

To be organised by Francesca and Elke in December, the goals are to bring together the different theatre communities in Auroville, feature new talents, and stress diversity in unity. It will be a 3-day festival and every participant will submit a script of about 10 minutes. For anyone who ever wanted to write, act and share, this could be the beginning of a great journey and maybe the discovery of a new gift. There is no doubt that this festival will contribute to making Auroville’s theatre shine and vibrate.

AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL

The festival coming up from December 15 to 22 promises a dazzling week of cultural events, entertainment, intellectual stimulation, and great inspiration. Four categories will be presented including international films that develop the theme of human unity. The selection for the international category is done by cineastes who are spending hours every week to choose the best films that will make us reflect. It will be an exciting cultural and art event that will promote joy and unity in the community.

Art is what concerns a person intimately. It is not only a matter of beauty but also of spiritual freedom and free spiritedness. Auroville art epitomises what it is supposed to be and personal gain is not relevant anymore. And when the ego is conquered, Auroville’s art will be what I think it is meant to be …a light gain is not relevant anymore. And when the ego is conquered, Auroville’s art will be what I think it is meant to be …..a light to the nations. Chana Corinne Devor, Auroville Art Service

On Wells #3 : Since June 2016, the Water Group has been monitoring more than 80 wells in Auroville on a regular basis. While this information used to be gathered by Water Harvest, data is missing for a period of about 10 years, leaving behind a massive gap. The importance of consistent monitoring over time can’t be overstated, as it’s our main way to try to understand the dynamics of groundwater. Right now we have one team member, Ramesh, with occasional help from volunteers, who takes well readings each day in different communities throughout Auroville. He tries to go to each community on a fixed weekday (each Monday one community, each Tuesday another community, etc.). Ramesh tries to contact communities a day before he comes. One reason he does this is so that pumps can be shut off in advance, in order to give an accurate reading. Please, if Ramesh gets in touch with you - welcome him!

The Water Group plans to reduce the frequency of the readings for each well. If before it was done at a pace of once every one
or two weeks, we are now planning to do it once a month. Instead, we plan to enlarge the monitoring area so that we can get a wider picture of what's happening under our feet.

Next week: Where to find this data.

Water Group, watergroup@auroville.org.in

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This tentative list will be finalized mid-April.

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MEETING WILL HAPPEN IN CERTITUDE PLAYGROUND 1st MAY 4:30 pm.

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Kalpana Housing Project

Apartments to be allocated with financial assistance
- 2nd call for applications

The Kalpana review and allocation group, constituted by the former FAMC, was given the brief to publish the list of criteria and the procedure for the allocation of the available financial assistance, as well as review applications and make allocation decisions:

- The donor should establish the contract in agreement with the Housing Service (HS);
- The applicant as well as the cohabitating partner or spouse should not run a home stay or guest house or have any other income besides the City Services (half or full) maintenance. However, small commercial unit holders or individuals receiving a minimum maintenance are eligible for the financial assistance;
- When appropriate, in cases of destroyed housing due to natural disasters, development or land exchange.

Financial assistance will be made available only to Aurovilians (first priority) and Newcomers; Friends of Auroville are not eligible. The beneficiaries will be selected after scrutiny of their financial capacities by an ad-hoc FAMC constituted group keeping in mind their work, contribution and participation in Auroville life. One round of applications and beneficiary selection was conducted from August to October 2016. There were seven recipients; approximately three more could be assisted.

Other considerations:
1. Is working in a recognized service/unit/activity of Auroville
2. Has not been able to secure a permanent housing facility due to financial constraints
3. Lives in a house in precarious situation and needs to upgrade
4. Lives in an old house or apartment with a low valuation because of the depreciation

Financial assistance requests can be made for two weeks, beginning 8 April 2017 (through 22 April). To obtain an application, please write to kalpana-application@auroville.org.in, or pass by the FAMC desk in Town Hall.

Posting

PIE : Progressive Integral Economy - Pour Tous
Did you miss the recent LOTUS conference that presented our PIE project? You can now read the insert page in this N&N.

In addition, you will find next week on Auronet a document containing the commented Powerpoint slides of the conference Lotus group

Build ALoT! Build your community! earthlus invites you to join us in building the Auroville Library of Things! We need your helping hands and minds with us on Saturday, 8th of April from 9:00 - 11:00 am or from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

Come for either shift (or both!) next to the cycle repair shop opposite PTDC. Bring your friends along & experience the opposite PTDC.

Share your under used things with ALoT any time during the day. Let us know if you will be joining us at alot@auroville.org.in

Darkali Fitness Track Closed In The Morning: New, redesigned Darkali Fitness is closed in the mornings until further notice. Track is open afternoon only from 4.30 p.m. till 6.45 p.m. Please remember to come 30 minutes before closing time. Please note, in case of rain the Fitness Track will be closed until the path is dry. To be aware when the Fitness Track reopens after the rain please visit Auronet group «Darkali Fitness Track». Way to the gate in Google Maps: goo.gl/dpdTig

From Mira Computers: As of 31st March 2017, Vinoth Amarnathan is no longer employed at Mira Computers. Please contact Mira Computers directly for any new or pending computer services. Thank you, Mira Computers - Aurelec (0413-2623404 or 2622747)

Hello Early Aurovilians: Some of you remember our early Auroville School teacher and mechanic Micheal (Red-Beard, as he was fondly known as), who recently passed away in the Ashram. He arrived with his family at the Ashram in 1965. He ran Auro-Garage located near JIPMER in the early years and taught at the first schools of Auroville. Shanta (his wife and a bird expert) and Amra (his daughter) live in the Ashram.

Please share with us a memory, anecdote, story, a note or images of Micheal Red-Beard, for a small shared write up in his memory. We look forward to hearing from you and sharing our history and memories. A tree planting ceremony for Michael Red Beard (to be announced) will follow soon in Auroville.

To share your story please email Tashi at: Rama@auroville.org.in , Thank you! (Former students)

MM - Leaf Collection on Saturdays: If you would like to offer your community leaves for compost production at Matrimandir we are ready to come and pick them up! When you have a load of leaves picked and ready for pickup then please call Selvam at: 9943911149. Note that we wish to pick up only leaves, not branches. Thank you! From the Matrimandir team

AUM meeting: This year’s All USA Meeting (AUM) will take place from 3 – 6 August in the Amherst College, Amherst, MA. The conference planning group - Matthew and Corinne Andrews, Shari Hindman, Will Moss, Klaus Buchele, and Amit Thakkar - extend invitations to join in. Theme will be ‘Forward to the Future’, and among the participants we find Tara Jauhar of Delhi Ashram, Mohanam Balu, and Fif & Hamish. For further details go to: www.yogacentreramherst.com/aumconference/ (Submitted by Mauna)
An idea for the Dry Summer: Summer is coming and already water shortages are visible. The Auroville population is growing, the tree cover and vegetation that could keep the soil moist is reducing. The cattle population is growing even faster than the human population in order to satisfy the increasing demand for milk, cheese and curds and also for all the exports of Auroville cheeses. These cows suffer the indignation of artificial insemination; lose their male calves since these do not contribute to the dairy production. They suffer repeated pregnancies and finally are sold for slaughter when they are spent. Their short lives are not easy. Since their grazing grounds are reducing day by day, perhaps all the Auroville restaurants that are growing in number and individuals too could put all their vegetable and fruit scraps in a tub and leave it out for the cows. After all we are all dependent on their milk, and it’s in our own interest that they have some fodder instead of eating garbage from plastic bags along with the plastic. In Goa they do this in some places and it works!

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Sri Lanka Project: Dear Auroville Community and Friends, we have a friend in Northern Sri Lanka looking to develop a plot of land into a community centre in Mullaitivu with veg garden, indigenous landscaping, afforestation, green building, etc. If you are travelling that way and are interested in sharing knowledge, time or resources to this, please contact us at: seen@aurowille.org

Arpanaa: Arpanaa has been organising cultural events for visiting artists (mainly, in the fields of music, dance and theatre) for some seven years. As its name suggests, Arpanaa is meant for those who would like to offer their art. In exchange the artist’s short distance transport, boarding, lodging and event organisation expenses are taken care of by a budget provided by the City Service. This activity is handled by us, Tejaswini and Joy. Since we are too busy at the moment in other areas, we would be happy if someone who enjoys receiving artists and organising events could look after this activity for some time. Kindly contact us if you are interested. Thank you, Tejaswini and Joy

Vote for your favourite wildlife in Auroville!: Do you prefer the Green Vine snake pacchu pambu or the wide-eyed slender loris? The Jungle Babbler or the Indian Pitta? The red cotton bug or the hairy kambli poochi Blanket Worm? - We at Pitchandikulam are putting together a new set of educational materials and games featuring the flora and fauna of Auroville, and we’d love to include all the birds, mammals, bugs, reptiles, insects and amphibians that Aurovillians love the most. Please vote at: http://bit.do/aurowillewildlife

With love, Jonathan, Pitchandikulam Forest

Available

Aloe Vera plants: Anyone wanting to have small Aloe Vera plants, please contact Francis 9486536586. Thanking you

Bed & Mattress: Steel bed & foam mattress available for a contribution. Barely used (still in its original wrapping). Sturdy & good quality. Contact Anand (+919677111881, anand.krishnaswamy@gmx.com)

Computer literacy: I enjoy helping people become computer and mobile phone literate, for free. Please get in touch with Myriam via sms: 919838436309 or goingpostal@post.net

Looking for...

Utopia: Hello Aurovillians and Newcomer! I am looking for people to interview for my bachelors project in graphic design. My topic is about the idea of utopia across the centuries. If you would be interested in meeting me and telling me a bit about yourself, please call: 90995 91939, or write an e-mail to: madlen.schulz@gmx.de - Madlen

QuickBooks expertise required: Our Audio Design and Consultancy company is looking for someone to share their experience doing their accounts with QuickBooks software as a commercial unit, and/or willing to help us setting up our unit with QuickBooks on a paid contract basis. Thank you for contacting us if you are that someone! Didier, Cecilia, Kumbha - Sound Wizard, #9 Shakti Area, +91 413 2622 659 / info@soundwizard.net

Balancing bicycle: Dear all, our daughter Amiya (almost 2 years) needs a balancing bicycle or little bicycle with training wheels (the smallest size) If you have one lying around and is not being used, could she please use it for the time being. Please contact Natascha 9488483892 - Thank you :)!

Lost & Found

Olympus 75mm lens (Found): in CP on Sunday. Get at N&N office.

Volumes 21 and 22 of Sri Aurobindo’s "The Life Divine" from Last School (missing): Volumes 21 and 22 of Sri Aurobindo’s The Life Divine are missing from their cupboard in the English classroom in Last School. If anyone who visited accidentally took these away, please bring them back to the school.

2 pairs of reading glasses (Lost): 1 week ago - Frames: 1 beige, 1 tortoise shell. Made especially for my eyes, I really miss them. Contact Sylvie at: 9486475998

3 little keys (Found): I found them surprisingly in my bag - come with a wooden affix/label “earth” - pls send sms in case you lost them: 8940567857 - Thanks, Ilse

Furniture: Bamboo sofa with two bamboo armchairs and bamboo coffee table with glass top / Dining table (glass top) with four designed iron chairs / Kelvinator refrigerator 190 liters all in very good condition / Wardrobe made out of compressed wood, with front mirror, double door / Bamboo double bed / Kitchen set including double burner stove = For details. Please contact Roberto, Ph: 8940299415 / Email: roberto@aurowille.org.in

Modem Router: Warranty. Net gear № 150 WiFi DSL. My mail: btv.12@mail.ru - Tatyana

Website redesigner: I’m looking for support to redesign my website. Do you have WordPress skills and a sense for aesthetics? Contact Laura: laura.joyful@gmail.com, 9442788016

Travel partner: I’m a 21 year old female and I’m looking for a travel partner. My plan is to have a 3-week journey in South India, starting from Auroville, Chennai, on the 28th of April to Kerala (Kollam, Kanchi), Mysore and Goa (Palolem) finishing on the 18th of May. I would like to spend 4-5 days at each place, but the plan is not fixed. Contact me here: blanka.hungary@gmail.com. Thanks, kind regards, Blanka W.

A bike: Hello I am Liran (newcomer) and I am looking for a bike in good condition. Email: liranorea@gmail.com / phone: 918489756124.

Go game: Hi, I’m looking for a Go game (Chinese Go chess). Perhaps you have one that is no longer useful to you. Thank you for contacting me if you could lend it to me. Contact VersHaut: 948 85 12 678 (veroniquejobard@yahoo.fr)
THANK YOU

Resident Service

I would just like to thank the super-efficient team in the Residents Service - they turned a previously long and stressful experience registering at the RRO into a breeze, plus they were smiling and very friendly all the way. They even shared out the work of registering my family between the three of them, so it only took a third of the time. A very impressive team! Jonathan Walton

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sharing for volunteers: Dear volunteers, we are looking for a new person to share our house with from the 12th of April onward. Muyarchi is a house for youth Aurovilians between ages 21 to 35, located in Surrender community. You will have your own room with shared bathroom, kitchen and living room. As we have only one room dedicated for volunteers it can be a good opportunity for you to experience something else than a guest house/house-sitting and meet new people. If interested please send us an email and we will give you more information about the house. Cheers! Contact: muyarchilist@auroville.org.in

House-sitting 1: Responsible Newcomer lady and 13 year old son, both quiet, are looking for a serious long-term house-sitting. References available. Non-smoking and we love pets so we would enjoy taking care of yours. All bills and maintenance happily covered. Ideally from beginning of July. Please contact Corinne beautifulhebron@gmail.com / 8531913290

House-sitting 2: Hi I’m Roberto (Aurovillian) and I need a house-sitting for three months from April. Please call 8940299415 or email: roberto@auroville.org.in. Thanks, Roberto

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Biology teacher: Here at Udavi school, we are looking for a teacher who can teach biology lessons in the higher grades (from 7th to 10th). We expect the person to be fluent in English and be excellent in the subject matter. If you are the person please contact the school and apply for the job. Thanks, Davasevly (For Udavi School)

Skills needed: Fluency in English writing and speaking, competency in computer skills and report writing, proficiency in Tamil and database management preferable but not essential. Maintenance available. Contact Anbu or Bridget atL avagoffice@auroville.org.in, tel: 0413-2678871

Telugu speaking trainer: earthhus is looking for someone who is passionate about making a difference & is well versed with Telugu. We are conducting a training program on sustainability and sanitation for students from Andhra Pradesh and are in search of a trainer. Please contact: aishwarya@earthandus.org / mim@auroville.org.in if you find this interesting! Looking forward to hearing from you soon

AVAG - Fundraising & Outreach Communication opportunity: Auroville Village Action Group (AVAG) is committed to fostering unity and fullest potential through its participatory development work in the villages surrounding Auroville. We have an opportunity for someone to join our team in the area of fundraising and communications. This position entails initial familiarizing with AVAG, assisting with funding strategy and budget planning, creating outreach and informational materials, identifying, writing and submitting project proposals and innovating previously untried approaches to networking.

Skills gained: It is a wonderful way to gain insights and to contribute to bridging relationship and well-being with Auroville’s immediate neighbours while furthering the ideals of Auroville. One will have the opportunity to work in a dynamic cross-cultural team implementing development projects and gaining a perspective of the challenges faced by different sections of the society.
**HEALTH**

**News from LINEA Dental**

We thank all patients for their trust and support, we continue offering our best dental services in Aurelec Premises. During the summertime the Clinic and Laboratory will be closed for the months of May and June 2017.

Dr. Tatiana will be temporary out of station from 10/04 till 9/07. Her appointments will start from 10/07/17 onwards.

Nicola will be temporary out of station from 05/05 till 25/6.

If you need any appointment you can call our numbers:

- Land line 2623134 or Nicola number 94433 68318 till 05/05 and after 25/06.
- Linea Dental team, Tatiana and Nicola (In our absence for emergency contact the Auroville Dental Centre at: 2622265 or 2622007).

**AUROVILLE RADIO**

Dear Listeners!

Our live streaming can be heard on: [http://radio.garden/live/villupuram.aurovilleraadio/](http://radio.garden/live/villupuram.aurovilleraadio/)

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

Our volunteers have recorded:

- Neha Bahija followed LFA2017 with Talk about Eco Femme and Eco Pro, made photos for LFA2017 Trashion Show, where Andrea did Vox Pop at the backstage,
- and Romel and Mimansha managed to catch Kali and Palani in interview on Eco Service.
- Steve recorded 3rd talk of Dr. Sehdev Kumar - What Makes Us Who We Are,
- French Pavilion shares Princesse Polignac, and Caravane Armoureuse En Ethiopie.
- Gini Did Hibiscus at Well Cafe, and Last Party, Dr. Kumar, and his Vision of Kabir.
- You might also like to listen to the Last lecture of Dr. Sehdev Kumar - Jacob's Ladder,
- or Karoliana Loimaala and Maya Oliva's Tales of Twenty Dodgy Fingers. Or soundscape Stories of Forest.

From our regular programs:
- Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga, Pt 1, Ch 7 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 news.

For those of you who love music we have: Keith Jarret Tribute, Made in USA - Chef, and Wild Diversity of Guayanas.

Happy listening, Your AV Radio Team ([www.aurovilleraadio.org](http://www.aurovilleraadio.org))

**TRAVEL**

Latest News from the Travel Shop

Located at Inside India in Auroshilpam.

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

Latest offers from Airlines:

- Oman Airways has special fares to Europe have minimum two persons & validity of travel for 1 month.
- Most of the Airline are increasing their price level now onward. You can send a query to us who will closely monitor and let you know best available dates & fares for your travel.

- Hotels: International and Domestic Hotel bookings can also be done at discounted rates through us.
- Insurance: We highly recommend availing of a Travel Insurance for all foreign travels.

Please check with us in advance regarding flight schedules & baggage policies of airlines.

International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622078, travelshop@auroville.org.in,

Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 - 2623030, domestic@inside-india.com,

Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622047, insideindia@aurovillage.org.in

**EATING OUT**

**Le Morgan closed 11/4 to 17/4 for 2017 Orissa Tour**

Le Morgan Café will be closed from Tuesday 11/4 to Monday 17/4. All our team is going on tour to Orissa. See you soon! [Le Morgan Team](mailto:wellcafe@auroville.org.in)

**Organic Dosa Corner:** The Dosa Corner at Visitors Centre is now serving fully organic dosas, parothas, chutney, sambar and kurma.

Come and enjoy these great simple foods as well as our delicious Bhel, Sev and Dahi Puri.

As of this Thursday the 6th, we are marginally raising our prices for the first time in almost five years.

In service, *Dosa Corner*

**Naturellement Garden Café closed on 8th and 14th April:** Dear community, Naturellement Company as well as the Garden Café will be closed on Saturday 8th of April for Panguni Uthiram and 14th of April to celebrate Tamil New Year. Love, *Naturellement team*

**Well studio Café open for Tamil NY:** Dear all, Well studio Café will be open for Tamil New Year on Friday 14/04/2017. Please join us for breakfast and lunch. Monday to Saturday from 8.30 till 16.30. Vegetarian and vegan Mediterranean food in our beautiful garden. For groups and take away please call us: 0413 -2622229 / E-Mail Address - wellcafe@auroville.org.in - Love, Well team - Sve Dame.

**TerraSoul Community Lunch:** Sunday April 9th, 12:30 to 2 pm - Hi dear everybody, TerraSoul's joyous team of cooks is happy to invite all the hungry gourmets for a unique experience of flavours that comes directly from the rich culture of the Kathmandu Valley.

**Venue:** TerraSoul community, Windarra farm, near Ganesh Bakery, Sunday To book: Francisco 9195676139, francisco@auroville.org.in

**Come and enjoy**

**Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India celebrates the Tamil New Year with a presentation of South Indian Food:** By Buvana (Certitude) at Atithi Griha Guest House Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India - On Sunday the 16th of April, 2017 between 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

For Aurovilians and Newcomers only. For reservations, please write to: atithigriha@auroville.org.in. You can call us at 0413-2622445 before 4:00 pm on Saturday the 15th of April, 2017.

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**Probiotica Coconut Water**

*Ingredients*
- 250 ml of coconut water
- 1 capful of Probiotica Drink Supplement

*Instructions*
1. Combine ingredients in a jar and set on counter for 1 day.
2. Place in fridge and drink cold.
3. Add in a squeeze of lemon or juice to flavor it.

**Probiotica Yogurt Parfait**

This is delicious for breakfast, snack, even for a dessert! It looks great in a glass, but can also be made in a bowl. Use your favorite fruit, or whatever is in season.

*Ingredients*
- 250 ml of yoghurt
- 1 capful of Probiotica Drink Supplement
- 120 grams of granola
- 1-2 chocolate bars (melted)
- Crushed ice

*Instructions*
In a large glass, put a layer the yoghurt, a layer the granola, add the Probiotica Drink Supplement and finally add the fruits. Repeat layers.

**Probiotica Chocolate Banana Smoothie**

A quick, cool, tasty treat, perfect for a hot summer day

*Ingredients*
- 1 banana
- 1 capful of Probiotica Drink Supplement
- 250 gram of yogurt or milk
- 1-2 chocolate bars (melted)
- Crushed ice

*Instructions*
Combine ingredients in a jar and set on counter for 1 day. Blend until smooth. Pour into glass and enjoy!!!

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**Air Pollution around Us**

India now has reached the world’s worst air pollution. These days we are taking care of ourselves in mind, body and spirit. We are doing yoga, we practice meditation, we are taking care of our organic gardens, and we are drinking purified water. We make an effort to take care of ourselves in every possible way we can think of, but have you thought in the last few years about what we are breathing?

Emissions from vehicles are visibly the largest contributing factor in polluting the air all around the city. Every week we spend an average of 28 hours in commuting in our Indian cities, in contact with an intense and complex mixture of extremely small particles and liquid droplets that pollute the air. Once inhaled, these particles can seriously affect the health of the heart and lungs. The size of particles is directly linked to their potential for causing health problems. Small particles less than 10 micrometers (0.01 mm, PM10) in diameter pose the greatest problems, because they can get deep into your lungs, and some smaller size, 2.5 micrometers (PM 2.5), may even get into your bloodstream.

Exposure to such particles can affect both your lungs and your heart. Numerous scientific studies have linked particle pollution exposure to a variety of problems, including: premature death in people with heart or lung disease nonfatal heart attacks irregular heartbeat aggravated asthma and pneumonia decreased lung function wide spectrum allergies respiratory symptoms such as irritation of the airways, coughing or difficulty breathing.

People with heart or lung diseases, children, and older adults are the most likely to be affected by particle pollution exposure.

Research shows that India has registered an alarming increase of nearly 50 percent in premature deaths from particulate matter between 1990 and 2015. From 2010 to 2015 the number of premature deaths caused by air pollution each year has gone from 957,000 to about 1.1 million. While the death rate has remained the same, several factors—including rapid industrialization, a heavy reliance on coal for energy, population growth, and an aging populace that is more vulnerable to the effects of air pollution—have combined to create what one researcher, Michael Brauer, a professor of environment and health relationships at the University of British Columbia, called “the perfect storm for India”.

Around Auroville, along the EC Road and on several Pondicherry streets we are dealing with a rate of air pollution similar to the rest of India but relieved at times by the sea breeze. Within Auroville, thanks to the action of the forest and the low traffic, we have fewer noxious air problems, but we have to keep in mind the particulate dust of the clay roads, disaggregated by the repeated action of the wheels of our vehicles. This fine clay can reach the 3 micrometers size so it can go deep into our lungs and long-term exposure can create problems.

A more serious pollution is the annual spraying of pesticides for cashew nuts and other fruit trees. Every year many Aurovilians suffer from exposure to these poisons.

Addressing this problem, AIRE, an Auroville unit, after two years of research with several mask models is introducing a new model of face mask suited specifically for tropical climate. That means lighter, cooler, with better perspiration and with a more comfortable fit for daily use. AIRE’s new Oye masks protect us from ultra-fine dust, vehicle’s exhaust fumes and harmful pesticides.

You can get them by calling: 9843470419 or 9843470354, at special rate for Aurovilians and Newcomers.

AIRE team
An Old Story still alive

A long time ago we were a ‘matriarchal’ planet... Yes, women were in charge of everything! They owned all the property of the family and took all important decisions and guided men at their work. The planet was well balanced till about five thousand years ago...

After having lived like that for many centuries, HEAVEN finally told EARTH: “You have ruled for very long, I’m tired of being bossed”. Now I will guide and I will close my heart chakra to be able to rule intelligently with the Mind.”

The Earth Mother contemplated for a moment his demand and lived all the new lessons that will approach the human children. With a heavy heart she answered:

“I accept, now you rule, but to permit you to do so without interfering, I will close my throat chakra in order not to talk against you.”

No sooner said than done. HEAVEN closed his heart, blocked every man’s heart chakra on the planet and when EARTH closed her throat chakra, every woman’s throat chakra was blocked.

So men began to reign and approach the cold power of the intellect, missing the sincere balance of the Heart.

Women became possessed, largely treated like animals, because their throat chakra was closed with Fear.

By GangaLakshmi (Savitri Bhavan, House of Mother’s Agenda)

The Maya’s Hyena

“The hyena has the last laugh. Striped hyenas or Hyaena hyaena, a mammal of the Carnivora order and Hyaenidae family, were commonly found in the wild and bushy semi-arid and pastoral lands of India, Central Asia, North and East Africa, West Asia and Turkey till two decades ago. Striped hyenas could be closer to 5000 than 14000 in number now” (The Hindu, 14 Jan. 2017, p.13).

A guest from Russia, a musician, told me that he saw and heard a hyena in the Aspiration community. I answered, that this is maya, illusion: there aren’t hyenas in Auroville. “But I made a photo”. I saw this photo – a dog was in it. But this guest is sure now, that he saw and heard really a hyena in Aspiration.

Jean in Two Banyans met a female hyena with two cubs in the Nilgiris. He said that this animal is mainly a scavenger; it usually eats bones after a tiger has killed and eaten the meat of any animal. In nature we can see many examples of close collaboration. If this connection is useful to both sides, it is called a symbiosis. For example the banyan is pollinated by small wasps. They cannot live separately - the big banyan and this species of tiny wasps.

I think that a long time ago the hyenas and tigers may have lived in the Auroville area - it was jungle here during the Satyayuga - during the Gold Age. But afterwards the Industrial Revolution started or Kalyayuga - Iron Age. Till 1968 Auroville place was semi-deserted with a few trees only. It was bad for hyenas, tigers and for human beings. Now we have a green oasis in Auroville with the dogs, some of which are similar to hyenas. Hyenas and tigers need plants in their environment but they do not need roads. People create new and very wide roads and kill for this purpose a lot of trees. The technical monsters move with great speed, they are dangerous for animals as well as for human beings.

During the Satyayuga people moved about in flying vehicles - vimanas - they did not need roads. Now the roads and the parking places for cars are too common on our planet. If the sunbeams kiss the plants, it starts a photosynthesis process: green creatures produce the oxygen, biomass, good soil, shading canopy. But if the sunbeams reach the roads or the parking places for the cars, they return to the cosmos. This process is called entropy; it is against life on the planet. The Technical Revolution for mankind is like the Troyan Wood Horse.

Where do the roads go? To Rome? To nirvana, moksha, meditation places in forests and mountains? No, they are used mainly for business, profit, for money. Poor plants, hyenas, tigers - poor nature! The plants are the producers, the animals and people are the consumers - they can live because there are plants. The pollution crisis on the earth is a problem whose origin is mankind. Nature as a whole is a living being. If we use violence, it answers adequately. Only eco-philosophy can give us a good future.

Boris

Skill development education

From becoming the first woman police officer of Indian Police Service (IPS) to charge-sheeting the powerful in New Delhi for traffic violations, introducing meditation for the inmates of Tihar Jail, participating as a leader of the Anna Hazare's anti-corruption movement, winning the Magsaysay Award, now being the Governor of Puducherry, etc, Kiran Bedi continues to draw admiration for her efforts to improve the public administration at whatever post, position and responsibility she is in. She was in Auroville a few months ago - Leaving her vehicular entourage, she bicycled along with the representatives of the residents to see around and was reportedly impressed. After her official visit to Kalapet near Auroville, on bicycle, on 25th March, 2017 her press release mentioned, among other remarks, where the key is for the right kind of village education and development. Coming from someone who had fared high in the establishment's education system, it is remarkable. At a children's home at Kalapet she had suggested to the management to train the kids on all skills instead of orienting them to limited syllabus.

Almost the entire school educational funds of the national and state governments are channelled towards the govt. boards' syllabus oriented education but admittedly there has also been a marginal shift towards a skill oriented education but which is, again, not free of the diseases of the former. A better skill development education would be to conduct the same without the usual examinations and diplomas and include developing the character and body of the youth as equally important other objectives. Enlightened education envisaged by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, whose message continue to play a significant role in some of the outreach educational activities of Auroville, can play a crucial role in bringing such a change in the region around Auroville.

As the law prohibits children below 14 from taking employment, children and youth of eligible age can be drawn to a holistically designed skills developing education. Such youth are most likely already enrolled into fulltime mainstream courses and therefore skills development can be held during weekends and term holidays. A variety of skill development courses may be offered to suit different interests and those who have dropped out of the main stream education ought to be especially welcomed. The total number of students of each course needs to be kept low, maybe not more than 10, so that each participant can get adequate individual attention of the teachers.
teacher. As the students are not forced by the societal or parental compulsion to join such courses but motivated by their innate interest the learning time required will be less and the running of the courses, which would be naturally of short lengths, wouldn't cost much.

Most essential to such an education is the quality of the teachers. Care should be taken to provide teachers who are engaged as professionals in the skills they teach. The existing infrastructure in schools and education centers, without needing to add much, could be utilised as they are mostly free of activities during holidays and term vacations. Some courses can be conducted even under the trees and the teachers can bring their own tools and equipment.

The theory part of the course ought to be minimal but adequate to serve as a basis to commence and develop the skill selected. What undermined the lot of existing technical courses is that they take a big part of the duration of the course. Apart from skill developing the students should be encouraged to organise outdoor activities among themselves such as games, athletics etc. with the aim of not only winning but excelling themselves and developing their character. Sessions on work ethics, meditation and yogasana ought to be part of such courses. For those inclined to start their own skill based service centers a course on entrepreneurship with the participation of local banks may be organised.

Other problems of villages such as occurrence of crime and lack of computer literacy that Kiran Bedi spoke of and were highlighted in the news reports can also be better achieved with the integral kind of skill development courses.

Source of the newsreport on Kiran Bedi at Kalapet
Jothi Charles Rajan (Promesse)

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...

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

EXHIBITIONS

MUTHIALPET!
A PHOTO EXHIBITION BY LISBETH & ASHWIN
Opening Saturday April 15th at 5 pm - till 29th April 2017

An exploration of the alleys and byways of Muthialpet
Opening timings except Sunday 8am -12.00 pm and 2 pm - 6 pm
Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, (0413) 262 2403 - pitanga@auroville.org.in.

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INVITATIONS

Sacred Circle Song Sharing

Monday 10th April, 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone, Auroville

Let’s come together and share simple sacred songs that touch the heart and uplift the spirit. Bring songs that you can lead, or just come to sing. They can be sacred songs and chants from any tradition (or no tradition), simple enough where most people can sing along after a few cycles. Please, no musical instruments, this is a gathering focusing on our voices. You can bring a rhythm instrument to accompany yourself if that supports you in sharing songs that you bring. You don’t have to think you have a “good” voice to participate. This is not a performance, it’s about singing from the heart, praying and praising and opening. All are welcome.

Call 9843948288 or email: info@aurovilleretreat.org for any queries.
Submitted by Vikram

Grupo Hispano-Latino-Americano

Marc, Matilde, and I, would like to invite you on Monday 10th April from 6 to 8 pm at the Dreamer’s Café (Visitors’ Centre). We will gather around a POTLUCK dinner to chat and gather ideas to prepare a Latin Event for the 50th Anniversary of Auroville. Drinks will be provided but please bring something to share! If you haven’t received my email already, please send me a message to: joseluis@auroville.org.in. See you on Monday! Jose Luis
VASANTHORCHAVAM
Chithirai Edu-Cultural Festival
Welcoming the summer

Dear Friends!
VANAKKAM
We are celebrating the special season of the year according to the Lunar system, the Tamil New Year’s Day to educate ourselves to appreciate the universality and spirituality present in the Tamil life with particular reference to Auroville region. There will be a display of ancient palm leaf books, variety of organic seeds, millets, grams, vegetables and fruits of the season, hand woven fabrics from cotton and natural fibres, siddha medicine, varma-kalai, local arts and crafts and materials on Tamil literature appreciated by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. You will be excited by tasting many a summer beverages, cool cool co-colas, medicated special energised drinking water!

Don’t miss the festive sports and games!
Venue: Visitors Centre, Auroville
Day: Friday 14th April 2017
Time: 10 am to 5 pm

All are welcome to enjoy the serene and joyful atmosphere.
Organised by Ilaignarkal Education Centre and Mohanam
For more information please contact – 0413 2623773 / 2623806

Traditional Bamboo Thatch House Building
with local material and local artisan

From: 15/04/2017 til 16/04/2017 (2days)

This course includes Lunch & refreshments (during workshop time) and all workshop materials.

- Introduction to bamboo: the material and its properties,
- it’s application and matters relating to its use in construction.
- Bamboo theory & skill building
- Introduction to Tools
- Demonstration/Training sessions:
  - Fish mouth Joinery
  - Build a Traditional Thatch House

For more information: Phone: 0413 - 2623806 - 2623394
Email: aurovillebamboocentre@auroville.org.in
www.aurovillebamboocentre.org

This is a limited capacity event - for more information please visit our website
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 10th April: Jason and the quest of the Golden Fleece (the beginnings of the spiritual journey): Last 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!

Auroville-Tamil Nadu One-day seminar
Theme: Auroville
Place: Sri Aurobindo World Centre for Humanity (SAWCHU)
Date: 9th April (Sunday)
Time: From 9.30 am onwards
Proceedings will be partly in English
All are welcome.

Auroville Kids and Students invite you to their dance open house:

அரங்கேற்றக் காட்டை (Aranketra Kaadhai)
Come and enjoy a dance open house by the Students and Children of Auroville.
It is a program where children express themselves through what they have learnt.
It would be a visual open house of dance.
Date: 14th April 2017
Day: Friday
Time: 7 pm to 8 pm
Venue: Visitors Center

Origami
Bharat Nivas in collaboration with Japanese Pavilion invites you to participate in: “Let’s enjoy ORIGAMI”
Date & Time/ Friday 7th April 3 pm~4 pm
Place/ SAWCHU (Bharat Nivas)
This month, we will create a Rabbit (‘Easter’) and Cherry blossom (Sakura, as a symbol of Japanese spring).

Exploring Colour
In this workshop we explore why we have personal colour choices and some theory.
April 21 / 22 at 9-12 & 2-5 - Fri. & Sat.
All materials are provided.
Fixed contribution for Guests, all others by donation.
Audrey (0413)2622641 Please leave your name and number on the answering machine if she is not there.

Auroville Retreat - Speak to Inspire!
April 14
Your body language and voice are instrumental in determining the impression you make on the people around you. Especially in a workplace environment, it is not enough for you or your idea to be brilliant - you must illustrate and communicate your brilliance so that it may truly impact your audience. Speak to Inspire is a one-day course, during which actor and voice professional Jesse Fox-Allen will help you to overcome your fear of public speaking. As you learn to speak with authority and precision, you will return to your workplace better able to handle challenges with confidence and impact.
To register please call: 9655696982, or email: info@aurovilleretreat.org. For more info, please visit: www.aurovilleretreat.org to register.

Geodesic Sphere Treehouse
5 Day lightweight Bamboo Construction Workshop
Workshop Dates: 17th of April - 22nd of April
Mon 17th: Introduction & learning of basic engineering and design principles, materials preparation and hand tools
Tues 18th: Climbing Introduction, practicing ascending, building dome elements, welding crash course
Wed 19th: Assembling Dome, Staircase Construction
Thurs 20th: Closing with wall elements
Friday 21st: Hoisting Sphere into tree with Pulley Systems & Mounting Staircase
Sat 22nd: Finishing & Inauguration Puja
For fees and registration please send an email or phone us at: filip_av@yahoo.com / 9655933321 / www.treehousecommunity.net
Dancing Authentic Collaboration
Intermediate Nonviolent Communication
With L’aura Joy, NVC Certified Trainer
Do you want to deepen your NVC practice and feel more confident in creating authentic connection?

A 1-day Deepening for those with prior NVC experience. Not for absolute beginners…

• Sun, April 16
• 9.30am-5pm (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 hear others’ true (and harmless) message, which in turn leads to more connection between us. When we’re connected as human beings, we’re in our natural state of wanting to give and collaborate with others.

More info & register (and for venue info): contact L’aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com

Limited seats. Registration required.

[Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

SCHEDULES

QUIET

WOGA (Yoga in Water) 1 & 2 with Dariya
Wednesday 12 & Thursday 14 April 2017 (2 days)
Timings: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (12 hours in total)
Booking: Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Woga is the union of two words: water and yoga. It is based on yoga poses and stretches modified for warm water. Thanks to the decrease of gravity, the water gives ease to the movements, unblocks articulations, lengthens and melts muscles, removes negative tensions, prevents stress, insomnia and anxiety. Classes include breathing, warm-up exercises, a series of poses, and a relaxation period.

Focus of Woga 1 is asanas in water; besides asanas, the program of Woga 2 is pranayama and meditation.

Prerequisite: no previous experience required (and also no need to know how to swim!).

Watsu® for Babies with Dariya
Friday 14 April 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.

NEWS & EVENTS

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

Wednesday, April 12, 7-45 pm at Unity Pavilion:

THRIVE
THRIVE is an unconventional documentary that lifts the veil on what’s REALLY going on in our world by following the money upstream -- uncovering the global consolidation of power in nearly every aspect of our lives. Weaving together extraordinary borders; they allow us to live in the present, here and now, simply listening to the breath of the child, both...

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THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, April 14th, Friday.

Schedule of Events:
16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest
18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
18:30 Eco Film Club begins with “previews”

of short Sadhana Forest films
20:00 Dinner is served
21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

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

THE WITNESS: A TRIBE OF HEART
44mins / English / 2000 / Directed by Jenny Stein
How does a tough Brooklyn construction contractor become an impassioned animal advocate? With moving personal stories and colorful insights, Eddie Lama describes how he feared and avoided animals for most of his life, until the love of a kitten opened his heart, inspiring him to rescue abandoned animals and bring his message of compassion to the streets of New York.

(Reminder: Friday 07/04 - WHAT IF WE CHANGE)

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in or visit us online: http://sadhanaforest.org / https://facebook.com/sadhanaforest

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, 10th of April 2016 at 6:30 pm

“THE INTEGRAL YOGA AND OTHER PATHS - Part 2”

Dr. Alok Pandey speaks about the Integral Yoga, Synthesis of Yoga, Yoga of Self-Perfection, Fivefold Education, Supramental Education, The Supramental Yoga and Mother’s Yoga. Sri Aurobindo’s advice is to develop faith in the Shakti and to be open to The Mother, because the yoga is going far beyond everyone can imagine.

Integral Yoga unlike other paths is not something fixed and forever, because it is an evolutionary journey. And methods, techniques, practices are not the core of the yoga. We have to go back to the essence of yoga and engage ourselves intensely in an inner evolutionary journey, as Sri Aurobindo expresses in the ‘Synthesis of Yoga’. The essence of yoga is the union with something in us - with the Divine, the soul, the raison d’etre or the Divine essence and The Mother used the word Perfection. There are moments when every human being brings out something exceptional from deep inside, like a peak experience and in that moment one hits the core, the Divine essence.

Regardless of failure and success, through the manifold experiences all are growing in strength and in capacity. The spirit binds us back upon life and we learn to do karmas without focus on the results. In yoga, conscious yoga, you learn the rules of the game. Every act has to become a consecration. And the whole world is engaged in the evolutionary journey. We have to participate in the yagjna, in the great evolutionary adventure and engaging our nature in different processes of labour: there are the blossoming of the soul to its highest potential and the blossoming of nature in its capacity and processes when the subconscious yoga becomes conscious and the widening towards the collective yoga.

The new consciousness force of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo will divinise the human in us. Duration: 50min.

The FRENCH PAVILION presents
“PROOF OF CONCEPT”
100 GEEKS, 5 WEEKS, 1 FUTURE

Documentary and Discussion
Introduced by Youth Link and co-presented with Collectif BAM and Low Tech Lab
Saturday 8th April 2017 at 5 pm

Cinema Paradiso
In French subtitled in English 60min + 45min presentation

POC21 is an international innovation community that started as an innovation camp. The camp brought together 100+ makers, designers, engineers, scientists and geeks. Late summer 2015, we have joined forces in a stunning French castle to prototype the fossil free, zero waste society. Our ultimate goal was to overcome the destructive consumer culture and make open-source, sustainable products the new normal. Over the course of 5 weeks we developed 12 sustainable lifestyle technologies and built an international community of innovators and supporters, that continues to grow.

In the dynamic of “Proof of Concept”, will follow a presentation of a collaborative project happening in Auroville “Joy of Impermanence” – involving 3 entities: Youth Link, Collectif BAM and Low Tech Lab.

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW
13th April Thursday & 14th April Friday - NO SHOW (Tamil New Year!)

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Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm)
The contents of News & Notes are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the NBG email address below.

Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.
The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.
Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday.
We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays due to work pressure.

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

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

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Indian - Monday 10 April, 8:00 pm:
• BUDHIA SINGH: BORN TO RUN
India, 2016, Writer-Director Soumendra Padhi w/Manoj Bajpayee, Mayur Mahendra Patole, Gajraj Rao, and others, Biography-Sports, 112mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)
Riddled with extreme poverty, a 4yr old boy Budhia was sold to a peddler by his mother for Rs 800. Biranchi, a local judo coach, finds and takes the spunky boy under his wing. The child's running abilities makes Biranchi hopeful that he could be India's greatest Marathon runner. Budhia too show immense promise even when he was just 5yrs old. However, the coach faced backlash including on ethical grounds. The government inquiry, public scrutiny and media circus that followed, clipped the boy's wings and his Olympic dreams. That story is still unfolding. This award winning film belongs to a rare genre in Indian film - which is made more authentic with a true story.

German - Tuesday 11 April, 8:00 pm:
• HIN UND WEG (Tour de Force)
Germany, 2014, Dir. Christian Zuebert w/Florian David Fitz, Julia Koschitz, Juergel Vogel & others, Comedy/Drama, 135 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
The film deals with euthanasia and manages to become a unique and emotionally immersive experience on the subject by sidestepping all of the surrounding political controversy and focusing entirely on the psychological and spiritual effects the practice has on people. It’s a powerful experience that’s remarkably tender and human, equally heartbreaking and life affirming. It is a powerful drama about the value of life, friendship, and love, as well as the inevitable grieving process one has to survive upon the loss of a loved one.

Interesting - Wednesday 12 April, 8:00 pm:
• CHICKEN PEOPLE
USA, 2016, Dir. Nicole Lucas Haimes, Documentary-Comedy, 83mins, English, Rated: NR (G)
It is a funny and uplifting look at the world of show chickens and the people who love them. Starting at the largest national poultry competition, likened to the Westminster Dog Show for chickens, the film follows three top competitors over the course of a year as they grapple with life’s challenges while vying to win the next year’s crown. Both humorous and heartfelt, the film is an unforgettable celebration of the human (and chicken) spirit.

French - Thursday 13 April, 8:00 pm:
• L’AVENIR (Things to Come)
France-Germany, 2016, Dir. Mia Hanzen-Love, w/ Isabelle Huppert, Andre Macron, Roman Kolinka, Drama, 102mins, French WITH ENGLISH subtitles, Rated: PG
In this award winning film, the protagonist Nathalie teaches philosophy at a high school in Paris. She is passionate about her job and particularly enjoys passing on the pleasure of thinking. Married with two children, she divides her time between her family, former students and her very possessive mother. One day, Nathalie's husband announces he is leaving her for another woman. With freedom thrust upon her, Nathalie must reinvent her life.

International - Saturday 15 April, 8:00 pm:
• ARRIVAL
USA, 2016, Dir. Danis Villeneuve, w/ Amy Adams, Jeremy Renner, 116 min., Drama-Mystery-Sci-Fi, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
When mysterious spacecraft touch down across the globe, an elite team, led by expert linguist Louise Banks are brought together to investigate. As mankind teeters on the verge of global war, Banks and the team race against time for answers and to find them, she will take a chance that could threaten her life, and quite possibly humanity.

Eco-Film Fest - Sunday 16 April, 4:30 pm:
• LA TORTUE ROUGE (The Red Turtle)
Please find details in Eco-Film Fest announcement next week

Eco-Film Fest - Sunday 16 April, 8:00 pm:
• PLANET EARTH II: A World Of Wonder
Please find details in Eco-Film Fest announcement next week

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support. Pl make a contribution to “Cinema Paradiso” account (#105106) at the Financial Service.

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group - Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

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→ Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. reachable 24/7.
This first step can be done easily and independently. We present here an important key able to give a true economical existence and visibility to the local market of Auroville (the market where the Auroville production and consumption is done). For now, there is no clear economic separation of the two market places — external & local.

By splitting each actual AV account so that local accounts could be entirely dedicated to the local market, it becomes possible to do quantifications, analyses and forecasting on it because only pure local transactions can take place. Moreover, this introduces a true local currency (called Local Rupee here) which can serve as a basis for future internal economic innovations as proposed thereafter.

Self-sufficiency in Auroville now represents only 15%. Moreover, our high dependence on external labor causes that local wealth can be created only incredibly slowly, 4% in 2015. Starting from the variety of innovative experiments already conducted on Auroville, we propose a progressive economy that articulates different modes of exchange that can coexist with each other and in relation to which individuals, units and services can position themselves according to their own wishes.

The figure opposite shows five chosen engagement steps to establish a progression from direct exchanges to indirect ones (i.e. exchanges going through a collective bias) and ending within a gift economy of family type.

We present here a summary view of the modes of exchange through a few units or services positioned at different engagement steps. For example, when Aurovilians, positioned in step 3, consume in these units, the exchange will take place according to the mode of step 3 unless they contact a lower step unit.

More precisely, each step is defined:
- for units and services, by specific price undertakings;
- for individuals, by specific commitments on the functioning of their local accounts.

It should also be noted that engagement steps 3 and 4 are designed to generate mutual funds that will be used exclusively for the Auroville self-sufficiency.