Happy Tamil New Year!

News & Notes
15th April 2017............A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.............Number 695
HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

“The reminiscences will be short. I came to India to meet Sri Aurobindo, I remained in India to live with Sri Aurobindo, when he left his body I continued to live here in order to do his work which is by serving the Truth and enlightening humanity to hasten the rule of the Divine’s Love upon earth.”

There, and that’s that. Period.

But those people don’t understand! And Sri Aurobindo told me, “It’s high time they learned it.” 27.1.68

Sri Aurobindo said:

“India has become the symbolic representation of all the difficulties of modern mankind.”India will be the land of its resurrection - the resurrection to a higher and truer life.”

And the clear vision: the same thing which in the history of the universe made the earth the symbolic representation of the universe so as to concentrate the work on one point, the same phenomenon is now taking place: India is the representation of all human difficulties on earth, and it is in India that the ... cure will be found. And then, that is why - THAT IS WHY I was made to start Auroville. It came and it was so clear, so tremendously powerful!

And as that whole power was in it, I said, “Put it.” We’ll see - they won’t understand anything, but that doesn’t matter, it will act. 3.2.68

For millennia, we have been developing outer means, outer instruments, outer techniques of living - and finally those means and techniques are crushing us. The sign of the new humanity is a reversal in the standpoint, and the understanding that inner knowledge and inner technique can change the world and master it without crushing it.

“Auroville is the place where this new way of living is being worked out, it is a center of accelerated evolution where man must begin to change his world through the power of the inner spirit.” 3.8.68

I’ve been given a quotation from Sri Aurobindo.... I find it very interesting.

“What happens is for the ‘best’ in this sense only that the end will be a divine victory in spite of all difficulties - that has been and always will be my seeing, my faith and my assurance - if you are willing to accept it from me.”

Sri Aurobindo, December 28, 1931

I find it very interesting. Because when people are told, “It will be for the best,” they always think it’s the best as they imagine it! 23.10.68

MOTHER’S AGENDA, Vol. 9 (1968).

And Mother, what Sri Aurobindo has done, is it the same?

Essentially yes. Sri Aurobindo has arranged everything so that my work becomes easy. Sri Aurobindo has the key to open this region of the Inconscience. He turns the key to open the door and illumines my way, and very gently I enter to infuse the Force, the Light and the Divine Ananda into the body of this inert and obscure matter. When it is touched by this transforming light, the atoms that constitute this matter awake to a New Consciousness. Like this the work continues and spreads or multiplies. You understand, Sri Aurobindo is the soul of Matter, the aspiration of the whole humanity. He is the Light in Matter or the Spirit incarnated in Matter. Sri Aurobindo has separated himself from the Supreme and has plunged in this matter, in a body, with this load of inconscience and ignorance upon himself - to awaken them to the divine life. For this He has invoked the Supreme, the Grace, to descend here on this earth to help in His work. That is why, having heard His call, I have come down here into matter in a physical body, into this world of pain, suffering and death. And it is in the union of both of us that the world will witness gradually this miracle of a divine life. It is because of Him that I have descended. It is this intense aspiration of matter from below that He has sent up and the Grace has responded by a descent. What a blessed hour for the earth. It is an occasion for a tremendous progress so that the whole universe may blossom in a great élan towards the goal of its existence. With Our help which will be at its disposal and a will to pursue, what could be there that would be impossible to realize! This is the moment.

You know, each vibration that emanates from us, each ray of light radiating from us becomes a beacon-light spreading in the being of the inconscience and illumining its path towards the truth of its existence. It is only because of Sri Aurobindo that I can accomplish this work.

THE SUPREME, Conversations with the Mother, recollected by Mona Sarkar, chap. The Mother’s feet.

Submitted by GangaLakshmi, Savitri Bhavan, House of Mother’s Agenda.

I have never seen that anyone by changing place
Arrived at spiritual realization
- It always comes by a change of mind and heart.

Sri Aurobindo
ref. Letters on Himself and the Ashram, p.619

Cover: Neem flowers, part of the traditional celebrations for Tamil New year, Puthandu (14th of April). On that day, the 3 seasonal fruits (mukkani: mango, banana, jackfruit) are also on all plates. Neem flower rasam is prepared along with the special dish of the day · ‘mango Pachidi’. Made with neem flowers, jaggery, mango, green chilli, salt and tamarind juice, they represent the six major emotions that humans experience.
Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) monthly report for March 2017

The good news from our group for this month is that Angelo, our secretary, is now committed to working full-time on behalf of the FAMC (which actually means overtime!). Last November, Angelo had volunteered for the job, as he felt that he might best serve Auroville by offering his secretarial skills to the new FAMC. Despite the hiccups that accompany every new group, Angelo has been steadfast in his service. All of us are greatly appreciative of his organizational skills, his quiet presence, and his sense of responsibility.

COMPLETED TOPICS

Units
Cloud Flower Creations - closed: This unit under Artsiana Trust has now been closed as per the request of its executives Angad & Chandrab N.

Auroville Transport Service (ATS) - closed: ATS, the taxi unit in New Creation, has been closed in collaboration with the ABC Trust trustees. The unit has been suffering increasing losses with greater liabilities over the last few years in spite of efforts from the executives, trustees and others to turn things around. The community has been informed through regular community channels about the closure of this service.

To Be Two - executive reappointment: Anyuta and Louis C. have been reappointed as executives of this unit under Auromode Trust.

Prakrit - executive reappointment: Torkil and Uma P. have been reappointed as executives of this unit under ABC Trust.

Kinisi - new unit application: The new unit application for manufacturing electric bikes under Altecs Trust with Matthias A. and Debo as executives was approved.

LEAD (Learn, Experience And Develop) - new unit application: The new unit application with Dhanya and Dominique as executives was approved. LEAD will be an umbrella unit for educational programs that are offered in Auroville. The unit is currently under Inside Trust, which will be reviewed after one year.

The Colours of Nature staff quarters: As per the agreement reached between Artsiana Trust on behalf of the unit, The Colours of Nature, Ruby (formerly working in the unit) will vacate the staff quarters upon repayment of her loan to the Colours of Nature, Ruby (formerly working in the unit). The subgroup spearheaded by the Auroville Council will investigate other issues pertaining to the conflict between Jesus (executive of The Colours of Nature) and Ruby.

Housing
Funds for Christine, Benito and Muna’s housing: Funds have been allocated to Muna for the construction of a new housing asset in the plot allocated by L’avenir d’Auroville located near Dana; this is in accordance with agreements made with the former FAMC due to the family’s relocation from Happiness.

Loans
Loan approved for the Centre for Scientific Research (CSR): CSR has requested a loan of Rs. 43.5 lakhs as an advance against a Government of India grant for purchase of high precision GPS equipment for an Auroville GIS mapping project, which has been approved.

Policies / Guidelines / Proposals
L’avenir d’Auroville / iTDC Construction and Civil Work Allocation policy: We gave our input on new guidelines regarding construction and civil work allocation that were proposed by the team.

Unit succession proposal: A proposal for handling unit succession has been received from Torkil who, along with Toine, has ideas for succession planning for Auroville units. This would help those executives who wish to see their enterprise continue to flourish through the next generation. As they are already working with Aureka we encouraged them to test their proposal there. We thank them for this initiative and look forward to receiving a full report of the experience.

L’avenir d’Auroville / iTDC related
Soffio housing project building application: The Soffio housing project building application was reviewed and approved.

Land related
Land exchange: We fully understand that exchange of Auroville land can be an emotionally difficult and disruptive process for any residents who would be affected. As Auroville’s current policy is to secure land within the Master Plan, land exchange remains an important part of our strategy. We hope that as a community, we will inspire each other to live in accordance with our basic principle of non-ownership as stewards of land and work together for a collective goal. We also ask that when people wish to relocate due to a land exchange process, all community members try to help them with this process.

Land exchange in Promesse community: The FAMC approved exchange of 1.03 acres of non-residential area in Promesse for 10.37 acres in the north greenbelt. There is still about 1 acre of non-residential area in Promesse, adjacent to the highway, which can be utilized by Auroville or exchanged at a later date. We have reviewed the concerns of the residents of Promesse and have asked the Housing Service to prioritize and help facilitate relocation of a few residents who wish to move out of Promesse.

Land Purchase: We approved the purchase of the following 2 plots:
- BO 1/1 (63 acres) adjacent to Baraka in the greenbelt.
- MA 293/1 (1.48 acres) adjacent to Kamataru in the greenbelt.

WC and FAMC joint topics:
Reconstitution of Government of India (GoI) grant group: We have jointly approved a proposal to strengthen monitoring and accounting of GoI funded projects. Details will be reported separately.

Code of Conduct proposal: A Code of Conduct pertaining to operational regulations for all units is now ready to be presented to the community for comments, after which it will be presented to the Governing Board for approval. This is an update of the former Guidelines for Trusts and Units which became Regulations for Trusts and Units in 2016.

Miscellaneous
Allocation of unspecified donation: We have allocated Rs. 1,74,880 from an unspecified donation in the following ways:
- Rs. 1,20,000 to Kireet for erosion control work.
- Rs. 33,100 for emergency fencing to protect the forest in Revelation.
- Rs. 21,780 to the Land Board to be used for land protection. We once again thank the Aurovilian who made this donation!

Strategic Work Plan: As per our mandate, we have developed a strategic work plan for 1-3 years, which was published in the News & Notes last week.

ONGOING TOPICS

Units
Treecare: This application for a new unit under Team Trust with proposed executives Anadi Skoles, Julian Becker and Jonas Suchanek is pending approval. We have reviewed their application and have asked for additional information.

Mohanam Village Cultural Heritage Centre: Significant progress has been made in streamlining the various income-generating and non-income generating activities of Mohanam, Bamboo Center, and Lively Boutique. In parallel a joint subgroup (WC, ABC, FAMC) is working with the project team of Mohanam to move the project forward.
Various income-generating units: Work is still ongoing on different issues with five other units. Some of these issues are being jointly tackled by representatives from the FAMC and Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC).

Swagatam Guest House: FAMC received notice that the inordinate delay by Vijaya (manager-executive) to submit the accounts of Swagatam Guest House will delay the consolidation of accounts under Bharat Nivas Pavilion of India Trust. Over a month’s notice and a final deadline were given to Vijaya for submitting the accounts to the trustees. FAMC will look into how to deal with non-compliance on this issue.

L’avenir d’Auroville / ITDC related
Kalpana Sports Centre site application: At the end of this reporting period we are awaiting more information about this project before we can proceed.

Sustainable Resource Center (SRC) building application: At the end of this reporting period we are awaiting more information about this project before we can proceed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

New AV land through your support for ACRES FOR AUROVILLE!

Acres for Auroville donations have financed the Land Board’s purchase of four plots just since January - a total of 3.34 acres of strategic Auroville land secured with A4A funds:

- A Greenbelt plot near Siddhartha Farm
- A Greenbelt plot near Pitchandikulam
- A Greenbelt plot in the 9 Palms area

This makes a combined total of 8 plots and 7.27 acres financed by donations to A4A!

(2 plots in the Matrimandir Circle - 3 in the City Area - 3 in the Greenbelt)

Along with this encouraging news, we would like to express our warm appreciation to the 180 Aurovilians who made donations of all types and amounts at the February land solidarity events at the Unity Pavilion.

- We are grateful to the 38 Aurovilians who in just the past month also added their support by signing up for monthly donations for the land.
- Finally, in light of new tax directives, foreign residents of India and non-Indian Aurovilians should first consult with the AV Unity Fund if they wish to receive a tax receipt for land donations.

With our gratitude for your support for the land,

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

April 24 - April 29 - An Intense Week of General Meetings!

The Auroville Council and the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) would like to invite you to an intense week of general meetings in April:

1. Monday April 24 - General Meeting (4.30 pm - 6.30 pm in Unity Pavilion) to discuss the:
   Proposal to restructure the Town Development Council in preparation for a Resident Assembly Decision-making Event (RAD).

2. Thursday April 27 - General Meeting (4.30 pm - 6.30 pm in Unity Pavilion) to discuss the:
   Proposal to restructure the Entry Service.

3. Saturday April 29 - General Meeting (10 am -12 pm in Unity Pavilion) to Discuss the:
   Proposed new Auroville Learning Activities Guidelines.

Here's hoping you can make them all!

Much Love,

The Residents' Assembly Service and the Auroville Council

**About promised maintenance**

Dear Community,

Kindly note that BCC and its subgroup HRT is responsible for disbursing City Services budget and maintenance. These are limited, though typically a few more are added each year. City Services still accounts for >50% of the total number of maintenance disbursed. This can only increase over time if the number of money generating services and commercial units increases, and they and the individual Aurovilians make adequate and timely contributions to the City Services. By nature the fund is limited - given the fact that the City Services depend on the contribution from the activities (units / money generating services) and the individuals to create a common pot from where budget and maintenances are disbursed.

In the recent years we have noticed that the study groups have promised maintenances to services/groups without any prior consultation with the City Services to ensure that they can be made available. This creates unnecessary strife in disbursing maintenances and also a lot of stress for those who have been promised a maintenance by a study group only to realize later that there may be none available.

With this announcement BCC requests that if you have/plan to do anything that involves community budget or maintenance, please check with the BCC before making any promise. The same request goes to the potential recipients. Prior to taking a decision based on promised maintenances or support you could check with the City Services if such allocation has been made for the particular group/service.

Thanking you for your understanding,

Sincerely, BCC

**ADHAAR camp for Aurovilians and Newcomers**

Dear Community Members,

The Working Committee has been exploring possibilities to hold a camp to issue ADHAAR cards to Aurovilians and Newcomers (and their children) in Auroville. We need to know if enough of us are interested so the camp can be held. We assume that
most of Aurovilians who are Indian nationals have already got their AADHAAR cards.

WHY? AADHAAR cards are being increasingly required by the Government for official purpose. For example, online train bookings as well as registration of vehicles have recently been added to the list.

CAN IT BE ISSUED TO FOREIGNERS TOO? AADHAAR cards are not a proof of nationality and can be issued to all residents of India (Indian and non-Indian nationals alike) who have been staying in the country for more than 180 days (more than the validity of a tourist visa).

WHAT ARE THE DOCUMENTS NEEDED? You will need a proof of identity (POI) and a proof of address (POA). A valid Indian driving licence can serve as POI as well as POA. If you do not have one, a passport or a PAN card can be your POI and a letter from the Auroville Foundation signed by the Under Secretary can be a POA.

If you are interested, please write immediately to aadhaar@auroville.org.in with the number of people in your family who will need an AADHAAR card (specify full name and age).

Looking forward to your participation,
The Working Committee

Give your feedback and support the selection of new Matrimandir executives

The community is invited to give the feedback starting Saturday April 15.
The feedback period will run for two weeks until April 29.

After this time, the Working Committee, the Auroville Council and the existing executive (Sri Moyi, Elumalai, John and Pierre) will consider the community’s feedback and make the final selection.

The following 27 Aurovilians have accepted their nomination to participate in the selection process:

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| new proposed executives:                                 |
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| Dheena, Aspiration                                      |
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| Hemant, Creativity                                      |
| Jai Singh, Fraternity                                   |
| Jyoti, Swayam                                          |
| Louis, Citadines                                        |
| Luca, Maitreyean                                       |
| Mani, Solar Kitchen                                     |
| Marc, Surrender                                         |
| Murugan, New Creation Field                            |
| Patrick, Fertile East                                  |
| Rama Narayana, Courage                                 |
| Ravi, Fraternity                                        |
| Sanjay, Humility                                       |
| Sarasu, Fraternity                                      |
| Selvam, Simplicity                                     |
| Shiva, MM Nursery                                       |
| Vinothini, Prarthana                                   |
| Vladimir, Grace                                        |

Profiles and photos will be shared together with a feedback format via RAS mass mail and Auronet on Thursday. You can offer feedback on the participants also by writing to us at: raservice@auroville.org.in, indicating whether you feel strongly for, against or otherwise for any of the proposed new members of the Matrimandir Executive. You can also pass by in our office in the Townhall, 1st floor.
The Residents Assembly Service (RAS) expects the selection committee to announce the new Matrimandir Executive by early May (holding in mind that the existing executive may also be chosen to continue). A RAS member is present in the room during the selection meetings.

Love, From the Residents Assembly Service

Regarding Auroville Transport Service

We regretfully inform the community that ATS, the taxi unit in New Creation, has been closed by the FAMC in collaboration with the ABC trust trustees. The unit has been suffering increasing losses with greater liabilities over the last few years in spite of efforts from the executives, trustees and others to turn things around.

Anyone who still owes money to ATS for taxi or other transportation services rendered, please do make arrangements for payment as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.
The FAMC (Amy, Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Lyle, Prabhu, Stephanie, Ulii, and Yuval)

Reminder - monthly (March) and yearly Income/Expenditure Statement due NOW

Dear Friends,

We would like to remind you that the Income/Expenditure Statements (I/E) are due each month by the 15th for the previous month. The March 2017 statement is due by 15 April 2017.

However, since it is the end of the financial year, BCC would like to remind that if we do not receive your I/E statement for the 2016-17 financial year (from April 2016 to March 2017) by 15 April 2017 then your budget disbursement will be on hold from 1 May 2017 until you submit your backlog of I/E statements and start submitting monthly.

Expenditure is essential information needed for budgeting. Your timely submission of the I/E provides BCC that information. We appreciate your help and thank you for your understanding. If you need clarification for the form itself and need a little help - please write to us at bccoffice@auroville.org.in. We will try our best to find you appropriate help in time.

Thanking you, Sincerely, BCC

IZ Coordination Team

Dear community,
The IZ Coordination Team will have a final discussion about the proposed construction of a “European Temporary Pavilion”, on Monday 17 April, 16.30 h at Unity Pavilion.

This discussion is based on a design already supported by Auroville International Board members. It would be extremely helpful if Aurovilians residents with a European background and interest in the further development of the International Zone could join the meeting to contribute to the decision making process. We need to establish a dedicated project management team that will manifest the temporary pavilion, to be located within the fenced area of International House.
IZ Coordination Team.

From the Entry Service - N&N No – 695
dated 15.04.2017

Our team is happy to recommend the following persons as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville. We will wait one month for Newcomers and Aurovilians from this publication for your feedback before confirming.

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED
Rajan SUGUMAR (Indian) Staying in Courage, Working at Lila Loka

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Safia RAOUI (Belgian)
Igor BSHEV (Russian)
Liliana LARREA (Spanish)
Maria FOSSA (Italian)
Nikita SHMATKO (Russian)
Tennarassou ANNAMALAI (Indian)
Manjini JAGADEESAN (Indian)
AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
Antoine COLOMBANI (French) Staying at French Pavilion (IZ) working at MA
Sandeep VINOD SARAH (Indian) Staying in Fertile and Working at Fertile
Guy ATTEWELL (British) Staying in Fertile and Working at TLC
Mailvika PATHAK (German) Staying in Fertile and Working at TLC
Santosh JADHAV (Indian) Staying in Center Field and Working at Farewell
Michelle BERTHOLLE (French) Staying in Udavi School and Working at TLC

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
Tatiana SINEEVA (Russian)
The above people will be confirmed as Aurovilians ONLY after signing the B-Form, which is the last step in order to be included in the Register of Residents of the Auroville Foundation
The Entry Service is open to the public Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 12:30.
B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.
At your service, The Entry Service team

L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC – Site and Building Applications feedback - 15th 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 reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start.
It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of the TDC.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Call for abstracts for Bajaj project
Dear Auroville Friends,
We are very pleased to announce that SAIER has received a generous donation from Bajaj Auto under the CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) requirement of the Central Government of India.

The sub-categories/focal areas of development that have been decided upon by the SAIER Board are:
1) Innovative educational practices that are being applied, or could be applied, inside and outside of Auroville;
2) Physical education, including adventure and rural sports;
3) Enhancing facilities for science and technology education;
4) Higher education opportunities and exchanges;
5) Improving environmental sustainability and ecological balance, including related initiatives to raise awareness;
6) Enhance educational experiences and activities through technology.

Guiding principles/priorities for:
1. Projects in which emphasis is placed on reflecting a spirit of innovation.
2. Expenses/budgets that would be difficult to include in GoI grant requests.

We are also interested to see programs and activities that directly or indirectly benefit those below the age of 30.

The project duration will be one year, with quarterly and final reports expected. Support for this and for final project writing will be available for those who feel it is needed.

Please submit abstracts no later than Monday, 8th May, to saier@auroville.org.in, specifying ‘abstract for Bajaj project’ in the subject line. This is to make a clear distinction between projects applying for funding through this scheme and projects that will be applying through SAIER’s regular GoI grant scheme.

We look forward to receiving many interesting and innovative ideas!

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS
Site Applications
1. Sharnga Guest House, new Bore well in replacement of the collapsed bore well - inside the compound of Sharnga Guest House.
2. Alena - Staff Quarters in Darkali on plot no. IR 307/2 for 45 Sq.m.

Building Applications: No New SA

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS
Site applications: No New SA
Building Application: No News BA

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

Houses available for transfer


Housing Project under construction:
1. SUNSHIP - Duplex 4th and 5th floor - 78 M2 -terrace - Will be ready in August 2017 - Collective living-Cafeteria, Laundry - Best for couple!! For information contact: louis@auroville.org.in
Contact person: satyakam@auroville.org.in / Satyakam is available on the site on: Thursday: 3pm to 5.30 pm / Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm. The model apartment is also visible on the above day and time
3. Auromodele Orchard - Several houses are still to be built. Will be ready in 2018.
Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220333

For more information contact: Housing Service (Town Hall); Phone; (0413) 2622658; e-mail: housing@auroville.org.in

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2017 Kavunji - 3rd Group

Meeting will be held in Certitude playground Saturday 13th may at 4:30 pm. Leaves Auroville on May 21st in the evening (Transport Service). Leaves Kavunji on May 31st in the afternoon. The children will be back on June 1st early morning.

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On Wells #4

One of the goals of the Water Group is to bring increased transparency to our process and the data we collect, so that you can stay informed about water in this region. As we mentioned last week, Ramesh collects data about the levels of wells. That data is then published on our website. While most of the site is still under construction, the GIS page is not only live, but it’s constantly being updated. You’re invited to check it out for yourself: www.aurovilwater.in. Visit Data>GIS.

Once in the Dashboard, click on “Measures”, then on “Wells”, and finally select the well from the dropdown list. You can also download data of each well through the button “Download CSV” and open it with your spreadsheet software (Excel or similar). One aspect that we want to improve on is to provide information about what your well level reading means, both for your community and in the larger context of the bioregion. Let us know if you have any questions or suggestions for improvement.

Follow-Up to the CAT: Please find below a list of 6 follow-up focus groups to work on further exploring and implementing these suggestions. The groups are in the process of being formed. Would you be interested in participating, please contact them via the mail id provided.

1. Focus Group on Teacher’s Development - michelle@auroville.org.in
2. Focus Group on Experimentation in Education - manas.auroville@gmail.com & tarabenerex@gmail.com
3. Focus Group on Sharing Resources (Infrastructure, Teachers, Materials, Learning Processes etc.) - milla@auroville.org.in & aloe@auroville.org.in
4. Focus Group on Including Voices of Students, Parents, Teachers, and Staff - amara.denhollander@futureschool.org.in
5. Focus Group on Multiplying the Impact of the CAT's Suggestions - amara.denhollander@futureschool.org.in
6. Focus Group on Communication in the Community - amara.denhollander@futureschool.org.in

Report of the CAT “What is Education in Auroville?”

“What is Education in Auroville?”, the first of a series of CATs on education, was presented by current Future School students Aloe, Leela, Amara and Tara on March 3rd, 2017. The first half of the CAT was dedicated to a presentation by the students, of the education survey they had recently conducted among others throughout Auroville schools. Based on the current student experience and vision of education in Auroville, the presenters highlighted key areas for change. The second half was dedicated to small group discussions around three key questions - see below the questions and outcomes of the discussions.

130 people attended the presentation, and 68 people remained for the group discussions.

Students’ Voice

In what areas of their education (subjects, schedules, teaching methods, administration...) should students have more of a voice - to what extent and how?

- Students should have a say in all aspects from a very young age, with a body of support, and a safe space for feedback.
- The elements that play a role in education are children/facilitators/parents/workers - all should have a voice in a democratic approach.

Equality and Variety of Subjects

How can the community support the creation of a system that exists without a hierarchy of knowledge (e.g. larger scope of subjects, courses and interests)?

- Learning through experience.
- Enlarging individual choice.
- Networking resources.
- Auroville syllabus and identity.

Sharing Resources

How can the community contribute to the availability and accessibility of resources to students of Auroville?

- Resource sharing facility: 1.) Database of resources. 2.) Info help-desk. 3.) Smart Classroom.
- Teaching students clarity, discipline and respect for learning would increase availability of resources, especially human.
- Willingness and openness to work towards a unified education “One large campus” with students of Auroville - one large campus with fluidity of movement, subjects, teachers, students.
- Tap expertise from Auroville, the bioregion, India and the world.

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5. Focus Group on Vocational Trainings (Internships, Apprenticehips, Work Experience) - kavitha.urvasie@auroville.org.in
6. Focus Group on Recognition Process (Portfolio Certification - Internal to External Recognition - Auroville Curriculum/Syllabus that encourages equality and variety of learning experiences) - mitadg@auroville.org.in & auroleela@gmail.com

Submitted by CAT

The Re-filling of Cleaning Products in PTDC Auroville - A Success Story

The number of shops in Europe that sell in bulk is growing constantly. Aside from the well-established Italian Effecorta and Detersuso, and Catalan Granel, in Vienna Lunzer Mass-Greisler is offering products in bulk to the Austrians, whereas in Germany a new shop called Unverpaakt opened its doors a month ago in Kiel. In Berlin, Biosphäre is a social, non-profit organic shop, which started offering cleaning products without packaging in 2013.

And that was the year that MGEDuties - Probiotics House and Pour Tous Distribution Centre (PTDC) - Auroville, started to offer all the Probiotics Natural Cleaning products without packing.

At the beginning it was not so easy, as many PTDC members wanted to take the “Bottle” and go away; and we had to deal with some bad humored Aurovilians who did not want to do the re-filling. However, slowly and slowly, it was picking up, and members were accepting more and more and more till today, when we do not think anymore that cleaning products need to be packed.

Here are the numbers showing that trend of Probiotics Cleaning products distributed in PTDC;

In 2013, the number of bottles saved to go to the landfill was 3350.

In 2014, the number of bottles saved to go to the landfill was 4750.

In 2015, the number of bottles saved to go to the landfill was 7800.

In 2016, the number of bottles saved to go to the landfill was 9200.

And we continue counting…. The bulk chain is proud of its contribution to reducing waste, as we have diverted 25,100 plastic bottles, or 1.5 tons of plastic from landfill.

“It’s essential to reduce waste at the production stage. If we want to convert our economy, create new areas of employment and contribute to protecting the environment, we have to reduce waste and industrial discards to a minimum and encourage people to choose refill products”.

Thank You Auroville Community, Guidelma and Margarita [MGEduties - Probiotics House]; PTDC Team

Year-End Report - Applied Research: Restorative Circles in Auroville

January - December 2016 (or more realistically September 2015 - March 2017)
After 5 years working on and off with Restorative Circles (RC), we finally took the leap of bringing this process to the community at large, wanting to raise awareness about the need for a justice system in Auroville, and working to co-create a response to conflict that is based on restoring trust, connection and communication.

In developing and dreaming up this project 1.5 years ago, we were clear that our vision was huge and that although we were submitting a proposal for 1 year, we were actually committing to a journey that would last much longer and that would eventually take on a life of its own. Because this project and how it unfolds depends so very much on the community, we had no way to predict where we would be in 1 year (or 1.5 years), or where the community would be - that is, in relationship to conflict and its inevitability, justice and our need for it, and the practice of RC as a potential personal and collective response. Yet, our sense is that we are exactly where we need to be - the process has clearly taken root in Auroville, and given the nature of this work, we still likely have many years ahead of us before we can as a community truly embody the full potential of Restorative Circles as a way of holding space for transformative dialogue. So here is to our continued engagement and stewardship!

We have hosted 15 live Circles over the past year, and a total of approximately 300 Aurovilians were named and invited to participate. Even though RC is voluntary (so not everyone who is named chooses to engage), the process is becoming more and more known, and valued, in the community. The Circles were called in response to conflict and challenges in personal relationships, and neighbourhood relationships; communication and its impact between residents and Working Groups; communication and the need for clarity within particular Working Groups, and within particular schools, and projects and project teams; disagreements between Working Groups and community members regarding principles for participatory town planning; and we are already seeing hidden cross-cultural misunderstandings and biases.

We have experienced almost every Circle to be deeply powerful and touching. There is a magical, and often unexpected, beauty that emerges, and the dialogue offers the participants insight, healing, connection, and most of the time creative steps for forward movement. And probably one of the most empowering aspects of RC is that we can access this space independently of who comes and how many come. The Circle’s principles hold conflict transformation as a collective and systemic process, instead of solely a personal one, so the ability to move forward is within the hands and hearts of those present, even if “the really important people” choose not to come. Many of our Circles have proven this to be true, with supposed key players choosing not to engage and yet the outcomes are surprisingly healing.

This said, we are also very clear that one of our biggest growing edges and next steps is to engage more actively with the Working Groups. Many Working Groups members have been named for different Circles, and on average very few of them respond with a “yes” to taking part in the process. So we hope to find new ways of exploring this phenomenon together, and understanding how we can offer reassurance and create trust that Circles can actually contribute to forward movement, and that they are not “just another meeting and waste of time.” We imagine that it will likely take 5-10 years before Circles are really powerful and successful in Auroville - where we might even be able to use the RC format as a way forward in our collective decision making.

As a team, we are thoroughly enjoying ourselves! Being able to engage with the community in this way feels very real and alive, and we are integrating new learning almost every day and with every new experience.

We received a budget for a 1-year Auroville Maintenance for L’aura, which allowed her to commit her time and energy fully towards this work. This year is now over, and it is a challenge to not have a budget for our project. In the ideal, we would like to have a long-term budget for 1-2 Aurovillian Maintenances, and funding for our community-wide activities, and other running expenses. This would allow us to engage even more fully, and to offer more of our time and energy to further developing RC in Auroville.

This report is a reflection of just one aspect of our work over the past 1.5 years, and in theory we could share about so much more. To have another glimpse into our journey this year, please refer to our 6-month report, as well as our reports about our Cross-Cultural Restorative Dialogue and our Restoring Connection Film Fest (available on AuroNet or Facebook: RestorativeAuroville).

Love, Restorative Auroville Team (L’aura, Janet, Shanti, Helene, Kati) - [restorative@auroville.org.in]
Baby born: We are very happy to announce the birth of our daughter Amely on the 6th of April. Aurovici and Sourya and big brother Yael.

Auroville Nature Camp: There will be a final meeting for all those coming in the first group to the Auroville Nature Camp, on Sunday 16th April at 10:30 am in Certitude Aurosylle

Auro E-Bikers: Auro E-Bikers is a Facebook support group for people using electric bikes in and around Auroville. We all made the decision to use E-bikes because we love and care for our planet, but the biggest challenge we face as E-bike users here is a shortage of maintenance and repair options. Auro E-Bikers is a forum for linking up E-bike users across AV, so that we can share knowledge, ideas, questions and comments relating to E-bike use, maintenance and promotion, and generally support one another. Please search for ‘Auro E-Bikers’ on Facebook and join in the discussion. Blessings from Matthew, Savitri.

Free Store: The Free Store is welcoming: Aurovilians, Newcomers, Friends of Auroville, Long term Volunteers (6 months to 1 year. Please bring your volunteer card each time you visit) - Every day we receive several hundred pieces of clothes and other items. Going through all of it is a lot of work, so please make an effort to bring only clean and usable clothing and items that are functional and in good condition! - Please bring your things to the Free Store during opening hours. If you leave them in front of the closed door, there is no guarantee we receive them! And please do NOT put things you want to donate in the big steel basket, it is only meant for your waste clothes! - We would also appreciate you putting back the empty clothes hangers from the clothes you have chosen on the clothing rack at the front desk. - Tailoring Section is open from the 1st to the 15th of each month. Please bring the clothes you want repaired washed and in a bag.

Thank you, the Free Store Team

Waste water treatment plants: The iTDC and Water Group are undertaking an assessment study on waste water treatment plants of Auroville. Meera, working with the iTDC, will be doing research on this topic, including field work. In case Meera contacts or visits your community, please welcome her! Thank you for your cooperation. Water Group, watergroup@auroville.org.in

Auroville Consulting turns 7!: As we complete 7 years of working in personal and environmental sustainability, we thank all our team members, interns, volunteers and mentors for being with us in our journey. Our projects for the next year include research and development with Heriot-Watt University, workshops on greening Industrial Parks in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh, working with Irumbi to make it Tamil Nadu’s first solar village, and designing a campus for our workshops and retreats. To join the team, or to learn more about our projects see: www.aurovilleconsulting.com

Available Books: We received from Italy the following book: Savitri La Scoperta Dell’anima E La Vittoria Sulla Morte - Sri Aurobindo

Synthesizer/Sampler/Workstation: KORG TRITON PRO, 76 Keys + analog PCM expansion card + Moss expansion card + flight case. Expander synthesizer Kurzweil PC2R. Good condition. For information contact Olivier at 2623746 or send a mail at: olivierbarot@auroville.org.in
**Piano keyboard:** We have a piano size keyboard bought at the “Musée musical” in 2013. Contribution negotiable. If interested please write to: matilde@auroville.org.in – Thanks., Matilde

**Furniture:** Curion Double mattress / Glass top dining table with 4 chairs / Kitchen set with double burner stove and two big 5 kg good quality plastic boxes and five 500gm beautiful plastic boxes and one wooden chappati board and roller stick. For details, please contact Roberto, Ph - 8940299419 / Email - roberto@aurouville.org.in

**Pure Apricot Oil:** I still have around 30 bottles (each 120ml) of pure cold pressed apricot oil in stock and would like to clear it before summer. It’s a very high quality oil and I’ll give it with good discount. If interested call 9585862263 or just pass by at our workshop on the Mantra compound, just before Verite/Yantra on the left side. Steffen for Joy Health Food

**Orphan Pups:** Several weeks back a dog came to CSR, had puppies and died shortly afterwards. We tried to bring the three remaining pups to the dog shelter, but it isn’t a safe place for young puppies. So we are feeding them, have dewormed them, will vaccinate them... but we really need to find a loving home for these three ~4 – 6 week old female pups, because we already have a full house here. Please call Lara 0413 2622844 / email: roadservice@auroville.org.in

**LOST & FOUND**

**Baby seat for cycle:** Dear community members, as my little daughter Laila will soon be able to sit by herself, I am looking for a baby seat for cycle, which could be also more beneficial for my back, as at the moment I am walking carrying her on the front or on the back. If you have any suggestions please contact me at nadia@auroville.org.in or land line 2622753. Nadia

**Suitcase:** Hello, my name is Marcia and I’m looking for a donation of a suitcase. It may be in good use or not, for I will only use it to carry my things into Auroville. Please, if you can help me, my contacts are: 7598260379 (Whatzapp) or at the e-mail: voadieras@gmail.com. Thank you and be happy :) – Nina

**Cycle lock (lost):** I lost my bicycle lock last Tuesday (4th April) around 5 pm somewhere between Pitchandikulam and Dehashakti. It fell off from my bicycle together with the piece that was supposed to hold it. It’s a black number lock. If you found it please send me a mail to: anais1992@web.de Thank you :) – Nina

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**Telephone:** I am passing for a contribution a simple secondhand mobile phone (not a smartphone). Contact me: ndejonge@outlook.com / +91 7867899040 - Warmly, Nina

**A second hand Honda motorbike 100 cc:** Should not be too old. Please call: Tine # 890 3938 649 or email: tine@aurouville.org.in - thank you!

**A Job:** Dear friends, my time at the Free Store is coming to an end soon. From July onwards I am looking for a new job. Please email me at: aurora@aurouville.org.in if you have any job offer. Looking forward to hearing from you. Aurora

**Volunteers:** who can help clean up the garden, making compost - builders, carpenters etc. at AuroAnnam. Contact us at:- mawite@auroville.org.in, 8523915031 - Thank you and regards, Mawite

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**Phone and waller (Lost):** On Sunday 2nd, I lost a white Samsung Galaxy and a blue wallet. On the way to Kottakarai into Auroville, near the village. Please contact me at mahirbrunner@arcor.de or Reve GH 0413-2622760. Malte P.H.

**Money (found):** A pouch with a substantial amount of money has been found on Monday 3rd April at the Free Store. If it’s yours please contact Aurora, 9443353087 (You will be asked to describe the pouch and the amount).

**2 Royal Enfields keys & reading glasses (found):** Glasses in a pink box. Found at Bharat Nivas after the AVYA program. Please pass by the News office to pick them up.

**Litter Free Auroville 2017:** We would like to thank Bharat Nivas and especially persons in charge of Kalakendra for having let us use freely this beautiful space for our exhibition, workshops, performances, movies, demonstrations.

We have been happy to welcome Auroville schools, with a special thought to Kindergarten which brought us their wonderful creations.

It was a pleasure to meet visitors from all over the planet with whom we exchanged about the waste management. Ten different kinds of Workshops have been well attended with participants full of creativity! We want also to thank all the units, artists present for the exhibition - the designers, models and organisers of the Trashion Show, the volunteers who have been helping and all the people who have made possible this event! It wasn’t only about keeping Auroville litter free, but also how we relate to waste and how conscious we are about it.

We hope more people join us for the next event which will happen for the 50th Birthday. LFA 2017 organizing team.
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**A P P E A L**

Restorative Circles
Dear Friends,
As you may know, we have been actively working to bring Restorative Circles (RC) to Auroville, a process that holds space for dialogue and conflict within the context of community.

Our work is growing, and we think the time has come for us to build a physical structure for our RC gatherings. We are hoping to raise Rs.5 lakhs, in order to set up a dismountable yurt in Centre Field.

Over the past 1.5 years, we have hosted 15 live Circles, and each time we are faced with the challenge of finding a suitable meeting space. As we do not have a budget for this work, we do our best to find a space that is available for free, and oftentimes we end up sitting in L’aura’s living room, which is not ideal. We would like to create a space that is more neutral, and that is designed to accommodate about 30-40 people sitting in a circle.

In the context of today’s Auroville, we think a dismountable and moveable structure would be the best. We visited a yurt built by Jean-Marc, and we loved its circular design. We would like to set up a similar yurt in Centre Field.

The estimated cost to put up this yurt is Rs.5 lakhs, and we are looking for financial support.

If you are inspired by our project and would like to help, we welcome your contributions. Please know that any amount is greatly appreciated. Make a transfer/deposit at Financial Services to “Joy Living Projects,” Acct # 252235.

We are grateful for your support, and we look forward to providing a new space for community growth.

If you want to know more about our work, please email us. We are happy to share more about RC and our project.

With Love,
Restorative Auroville Team
(Hélène, L’aura, Janet, Shanti and Kati)

**A C C O M M O D A T I O N S A V A I L A B L E A N D N E E D E D**

Home stay in a private room available: A very spacious room with a garden, attached bathroom with a shared kitchen available at Kipaka Home Stay, AuroAnnam. Up to 3 persons can share in 1 room, quite suitable for volunteers and newcomer. Contact us at this no: 8523915031 or email us at: mawite@auroville.org.in - Mawite

House to keep: From 4th of May for a few months. Some maintenance is required to cover expenditure. The house has two rooms, a solar system, and is in the green belt, in Fertile. Contact Christine 9489805493 or mail: christinep67@gmail.com

House-sitting 1: Dear Aurovillians, I am looking for a house-sitting opportunity for the next few months. My name is Ra Predrag, 36 years old artist from Europe, Serbia. I am responsible, clean and an eco-aware person. Long-term volunteer at Auroville Art Service. My plan is to apply for newcomer at the end of June. I have enough time to take care of the house in the best way and a lot of energy to keep the garden fresh. Please contact me at: 9487201510. Thank you. Ra

House-sitting 2: Long term house-sitting needed from July onwards. We are an English-Korean couple, Matthew and Yangmi, and we will be starting our Newcomer process in late June/early July. We are both in our forties, non-smokers, vegetarians, environmentally minded and easy going. We need a place to stay; do you need someone to care for your home while you are away? Could we help one another out? 827 0405 287 or m.b.tildesley@gmail.com - Bless you! Matthew

House-sitting 3: Hi my name is Ahmed and I am a long-term volunteer working in Auroville Consulting. I am looking for a house-sitting, preferably for 6 months. You can reach me by email: dcbs11ahmed@gmail.com or by phone at: 9146807123.

**T A X I S H A R I N G**

Please note that there is a new Auroville service of taxi sharing available with STS at: http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/

**April 14th:** Taxi-sharing with one person from Chennai Airport to Auroville around 10 am. Empty taxi leaves Auroville around 6am on Friday 14th April. Contact lasabine@auroville.org.in.

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**Trashion show 2017**
A big thank you to all the designers and models who made the Trashion show 2017 possible!

Special thanks to Jesse for helping us put the show together, Nicole and Marie (VC), MM team (stage), Botanical Gardens team (screen and projector) Eco service (support waste management) LaSambine and Anyuta (support equipment), GJs and friends (song), Marco (photo), Tom, Laurence, Masha & team (filming), Matthias (sound), Mahi (lights), Ribhu, Chandrah, Marc, Antoine and Sylvie.

See you all in 2018 for the next Trashion show!
The Trashion show team - Ok, Arlet & Mukta

**Restorative Auroville Team**

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**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

**Program Coordinator**
Auroville Consulting is looking for a full time Program Coordinator. The person will serve as a principal liaison between participants and organisations and other external stakeholders on day-to-day operational, and logistic issues. S/he will be working with workshop facilitators and participants in developing, planning, scheduling and implementing workshops, seminars and training programs. S/he must be proficient in English, have a good command of marketing, a prior experience in the design of educational programs and possess a good working knowledge of MS Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Contact Rosa: rosa@aurouville.org.in

**Communication Manager**
Auroville Consulting is looking for a full time Communication Manager for its office in Saracon. The person will oversee all marketing and communications for Auroville Consulting services and activities. This includes content creation for reports, social media and press releases in close coordination with project managers and graphic designers, as well as social media management and relation management with media inside and outside of Auroville. S/he must be an Aurovilian or Newcomer, with a very good proficiency in written English a good working knowledge of MS Word, PowerPoint and Excel, familiarity with social media marketing and a passion for communication. Previous marketing and communication experience and general understanding of sustainability issues are a plus. Maintenance is available after a trial period. Contact Martin at hr@aurouvilleconsulting.com along with a CV and a brief motivation letter.

**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 proficient in the subject matter. If you are interested to share the school and apply for the job, please contact Davaselvy (for Udavi School)

**Accountant**
Auroville Centre for Scientific Research (CSR) seeks a full-time accountant. If interested, please contact Tency at: tency@aurouville.org.in or 2622168 / 2622277 / 2622748. Thank you, CSR

**FAMC Secretary**
The FAMC invites an Aurovillian/Newcomer to fill the position of secretary, part time. We are looking for someone with very good spoken and written communication skills in English who can draft letters, as well as oversee communication and topics. You should be able to keep accessible hard & soft copy filing systems, maintain a task list for follow up items and handle our administrative tasks. You should also have very good computer skills (familiarity with word, excel, Google drive). Accounting experience is helpful but not essential. You will have to coordinate the work load with our other secretary, Angelo. Integrity and ability to work with equanimity are essential qualities for the job! Please write to: adminfamc@aurouville.org.in if you feel you have the pertinent skills, time and interest. Do let us know of your previous work experience. Thank you! From FAMC (Amy, Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Lyle, Prabhhu, Stephanie, Ulfii, Yuval)

**At Unity Pavilion**
Unity Pavilion is looking for an additional person, Aurovillian or Newcomer, to help with general maintenance work, catering and running of events, a person who loves service but is also computer literate, has good command of English, spoken and written, and can help with fundraising and similar activities. We would love to welcome a young Aurovilian into our team, who is flexible with timings, multi-talented and can offer reasonably long term commitment. There is a lot of scope to learn and grow into taking responsibility. We imagine someone who comes and helps and learns a little during summer. From August onward there will be full time work and a maintenance will be available if needed.

If this interests you, please send us a short write up about yourself, education, work experience and what you would bring to the team [unitypavilion@aurouville.org.in, 0413 2623576]

**HEALTH**

**AvHC closed on 29/04**
The Av Health Centre and Pharmacy will be closed for the Annual Staff Tour on Saturday 29th April 2017. We will reopen on Tuesday 2nd May.

**Integrative Health**
Classical homeopathy; hypnotherapy; midwifery; child care; coaching

Summertime: Sigrid, Peter and Ingo are out of station till July. Sigrid is available till April 18th, and for follow-ups by email.

Malar has done several trainings in homeopathy and provides homoeopathic First Aid, plus keeping up the clinic, providing follow up remedies, PC remedies, First Aid kits etc. (contact:

9585012007) - She dispenses all the remedies Sigrid has prescribed constitutionally!

Okoubaka and PC Shock, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Blood pressure etc. are available in our remedy box, along with Harmony and Samata. Just come and take them anytime.

Benefits are well established - no side effects.

First Aid Kits with 32 remedies are available, description in your choice of language English, French, German and NOW TAMIL are available.

Malar can come to your women’s group, Service Unit etc. and present homeopathic first aid and PC remedies.

Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, and Tamil.

**April 21st / 22nd**: Empty taxi leaving Auroville around 9:30 pm to pick up two people from Chennai airport who are arriving around midnight. Sharing both ways possible! Please contact Julia: 8098227253 or jwohlers@ymail.com

**April 22nd**: Taxi sharing possibility on 22nd. April, Saturday. One person going to Chennai airport around 5 in the morning. Coming back empty. Sharing both ways possible. Contact Rosa: rosa@aurouville.org.in

**April 27th**: 8pm to Chennai airport for LH Flight - Contact Sigrid: sigrid@aurouville.org.in

**April 27th**: I would like to share a taxi on April 27; to Chennai Airport. We will leave Auroville at 3:00 am. Isora: isiauroville@gmail.com, 8525961877

**April 25th**: Leaving Auroville on 25 April around 9 pm, one person only traveling. Taxi fully available on the way back to Auroville, from Chennai airport around midnight 25 April. If interested to share, please contact Manohar: 9486416179 or Manohar@aurouville.org.in

**May 2nd**: Leaving Auroville around 11:30 pm/12:00 am and arriving by 3:30 am at Chennai airport. Can be shared in both directions. Please email Erin: enkenny@hotmail.com. Thank you!

**May 16th**: Taxi going to Chennai Airport, leaving from Auroville 1:00 pm (time flexible) please contact: 919843605237 Agni: (btv.12@mail.ru) - Tatyanana

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Malar is managing the office, mailing of remedies, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12 am.

You are welcome to contact us at integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue. [Integral Health, Pratyana: 2623669]

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For a Refreshing Summer - Ayurveda Health Tips

According to Ayurveda, the qualities of summer are hot, sharp, and penetrating. That’s why our pitta dosha - the subtle energy that controls metabolism - can cause us to overheat. The sun saps the energy from the body, from the plants and the earth, increasing the heat and dryness.

Pitta needs to be looked after to maintain a good energy, mental clarity, joyfulness, good digestion and blood circulation and a sound sleep.

When Pitta is out of balance it will give skin problems, hot flashes, exhaustion, indigestion or loose stool. Emotionally, excess Pitta can be irritated, short-tempered, impatient, flash-ions, exhaustion, indigestion or loose stool. Emotionally, excess Pitta can be irritated, short-tempered, impatient, judgemental, excessively perfectionist...

Before Pitta reaches uncontrollable heights, let’s keep it cool and calm:

With the food: As Agni (digestive fire) is naturally weak, it is better to eat light, unctuous (slightly oily), cooling food such as salads and juices.

- Favorable tastes: Madhura (sweet) (to take moderately in case of a diabetes and high triglycerides), Lavana (salty) taste should be taken reasonably
- Drink water stored in earthen pot
- Raw food/salads should be taken at lunch mainly and cooked food in the evening
- Proteins: from vegetable kingdom (mungdal, chickpeas, beans, sprouts, nuts and seeds), from animal (white meat, fish, seafood, dairy for breakfast or lunch, eggs)
- Cereals for energy: Jasmine rice, barley, oats, granola, millet (fermented ragi)
- Vegetables: pumpkin, bittersgourd, bottlegourd, snakegourd, ashgourd, cucumber (taken separately), salads (green, rucola…) and green leafy vegetables, broccoli, cabbage, celery, carrots, drumstick (moringa), zucchini, plantain
- Fruits: amla, pomegranate, banana, ramphala, chiku, papaya, apple, grape, date, watermelon and melon (to be taken separately), bael fruit, coconut
- Beverages: buttermilk, sweet lassi, coconut water, mint, lemon grass, cardamom, camomile, nannari (sarsaparilla), amla juice, watermelon juice, Hibiscus juice, Aparajita (clitoria ternatea), aloe vera juice, vegetable juice, cucumber milk (blend ½ cup of peeled cucumber in 1 cup of milk with a pinch of sugar), electrolyte drink (1tsp of lemon juice + 1 tsp of sugar + 1 pinch of salt in a glass of water)
- Other products: ghee, olive or sunflower or coconut oil
- Spices: tamarind, cumin, coriander, black pepper, turmeric, fenel seeds, fresh aromatic herbs (dill, coriander, fennel, mint, parsley, saffron)

Avoid:
- Katu (pungent), Amla (sour) tastes
- Pitta increasing products: sharp spices, fermented (apart from idli and dosai), deep-fried, sour buttermilk or curd, red meat, alcohol (strong liquor, red wine), coffee ...
- Drinking beverages coming from the fridge or freezer during meals
- Ice-cream at the end of a meal

Routine to favour:
- Reduce the activities specially between 11am and 4pm
- Can take a nap of half an hour after lunch under a neem tree
- Sleep on the roof terrace at night
- Body massage with coconut oil - if there’s no time everyday to apply oil on the body, then massage ears, hands and feet + pour 4-5 drops of coconut oil on the fontanel
- Bath with cool water and apply a paste of sandalwood on the face, heart and lower abdomen (these are the 3 main parts that should remain fresh to maintain the coolness in the whole body); do foot bath In the evening with vetiver roots, rose water
- Protect the body from the heat by avoiding the direct sun, keep a humid towel on the head
- Swimming, Aquagym, any water activities. Qi-Gong, Tai Chi, light running: max 30 minutes early morning or late evening; walks in green environment, forest
- Soft yoga, pranayama (Sheetal, Sheetakari, iadi nadi inhalation-left nostril inhalation), meditation with Gayatri mantra
- Walk under the moonlight, full moon bath
- Wear loose and comfortable cotton or linen clothes (white, blue, green, grey colours)
- Cooling jewelry: sandalwood beads, jade, pearl, amethyst crystals, moonstone, silver, aquamarine
- To refresh the ambiance use lemon or orange peel, jasmine flowers, lavender, wet cloth hanging at the open window, vetiver curtains

Avoid:
- Physical exertion
- Direct exposure to the sun between 10 am to 4 pm

Cooling plants for the summer:
- Amalaki – Amla: the fruits are refrigerant and full of Vitamin C, also a Rasayana fruit
- Aloe vera: the pulp is a bitter tonic, rejuvenate the blood and tissues
- Bilva – Aegle Marmelos – Bael fruit: the fruit pulp is used to make a juice and the leaves in a decoction to refresh the body and when there is irritation,
- Dhania – Coriander: the seeds are used in urinary infections, kidney weakness
- Japapushpa – Hibiscus: the leaves and flowers are used for hair shampoo and conditioner; the flowers for herbal tea
- Manduka parni – Centella asiatica - Gotu Kola: the leaves are rejuvenative and a tonic for the brain and nerves
- Pudina – Mint: the leaves are used for herbal tea, recipes and foot bath
- Radha consciousness – Clitoria Ternatea: the flowers are used in herbal tea or juice
- Saariva – Sarsaparilla – Nannari: the roots are used in syrup
- Shataavari – Asparagus racemosus: the rhizome is Rasayana (rejuvenative), cooling, calming Pitta, very good for women to harmonize the hormones
- Usheer – Vetiver: the roots are used for bathing
- Yashthimadhu – Licorice: the root is Rasayana (rejuvenative), used internally to refresh the body and when there is irritation, inflammation or ulcer in the digestive tract

Wishing you a light and joyful summer,
Berengere (Bee) in Pitchandikulam Forest and Santé Clinic

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Sports

Auroville Aikido at Auroville Budokan (Dehashakti)
- Continues until Saturday 22nd of April included, and will restart early July. For Children classes & general info, please write to budokan@auroville.org.in.
Depending on the number of students enrolling, we may offer 2 to 3 classes a week in each age group. Classes are taking place late afternoon 4 to 6 pm period. Students are requested to attend at least 2 classes weekly. Interested parents may kindly send mails to: budokan@auroville.org.in, indicating the name of your child, his/her age and name of the school attended. We shall in turn send you information about our school and its functioning. Kindly note that we are teaching many girl students, as Aikido can be effortlessly and peacefully learned by all. For Auroville Aikido - Cristo & Surya

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**Café... Do you know how Italians celebrate??!!!....They make Pizza Night on Saturday 15th of April at 6:30pm in Dolce Vita Bistro Café:**

Hello, Saturday will be the last opened day at Dolce Vita Bistro Café. 
Ciao, this week is your last chance to enjoy home-made delicious Italian food...The first season of Dolce Vita Bistro Café is coming to an end on Saturday 15th.

Some products are still available if you want to take the Italian flavour to your kitchen...organic olive oil, organic olives, organic sun-dried tomatoes... Parma Ham and special Speck. Even after the café is closed you can still contact us for products at 0944328120, 0948951648, 08489756434 Dolce Vita Bistro Café team, Joy community.

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Dolce Vita Bistro Café team, Joy community, 09442328120

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**Venue:** Sunday 23rd of April.

Terra Soul community, Windarra farm, 12:30 to 2 pm

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

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**Green Matters**

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Water as an expression of the Divine.

**Change in Darkali Fitness Track opening hours**

Darkali Fitness Track is open every day from 4.30 pm to 6.45 pm. It’s closed in the mornings until further notice.

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/dpdTgj

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programme of environmental documentaries, as well as for more Earth day-related events and activities. The Green Center has just put up its small green posters inviting for the last three Walks to Farms & Forests of the season. Now in its 7th edition, this year’s series of total 15 walks started at Pongal in January with a visit to Annapurna and ends on the 30th April with an outing to Aranya Forest. Open to Aurovilians, newcomers, volunteers and guests, these walks give a chance to visit beautiful, often lesser-known and hidden-away farms and forests, guided by stewards who share their knowledge, experience and passion. Timing is diverse, spanning from early morning to late afternoon, with some walks including a breakfast or potluck lunch. The Walks are announced in the News & Notes, on Auronet and on posters on community noticeboards (see below for details of the next walk).

The Green Column appears bi-weekly and is presently carried by two or three very busy individuals, who would love to see you, dear community, come on board, by contributing your research and ‘green news’ from Auroville, our bioregion or the world, in the form of short pertinent articles. (Please note, merely suggesting topics for Green Columns usually does not give us the time to do the necessary research!) Any help, small or big, e.g. with coordinating walks, on- and off-line publication, or other initiatives, is also most welcome!

We wish you all an Earth Day filled with wonder and meaning!

“On Earth Day, we celebrate all the gifts the world and nature make available to us. We recognize our complete dependence on its bounty. And we acknowledge the need for good stewardship to preserve its fruits for future generations.”

For Auroville Green Center - Lisbeth, Jasmin and Isabelle.
[Email: avgreencenter@auroville.org.in]

**Probiotics and the ‘Green Schools Programme (GSP)**

The Green Schools Programme (GSP), were born in India in 2005 after the Supreme Court made Environment a compulsory subject in schools. The Green Schools Programme Awards Ceremony, impulsed by Down To Earth magazine in Delhi, is an annual event, where top 25 performers from across the country are rewarded for their enterprise and innovative skills. The objective is to acknowledge the effort, and also to encourage more schools to come forward and take part in this movement.

The GSP 2017 started with the follow task: “NOT JUST CLEAN, WE WANT GREEN SCHOOLS”, and this was the WOW moment, where we in MGE Coduties - Probiotics House along with our partners in Proklean - Chennai, decided to join the movement, and provide free of cost to Auroville schools and institutions, the All Natural Probiotics Multi-cleaner named DEEP IMPACT.

The responsibility for the schools is:
1. To train the ammas in Tamil language, where other ammas have been trained and are using the product, like: Unity Pavilion, Pitanga, Village Action, Last School.
2. Avoid at all the use of Phenol and Chloride or Chlorine.

We, provide totally free of cost during any time, the Probiotics Deep Impact in re-fill-able plastic cans in our place in Reve - Auroville.

Till now the schools and institutions that have joined this GREEN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME are a total of 15. They are:

- Auroville Language Lab / Tomatis
- Brahmanaspati Khetram
- Unity Pavilion
- Last School
- Future School
- Nandanam Kindergarten
- Transition School
- Deepam School
- Kailash Youth
- Lilaloka
- Thamarai
- The Learning Community (TLC)
- Auroville Village Action
- Life Education Centre
- Udavi School

We do not have any restrictions in the amount needed for each of the above list. Any institution can come to our Probiotics House in Reve, any day between Tuesday to Saturday to drop the refilling can and after take it.

Now the summer is approaching, the schools will go in holiday, and is the time to do a ‘deep’ clean in all of them. We are no closing in summer, and we are warranty your Probiotics DEEP IMPACT during all the time you require.

If you want to see more details on the GSP online you can visit Down To Earth magazine called Gobar Times in http://www.gobartimes.org/content/about-gsp

We deeply thank all of you, for your participation on this Green Schools Programme.

Regards,
Guidelma and Margarita [ MGEcoduties Executives]

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**Homage to Njal**

In his own words, on the 5th anniversary of his passing April 17.

**“Yoga and The Cashews**

Phase One:
I go on my toes, stretch my body and grab the first cashew apples. It makes “cling, clang” in the bucket. I circle around the tree. Then I leave the roaring sun go under the top where it is fresh and cool, climb up this old, gnarled trunk, shake it till I see and hear a cashew rain pouring down to earth producing a wind breeze. The shaking the tree shakes my body up and through. I jump down to the ground admiring a carpet out of red apples on brown leaves interrupted by golden sunspots making it here and there through the top. There is a branch left out of the shaking just four inches higher than my fingertips. I jump and hang on it starting to swing my body like a snake in waves. The branch answers and slowly joins my rhythm. The same pouring noise: Cashew apples with their nuts rain down. Relaxing my hands I drop to the ground with an extended body. I bend down to pick the apples into the bucket. Vertebra by vertebra opens up and moves forward, and backwards by straighten up. Now I go down on knees and hands - more like a cat bending its back: inside, outside - and dive under the twigs and branches touching the ground, twist body and head to the right and to the left, stretch the arms alternatively as long as I can to reach some apples there, where it is too dense for the body to follow. I roll my eyes up and down, in diagonals to find the fruits playing hide and seek with me. My body feels like a fish in the water doing naturally yoga without knowing its name. Finally I sit in a half lotus position and separate the apples from the nuts turning the body to its opposite sides. In between I always relax leaving the posture alone.

Hatha - yoga in the cashews!
Phase Two:
I try - different from the snake, cat or fish - to do everything with a strong discipline of awareness of what I am doing and how. No allowance of thoughts to gallop away. But I cannot avoid it to smile about my brothers and sisters I see (and they don't see me!!) through these big layers of cashew leaves at 7 am jogging and cycling to keep themselves fit. And an hour or so later the same people pass by on their motorbikes on their ride to the Town Hall. Or others jump on their bikes to attend a gymnastic class in Pitanga or Quiet, in closed halls with air condition. My body feels fresh after all these exercises. My soul says "Thank You" and showers me with Happiness.

**Integral yoga in the cashews!**

Phase Three:
Auroville owns some 100 acres with cashew trees inside the city area and a few more hundreds in the greenbelt. It is said we are about 2000 residents here. If 1000 of them would spend every morning before working one hour to do Yoga in the cashews about five people would be available per acre to harvest the nuts. This way we would manage to harvest all our organic cashews without stress, without leasing, without polluting. On top we could bring the prices down for all of us and we would harvest additionally Happiness. Of such a thing Integral Yoga is capable to do to us. It could change our whole community, our economy, our health, our contact to each other and to NATURE and make us basically happy. Out of such a different approach to life totally new decisions how to organize our community, build it up would spring up: a sharing of our experiences, knowledge, skills, means, togetherness and a strengthening of our relationship with the aims of Auroville.

Are we, the real people present in this place, ready for the **Collective Integral Yoga in the Cashews?**

What a chance!
Or only a dream stored again in the sub-consciousness (instead of in the super-consciousness)?"

By Njal, 13 May 2008 / 11:37 am

Submitted by Rita

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**Open Letter to WC, AVC, iTDC**

**In response to WC's March 2017 Report, #6 “Location Youth Hive”**

Dear WC, AVC, iTDC,

We saw that the Hive-Pumphouse conflict was mentioned in the WC report, and although we appreciate that Restorative Circles (RC) is becoming more recognized in Auroville, we also have a sense that it's not yet fully understood for what it really is.

We are disheartened to imagine that maybe some of you hold RC as an ineffective process, because “we didn't solve the Hive issue.” We are concerned that this interpretation and assessment of RC just reinforces the perceived gap between us - that is, between the collective (and a process that emerges from the collective) and the Working Groups. Instead, we would so much like to be able to come together, to respect and support each other's work, and to know and trust that we're all doing our best to contribute to a better Auroville.

RC is not a "facilitated" process in the sense of the facilitator bringing his/her perspective or his/her idea of how best to steer or usher the conversation and outcome (and we certainly don't claim that this is the best or only way to hold conflict or our response it). RC is much more of a collective process, where the dialogue (and taking of responsibility and creating outcomes) belongs to those present in the Circle. So for example, if the Circle "isn't going anywhere," it's up to those present, not the facilitator, to name it and to bring it back on course. There are deep principles behind this posture (and others) in RC, and we fully trust that this process has its place in Auroville and can bring about powerful change - but yes, it also requires the genuine participation and willingness of the collective.

So if someone calls for a Circle, we respond, and we invite all those named to respond as well. And although another empowering aspect of RC is that we can still go ahead with the process even if people choose not to engage, we are also very clear that the more perspectives we have can present in the room, the fuller a picture we're going to be working with.

So to possibly consider that the sole reason we (still) have a conflict with Hive's location is because "there's opposition on the part of the Pumphouse residents and Poppo" is too simplistic a view in our opinion. Of the 15 Circles called in the last year, this has been the biggest in numbers, with 84 Aurovilians being named. The sheer number speaks to the complexity (and importance) of this issue and we heard many of these voices bringing in different pieces to the puzzle... The issues being raised and the dialogue exchange was at a much more holistic level than simply trying to convince the "opposition" that they need to change their attitude and accept what is. The question instead is: Can we hear the value and truth behind their stand and acknowledge it? Another RC principle is that when we truly hear people, they shift (and we do too), and we find a way of walking towards each other. And in our experience, when we don't hear each other, the "opposition" only becomes stronger (and our trust and willingness, in both directions, decreases). We find resonance in Native American Ilarion Merculeff's words: "The foundation for all conflict lies in our disconnection with the sacred within ourselves. It causes us to feel separate from others and all Creation. The key to dealing with conflict, personal or otherwise, is to focus on process rather than goal."

Of the 84 Aurovilians named for this Circle, 25 attended the first Circle meeting and 16 attended the follow-up Circle meeting. Of these 84 named, 17 of them were among you (WC, AVC, iTDC), and only 1 of you attended. We imagine that had more of you joined the process and engaged wholeheartedly, we could have come to a place of more connection and trust, and that a harmonious and effective way forward would have presented itself, and that we'd be in a very different place today.

So to possibly hold it now as the RC was a waste of time or ineffective "because the matter remains unresolved" seems like an incomplete conclusion to draw, considering that the process wasn't really given a wholehearted "yes." And there's the additional reality that this so-called conflict has been going on for over 1.5 years, and other attempts to find resolution were made and continue to be made (Koodam's facilitation, your interventions, and possibly more that we are not aware of), and none of these attempts have (yet) brought a final closure to the topic, or created a sense of peace among those impacted and involved.

As a next step in lessening this gap between the collective and Working Groups, we would very much like to meet with you, to sit down and have a moment to vision together. How do we want to respond to conflict in Auroville? What kind of a justice system do we want to build together? How can we support each other's initiatives?

Let's collaborate...

In service,
Laura, Janet, Shanti and Helene for Restorative Auroville

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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

INVITATIONS

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 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

Everyone is warmly invited to
An Open House at Transition School
Please come on Thursday, April 20 between 10:30 am and 12:30.
You will be able to meet the children and see some of the work that they have been doing this year. The Arts and Crafts Center and all of the classrooms will be open to all. Additionally, you can see an on-going slide show of ATB in the Multi-media room.
We all look forward to seeing you then.

Love,
The Students and Teachers of Transition School

CATs TUNING TOGETHER with the guidance of the Russian Singing Bells

“All these selves and their relations will play consciously into each other’s hands; they will part and melt into each other as the numberless notes of an eternal harmony” - Sri Aurobindo, The Life Divine, Chapter 17 “The Divine Soul”

Friday 21 April, 4.00 - 6.30 pm at Unity Pavilion
Closing session of ‘Create Auroville Together ‘(CAT) of the first season

All CAT teams invite you to tune into a collective resonance. We celebrate the inspiration of all 13 CATs to strive and evolve into the field of harmony and unity. Together we will create music expressing our aspirations and intentions. Using harmonious resonance we will explore collective intuition.
The program will begin with a short performance of the Russian Singing Bells by Vera Joshi and she will guide us through the process.

Love, Inge, Mita and Sandyra from the CATs team (cats@auroville.org.in)
TLC invites all to our open house

On Friday 21st April from 3-6 pm at Base Camp (Dana)

Come and see what we've been working on,
participate in cake tasting,
watch our short films and performances,
witness how some of us have gone 'Rogue',
and much more!

We hope to see you there!
The Learning Community

Saturday Night Market!

At Youth Centre
Every Saturday from 6 pm to 8.30 pm

Along with Pizza Night.

During the summer months, the Farmers Market is now in the cooler Saturday evenings!

Come and enjoy with us yummy organic veggies; sit for a tea, bread, jewelry and a lot of fun!

See you there!

EXHIBITIONS

Kindergarten on Earth

The Kindergarten is presenting a small exhibition of the works and photos of the children in mixed age groups
who were offered a choice of activities on the topic of earth.
Crafts, painting, mud bath and recycling cardboard boxes and tetra-pack to make houses, lorries and buses.

Everyone interested is welcome to pass by the main hall of the Kindergarten at Center Field
between 1 pm and 1.30 pm
on school days until the 25th of April.

TALKS, SEMINARS

The Greek myths in relation with the yoga of Sri Aurobindo

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

Last talk before summer break: Monday 17th April from 5:00 till 6:00 pm: Medea, the Minotaur.

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!

Savi is pleased to invite you for
Volunteer presentation “Kenji’s Japanese Carpentry workshop”

Tuesday 18th April 6 pm -8 pm at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

“There will come a time, when the Wood will talk to you. It is a different channel to hear, wait and listen.” Kenji Matsumoto.

Two unique Enthusiastic Designers Mayank and Jyothirmayee; our Auroville long term volunteers,
will be sharing their experience with Woodworking at Kenji Matsumoto’s workshop
and their own Journey of life through their craft.

Jyothirmayee is a Self-Explorer and Designer by profession from Bangalore. In Auroville, she is doing her Woodworking Apprenticeship
with Master Kenji Matsumoto. As her interests have been inclined purely in understanding The True Essence of Life through Design and
Crafting, she will be sharing her Discoveries through Woodworking and her Journey in Auroville”.

Mayank is an apprentice carpenter to Kenji Matsumoto in Auroville. He has graduated in design. Since childhood, he likes making things
with his hands. For past some years, he has been experimenting with wood. His journey brought him to volunteer in Auroville in 2016.

He came to Auroville with the idea of learning Japanese perfection in carpentry but here his Master showed him a much broader
perspective and now he is seeking magic and spirits in Wood. With a grateful heart for his master, he would like to share his Master’s
preaching of looking in the soul of a tree.

Volunteers’ input is contributing a lot to Auroville Units.
Their enthusiasm and energy bring progress and creative solutions in many areas.
SAVI is happy to share with the community the beauty of their involvement.
Everyone is welcome: Aurovilians, volunteers, newcomers, residents and guests...
Tea & cookies will be served...

No previous registration. Contact Savi at 0413 262 2121 for more info.

Warmly,
Savi Team (Dominique, Carmen, Sara, Boomi, Pranshula, Shraddha)
Bhavishyate - Sri Aurobindo Centre of Studies
India and the World
Bharat Nivas

Perspectives of Integral Psychology and our Auroville Experience

Let us meet on Friday, April 21, 2017, at 4 pm in the Library
After a long gap - to catch up on where we are... and to see how we move forward.

With love, Aster

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research (SACAR) & NAMAH: The Journal of Integral Health,
Organise:

“Living Within” Camp No. 27
On “Art and Science of Being Happy”

Eight different speakers from across India will speak in two days

On 22nd & 23rd April 2017
enue: SACAR, 39, Vanniar Street, Puducherry

For Registration, Fees (Special Concession for Aurovillians), and other details please contact:
sacarstudycamps@gmail.com / 9994190403, 9443019172
All are Welcome
Submitted by Anandi

CULTURAL EVENTS

Jazz Night
at the Bharat Nivas Auditorium
On Sunday 16th April, 8 pm

With
Vera-vocals
Matt-sax
Jurriaan-piano
Mishko-bass
Sreenath-drums
Rolf-guitar

The Three-Maskmen
(And Where is Tamanna?)
Play performance
April Sun 16th / Mon 17th @ 7:30 pm
New Last School campus (near Kalabhumi)

A comedy play written by Dyuman and produced by Last School students during the 2016-2017 school year.
A gang of clumsy thieves are trying their luck again at their dream haul.
Will they manage this time?

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
18th April (Tuesday)
• Overview with multimedia presentation
• Questions and Answers
• Practice in Daily Life
• Complimentary Concentration Exercises
• Creative Arts, Interactive Games
• Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
• Introduction to the Reference Books
Focus this week on: ‘The Vision and the Way’

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises.
Place: Savitri Bhavan
Time: 9 am to 12 Noon
(For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.)
Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922)
No Registration required (except for groups)
Fees: Voluntary Contribution
All are welcome
For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit www.integralyoga-auroville.com
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.
Book in advance, workshop will only be given for a minimum of participants.
Contact Audrey (0413)2622641. Please leave your name and number on the answering machine if she is not there.

Scratch course
STEM Land is pleased to offer a course from 20th-26th April (except 23rd), that uses the visual programming language Scratch (scratch.mit.edu) to learn and demonstrate aspects of Mathematics.
Who should join?
- If you have used Scratch for some basic projects and are interested in learning more
- Or if you would like Mathematics and would like to make visual projects for concepts in Mathematics
- Or if you are interested in joining the team at STEM Land - Aura Auro Design :)
Where? STEM Land @ Udavi school 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 am
What should I do? Please send an email to: bala@auroville.org.in by 17 April.

1-day Nature Cure & Healthy Living Workshop
Date: Saturday, 15 April, 2017
Timing: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Venue: Sadhana Forest
Would you like to live a healthy lifestyle without having to take medicines or visit a hospital? Nature Cure shows the way by empowering everyone to care for his/her body, mind and spirit as intended by Nature. It is a divine science by which the unhealthy become healthy and the healthy become healthier. It is for all.
We warmly invite you to attend this 1-day “Nature Cure and Healthy Living” workshop with Dr Arun Sharma.

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Transport: Bus will leave for Sadhana Forest from Solar Kitchen at 8:30 am and drop you back at Solar Kitchen after the workshop.
Food: Vegan snacks and lunch will be served.
Contribution: We offer this workshop, including the transportation and food, to you as a gift.
Registration: To register, SMS/Whatsapp/call Shaalini on +91 87676 19377.

About Dr Arun Sharma
Dr Arun Sharma is fortunate to be born in a family of famous natural hygienists. His grandfather Acharya Lakshmana Sarma is renowned as the ‘Father of Nature Cure’ in India. Dr Arun Sharma obtained a doctorate in natural hygiene from the Indian Institute of Natural Therapeutics in the year 1970. He is the founding director of the International Institute of Mahayoga & Natural Hygiene, USA. He has conducted numerous training courses and health camps in both India and the U.S. and has helped many patients suffering from chronic diseases to return to normal health.

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 - 9.30 am-5 pm (with lunch break)

A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply-rooted consciousness of oneness, as well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We’ll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to 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]

Connection as Life Energy, within oneself and among us...
Introduction to Nonviolent Communication (NVC) & Internal Family Systems (IFS)
With L’aura Joy, NVC Certified Trainer
April 28-30 (Fri, Sat & Sun)
9.30 am-5 pm (with lunch break)

Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others?
Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want?
Discover the power of presence, within ourselves and among us...
More info & register (and for venue info): contact L’aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com
Limited seats. Registration required (3 full days).
[Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

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Internal Family Systems (IFS) sees our consciousness as composed of various ‘parts’ or sub-personalities, each with its own perspective. IFS is based on the core principle that every part has a positive intention, even if its actions or effects are counter-productive. This means that there is never any reason to fight with, coerce, or try to eliminate a part - instead we can live in inner connection and harmony. In exploring our strength that emerges from a place of growing self-awareness, we can start to access this inner compass and be more readily able to act from a place of deeper inspiration, discernment and empowerment.

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**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

Monday, 17th of April 2016 at 6:30 pm


“In all who have risen to a greater Life, / A voice of unborn Worlds” - Canto 5-6: ‘The Godheads of the Little Life’ and ‘The Kingdoms and Godheads of the Greater Life’

Film by Manohar of Huta’s paintings illustrating passages from Savitri read by The Mother and accompanied on her own organ music. Duration: 40min.

**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

Sadhana Forest, April 21st, 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

**HOW THE EARTH WAS MADE: SAHARA**

45mins / English / 2009 / A Film by Pioneer Film & TV Productions

A look at the Sahara, the largest desert on Earth, and how scientists have uncovered fossilised evidence of whales, fresh water shells and ancient human settlements - clues that this searing wasteland was once a fertile land with a great sea. Scientists present evidence that the Sahara Desert periodically transitions from desert to a lush green environment and back. They also present theories about why this happens.

(Reminder: Friday 14/04- The Witness: A Tribe of Heart)

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auvoirle.org.in or visit us online: http://sadhanaforest.org / facebook.com/sadhanaforest

**Watsu sessions at Quiet Healing Center**

With the course season over and just before our annual closure in May, come and enjoy heart-warming but body-cooling water sessions in our Watsu pool.

For bookings, please call our reception at 2622329/2622646 (landline) or 9488084966 (mobile).

**FILMS**

**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

**THE FRENCH PAVILION presents**

“Beyond the mirror” - “Au-delà du miroir”

Documentary by Jean-Yves Bilien - In French only

Saturday 15th April 2017
5 pm at Cinema Paradiso

Jean-Yves Bilien, director of films and documentaries, interviews Sylvie Ouellet, medium.

For 15 years, Sylvie Ouellet has been passionate about understanding the universal laws that govern the passages of birth, incarnation and death. With a great capacity for synthesis and clarity of speech, her research is transmitted in a simple and accessible way and then makes it possible to lift the veil to access an enlightened our vision of Life. She poses a holistic view that is not a dogma but is based on the recent research of modern, quantum and esoteric sciences, as well as on the teachings of philosophy, psychology and her extraordinary experiences coming from communications with other planes of consciousness. Her approach imposes no preconceived answers; it leads, on the contrary, to an internal personal approach in order to reconnect with the innate wisdom in each. A journey with Sylvie Ouellet inevitably leads to a profound investigation of the nature of the spiritual Being living in a human incarnation. It helps to find out what is true for you here and now.

To know more about these documentaries: www.jeanyvesbilien.com

**A NEW ECONOMIC PARADIGM**

The last two months, we had a series of movie screenings covering various aspects of the economy and giving new perspectives on the economy in the broadest sense. With the screening of Thrive on April 13, we end the movie screening series. The exercise was deeply meaningful, and led to the creation of a Google Group of people interested in shifting the economy from all over the world. If you are interested to join the Google Group, please write to us at: new.av.economy@gmail.com.

Big thanks to everyone who contributed in making the space and who joined us for the screening and the lively and meaningful discussions.

Love, Divyanshi
FROM THE NEWS & NOTES

Are you going out for the summer?

Do remember to inform us so we can pause your N&N paper delivery while you are gone.

Besides being a waste, it also gives a clear idea that your house is vacant if your copies pile up at the community entrance.

Send an email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in or call us: 0143-2622133

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And regular events at [http://www.auroville.org/content/4201]

Important information about News & Notes

(Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm)

The contents of News & Notes are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material:
Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the News & Notes mailbox at NewsNotes@auroville.org.in.

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

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

The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.

Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday.

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

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

Extra Page Requests have to reach us by Monday, and will be met only if space allows. Extra contribution requested.

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

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News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 0413-2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in
Cinema Paradiso: Eco Film Fest 2017

Film programme 16 April 2017 to 22 April 2017

Eco-Film Fest 2017: 16 to 22 April 2017

The droughts, the storms, the floods, the fires, the record heat waves—this is not something we’ve seen before. Climate change is real and it’s happening now. Despite the historic agreement signed by different nation in December 2015, the political reality across the globe seem to be taking a regressive turn, especially now with the USA threatening to quit the agreement. In the face of such seemingly larger than life obstacles, what is working is the indomitable human spirit. Individuals, in their own capacity, in the small communities, in cities, in states are standing up - refusing to give up or slowdown from taking on the climate challenge and tending the earth.

We cannot but dedicate our 13th Eco-Film Fest again - to the hope of garnering enough strength within each of us and in our communities to contribute more than our share to combat and reverse the effects of the Climate Change and lead a sustainable lifestyle that heals the earth while nourishing us.

Children’s Eco-Film Fest - Sunday 16 April, 4:30 pm:
• LA TORTUE ROUGE (The Red Turtle)
Belgium-Japan, 2016, Dir. Michael Dudok de Wit, Animation, 80mins, No dialogue, Rated: PG
The dialogue-less film follows the major life stages of a castaway on a deserted tropical island populated by turtles, crabs and birds. This beautifully animated film adds to Studio Ghibli's legacy where a deceptively simple story has narrative layers as richly absorbing as its lovely visuals.

Eco-Film Fest - Sunday 16 April, 8:00 pm:
• A WORLD OF WONDER: PLANET EARTH II
UK, 2016, A BBC production w/ David Attenborough, Documentary, 89mins, English, Rated: NR (G)
A sequel to the 2006’s Planet Earth series that had used high definition, the current series used ultra-high definition and several other improved techniques. With the increasing number of people living in the urban areas of the world, the series aims to reconnect people with nature. That is a prerequisite for people to participate in conservation and combat effects of climate change. The current episode is a compilation of all seven episodes screened as part of the series.

Eco-Film Fest - Monday 17 April, 8:00 pm:
• WHAT THE HEALTH
USA, 2017, Write-Director Kip Andersen & Keegan Kuhn, Documentary, 97mins, English, Rated: NR (PG)
From the makers of the award winning film Cowspiracy comes yet another film that follows the exciting journey of intrepid filmmaker, Andersen, as he uncovers the impacts of highly processed industrial animal foods on our personal health and greater community, and explores why leading health organizations continue to promote the industry despite countless medical studies and research showing deleterious effects of these products on our health.

Eco-Film Fest - Tuesday 18 April, 8:00 pm:
• BEFORE THE FLOOD
USA, 2016, Dir. Fisher Stevens w/ Leonardo DiCaprio, Fisher Stevens, James Packer, and others, Documentary, 96mins, English, Rated: PG
In this very well made, and informative, serious film - where Leonardo DiCaprio meets with scientists, activists and world leaders to discuss the dangers of climate change. In this context he discusses in layman terms - our fossil fuel addiction, the needs of the emerging markets such as India - in the effort to identify possible solutions and ways to move forward.

Eco-Film Fest - Wednesday 19 April, 8:00 pm:
Vallya Chirakula Pakshikal (Birds with Large Wings)
India-Canada, 2015, Writer-Dir Bijukumar Damodaran w/ Kunchacko Boban, Nedumudi Venu, Salim Kumar, and others, 116mins, Drama, English-French-Malayalam w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)
The film brings the issue that is close to us in Auroville. In this partially fictionalized representation the film depicts the environmental disaster caused by the misuse of endosulfan pesticide. This disaster that happened in Kasaragod, Kerala -

was caused by decades of endosulfan use on cashew plantations. The film explores the disastrous environmental and public health consequences of the pesticide misuse. In the film, a photo journalist who documents it first visits back in 2006 only to find that many of the young victims he had then photographed could not make it. Even now, children are being affected ... even now the spraying continues.

Eco-Film Fest - Thursday 20 April, 8:00 pm:
• A RACE AGAINST TIME: years of living dangerously
USA, 2014, A National Geographic Production - Season2 w/David Letterman, Cecily Strong, and others, Documentary, 65mins, English, Rated: NR (G)
This episode focuses on renewable energy sources, especially solar. David Letterman travels to India to investigate the country's efforts to expand its inadequate electrical grid, as its economy booms, and to supply electricity for the first time to 300 million citizens. He interviews the Prime Minister and finds that India is willing, but needs timely help to transition to solar or other renewable sources. In contrast Cecily Strong finds how the utility companies and politics are blocking the growth of solar energy and clean energy jobs in the USA.

Eco-Film Fest - Friday 21 April, 8:00 pm:
• CITIES: PLANET EARTH II
UK, 2016, A BBC production w/ David Attenborough, Documentary, 60mins, English, Rated: NR (G)
The urban areas take us to a habitat “entirely designed and constructed by one species for its own purpose”. Our cities aren't made for animals. But that doesn’t mean they aren’t living among us. As deforestation for human needs infringes upon the last holds of the animals, desperate creatures, a few species that can - are desperately trying to make our cities their home. However, for our own survival, it is time to rethink the designing of our cities.

Eco-Film Fest - Saturday 22 April, 8:00 pm:
• NICOBAR, A LONG WAY...
India, Dir. Rich Hushing w/ Rivu Laha and others, Drama, 80mins (60mins film followed by 20mins Q&A), Nicobarese (Indigenous peoples language) -Hindi-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)
Deep in the Bay of Bengal, the Nicobar archipelago, a tribal reserve protected under Andaman and Nicobar Protection of Aboriginal Tribes Regulation, was worst smashed by the Tsunami of 26th December 2004. Self-subsistent and relatively isolated, post Tsunami the aboriginal world was suddenly invaded by unprecedented aid, developmental initiatives and mainstream integration. The film observes Nicobarese identity and cultural resilience. The film just received a major award in Belgium, has its premiere in Paris on the 13th and on the 22nd it will be with us - along with the filmmaker for a QA session. This is a very special screening - as the filmmakers put it, they always wanted to bring their film to Rauf Ali when it is finished. In a way bringing it back to Auroville fulfills that wish.

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OPENING THE GATES TO THE VILLAGES

4TH AUROVILLE & PUDUCHERRY VILLAGE HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2017
15TH & 16TH OF APRIL 2017
SATURDAY & SUNDAY / 10AM - 5PM
ARTS & CRAFT MARKET & TRADITIONAL GAMES & PERFORMANCE
TRADITIONAL FOOD & WORKSHOPS & SEMINAR ON PONDY BIOREGION CULTURE & HERITAGE

DAY 1: 15TH OF APRIL 2017
10 to 10.30AM - OFFICIAL FESTIVAL OPENING & DISPLAY THE LOCAL & AUROVILLE CRAFT
10.30 to 11AM - * Live sculpture (Munusamy)
* Live painting (Artist camp)
* Live pottery demonstration
11 to 12PM - TAMIL LOCAL VALUES SEMINAR BY R. MEENAKSHI
Folk dance by Thilaka Priya Natya Academy
12 to 1PM - TRADITIONAL GAMES
(Pallankuzhi, Nondi, Heavy stone lifting, Thayam, Adu puli aattam)
2 to 5PM - TRADITIONAL GAMES
(Vazhukkumaram Eruthal, Kabadi for Women)

DAY 2: 16TH OF APRIL 2017
10 to 12PM - * Village Farmer Market
* Aathiyans Craft
* Kilijosiyam
* Coconut fronds weaving
* Live cooking class (desert and snacks)
* Henna decoration
* Traditional Costume Make up
* Traditional Snack Stalls
* Kolam Walk (5.45 AM - 7AM)
11 to 12PM - KAILAYA VAATHYAM
(Cultural programs, classical dance)
4 to 5PM - Kolam Competition
2 to 4PM - TRADITIONAL GAMES
(Pallankuzhi, Kannam Poochi, Paanai Udaithal)
4 to 5PM - Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony

15TH SAT - 7 TO 9.30
TRADITIONAL BUFFET DINNER
WITH CLASSICAL CONCERT
BOOK IN ADVANCE

15TH - 16TH - 9AM TO 5PM
Traditional Bamboo Thatch House Building, with local Material and Artisan

Where:
Bamboo Land,
Mohanam Cultural & Heritage Centre
(way to color of nature / opp. Imagination)
Alankupam, Auroville .

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