A conquering truth of upright men, for whom death is both a falsehood and a defeat. A truth of a divine joy upon the earth. Certainly their truth was premature for the hordes of Europe, who still needed to hear about heaven before earth, but now the time may have come at last to unveil the Mysteries - whether they be Vedic, Orphic, Alchemical, or Catharist - and to recover the whole truth of the two poles within a third position, which is neither that of the materialists nor that of the spiritualists. The ascent of man into heaven is not the key, but rather his ascent here into the spirit and the descent also of the spirit into his normal humanity and the transformation of this earthly nature. For that and not some post mortem salvation is the real new birth for which humanity waits as the crowning movement of its long, obscure and painful course. Sri Aurobindo brings us a message of hope. Ultimately, our present reign of gnomes is the sign of a new emergence. Our darkness and declines always signal the advent of a greater light, which had to descend to break the prevailing limits. There are only two ways of breaking the limits: through an excess of light or an excess of darkness, but while one draws our darkness up into the light and dissolves it, the other precipitates the light into our darkness and transmutes it. One way liberates a few individuals, while the other liberates the whole earth. Ten thousand years ago, a few giants among men had wrestled out the Secret of the world, but this was the privilege of a few initiates, while now we must all become initiates. Ten thousand years ago reigned the Golden Age, while today everything seems to have been swallowed up in darkness. In truth, though, night has not descended upon the world, as the preachers of doom would have us believe; it is only that the light has been buried in the world. The Secret had to be forgotten, humanity had to descend the dark curve of the age of reason and religions, so that all could recover the Secret and the Light everywhere, beneath all the darkness, all the misery, and the pettiness, instead of in a high brazier in some Vedic or Persian sanctuary. We are at the beginning of Time. Evolution does not follow an increasingly sublime and vanishing trajectory, but a spiral: It is not a tortuous path leading you back, relatively battered, to the starting-point; on the contrary, it seeks to bring to the whole creation the joy of being, the beauty of being, the greatness of being, and the perpetual development, perpetually progressive, of this joy, this beauty, and this greatness. Then everything makes sense. An eternal spiral that does not end in an ultimate point - for the Ultimate is everywhere in the world, in every being, every body, every atom - but a gradual ascent reaching higher and higher in order to descend lower and lower, to embrace ever more, and to reveal ever more. We are at the beginning of the "Vast," which will become ever vaster. The pioneers of evolution have already recognized other levels within the Supermind, opening up new trajectories in an eternal Becoming. Each conquered height brings about a new change, a complete reversal of consciousness, a new heaven, a new earth - for the physical world itself will soon mutate before our incredulous eyes. This is surely not the first change in history; how many were there before us? How many more with us, if only we consent to become conscious? Successive reversals of consciousness, which will bring an always renewed richness of creation, will take place from one stage to the next. Each time, the Magus in us turns his kaleidoscope, and everything becomes astonishing - vaster, truer, and more beautiful. We just have to open our eyes, for the joy of the world is at our door, if only we wish it.

Earth's pains were the ransom of its imprisoned delight. . . .
For joy and not for sorrow earth was made.

Such is the Secret. It is here, everywhere, within the very heart of the world. The "well of honey beneath the rock," the "childlike laughter of the Infinite" that we are, the luminous Future that pushes back our past. Evolution is far from being over. It is not an absurd merry-go-round, not a fall, nor a vanity fair. It is . . . the adventure of consciousness and joy.

SRI AUROBINDO or The Adventure of Consciousness

SATPREM

Auroville in India
India must recognize Auroville’s genius, the Divine Child of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, and to give him her hand, as much as Auroville must recognize what Sri Aurobindo said about India:

- "India will experience a mightier renaissance, richer with changes and fruits than all what preceded it (...) . It is an immense change at the universal level, a new birth of humanity which prepares itself, and the change in us is only a part of it. - (Translated from French)

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

Special cover for Earth Day 2017, celebrated worldwide on the 22nd of April: Indian Eagle-Owl (Bubo Bengalensis) - a drawing by Eric Ramanujam, Pitchandikulam Forest - See under “For Your Information” to Vote for your favourite wildlife in Auroville!
One week more to give your feedback and support the selection of New Matrimandir Executives

You are invited to give the feedback until April 29.

After considering the community feedback, the Working Committee together with the Auroville Council will consider the community’s feedback and make the final selection.

Clarification regarding the role of the current executives in this process:
The decision will be taken “in consultation with the current executives (Sri Moyi, Elumalai, John and Pierre)” to gain further clarity in case of questions related to the expected scope of work and roles and responsibilities.

They are not part of the selection of the new team members itself.

We are sorry for the possible misunderstanding in our earlier announcement!

The following 26 Aurovilians have accepted their nomination:

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Profiles and photos will be shared again 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 or just pass by in our office in the Townhall, 1st floor.

The Residents Assembly Service (RAS) expects the Working Committee and the Auroville Council to arrive at a decision for the new Matrimandir Executive Team by early May (keeping in mind that the current executives who have been nominated and accepted their nomination for re-selection may also be chosen to continue).

One member from the RAS will be present as a silent observer during the selection meetings.

Love, from the Residents Assembly Service

From AVTS

No Cash Please! Reminder N+1

Telephone Service does NOT sell cable, telephone instruments or modems.

Telephone Service and BSNL also do NOT accept cash payments through its field representatives. ALL payments, of any kind, should be made through PT accounts or at the BSNL Pondy office ONLY.

Any solicitation may please be reported.

It may have happened in the past, but this practice is now discontinued since 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do not burn dry leaves!

Dear Community members,

Please don’t burn your dry leaves! Burning leaves is dangerous! It impacts our health and in this dry season the risk of fire is very high!

So please use your dry leaves as biomass to nourish and protect the soil or contact the Matrimandir Garden team and they can collect from your community.

Please phone Selvam from the Matrimandir Team: 944 3911149

Warmly, for the Auroville Council (Elisa, Enrica, Martin, Marc, Mattriprasad, Mita Renuka, Sandhya and Sundar)

Postponing of the Entry GM

Dear community,

The GM on the Entry was proposed for the 27th of April. However, we need some additional time and have decided to postpone the meeting until sometime in May, instead.

We will announce the new date very soon.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

With regards, The Auroville Council and the Working Committee

GM on Learning Activities in Auroville (ALA)

Saturday 29th April, 10am to 12 pm, Unity Pavilion

The Auroville Council and its Study Group invites you to a General Meeting on guidelines, rules and regulations for Auroville Learning Activities (ALAs). These guidelines apply to venues, organisers and facilitators of learning activities in Auroville, including classes, workshops, seminars, trainings and other non-formal learning activities.

The informational General Meeting will be held in the Unity Pavilion on Saturday, 29th April, from 10 am to 12 pm, and will address the following topics:

- Background and context of the Study Group
- The process used by the Study Group
- The guidelines (briefly, for inviting feedback)
- Introducing the Auroville Learning Activity Coordination Group (ALACG)

Relevant legalities have been checked and endorsed by the respective Auroville groups, accountants and advisers. Please also read the guidelines / documents provided by RAS informational system, so we can have a more productive GM.

For any queries, please contact the Auroville Council, at avcouncil@auroville.org.in

Warmly, For the Auroville Council (Elisa, Enrica, Martin, Marc, Mattriprasad, Mita, Renuka, Sandhya and Sundar).

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 two general meetings in April:

1. Monday April 24 - General Meeting (4.30pm - 6.30pm in Unity Pavilion) to discuss the: Proposal to restructure the Town Development Council in preparation for a Resident Assembly Decision-making Event (RAD) May 13 - June 10.

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

3. Entry Service General Meeting postponed - The General Meeting to discuss the Proposal to restructure the Entry Service has been postponed until further notice. Look out for further announcements.

Hope to see you at the TDC and ALA General Meetings on April 24 and 29! The RAS will publish more details via Massmail and on Auronet. - Much Love,

The Residents’ Assembly Service & the Auroville Council

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L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 22/04/17

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.

An Update on Paulien

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

For more information on the location of the plots mentioned above, you can find this same announcement with map(s) on the Auronet page of L’avenir d’Auroville/TDC: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/62782

Houses available for transfer


2. Kalpana - 21 apartments of different size available:
   - Studio 6: 1 BHK - 8; 2 BHK - 5; 3 BHK - 2
     - Will be ready 30th May 2018. 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

An Update on Paulien

For those who have not been following messages on Auronet or massmail, and for many who have expressed concern and have inquired as to Paulien’s condition, following is an update of the situation, as it is currently:

Paulien (Dutch) of Vikas is in East Coast hospital’s Intensive Care Unit. She has been diagnosed with cancer, in her blood and her bone marrow. The exact type of cancer is, as yet, not confirmed. Due to unbearable pain, Paulien has since this afternoon been receiving pain management through epidural catheter.

Mariette (Paulien’s sister) and Betty (her friend), who have come from Holland, are deeply moved and grateful for the community? How will we use and share this common resource?

Do you prioritize water usage in your own home and in your workplace? How do you agree? How you think about prioritizing your water usage, if you haven’t already. What is the most important use you have of water?

Recently, a Disaster Management Authority in Kerala has been reaching out to the community? How will we use and share this common resource? Think about it. - Water Group (watergroup@auroville.org.in)

Vote for your favourite wildlife in Auroville!

Do you prefer the Green Vine snake pacchu pambu or the wide-eyed slender loris? The Jungle Babbler or the Indian Pitta? The red cotton bug or the hairy kambli poochi Blanket Worm? - We at Pitchandikulam are putting together a new set of educational materials and games featuring the flora and fauna of Auroville, and we’d love to include all the birds, mammals, bugs, reptiles, insects and amphibians that Aurovilians love the most.

Please vote at: http://bit.do/aurovillewildlife or by contacting jonathan@aurowivle.org.in

With love, Jonathan, Pitchandikulam Forest - see the cover drawing by Eric Ramanujam (Pitchandikulam Forest) of the Indian Eagle-Owl (Bubo Bengalensis)
Correction in the last FAMC report:
In our last report, it was mistakenly published that we approved the purchase of the plots: BO 1/1 (63 acres). The acreage was wrong: Plot BO 1/1 is only 63 cents and not 63 acres. The mistake is regretted!
FAMC team

A Review of the Teacher Center Activities in 2016-2017
The Teacher Center continued to sponsor activities in several different areas in 2016-17.

• We maintained and circulated books from two professional libraries for educators, the ACCESS Center at Transition, and a small collection of the most asked for books in the Center itself. Most of these books have been photocopied and many are in constant circulation. If a teacher or a school desires a book in the Teachers’ Center collection, we can photocopy it for you or if not, we can order it, as we have a small book budget.
• The making of materials for teachers continued as a few people worked for much of the year on creating a resource bank of materials for teaching math and science, based on materials from the Internet. These teaching materials are available for teachers to borrow.
• The Supportive Learning foundations course met almost every Saturday morning for five months at the Center. IEP meetings take place on request at the TC. There is additionally a dedicated selection of books on supportive learning for families and teachers to access.
• A few other small workshops were sponsored by the Center including one on Democratic Classrooms, another on Media Literacy, and a Conversation to discuss recommendations arising from three surveys on Auroville education. In a separate location there were a series of workshops for parents based on Thomas Gordon’s “Parent Effectiveness Training”.
• The Center was open by appointment for teachers seeking resource materials or advice, and for people from outside wishing to learn more about Auroville schools, or to share their experiences with professional development in other countries.
• The main work of the Center, the invisible work, is the work of four permanent advisors and two visiting advisors from the U.S. Between them they network between schools, train new teachers, serve as advisors to individual teachers, attend teachers’ meetings and serve on policy making boards, initiate new programs, lead school based workshops, and occasionally teach classes.
• Networking in the bioregion also occurs under the auspices of the Teachers’ Center when we are able, for example, to offer a teacher training program with one of the Outreach schools for teachers in a school in Chennai. The noise from the construction of the Archives building has occasionally made it difficult to hold meetings or workshops at the Center but the room remains open for any teacher related activities and for the distribution of professional materials. The decentralized and less visible work of the advisors and networkers continues to raise the level of professional development available in Auroville.

A photo exhibition by Lisbeth & Ashwin
Pitanga - April 15 - April 29
You’ve driven through it hundreds of times, knowing it was there and not there at the same time...... Busy and in a hurry to get to Pondicherry, when did you last stop on the way in the small town of Multhiapet? To look, to interact and to be?

Lisbeth, an Aurovilian since 1971, and Ashwin, one of her former students who now teaches photography, maths and sciences in Last School, decided to be tourists in Multhiapet and, over five visits, interacted with street vendors, homeless children, office workers, auto rickshaw drivers, the priest of a church, the lady caretaker of the Christian cemetery, and more. They also took photographs of all kinds of houses, street signs, wandering cows and dogs, gates and churches - a great range of demonstrative pictures of everyday life in India.

The exhibition is very well displayed with single, diptych, triptych photographs and even a collage, all associated with themes, colours or shapes. They capture the atmosphere of this little treasure of a small town, its beauty and decay, its joy, and mostly its peacefulness, which, considering its location on the busy ECR at the outskirts of Pondicherry, is a complete surprise.

A black and white photograph of smiling, playing children; a diptych of the dawn of day with a very subtle composition of a roof, sky and what could be a homeless person; a juxtaposition of cows in a busy street, one in black and white, the other one in colour; the entrances of what look like stores - I loved the subtle curating and the association of ideas. It is everyday India in its simplicity and the wealth of its beauty and diversity in 30 pictures displayed in an exhibition which will surprise you, if only because you will find yourself noticing things that you already saw a hundred times and never truly noticed.

This is the beauty and magic of photography... a kind of meditative art that captures the moment that the mind, always too busy with “the what’s after”, never takes the time to do.

My favourite picture remains the backs of two women, one wearing a green sari and the other a red one. You do not see their faces, but they probably look impatient as they wait for a store to open. In the middle are beautiful yellow and red juicy fruits ready to be sold. The frame is astute, filled with elegant shapes, colours, actions and smells, all in the subtle way that makes a photograph attractive, interesting and pleasant to the sight and the mind.

You might never stop in Muthialpet on your way to Pondicherry. But it does not matter. It is all there in Pitanga until the end of April!

By Chana Corinne Devor for AVArtService

What is Restorative Circles?
Restorative Circles (RC) is a process designed to hold space for dialogue and conflict, within the context of community. It aims at re-building trust and communication, and probably most importantly, at increasing willingness to co-exist.

What’s the role of RC in Auroville?
RC is offered as one of our Conflict Resolution options (among others offered by Koodam: Mediation, Arbitration, etc). We’re still in the beginning phases of developing this process in Auroville, although it is being used more and more frequently.

Who can call a Circle?
Anyone can initiate a Circle - whether you are upset, you upset someone else, or you’re not directly involved but feel affected by an interaction between others, you can call a Circle.

How do I call / initiate a Circle?
Send an email to restorative@auroville.org.in or speak in person to any of the following: L’aura, Janet, Shanti, Helene or Kati.

How do we get more information or learn about the process?
Join one of our workshops, join the practice group, read about our project, speak with someone who has taken part in an RC, etc. Or contact us!

Love,
L’aura, Janet, Shanti, Helene and Kati (for Restorative Auroville) - restorative@auroville.org.in
KAVUNJI 2017 2nd group: att. 2nd group participants - Meeting at Certitude Playground is postponed to Thursday May 4th at 4:30 pm. This meeting is compulsory: those who will not attend will be removed from the list! See you then, Anan

Unity park and water: Maybe the time has come to let go of our lawns around Matrimandir, and also the flowers which need much water. Hundreds of visitors come daily to see Matrimandir many of them students on educational tour. To create something beautiful with a focus on our climate and its changes would not only protect the remaining water resources but give our visitors also an idea how to adjust - Lisa, Invocation

Nandini: Dear all, from the last week of the month of April (Monday 24 to Saturday 29) the Tailor & Distribution will be closed for stock taking Have a beautiful summer - Nandini Team

Healthy South Indian Vegetarian Home food on your doorstep: Happy to read our latest survey on Auroville population, an Aurovillian Adult’s Average Age is 47; it is one of our dreams to help needy and physically aged friends of Auroville with a simple yet healthy vegetarian South Indian food on their doorstep for lunch. Our aspiration is to train young women of Auroville and the bioregion about every aspect of cooking with full passion, which includes understanding the purpose, preparing the vegetables, kind of utensils to use, Ingredients to source, etc. The food prepared with consciousness can be delivered at home, making it easy for elderly to enjoy the food at their convenience. As an initial step, we are taking a survey within Auroville & based on the results the process will take its final steps. A survey form is attached in the given link. Please take the survey or contact: sivakumar@auraville.org.in / 9655531301

“Sri Aurobindo’s Vision of our Earth”: Hello everyone, on the occasion of Earth Day I want to recommend a talk from 2011: “Sri Aurobindo’s Vision of the Earth and Our Human Role in the Fulfillment of its Destiny”, given by Shraddhan at Savitri Bhavan. The recording is on the Auroville Radio website (www.aurovilleradio.org/sri-aurobindos-vision-of-our-earth/) and the transcript is on the Auroville Wiki (wiki.auroville.org.in/wiki/Sri_Aurobindo%2527s_Vision_of_our_Earth). It opens: “I’m happy that the Earth Week organizers have given me the chance to make this presentation; because every year, when Earth Day comes around, I have the feeling that Earth Week in Auroville ought to be celebrated in a rather different way from similar celebrations around the world. Because Auroville has been created as a field for the realization, for the materialization, of Sri Aurobindo’s vision. Which is actually way ahead of even the very best attempts at ecology and sustainability we see humanity attempting - engaging - at present. ..." - Kristen

Paola’s Talk in Italy: On Thursday 20th April, in Rome, Aurovilian Paola De Paolis gave a talk on Sri Aurobindo’s “Savitri”, by introducing her new book “SAVITRI - La scoperta dell’Anima e la vittoria sulla Morte” (ed. La Lepre). The event happened at Bibliothè, in Via Celsa 4 (near the Pantheon), an oasis in the heart of Rome, where Indian Philosophy (there is a specialized Library including Sri Aurobindo’s Opera Omnia) and Ayurvedic food (Indian Restaurant) merge.

Funds for performances: Funds for performances by Auroville Artists in Auroville should be requested now for the financial year 2017/18. Please send a mail to av.artistgroup@gmail.com. I will send you a questionnaire about your performance - Return it as soon as possible. In a subsequent meeting, distribution of funds will be allocated. With love, Rolf

STEMland - Aura Auro Design - Learn Grow Work Teach wants to grow! We have started the process of identifying individuals who will join our team. We are having the 1st phase of the interview process on the 29th of April @ STEM Land as Udavi School at 9:15 a.m. This is an opportunity to earn while you learn and grow in Engineering (programming and hardware) and working with children in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) activities. Those interested, please apply on or before the 26th of April by sending a mail to: vaidegi@auraauro.com - STEMland - Aura Aura Design Team (Aruth, Balai, Naveen, Sanjeev.R, Sundar, vaidegi)
**A V A I L A B L E**

**New lady bicycle:** Please contact: elisainki@yahoo.it - Elisa

**Hero Honda CD Deluxe:** Registration on 2nd Sep 2005, PY-01-AC 0789, total km 63,300 - Contact Shankar on: 948761367

**Modem Router:** Warranty. Netgear N150 WiFi DSL. My mail: btv12@mail.ru - Tatyana

**Vegan cheese:** Dear Friends, enjoy our last batch of hummus, cashew cheese and chocolate mousse before the Summer break. Look forward to meeting you again. Vegan Essence team

**Gas stove:** 2 burners, good condition. Please phone or Sms 948 996 9825 - Maggie

**Used tennis shoes:** Kswiss Hypercent Court Express size 42. Less that 6 months use, with a fix/repair done. Fair shape. A review: Upsides; Great cushioning, Light and fast, Comfortable, Good ventilation, Room for wide feet. Downsides; Not durable, May be too wide for narrow feet. For sale. First come first served basis. Sms only +91 78 68 938207 Gustavo

**TAXI SHARING**

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

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@aurove.org.in

April 23rd: Going to Chennai airport this Sunday April 23rd. My flight is at 9 pm, so would like to arrive at 7 pm. Leave at 4:30 pm. Please contact me on 9487106008. Thanks!

April 23rd: Leaving Auroville at 3.30 am to Chennai Airport. Contact Julie: 9787628294 or sunja.fr@gmail.com.

April 26th: Arriving Chennai-airport International at 3.15 pm to Auroville. Please contact Hartmut at: vonlieres@gmx.de.

April 26th: Leaving Auroville to Chennai airport at 8 pm. Please email: duanebw@gmail.com

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

**LOOKING FOR...**

A second-hand solar fridge (in good condition): Willing to pay a contribution. Contact Karuna: 2623 024 / karuna@aurove.org.in

For seed stories: Have a special seed story? A family heirloom seed so old you thought wouldn’t germinate, but did? A seed you’ve been saving for years? A seed resistant to drought or filled with memories of other countries? I am in India for the year on behalf of National Geographic researching seed saving and our relationship with seeds. Please contact me if you’d like to share your story. Lauren.Ladov@gmail.com - Lauren

**THANK YOU**

For my Olympus Objective
To the person who found (since I had lost it) and brought back my Olympus objective at News and Notes. I would like very much to tell her how much I am happy and how much I am thankful as I had been looking everywhere. You said you found it in CP but nobody knows what is CP! Anyway thank you so much... I was desperate! Danielle

Auroville Youth Activities Presentation - Bharat Nivas

The event was a success thanks to many of you :) We’d like to specifically thank some of you who really made a difference:

- The AVYA core team
- Auroville Bakery, Naturellement and Tanto for snacks.
- CRIPA Desmond, Fred, Manohar and Sashikanth for video.
- The crew: Anna, Ambra, Yasmin and Cristine along with the patents Aurosylle and Supriya for the flower arrangement.
- The snack transport crew: Agathe, Desmond, Tomoko and Prasad.
- The car / equipment crew: Anna, Ambra, Yasmin and Cristina along with the patents who offered cakes. Coriolan for photography and IT support. Desmond, Fred, Manohar and Sashkanth for video. The Auroville Bakery, Naturellement and Tanto for snacks. CRIPA for rehearsals. Love, The AVYA core team :)

Aspiration Program
We, the participants of the aspiration program of April 2017, want to express our deep gratitude to:

- Anandi, Karen, Leena, Sheba, Rakhal, all speakers, units, caretakers and everyone involved in making this profound experience possible for us.
- Many of the people we visited were very inspiring and revived our desire to be here in Auroville. It’s very beautiful to see that after so many years in this amazing adventure they still have this flame inside driving them to continue.
- We felt as if our batteries have been charged during this whole week, we got more inspired and we are really blessed to have the privilege to be here.
- The team was of great support, each one with its own qualities and unique personality.

A big thank once more!
- Ana, Bel, Carmen, Chandra, Chetna, Elide, Elke, Helena, Kay, Mani, Manisha, Manu, Marie-Pierre, Priya, Saranja, Svenja, Vasanth, Vijayan and Vivek.

**LOST & FOUND**

Doggie (Found): Whose doggy is this brown young female dog with white paws? Cute and sweet. Less than 1 year old. She’s lost and roaming around Svedame. Please, contact VersHaut 948 85 12 678

Smartphone (Lost): I have lost my Smartphone (Nexus 4) on Sunday. The back cover has fishes in the background. If you remove the cover you can see the LG and Nexus 4 logo. If you find it please send me an email at: sanjeev.r@aurove.org.in. Thank you, Truth and love, Sanjeev

**For my Olympus Objective**

To the person who found (since I had lost it) and brought back my Olympus objective at News and Notes. I would like very much to tell her how much I am happy and how much I am thankful as I had been looking everywhere. You said you found it in CP but nobody knows what is CP! Anyway thank you so much... I was desperate! Danielle

Auroville Youth Activities Presentation - Bharat Nivas

The event was a success thanks to many of you :) We’d like to specifically thank some of you who really made a difference:

- The AVYA core team
- Auroville Bakery, Naturellement and Tanto for snacks.
- CRIPA Desmond, Fred, Manohar and Sashikanth for video.
- The crew: Anna, Ambra, Yasmin and Cristina along with the patents who offered cakes. Coriolan for photography and IT support. Desmond, Fred, Manohar and Sashkanth for video. The Auroville Bakery, Naturellement and Tanto for snacks. CRIPA for rehearsals. Love, The AVYA core team :)

Aspiration Program
We, the participants of the aspiration program of April 2017, want to express our deep gratitude to:

- Anandi, Karen, Leena, Sheba, Rakhal, all speakers, units, caretakers and everyone involved in making this profound experience possible for us.
- Many of the people we visited were very inspiring and revived our desire to be here in Auroville. It’s very beautiful to see that after so many years in this amazing adventure they still have this flame inside driving them to continue.
- We felt as if our batteries have been charged during this whole week, we got more inspired and we are really blessed to have the privilege to be here.
- The team was of great support, each one with its own qualities and unique personality.

A big thank once more!
- Ana, Bel, Carmen, Chandra, Chetna, Elide, Elke, Helena, Kay, Mani, Manisha, Manu, Marie-Pierre, Priya, Saranja, Svenja, Vasanth, Vijayan and Vivek.

**TAXI SHARING**

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

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@aurove.org.in

April 23rd: Going to Chennai airport this Sunday April 23rd. My flight is at 9 pm, so would like to arrive at 7 pm. Leave at 4:30 pm. Please contact me on 9487106008. Thanks!

April 23rd: Leaving Auroville at 3.30 am to Chennai Airport. Contact Julie: 9787628294 or sunja.fr@gmail.com.

April 26th: Arriving Chennai-airport International at 3.15 pm to Auroville. Please contact Hartmut at: vonlieres@gmx.de.

April 26th: Leaving Auroville to Chennai airport at 8 pm. Please email: duanebw@gmail.com

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

**Food**

- **Lost**
  - [Lost & Found](#)

- **Looking for**
  - [Looking for...](#)

- **Thanks**
  - [Thank you](#)

- **Taxi sharing**
  - [Taxi sharing](#)

- **Available**
  - [Available](#)
April 30th: Hi, I need to catch a plane in Chennai around 1 pm on Sunday 30th April. If interested to share a cab please sms me +91 78 68 938207. Gustavo

April 30th: Leaving Auroville around midday 12:30 pm, to reach airport latest 4 pm. 2 persons going, taxi coming back empty. Sharing either way possible. Corinne: beautifulhebron@gmail.com / 8531913290

May 2nd: Looking for taxi sharing from Auroville to Chennai airport at 5 pm. Please contact me if you want to share. Mobile: +91 80981 96756. All the Best! Andres

May 7th: From Auroville to Chennai Airport at 12 am (midnight between 7th and 8th). Please contact Lakshmi at: premshtkt164@gmail.com or call me at: 8489764602

May 16th: Taxi leaving from Auroville at 1.00 pm (time flexible) to Chennai Airport please contact: 919843605237 / (btv.12@mail.ru) - Tatyana

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**APPEAL**

Guest Facilities Booking Web Portal Contributions Urgently Needed

The Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG) is asking for contributions from the community, including Auroville’s guests, for the development of a new, improved guest booking website/portal.

The work is already underway, but we need to raise approximately Rs 3 lakhs to keep it going so that it will be operational before the busy 50th anniversary season.

To all those who can offer some financial support for this long-awaited work: now is the time!

To all those who have complained about the flaws in the fundraiser for the still missing land in Auroville Master Plan –

Common efforts highlight events and all the efforts for the development of a new, improved guest booking website/portal.

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**AACOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED**

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

House-sitting 2: Hello dear friends, my name is Elisa, I’m an Italian girl volunteering in Auroville since January. I’m looking for a house-sitting from July to October, but it can be a short-term too. Please feel free to contact me by email: elisiniki@yahoo.it .Thank you.

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 from the month of May until end of this year. You can reach me by email: dcb511ahmed@gmail.com or by phone at: 9146807123.

House available for house-sitting: House to keep from 2nd of May onwards for few months. Some maintenance is required to cover expenditure. The house has two rooms, solar system and inverter, Wi-Fi and is in the green belt in Fertile. Contact Christine: 9489805493 or mail: christinep67@gmail.com

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**HEALTH**

AvHC closed: 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.

Tibetan Doctors’ visit: This is to inform you that the Tibetan Doctor and the team will be in Auroville on 28/4/2017 (Friday) full day and 29/4/2017 (Saturday) for half day consultation, instead of 21st and 22nd April as mentioned earlier. We are sorry for the inconvenience. For your appointments call 0413 2622401/ 8489067332. Consultation is happening at the Pavillon of Tibetan Culture, International Zone. For more information contact the team of Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. Thank you, Claude Arpi, Tenzin Namgyal, Kalsang Dolma.

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**AUROVILLE RADIO**

Dear listeners!

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

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

Our volunteers have recorded:

Romei and Mimansha interviewed Dominique on SAVI.

Steve captured Trash Band at Kalakendra within LFA2017, and recorded/produced Jazz Night at Bharat Nivas.

Marielle (volunteer at Sankalapa) held a conversation with Peter on The Manifestation of Art Dome.

Gino was chatting at Dinesh with guests, talked about Low Tech Lab.

Common efforts highlight events and all the efforts for the fundraiser for the still missing land in Auroville Master Plan - UNITING FOR AUROVILLE’S LAND.

Interview with Vera and Juriann on upcoming Jazz Night.

CATs - Inge, Mita and Sandrya reflecting on past CATS.

Last School play directed by Dyuman – Three Maskmen.

From our regular programs:

Loretta reads Savitri B.II, C.XII and Mother’s Q and A 11/7/56.

Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga Pt.1, Ch.3 by Sri Aurobindo and Gangalakshmi with her Selections of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother texts in French – uncut version on the request of listeners!

Out of our regular programs are here Thursday, and Monday news.

For those who cherish very much music, we have two sets of Jazz 2, and JAZZ 3, and to welcome the summer danceable Fireflies.

Happy listening,

Your AV Radio Team [www.aurovilleradio.org]
**S P O R T S**

Puducherry state Basketball championship

The 2016 Puducherry state Basketball championship for sub-Junior girls & boys, Junior girls & boys and Men was held in Indira Gandhi stadium from 12th to 16th April 2017 coordinated by the Puducherry Basketball Association.

The Auroville Basketball clubs fielded the following men teams: Auroville, Aspiration, New Creation, Certitude and Lotus.

Auroville club also fielded: sub-Junior boys & girls and Junior boys & girls teams. The Lotus club also fielded: sub-Junior boys & Junior boys Girls teams and finally, the Aspiration club also fielded: sub-Junior boys team. Dehashakthi also fielded their sub-Junior boys, Junior boys and men team under the Blue Stars Basketball club.

Of all the teams, the youngest one was the Aspiration sub-Junior boys team consisting of children from Nandanam and Transition schools: Shiva, Varun, Auroram, Sajan, Kishaan, Praveen, Shantan and Deepak from Kullapalayam. This was the first tournament for these children and what a fantastic game they played against a much taller and older opponents Really commendable!

The Auroville Junior girls won the state championship in their category, the Auroville Junior boys were the runner up in the boys section, the Auroville sub-Junior boys were the runner up in their category.

Auroville sports resource center and Selvam of Douceur facilitated the transportation for the boys and girls to attend the tournament.

Thanks to all the schools for allowing their students to participate in the tournament and a special thanks to all the parents of the little ones for allowing their children to participate in the Puducherry state Basketball championship.

Jothi

**T R A V E L**

Latest News from the Travel Shop - located at Inside India in Auroshilpam

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

You can reach us now also via whatsapp; Inside India, +91 8524953783

Air India has special offers to Madrid, Milan, Rome, Paris, London, Frankfurt with more baggage allowance, prices are attractive

Emirates has promotional offers to Europe and USA, with certain limitation of travel dates

Qatar Airways has special offers to Europe and USA

Oman Airways has special fares to Europe have minimum two persons & validity of travel for 1 month

Hotels: International and Domestic Hotel bookings can also be done at discounted rates through us.

Insurance: We highly recommend availing of a Travel Insurance for all foreign travels.

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

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

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

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

**E A T I N G  O U T**

Naturlellement closed on 22/04:

Dear community,

Naturlellement Company as well as the Garden Café will be closed on Saturday 22nd of April, 2017 to celebrate Earth Day and our company day. We will be cleaning the surrounding fields in the morning. You are welcome to help us! Happy Earth Day!

Bharat Nivas the Pavilion of India Presents:

“Rajasthanî” LUNCH

By Divya Kaurn & Anjali

At ATITHI GRIHA GUEST HOUSE

- BHARAT NIVAS - The Pavilion of India

On Sunday the 23rd of April, 2017

Between 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

For Aurovilians and Newcomers only

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

You can call us at 0413-2622445 before 4:00 PM on Saturday the 22nd of April, 2017.

**G R E E N  M A T T E R S**

Buddha Garden with Priya

On Sunday 23rd of April at 8.30 am

Walk the farm with the brick raised beds and drip irrigation system, where aromatic basil, basella spinach, beans and other vegetables are growing. See the compost area and the chicken house and discover Priya’s research work on sustainable food growing.

Directions: (from Solar Kitchen about 15 min by cycle) Make your way to the Visitors Centre and continue on the road, pass the gate until you get to the black top road. Turn left and go up the road until you come to a sign to Buddha Garden/Siddhartha farm on your right. Take the path on your right and continue until you come to the gate of Siddhartha farm/Buddha Garden. If you come by car please leave it here and walk the rest of the way. If you are on a moped or bicycle you can bring it to the farm. Go over the cow grid and keep going along the path until you come to the entrance of Buddha Garden which is clearly marked. Please park your moped or bicycle in the parks on the right and left hand side of the path.

Last walk of the season will be on Sunday 30th April in Aranya with Saravanan

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Golden Egg

Matrimandir represents the Universe. The Vedic Rishis (8000 B.C.E) conceived the Universe into three parts on the basis of consciousness and called them upper White Ocean, middle Heart Ocean and lower Black Ocean respectively. The three divisions of the Universe are not represented clearly in Matrimandir. The crystal in the chamber is in the middle of the globe; whereas it should have been present in the upper division of Matrimandir, had the architects of Matrimandir followed the Vedic principle of dividing the Universe into three parts. Then one would like to know on what basis the architects have developed the inner features of Matrimandir.

The Puranas written by prohitis (priests) and pandits (scholars) in 4000 (B.C.E) speaks of a different conception of the Universe. Sri Aurobindo explains the Puranic conception of the Universe in the ‘Upanishads’. In the Puranas the egg is used as a metaphor to explain the nature and working of the Universe. It is called the Golden Egg. There the colour of egg is not compared. Pure gold does not change its property. Similarly the Supreme, Parabrahman hidden in the Prakriti part of the Universe, is immutable. The Puranas call Him Hiranya Garba i.e., the Supreme in the womb of The Mother. The Supreme is hidden in the content of Golden Egg which represents the Prakriti part of the Universe and is undifferentiated i.e., when you examine it, you can’t find the rudiments of the organs and organism or form of the bird. They will appear later as the process of differentiation proceeds in the content of the egg. Sri Aurobindo says that the undifferentiated part of Prakriti begins to differentiate by some intelligent power present in it.

Knowledge of the Triple Brahman is necessary to understand the process of differentiation. Sri Aurobindo says that Brahman is one but given three names according to the state or condition of its being. First let us consider Parabrahman (The Supreme). It has been conceiving a plan for the creation of the Universe. It has two faces. One is the Jnana face always looking at the Parabrahman Absolute for the wisdom necessary for planning and execution of that plan. The other is the Prakriti face looking at the undifferentiated Prakriti part of the Universe. Brahman from Parabrahman rushes towards Prakriti and impregnates her and gets concealed in it where the process of differentiation is yet to begin. The Parabrahman is looking at the process of differentiation going on in the Prakriti part of the Universe, maintaining an overall control over it. It sees simultaneously the differentiated lower half of the Universe known as Avidya and the undifferentiated upper half of it known as Vidya. Now it is obvious that according to the Puranas the Universe is divided into two halves, upper Vidya (Knowledge) and lower Avidya (Ignorance).

It seems that the architects of Matrimandir have followed the Puranic conception of the Universe in developing the various features of Matrimandir. The upper half of Matrimandir, which houses the chamber, represents the Vidya part of the Universe while the lower half represents the Avidya part.

Submitted by Somasundaram

For your calendar

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil’s music
Every THURSDAY at sunset
We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season...
6.00 to 6.30 pm

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!
Reminder to all:
The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.
We request everyone: please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm.
Please be seated by 5.55 pm.
Thank you.

Amphitheatre Team
**Meditation on 24.4.2017**

**Mother’s final arrival day**

In the Matrimandir Amphitheatre
At 5.30 am

Entrance from the Office Gate only. Gate opens at 5 am.
Please note that there will be no Dawn Fire, music will also not be played as requested by some.

Please remember to bring along a torch light and leave your pets and cell phones at home.
A special request to all to help us create and maintain an atmosphere of silence for concentration.
Visitors are requested to bring along their Aurowcard.

*Aum Shanti!*

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**INVITATIONS**

**SMALLSTEPS TURNS 10!**

The Earth Day is close to arrive and with it, Upasana marks the 10th anniversary of its Smallsteps project.
We take a step forward towards environmental protection and try to minimize the human impact in our own little ways.
We are celebrating Earth Day at Upasana, you are welcome to join us.

**Date:** Saturday 22nd of April  
**Time:** 10 am - 4 pm  
**Venue:** Upasana

**Program**

- **Why not make a start at our homes itself?**
  Pull out 20 clean plastic bags from your houses and bring it to us. We will offer you with 1 Smallsteps bag for every 20 plastic bags that you submit.

- **Time for some action for Kids**
  Paint your own picture on the SmallSteps bag giving your message to the Mother Earth. We will arrange Smallsteps bags, colours, papers and brushes, but you are allowed to get your own stuff if you prefer.

- **Let’s Upcycle!**
  Bring old or unwanted clothes and get them upcycled into a bag.

We look forward for your support and maximum participation in this journey. Contact us on: smallsteps@upasana.in  
[www.smallsteps.in](http://www.smallsteps.in)

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**Deepanam Open House**

We warmly invite you all on 26th April Wednesday from 10.30 to 12.30 for the open house.
You will be able to see the work done in the classroom and Art (Clay, Craft, and Painting) by the students.

There will be a special presentation by Peace Group children (age 9, 10, 11) from 10.30 to 11.00 am.
It will be followed by a short play connecting to the project work (Helen of Egypt) by Faith Group.

Following are the Presentations starting at 10.30 am:

1. Puppet show
2. French Play
3. Gardening Project-Short film
4. Short Play - Helen of Egypt

Looking forward to seeing you in Deepanam.

Thank you

Deepanam Team
*FOOD FUN FRIENDS*

A Savi POTLUCK

The Savi Team invites you for a potluck for Volunteers.

Fellow volunteers please bring your hosting units’ members and mentor with you!

Bring your favorite dish or drink and of course your appetite.

The back side of the Unity Pavilion (right building) is THE place to be!

Join us at Friday 28th April - 6.30 pm to 9 pm

Just to know how much food we need, please register in advance through our email: study@auroville.org.in

Hosted by Boomi & Carmen

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T A L K S , S E M I N A R S

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“A Dream comes True”

12 Auroville Lion Hearted kids participated in OUR (One United Roar for Lions and Nature).

All came out Winners! Two got the chance to go to South Africa.

You wanna hear their Story?

PowerPoint Presentation by

YAM & ASIA

Introduction by Aikya

CINEMA PARADISO

SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2017 - 10 am

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Help us launch Garbology Lite!

This Earth Day we are launching free educational activities online.

Almost 5 years ago we shared Garbology 101. It is a collection of 101 educational activities for sustainable waste management.

Today over 42,000 students regularly study Garbology across the country. This is great but really just a drop in the ocean.

We need to reach many more students and make it easier for teachers and schools to use the materials.

For the last one and half years, with the support of SAIIER and two private foundations, we have been working with the wonderful schools in Auroville and the surrounding area to test, develop and create educational materials (in English & Tamil) which inspire students to care more about waste and the environment.

Please join us for a brief presentation and the launch of Garbology Lite, this Saturday, April 22nd between 4-5 pm at the SAIIER Conference room.

Help us create a bridge between our work in Auroville and educators, schools or NGO’s who could use the materials outside.

Many thanks,

Chandrah, Ribhu, Mukta and Blake - WasteLess Team

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The FRENCH PAVILION presents

“JOY OF IMPERMANENCE”

An Aurovilian Adventure of communitarian creation

Presentation/Conference

Presented by the team of JOI

Saturday 22nd April 2017 at 5 pm

Cinema Paradiso

In French and English 75min

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**Joy Of Impermanence (JOI):** In Auroville, a group of newcomers decided to take the initiative to create a project tuned with their dream of being part of Auroville and embodying its ideals in their daily life.

The project of JOI aims at supporting the creation of communities based on five inner principles:

- Impermanence as a spiritual concept and way of life. In this context it includes the fact that the community will move after 5 years;
- Collective intelligence as a way of functioning in order to enhance the community dynamic of managing a common place, but also with the broader community of Auroville throughout workshops, sharing and experiments of Aurovillians on this land;
- Self-sufficiency as a necessity to reduce the needs of supply from outside of Auroville, so it can be manifested with the clear intention of not purchasing anything outside which could be found in Auroville.
- Sustainability as an approach of reducing our impact on our environment by developing closed loop system, waste management and conscious use of material;
- Do it yourself as a discipline to involve the members of the community in each development of the place and to avoid as much as possible the use of money for work force.

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**CLASSES, WORKSHOPS**

**Inner-Work-Workshop**

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

25th 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: ‘Practice - the Sunlit Path’

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

**Course on Just Money: Banking as if Society Mattered**

At Unity Pavilion, we plan on taking an online course on ‘Just Banking’ together. Its objective is to learn how banks can use capital as a tool to promote social and environmental wellbeing.

About this course: What do you know about banking? Do you know what your bank does with your money? The recent financial crisis highlighted some of the most fundamental issues with the mainstream banking system.

This course looks into banks that operate differently, namely, “just banks’ that use capital and finance as a tool to address social and ecological challenges.

This course is for anyone who wants to understand the unique role banks play as intermediaries in our economy and how they can leverage that position to produce positive social, environmental, and economic change.

The instructors of this course have worked for over 10 years with just banks from around the world, as well as in the fields of community development, economic democracy, and social change.

No previous knowledge of finance or banking is needed to take this course.

**Details:**

We meet every Saturday from 2 to 6:30 pm, from April 29, 2017 onwards.

Schedule: 2-4 pm: Study Session, 4-4:30 pm: Snack Break, 4:30-6:30 pm: Reflection

Venue: Unity Pavilion

No homework is required.

This is a regular class. Please sign up through sending an email at: new.av.economy@gmail.com. Refreshments: Feel free to bring biscuits and snacks along! Fixed contribution asked for 5 weeks for Wifi, juice and the hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Water Dancing**

On Monday, April 24, 2.45 - 4.45 at Quiet Healing Center.

Lovers of free movement and water, I joyfully welcome you to this celebration session, to explore and express, connect and share in this ‘once in a while’ guided group experience in the warm, yet refreshing water. We will move on our own, in pairs and as a group.

Please come early to pass reception for registration and beginning together on time! Dariya

**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 30 - 9.30 am-5 pm (with lunch break)

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**

Introduction to Nonviolent Communication with L’aura Joy, NVC Certified Trainer

Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others? Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want?

Discover the power of presence, within ourselves and among us.

April 28-29 (Fri & Sat) - 9.30 am-5 pm (with lunch break)

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

Limited seats. Registration required. Full participation required (3 full days).

[Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

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.
THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, April 28th, Friday.

Schedule of Events:
16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest
18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
18:30 Eco Film Club begins with “previews” of short Sadhana Forest films
20:00 Dinner is served
21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

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

JOHANN GRANDER - THE WATERMAN OF TYROL

43mins / English (Dubbed) / 2003 / Uranus Verlag Productions

This is the story of Johann Grander, inventor of the water revitalisation. This documentation shows more about the life and the interesting discoveries of the man from Jochberg in Tyrol, Austria, with a lot of wisdom, humor and self-irony. Grander talks about his discovery and his approach to nature. You will see how his GRANDER water revitalisation devices help industrial companies to save big amounts of chemicals and costs every year.

(Reminder: Friday 21/04 - How the Earth Was Made: Sahara)

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 visit us online: sadhanaforest.org / https://facebook.com/sadhanaforest

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 24th of April 2017 at 6:30 pm
“THE FOUR ASPECTS OF THE MOTHER”

The 24th of April 1920 was the final arrival of The Mother to settle permanently in Pondicherry in order to work with her divine Consciousness Force and Sri Aurobindo towards a Life Divine on Earth.

We see scenes when The Mother is in action with children and sadhaks on darshan days. And we hear The Mother reading extracts from “The Mother” by Sri Aurobindo. Here are some extracts: “Four great Aspects of the Mother, four of her leading Powers and Personalities have stood in front in her guidance of this Universe and in her dealings with the terrestrial play. … To the four we give the four great names, Maheshwari, Mahakali, Mahalakshmi, Mahasaraswati. …Wisdom and Force [Mashewari and Mahakali ] are not the only manifestation of the supreme Mother; there is a subtle mystery of her nature and without it Wisdom and Force would be incomplete things …Harmony and beauty of the mind and soul, harmony and beauty of the thoughts and feelings, harmony and beauty in every outward action and movement, harmony and beauty of the life and surroundings, this is the demand of Mahalakshmi. … Admitted to the heart she lifts wisdom to pinnacles of wonder and reveals to it the mystic secrets of the ecstasy that surpasses all knowledge, …” - Duration: 26:00min.
invites you to a Special Film Projection
in the presence of Sashikanth, the Director

Friday, 28th April 2017
Time: 7:45 pm
Venue, Bhavishyate, Bharat Nivas

Two film makers, Sashikanth and Kailasam, set out on a commissioned project to film the woes of the river Kaveri, and soon realised that the river had her own story to tell. Abandoning their project, they then set out on their own journey to tell, what they call, a love story not just about their relationship to the river, but also between Image and Sound, which is at the heart of the film. Veli takes you from the point of Kaveri’s entry into Tamil Nadu all the way up to its delta. The making of Veli is in itself a story to be told and heard!

Sashikanth is a cinematographer who has shot several films on the agrarian theatre form of Therukoothu over the past ten years. (Late) Kailasam was a visionary who experimented with the innovative use of media for social causes.

All are welcome!
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Deepak explains about the unsolved mystery killer in which Deepak had lost his leg and his career. Thus Deepak explains about the case of a fellow and dissuade him from joining police. The young guy comes to meet Deepak and asks about the case of a mystery killer in which Deepak had lost his leg and his career. Thus Deepak explains about the unsolved mystery case. Question is will that old case be solved by this young man or Deepak?

Potpourri- Tuesday 25 April, 8:00 pm:
- JOHNNY MAD DOG
  France-Belgium-Liberia, 2008, Dir. Jean-Stéphane Sauvaire w/ Christophe Minie, Daisy Victoria Vandy, Joseph Duo, and others, Drama-War, English w/ English subtitles, 98mins, Rated: R
  Johnny Mad Dog, maybe 15, leads a band of boy soldiers in a civil war in an unnamed African country. "Don't want to die? Don't be born" is one of their shouted mottoes. We follow Mad Dog and his crew - No Good Advice, Butterfly, Chicken Hair, and others - as they kill, pillage rape, interrogate, and terrorize on their march to the capital. They take a TV station and lead an assault on the President's residence. We also follow Laokole, about Johnny age, as she tries to hold together her family of brother and disabled father. Is there more than chaos and inhumanity here? At war since age 10, has Johnny anything inside?

Cultural - Wednesday 26 April, 8:00 pm:
- MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP: ballet on Handel
  music: Allegro, Penseroso e Moderato
  Spain, 2014, Dir. Vincent Bataillon, w/dancers from Mark Morris group, 97mins, rated: NR
  Choreographer Mark Morris garnered international fame for "L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato" and is considered a landmark achievement. Set to Handel's Baroque masterpiece, "L'Allegro" uses Milton's text and features sets inspired by William Blake. His marriage of music and movement is a match made in heaven. Musical phrases and physical gestures enhance each other and make a whole greater than either one of the parts. One can only marvel at the beauty and talent of the dancers. It is a feast for the eye and the ear.

Nature Series - Thursday 27 April, 8:00 pm:
- PLANET EARTH II : ISLAND
  UK, 2016, Dir. Elizabeth White, A BBC production w/ David Attenborough, Documentary, 60mins, English, Rated: NR (G)
  Islands are often isolated, creating unique, somewhat specialized fauna, as notably terrestrial species are stuck and adapt separately. Special conditions can include the absence or inescapability of predators, scarcity of partners and harsh conditions such as weather or volcanic activity, which also creates new islands, as in the Galapagos. Even tiny islands also may have unique populations, even large ones like Madagascar entire types. Some species thrive surprisingly, like Komodo monitors on their Indonesian Island or even penguins on Antarctic ones.

International - Saturday 29 April, 8:00 pm:
- SILENCE
  USA, 2016, Dir. Martin Scorsese, w/ Andrew Garfield, Adam Driver, 161 min., Adventure-Drama-History, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R (for some disturbing violent content.)
  Sometimes silence is the deadliest sound. In the 17th century, two Portuguese Jesuit priests travel to Japan in an attempt to locate their mentor, who is rumored to have committed apostasy, and to propagate Catholicism. They face the ultimate test of faith at a time when Catholicism was outlawed and their presence forbidden.

Children's Film - Sunday 30 April, 4:30 pm:
- SNOWTIME!
  USA-UK,1964, Dir.Stanley Kubrick w/ Peter Sellers, George C.Scott, Sterling Hayden and others, Comedy-Mystery, 95mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
  When winter break arrives, a boy and his friends are joined by the new girl in town for a prolonged snowball fight.

PETER SELLERS Film Festival @ Ciné-Club
Ciné-Club - Sunday 30 April, 8:00 pm:
- DR.STRANGELOVE
  USA-UK,1964, Dir.Stanley Kubrick w/ Peter Sellers, George C.Scott, Sterling Hayden and others, Comedy-Mystery, 95mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
  Paranoic Brigadier Gen Jack D. Ripper of Burpelson Air Force Base, believing that fluoridation of the American water supply is a Soviet plot to poison the U.S. populace, is able to deploy through a back door mechanism a nuclear attack on the Soviet Union without the knowledge of his superiors. Only Ripper knows the code to recall the B-52 bombers and he has shut down communication in and out of Burpelson as a measure to protect this attack. Meanwhile at the Pentagon War Room, key persons including Muffley, Turgidson and nuclear scientist and adviser, a former Nazi named Dr. Strangegove, are discussing measures to stop the attack or mitigate its blow-up into an all .

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

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ACRES FOR AUROVILLE Land Campaign

24th April — The date of The Mother’s final arrival in India in 1920

Matrimandir Circle – near Arka
Greenbelt – next to Siddhartha Farm

“The fraternity of collaboration. The aspiration to Unity in joy and Light.”
The Mother, 14 March 1971

New Auroville land financed by your donations!

Here you can see just two results of our dynamic collaboration – vital new Master Plan land made possible by your donations to ACRES FOR AUROVILLE!

In the last 3 months alone, 3 Greenbelt plots and one new plot in the Matrimandir Circle have been bought with A4A donations - making a total of 8 strategic plots (7.46 acres) added to Auroville’s land base thanks to your solidarity!

This is what your support for our fundraising brings - land to create a unified urban center, to provide a coherent network of essential infra-structure, to protect the sanctity of the Matrimandir, to provide vibrant life-sustainability and a green sanctuary. Our heartfelt gratitude extends to the families who sell their land to Auroville!

India’s Parliament approved The Mother’s vision for the City of Dawn, but it’s up to us to make that vision a reality. A4A’s results show that we can do it - by collaborating!

Let’s keep on collaborating and secure Auroville’s missing land!

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Quote: The Mother’s blessings for the start of work on the Matrimandir - Photos by Giorgio & by Aravinda
ACRES FOR AUROVILLE – 24th APRIL 2017

A vastly significant collaboration begins

April 24th marks the Mother’s final arrival in India in 1920 to join Sri Aurobindo in Puducherry. Renowned Indian writer Manoj Das has called this “the greatest day in the history of the earth” as it was then that the collaboration between Sri Aurobindo and the Mother began, paving the way for what a line in Savitri aptly conveys: “the united two began a greater age”. Auroville, envisioned as The City of Dawn, is also one of the outcomes of that collaboration and a vehicle to manifest “a greater age”.

Three other events, too, make 24th April a significant date:

- it was on 24th April 1949 that the celebrated French photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson shot the only photographs taken of Sri Aurobindo after the 1920’s. Thanks to these majestic images taken inside his room, we see Sri Aurobindo after 23 years of yogic seclusion and before his withdrawal from his body.

- also on this same date in 1951, the Mother inaugurated a cherished project, the opening of the Sri Aurobindo University Centre, later re-christened as the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education (SAICE).

- it was in 1956 on April 24th that the Mother chose to announce that splendid message speaking of the reality of the Supramental at work in the world:

  “The manifestation of supramental upon earth is no more a promise but a living fact, a reality. It is at work here, and one day will come when the most blind, the most unconscious, even the most unwilling shall be obliged to recognize it.”

For “Acres for Auroville”, this vastly significant date constitutes one of the four yearly “Goodwill Activation Points” in our efforts for Auroville’s harmonious and unified land base. Our attached flier shows some of the concrete results of our dynamic collaboration – new acres of vital Master Plan land, now an integral part of Auroville. Let the day of collaboration between Sri Aurobindo and the Mother also be a day of the renewal of our collaboration for “the City the earth needs”.

Aryadeep and Mandakini

On behalf of “Acres for Auroville”

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