News & Notes

29th April 2017................A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.............Number 697
HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

THE MOTHER’S FEET

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 illuminates 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 below 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 elan 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. He does the major portion of the work. He invites me, He opens the door and I enter into the depths of this inconscience and I kindle the light to illumine the atoms in the torpor of the inconscience. I put there a bit of force to awaken them and I give this Divine Love so that they may aspire more. I charge each atom in this way.

There where we have placed our feet and left our footprints behind, those atoms irradiate and influence others which are in their proximity and in this way the work of transmutation continues unabated.

You are right. There is a much greater intensity of force emanating from my feet because this force has to pass through the thick crust of the earth, through a great resistance in order to reach and touch the inconscience. It is for this reason that the force passes directly. Whereas when I bless with my hand, I control the flow of this force and give to each one what he needs when I give my blessings. But Sri Aurobindo had a different way: like this, from far, He could send the force directly either to heal, to uplift or to bless, - I have seen so many cases, - without even His touching. Whereas me, I restrict a little and I give exactly according to the receptivity of the persons and as much as they can contain and assimilate. I give according to the capacity of the individual, not more, not less, and they are happy. But sometimes I am obliged to give with a lot of intensity and energy, when there is a call to help someone from far, at the other end of the world, - from the other extreme. When I hear a prayer, I send a force and a will which goes with a lot of intensity either to do what is necessary or to save the person. It is a vibration that emanates from me and in a fraction of a second it acts with a determinism even at the other end of the world. At that moment, it is voluntary, direct and accomplishes the will which I have put into that vibration. Really speaking, it is a very strong force which I send and which acts on the person - it is to save him even from death. But it is not often that I send a force of this intensity. People cannot understand the value of what I have done, of what has been accomplished. Anyway...

But you know, I am up there, like this (gesture) above your head, constantly, so that you open this door up there (gesture) so that I can enter into you completely for identifying myself with you. And then I shall do everything, everything in you. For that, you have to be pure and sincere, and the psychic should come to the forefront to govern your life. All your actions must be the expression of your deeper being, off your inner life. Then my light will be able to penetrate from above and communicate with your psychic and bring about a radical change in your consciousness. It is in this way that you could invite me and I could easily enter in you to unite with your consciousness in a perfect union. Then it will no longer be you who would do the things but I would do all for you.

THE SUPREME, Conversations with the Mother, recollected by Mona Sarkar.

COLLABORATION

It is only in harmonious collaboration that effective work can be done. The important thing is to find the point on which you can all agree — and after this is firmly established, each one must be ready to yield his personal will in order to keep intact this point of harmony.

THE MOTHER
AVTS ANNUAL REPORT:
APR 2016 - MAR 2017

General: The relationship between BSNL, the data and voice service provider, and AVTS, the liaison between the Corporation and the subscribers has come a long way from the times when they had disowned their responsibility and expected AVTS to run and maintain their infrastructure for them while they continued to receive significant revenues. As a monopoly landline company, it has been challenging for AVTS to extract the level of service from them and meet the aspirations of the subscribers. Constant interaction with all levels of BSNL management has vastly improved their involvement. AVTS continues to engage, encourage and motivate BSNL to provide fair levels of service. Flawless service is still a way off, but our endeavors remain uninterrupted.

New Connections: In the past 12 months, 58 new landline connections, 32 shifting, 129 broadband connections and 409 changes in plans were facilitated.

Preventive Maintenance: AVTS has been spending a significant portion of its resources on reworking old underground joints and refurbishing all Distribution Points in the past. Noting our contribution and enthusiasm, BSNL has also stepped up and have started reworking the main Distribution Pillars albeit with material support from AVTS.

Near the Bakery, BSNL has strung a 50 pair cable overhead to bypass the unreliable and extensively damaged underground portion.

Capacity Enhancement: Repairing and reworking underground joints has resulted in increasing availability of spare lines in some areas and new connections are now possible. AVTS has contacted subscribers who were unable to get new connections previously.

Challenges

Cable infrastructure: The layout and distributed nature of settlements present a unique network topology and results in a highly complex and heavily branched cable network. In addition the organic growth of communities and buildings requires commercially uneconomical, for BSNL, cable laying. The proliferation of branches and sub branches and the large number of joints results in signal loss and recurring faults. AVTS has managed to obtained approx 1 KM of 5 pair cable from BSNL and has been providing it to residents where the replacement is unavoidable. The practice of selling cables by AVTS was stopped 3 or 4 years ago, to avoid any conflict of interest.

Self-inflicted Damage: Over the years, cables were being buried on an as required basis. Meanwhile road layouts underwent changes and new structures came up. The constant digging has damaged major cables, so much so that in the stretch between the MM tourist and Office gate, the 400/200 pair cables have more than 15 joints. In some locations the damage was inflicted even after the route was identified. Each joint degrades circuit integrity and results in poor or erratic connections. AVTS has been focusing on renewal and repair of the dilapidated joints. This involves locating and digging open old joints and reworking them.

Unpaid Bills: During the past year, each month up to ₹150000 is advanced by AVTS to pay bills for residents who have insufficient credit in their accounts. These amounts are later recovered by FS. There were 78 residents/businesses that did not pay their bills in time for 7 to 12 months. About 250 residents did not have sufficient credit for period’s upto 6 months.

While BSNL charges late payment fines, AVTS insulates all subscribers from these additional charges by ensuring their bills are paid in time.

Selfcare Portal: The portal was revamped recently and required all accounts to be recreated. The new portal requires each landline to be linked to a unique email address and cell number. As a result subscribers with more than one landline in the same name are unable to create logins for all their landlines. This is a perplexing situation and AVTS is trapped between clients unable to comprehend and the website over which AVTS has absolutely no control. AVTS has been repeatedly requesting residents to pass by the office so their login can be created. While a few have cooperated, others have stepped up and created their own and shared the login credentials with AVTS. A large number of accounts still need to be created and AVTS once again pleads that unless the new account is created, acting on their service requests is not possible.

Future Plans:

Constant liaison with BSNL on behalf of AV consumers.
Continue to motivate and encourage BSNL to meet subscriber aspirations.
Continue to lower cost of service to community.
Continue to empower subscribers by providing relevant links and information about their connection through regular interaction via Auronet and News & Notes.
Work with the TDC for the planning and development of Auroville’s internal communication network.

Be actively engaged in the ICIT project to provide green and reliable communications.

Previous Reports

2012-13  https://www.auroville.org.in/article/38409
2013-14  https://www.auroville.org.in/article/42375
2015-16  https://www.auroville.org.in/article/56947

To register/report
1. BSNL landline or Broadband faults dial:-
   1800 180 1503
2. BSNL Cellphone issues dial:-
   150000
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At the end of the call, note the 12 digit Docket number and inform AVTS so that we can follow it up for you.

For new email address, contact syso@auroville.org.in

Submitted by Sandeep for AVTS
TDC/Avenir Financial Report 1st April-31st March 2017

The total expenses incurred by L’avenir d’Auroville/TDC from April 2016 to 31st March 2017 corresponds to Rs. 53,22,952/- (53.23 lakhs). The income received in this period is the following: 7.75 lakhs from City Services, 2.20 lakhs from project contributions, 5.23 lakhs from Stichting de Zaaier for the Water Monitoring project, 35.28 lakhs from GOI grant, 0.36 lakhs from other donations & 26.47 lakhs is the reserve from the previous years.

The break-up of overall costs is given in Table 1.

### Table 1: L’avenir d’Auroville Overall Expenses 2016-17, (amount in Lakhs rounded up figures)

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Human Resources represent the major share of expenses for an amount of 35.87 lakhs. This category includes Aurovilians on maintenance as per existing guidelines, external staff, consultants and volunteers. There are also Aurovilians who work part-time or full-time in L’avenir d’Auroville without receiving any maintenance and they are not accounted. Table 2 gives a break-up of cost (total does not tally exactly due to round up of decimals) for the department of Human Resources. Annex 1 gives further details of the scope of work that was carried out under Human Resources and other annual or monthly costs.

### Table 2: L’avenir d’Auroville Human Resources 2016-17 (cost in Lakhs)

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Consultants’ expenses that normally represent costs incurred under Human Resources have been greatly reduced for nine months; no major new engagement has been undertaken in the last nine months’ period. Costs under “Consultants” include external professionals (6.37 lakh) as well as Auroville registered units (0.19 lakh). There are also consultants who are retired professionals and are offering their service without any costs except for conveyance and transport. The details of the staff are given in the annexure below.

ANNEXURE: HUMAN RESOURCE L’AVENIR/TDC

1. Maintenance of Aurovilians
   - **Committee Members:** The TDC is a committee presently composed of 8 people. The following committee members are receiving a maintenance
     - **Mr Cristo** (April’16- March 17) regional development
     - **Mr Tom** (April’16- March 17) water and infrastructure
     - **Mrs Divya Liser** (part time maintenance april-november 16, full time December 16 to March 17) communication and office coordination
     - **Mr. Pino** (part time maintenance October- November 16 and full time Dec’16-Mar’17) urban design and building permission
     - **Mr. Fabian** (Dec’16-Mar’17) planning and urban design
     - **Ms. Tejaswini** (Dec’16-Mar’17) planning and urban design
   - **Auroville Technical Staff:**
     - The following members has received a full-time maintenance (Rs 16,370/-) for the following functions:
       - **Ms. Deoyani**, GIS and land use (April’16-June’16)
       - Full time maintenance for March and April 2016 - Rs 29600
       - **Housing contribution for March and April 2016** - Rs 8540
     - Part-time maintenance for May 2016 - Rs 4200

- **Mr. Vinayagamurthy**, GIS and Mapping(April’16-Mar’17)
- **Mr. Anbu**, Survey and Mapping (April’16-Mar’17)
- **Mr. Ramesh**, Water monitoring project (April’16-Mar’17)
- **Mr. Boobalan**, Site supervision, land protection, asset survey (April’16-Mar’17)
- **Mr. Manu G**, Special Housing Project Sacred Grove (April’16-Jan’17)
- **Mr. Paul Vincent**, Land protection (April’16-Mar’17)
- **Mr. Dheena**, Accounting and reporting (April’16-Mar’17)
- **Ms. Vallileivanda Meera**, WAT Consultancy & Engineering (April’16-Mar’17)
- **Mr. Krishnamurthy**, Water Monitoring Project (Dec’16)
- **Mr. Govind Ranjan**, TDC WAT Member(Nov’16-Mar’17)
- **Ms. Mamata**, TDC reorganization work with the Council (Dec’16-Mar’17)
  - The following staff has received a part-time maintenance:
    - **Mr. Rik**, GIS and mapping (April’16-May’16)
    - **Ms. Gillian**, Coordinator for Regional Solid Waste Management (April’16-Mar’17)
    - **Ms. Mamata**, TDC reorganization work with the Auroville Council (Oct’16-Nov’16)
    - **Mr. Anatoly**, one month part time maintenance paid for planning web work for TDC reorganization work with the Auroville Council (Oct’16)
  - All maintenance are running according to the guidelines and policies of the BCC and the HRT. It has to be noted that on request of the FAMC and Working Committee, the TDC has absorbed in 2012 all GIS and mapping experts in the other service units of Auroville in order to provide a unified city service.

2. External Staff
   - The following are the external staff employed from April 2016 to March 2017 with related assignments:
     - **Mrs. Vijayavalli**, part-time secretary and building application, 9,200/- per month including school allowance + social security’s and social benefits (April’16-Mar’17).
     - **Mr. Kirthikeyan**, attached to the Auroville Foundation Office 23,000/- per month from April 2016 to Dec 2016 and 26,000/- from Jan’17-Mar’17 + social security’s and social benefits.
     - **Ms. Priya**, Full time Secretary: amount paid 9,335/- per month from April ’16 to Mar’17 + social security’s and social benefits.
   - **3. Consultants**
     - The following units/consultants have been employed during 2016-17:
   - **External Consultants:**
     - **Mr. Balamurugan** consulting fees amount paid 3.74 lakh for regional planning liaison with panchayat, local authorities, bioregion and land protection.
     - **Mr. Govind** amount paid 1.05 lakh retainer fees as a quantity engineer for Work Allocation Team and other projects evaluation till Oct 2016, before being accepted as a newcomer.
     - **Dr. David Stein** amount paid 0.38 lakh for Green Belt Master Plan related work.
     - **Prof. Andrea Cammarata** amount paid 1.01 lakh for Detailed Development Plan for International Zone
     - **Mr. Sumit** amount paid 0.19 lakh for TDC consultant, improve the architectural study on the International Zone and Crown Road system
   - **Auroville Units:**
     - **Auroville Wind System:** amount paid 0.18 lakhs for road design.
     - **Shama:** amount paid 0.02 lakhs for uploading planning data
   - **4. ACUR costs:**
     - The TDC occupies 202 square meters in the Town Hall, one full wing on the second floor and shares part of the other wing and the library. The cost for the maintenance of this space is 35,000/- per month covers the following:
       - Security 24 hrs
       - Maintenance, repair and cleaning of the office
       - Maintenance of office furniture and equipment, hardware and software
       - Electricity & generator (diesel and maintenance) & UPS maintenance.
Residents’ Assembly Decision-making Event on the Proposal to Restructure the Town Development Council (TDC) / l’Avenir

Dear Friend,

This is to announce a Residents’ Assembly Decision-making Process running May 13 - May 27 to ask the community the following question:

Do you accept the proposal (please see below) to re-organise the Auroville town planning and development work?

YES or NO?

• If you say yes, then you agree to the following:
  1. The Planning Principles document;
  2. The proposed new TDC/L’Avenir d’Auroville structure; and
  3. The draft Terms of Reference (TOR), based on the Planning Principles, to be used by the new TDC and expanded upon.

• If you say no to the above proposal, then you accept that the existing system will continue.

Where to view the proposal & related documents

- On paper
  The Planning Principles document is attached to the back of this News and Notes. To read the entire proposal on paper and to discuss it in person, please feel free to visit the Residents’ Assembly Service (RAS) Lounge on the 1st Floor of the Town Hall, where real human beings will be available (normally between 9am - 12pm, Mon - Sat) to answer your questions and serve you tea and/or juice.
- Online
  To view the RAS’ interactive site on the proposal, please visit this link: https://ras.auroville.org.in/town-development-council-restructuring/
- When can I vote? May 13 - May 27
- Online voting - Residents may vote online between 6am, May 13 - 5pm, May 27.
- Paper voting - Residents may vote on paper on Saturday May 27

Where:

• PTDC between 9am - 11am
• Solar Kitchen between 11am - 2pm

For more information
For more information, please don’t hesitate to contact the RAS on raservice@auroville.org.in or by phone on 948 6623 749 or 887 0288 502.

Much love,
The RAS Team

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Reckless driving on Auroville roads

Dear Community members, we request all Aurovilians, youth of Auroville, newcomers, volunteers and friends not to exceed the speed limit of 25km/h on Auroville roads and consider safety of all as a first priority when driving. Rash driving can lead to accidents and serious consequences which we all wish to avoid.

We encourage the community to be proactive by driving safely at all time but also approach friends & neighbors you know are driving unsafely on our roads.

Also, communicate time, location, and license plates number of speeding vehicles to AVSST & Auroville Council if driver is Aurovillian for prompt follow-up.

Be aware that driving license and insurance are compulsory for driving vehicles in India.

Not having one of them might put you in difficulty during police control and bring severe complication in case of accident.

Warm regards, Working Committee / Auroville Council / Auroville Safety & Security Team

Auroville Architectural Services (AAS): a call to Architects / Designers

Auroville Architectural Services (AAS), also sometimes referred to as Architects Service of Auroville (ASA), has been registered as Service Unit under the Auroville Service Trust since May 25, 2010. Current executives are Eugen Eigenmann and Mona Doctor-Pingel.

It functions as an Architects’ Cooperative for projects within Auroville. The unit is self-financing and does not receive a City Service Budget.

Its broader aim is to enhance intercommunication and improve learning amongst Auroville architects so they may collectively use their shared knowledge and resources to build Auroville.

A centralized architectural service is also considered helpful for clients and project holders in Auroville to find the right architect for their project.

Each architect within the AAS works on a maintenance basis as per the current Auroville guidelines and maintains the day-to-day running costs of the studio / office via proper vouchers / bills. Each project is handled individually under an FS account and yearly financial accounts are submitted to the Auroville Service Trust to be audited. Any surplus is credited to a Reserve Fund which is then used to support architectural research, urban design proposals, education purposes or to help other members who may need financial assistance in times of “no work phase”. This Reserve Fund is open to any architect within Auroville who can submit a proposal which will be approved by the members of AAS. Presently we have a surplus of Rs 50,000 which is open to utilization.

Currently Mona and Gundolf have projects under the AAS. In the past Helmut and David have had projects under AAS. We would now like to open up this platform / service to other Auroville architects / interior designers who would like to primarily work on projects within Auroville.

Our next ‘open’ meeting is on 2 May, Tuesday, at 4:30 pm at La Terrace. For queries or if you are interested to join please contact mona@auroville.org.in or eugen@auroville.org.in

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Miscellaneous Costs

- Water
- Internet access and hardware/software assistance
- Waste disposal
- Maintenance of Town Hall Garden

In addition TDC has contributed to ACUR a one-time amount of 15,000/- for the annual tour of Town Hall staffs & workers.

Other major office expenses are
- Computer maintenance & stationeries (1,23,078/-)
- Telephone, Email & internet (1,43,421/- x 4 lines)
- Capital expenses: are related to computer systems, with high configuration and Internal & External HDD Backup Disk, Printer (78,850/-), water monitoring related equipment’s, rain gauge, water level contact controller etc. (81,175/-).

Office telephone instruments (1560).

For further information concerning this report, please contact avenir@auroville.org.in
E-GIFTS FROM ‘ACRES FOR AUROVILLE’

WITH GRATITUDE FOR YOUR COLLABORATION

Dear friends of Auroville’s land,

Auroville Radio & AuroImage have joined with A4A to bring you this page of links to some of the inspiring talks and special concerts held as land fundraisers at the Unity Pavilion in February. Created as a gift of gratitude for your support, we warmly wish you happy listening & viewing!

Auroville Radio: a commemorative compilation
Six events were recorded by Auroville Radio and then especially made into a commemorative page, giving you direct listening access to: two talks on the New Force brought by Sri Aurobindo & The Mother; a talk recounting Auroville’s early days & the Mother’s strong emphasis on the land - PLUS 3 fabulous concerts, each in a different mood; Hindustani & Carnatic music; Classic 60’s Rock hits; and great ballads, funk, & Bossa Nova favorites. An interview with Rema of the Unity Pavilion explains the “Art for Land” website and the second year of this action of flowing generosity for the land: http://www.aurovilleradio.org/ifau

AV Radio also interviewed Mandakini, “Acres for Auroville” co-organizer, who shares campaign news and results, explains more about its offshoot “Art for Land” & describes A4A’s principles for the use of donations and for campaign gifts: http://www.aurovilleradio.org/uniting-for-aurovilles-land

Auro-Image: commemorative film albums
Loretta’s two inspiring talks on Sri Aurobindo & The Mother were filmed as well. You can view them via this special film album: https://vimeo.com/album/4537594

Auroimage also created a second album for donors - four motivating videos on Auroville’s land and what has been achieved on the land - plus the three “Acres for Auroville” presentations outlining our campaign goals and progress (English & French): https://vimeo.com/album/3521859

Latest News at Auroville’s official land website
February was a rich month of solidarity for the land! You’ll find more information on all the month’s events on our “Latest News” page - where we regularly post information and monthly news & updates from the A4A campaign: www.colaap.org/latest-news/

With our sincere appreciation for your support, The Acres for Auroville team

Update on the Auroville pool of arbiters

Dear community,

The Auroville Council supported by Koodam has enlarged the pool of arbiters, following the process defined in the Auroville Conflict Resolution policy to support the arbitration process and the recently ratified appeal process in the context of Auroville’s aims and ideals. The pool of present arbiters is mentioned below for your information:

Existing arbiters:
Alok (Cuppa Chai) Alok (Sangha / ATB) Ange (Samriddhi / Pottery) Angelika (Grace / Deepam) B (International House) Biggie (Samriddhi / Botanical Gardens) Danny (Wellpaper) Dave (Courage) Deepti (Last School / Certitude) Fabian (Pitchandikulam/ architect) Jean Francois (Sharanga) Joy (Dana) Judith (Grace) Kalsang (Tibetan Pavilion) Kathy (Eco-Femme) Kripa (Sharanga) Marlenka (Arati) Nikola (Transformation/Dental Clinic) Otto (Samasti / Financial Service) Partha (Maitreyee) Ponnusamy (Grace / Electrical Service) Ruslan (Humility / Sante Clinic) Sacha (Ami) Suzie (Aurogreen) Umberto (Aurodam) Yuval (Utility)

New arbiters:
Priya Sundaravalli (Samasti) Kati (Creativity) Luk (Shakti) Dominique (Sukavati) Thera (Invocation) Dodo (Center Guest House) Bobby (Prartha) Fabien (Sharanga) Antonio (Grace) Kumbha (Aurodam) Joerg (Dana) Auradha (Certitude) Clare (Aurodam) Eric (Courage) Janet (Center Field) Krishna (Pazhamuthir Cholai · UTS) Palani (Auromodel) Bunty (Auromodel)

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

Information from the FAMC:
This is to inform the community that due to lack of timely compliance in delivering requested accounts and other pertinent information for an external forensic audit on the construction project for the Tamil Heritage building, the unit Auronirmata is suspended with immediate effect and until further notice. The unit executives have been informed to not begin any new works under Auronirmata unit until further notice.
The FAMC

From the Entry Service - N&N No - 697 dated 29.04.2017

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. Send your feedback to: entryservice@aurovile.org.in

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Eve JENKINS (Israeli)
Mousumi MUKHERJEE (Indian)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
Francisco CABALLERO (Spanish) Staying in Terra Soul and Working at Terra Soul
Luise PAPE (German) Staying in Brihasphati Farm and Working at Auroville.com
Juanah ANDRADE (Philippines) Staying in Colors of Nature and Working at Colors of Nature
Patrick Roy HAYWOOD (USA) Staying at Brihasphati Farm and Working at Terra Soul
Veerappan (Thamu) VEERARAGAVAN (Indian) Staying in Unity Pavilion and Working at Nandanam
Durga Maya DAHAL (Nepal) Staying in Terra Soul and Working at Nandanam

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
Revathi DAMA (Indian)
Begona MERINO (Spanish)
Arati KUMAR (Indian)
Nilendra JHA (Nepali)
Deepa MANIKANDAN (Indian)
Kartik ISAAC (Swiss)
Aurosatyam Frigdel Karuna BREMER (German)
Nicholas TRAN (French)
Selvi TRAN (Indian)

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:
Lama Shree Narayan SINGH (Indian)
Stephen DUNGEY (British)
Errata:
Corrections of N&N 695 dt: 15-04-2017

AUROVILIAN:
Michelle BERTHOLLE (French) Staying in Luminosity and Working at Play of Painting

The above people will be confirmed as Aurovilians ONLY after signing the B-Form (the last step in order to be included in the Register of Residents of the Auroville Foundation).

OBITUARY

Siegfried

Siegfried Latzke, who came from Germany to Auroville in 1998, left his body very peacefully in the evening of Saturday 22 April, after he was diagnosed with cancer only 4 weeks ago. He was 70 years old. He was surrounded by his family in Discipline; the body was taken to Farewell. Siegfried wished for no public viewing. The cremation is to take place at Adventure’s burial & cremation ground on Wednesday 26 April at 5.00 pm. Our love goes out to his family and friends.

Paulien

Paulien (Dutch) of Vikas passed away quietly and peacefully in the intensive care unit of East Coast hospital in the night of Tuesday 25 April. She was 64 years old. She was in the care and presence of her sister Mariette and her friend Betty. Paulien’s body was transferred to Auroville’s Farewell room on Wednesday late afternoon. May you rest in peace, dear Paulien.

F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

Integrity Lab & Recreational Sports Park

Several weeks ago, the iTDC received the above-named 2 applications for the same area (please find the map on the L’avenir d’Auroville/iTDC page on Auronet). Both were studied as entirely separate projects on the level of town planning with maps, and after several visits by 2-3 iTDC members but also other tree experts. Based on all these aspects that were taken into account, and after discussing various points with the project holders of both applications, one project was refused in this location, and the other received the green light from the iTDC table, after which it was published in the N&N.

The iTDC has received some feedback; please find a summary of points:

1. Land utilization

According to Roger Anger’s development maps for this area, it will remain a green space without additional buildings, except for an eventual extension of Transition School in the uppermost Northern corner of this space. As this area has been earmarked as green space/park, which is why the project holders were requested to not add any buildings (i.e. no important built-up area).

For these reasons, the Recreational Sports Park project is better adapted to this location with regard to foreseen developments (low impact, minimal) and will offer different bike paths) will be subject to phased-out applications; this has already been communicated to the project holders several times. These developments would also be subject to the RA-ratified community-approved procedure (i.e. application + feedback (community as well as working groups) + permission).

b) Constructions

The details of foreseen constructions will be dealt with during the Building Application. (N.B. This is only the Site Application phase.) However, this point has preemptively been discussed with the project holders who simply want to have a circuit of cycle-paths and build several playground modules such as slides, sand boxes, tables and benches. Any further development concerning larger modules (ex: obstacle course for parkour, bouldering climb wall, mountain bike paths) will be subject to phased-out applications; this has already been communicated to the project holders several times. The iTDC only publishes in the N&N projects that correspond to several specific characteristics: land utilization, location (zones, roads, etc.) and so on. The Integrity Park project will eventually be published in the N&N once the relocation of this project has been discussed and agreed upon by both the iTDC and the project holders.

4. Recreational Sports Park

This project is not to be confused or amalgamated with the “Skate Park” that comprises (skate) modules.

a) Need

For the development of all green spaces/parks in the city, the iTDC does not assess any specific need as long as the land utilization for that area is respected. The project itself concerns a large area, but the actual developments on that area are extremely limited, as is the case with all parks. Take for example the Mahalakshmi Park, that covers more than 20 acres, but that only comprises cycle paths, boulders, statues, some benches and tables, etc.

As mentioned above, the iTDC received 2 proposals for that space. If the community had desired yet another proposal for this same area (but with the same land use), it would have emerged, which is not the case. On the contrary, the iTDC has received positive feedback from users as well as neighbors and various schools around the area with regard to the Recreational Sports Park project.

c) Water

As with all requests/applications, the supply in water and electricity will also be studied. With regard to water, project holders will need to contact us, and we will process this request with the collaboration of the Water Group. The iTDC is well aware of the water situation in Auroville and will not overload any wells.
d) Umbrella
This project should indeed be under an umbrella and this point has already discussed this with the project holders. SAIIER has been approached and is currently processing his request.

e) Timings
The caretaker’s job is to regulate all these kind of details, and it has already been communicated to the project holders that the schools should not be negatively affected by this project. This detail was already included in the Site Application.

f) Supervision
This point needs to be clarified between the project holders, caretaker and umbrella organization.

g) Financing
This point will arise in the Building Application phase, and it is under the FAMC’s mandate to verify financing etc.

It should be noted that the points d) to g) do not pertain to the TDC’s responsibilities and mandate. The project holders of the Recreational Sports Park are aware of, understand and accept all these points.

Truthfully yours,
The iTDC team (Cristo, Divya, Fabian, Jacqueline, Pina, Sauro, Tejaswini, Tom)

Friendly reminder from SAIIER: funds deadlines

Dear Auroville Friends,

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit project proposals for funding from GoI Grant is 31st May, latest!

Please take note that this year we will have a second deadline for submission of proposals for GoI funds. This second deadline will be towards the end of September so keep an eye out for further announcements in August.

Another friendly reminder: the deadline to submit abstracts for consideration for funding from SAIIER’s special grant (from Baja Auto) is 8th May, latest!

Looking forward to receiving many innovative and educational project ideas.

The SAIIER Board (Ashoke, Chali, Clare, Jean-Yves, Jyoti K, Lucas, Michael H, Sanjeev A, Sanjeev R, Sauro)

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POSTINGS

Free Store; In May and June the Free Store will be open only in
the mornings. Thank you, the Free Store team

Nandini: Dear Friends, summer has arrived as you may have noticed - Nandini Distribution will stay open for May & June at these timings: Tuesday to Saturday 9 am to 12.30 pm - Keep smiling! - Nandini Tailor Section will receive your summer

Remembering Ilse On 05.05.2017: It is the 11th death anniversary of my dear Ilse. 05.05.2006 is the day I am unable to forget like the Tsunami day. I have come across several friends from different nationalities and sometimes we had some clashes or misunderstanding and got separated mentally/physically. But while working with you we never ever had such problems at all. Moreover always you have been a good guardian, adviser, colleague, well-wisher for me as well as for your grandchildren. Now I miss your shoulder where I could cry aloud, your beautiful smiling face when we had a chat and laughed aloud, your support being taking care of.

You have been always open, especially for me to share all my problems. I could never find one like you my dear. You have taught me to be honest, to surrender, to admit, you are a good guardian, adviser, colleague, well-wisher for me as well as for your grandchildren. Now I miss your shoulder where I could cry aloud, your beautiful smiling face when we had a chat and laughed aloud, your support being taking care of. You have been always open, especially for me to share all my problems. I could never find one like you my dear. You have taught me to be honest, to surrender, to admit, you are a good guardian, adviser, colleague, well-wisher for me as well as for your grandchildren. Now I miss your shoulder where I could cry aloud, your beautiful smiling face when we had a chat and laughed aloud, your support being taking care of.

Healthy South Indian Vegetarian Home food at Doorsteps:

According to our latest survey on Auroville population, an
Aurovilian Adult’s Average Age is 47. It is one of our dreams to help physically aged friends and needy of Auroville with a simple yet healthy vegetarian south Indian food at their door steps during lunch.

Our aspiration is to train young women of Auroville and bioregion on 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 final steps.

A survey form is attached in the given link. Please take the survey or contact sivakumar.auroville.org.in/9655531301

Submitted by Sivakumar

Auroville Residents Service summer opening timings for May & June 2017: Please note that the Auroville Residents Service office will be open from Monday to Friday morning’s only from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, we will be closed in the afternoons starting from May 1st. We will come back to our regular timings from July onwards.

Thank you,

Residents Service Team

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Hot Season Special: Since it’s so hot and we have received so many requests, La Piscine will stay open till 8 pm every evening except Sundays. This is a trial to see if there is really a demand. Starts Friday April 21 - Enjoy! - La Piscine Team

STEMland - Aura Auro Design - Learn Grow Work Teach wants to grow! We will be conducting the 2nd phase interview process on the 20th of May @ STEM Land in Udavi School at 9:15 am as we are in the process of identifying individuals who will join our team. 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 16th of May by sending a mail to: vaidegi@auraauro.com

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Available

Household items: Glass top dining table with 4 chairs, Kitchen set: double burner stove, plus two big 5 kg good quality plastic boxes, five 500gm beautiful plastic boxes, and one wooden chapatti board and rolling pin. Please contact 9978601163 or one wooden chair, cupboards and shelves for my hundreds books. Please contact 8979601163 or http://vaidegi.com

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Bicycle: BTwin My Bike, less than a year old. In good condition with a few scratches. SMS Mamme: 8076779694

TVS: From 2008, needs some repair, has TN license plate. Call 262-2608 for further details. Marlenka

Cellphone / Bicycle: Available for fixed price on May 9/10 because we’ll be leaving AV - BTwin MyBike cycle, single speed MTB in excellent condition, size L / Simple mobile phone (calling & texting). Contact lik (+91)7867899043 / rikvankhuik@gmail.com

Various items: Hero Street Racer Bicycle (black and white/unisex teen or adult). For heights between 167-195cm. Comes with paddlock and gel saddle pad. Bought in December last year - barely used, so like new / - HP Deskjet 2131 All-in-One Printer and Scanner. High quality scanning and printing. Compact and lightweight. 5 month s old, rarely used. / Troxel Intrepid Riding Helmet. Size M (head size 21 7/8'' -22 1/4''). Compact and lightwei ght. 5 month s old, rarely used. / Prem-i-aire AEP (right turn after Auromode ) at working hours. Thank You!

Mac Charger: I am looking for a second-hand/new charger (45W MagSafe 2 Power Adapter) for my laptop (MacBook Air). Mine, has been wrecked by the kitten to such an extent that it cannot be repaired. If you have one lying around, or even a spare, I would really appreciate if you contacted me at: aloë@aurouville.org.in. Thank You! Aloë

An Italian teacher: Dear all, I am Sai (Volunteer) and I am looking for an Italian teacher to help me familiarize with the language as I am leaving for Rome in August 2017 for my Master degree. Please call me: 9666999445 or mail: Vemsai@gmail.com

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Scraps Items to dispose off

There will be auction for these items at 11 am on 4th May 2017 Thursday.

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Submitted by Pradumna Tiwari,
Assistant Administrative Officer for Auroville Foundation

Looking for...

English speaking person with computer skills wanted to take dictation for emails for elderly woman in Fraternity starting once a week. Please call 0413-2622682. Submitted by Lila

Computer help: recently someone offered herself to give support on computers. Just what I was looking for! Unfortunately I lost the ph.no and really would like this precious connection. Who was it? Kindly ph. 2623 038, Schima-Dorit

Furniture: Dear community, I’m moving into a place with no furniture and I’m looking for a table/desk or any wooden board that I could use as a table. It doesn’t have to be in good condition, I can repair and paint it. I’m also looking for a wooden chair, cupboards and shelves for my hundreds books. Merci, Michelle: 9786278232 / michelle@aurouville.org.in

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Kenji’s Japanese Carpentry workshop

On behalf of the Savi team, we would like to THANK the Volunteers Jyotiarmee & Mayank who gave us a “magical” volunteers’ presentation on the 18th of April: “Kenji’s Japanese Carpentry workshop”.

Jyotiarmee & Mayank at their opening gave the visitors a bookmark from Kenji with preaching’s written on it - this was a very personal touch from them.

The volunteers’ presentation was held at the Tibetan Pavilion and the atmosphere was very cozy, with about 40 listeners, including Kenji and other Aurovilians, guests, volunteers and many friends.

Thank you

Jyo started with the presentation and expressed her experience, from her personal development, of what the teachings of Kenji brought to her. Mayank shared his woodworking experience from the first work that he made until his last personal project in Auroville. They were a good match together.

We want to give also many thanks to everyone who came to listen to the volunteer’s presentation; without you this beautiful experience would not have been possible…

The Savi Team (Boomi, Carmen, Dominique, Sara, Saranya, Pranshula, Shradha)

Accommodations Available and Needed

House-sitting opportunity 1: From 11th of May to 30th of June, house-sitting for a single person available in Prarthna. If you are interested, please contact Gali per email: magalichirouze@gmail.com, Warmly, Gali.

House-sitting opportunity 2: A nice house in the center of Auroville available for house-sitting from 25 of May till 26 of July for people who like dogs. Send sms to: 9626886029.

House-sitting 1: Responsible Newcomer lady and 13 year old son, both quiet, are looking for a 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: beautifulbebra@gmail.com / 8531913290

House-sitting 2: Hi we are Roberto and Salomi (Aurovilians) looking for house-sitting by end of April 2017 for 2 months, we are calm and reliable: roberto@auroville.org.in

House-sitting 3: After two 6-months-stays in AV, first as a guest (working at PTDC's kitchen and living in Creativity), then as a volunteer, (at Auroville Art Service and also working one day at PTDC's kitchen, and house-sitting in Prarthna at Christian's Place), I will come back as a pre-newcomer at mid-July and would enjoy to find a house-sitting for my newcomer's year. I'm a responsible and organized mature woman, loving pets and plants :-) Thank you for answering at this email: magalichirouze@gmail.com, warmly, Gali.

House-sitting 4: Hello, I am Sai, volunteering at Auroville since End of March. I'm looking for a house-sitting from May to August - Please feel free to contact me: vemsai@gmail.com, 9666999445. Thank you. Sai

House-sitting 5: Hello, my name is Carmen and I have been living in Auroville for 1.5 Year. Almost arriving at the end of my process as a newcomer, I have to leave my room at “La Maison des Jeunes”. So I'm looking for a house-sitting, preferably for a long time. I work at Savvi office. I am very responsible and a quiet person. I can take care of your house, your garden and your pets if you have any. You can reach me by email: Carmen.palinckx@gmail.com or by phone at: 9751673869

House-sitting 6: Dear community, we are Xavier, Veronique and Eva (12) and are ending our newcomer period. We are looking for a house-sitting, preferably long term but we are open to other propositions. Thanks for your attention.

Contact: Veronique 9865195134 / x.maysonnave@gmail.com
Or Xavier 8344968305 / x.maysominave@gmail.com

Taxi Sharing

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

April 29th: Leaving Auroville around 3 pm for Chennai Airport. 3 spaces are still available, empty taxi going back from the Airport around 7pm. If you are interested in sharing contact Anais at 8531012497 or anais1992@web.de, Thanks a lot, Anais.

May 4th: Taxi will leave Auroville for Chennai airport around 9:30 am with one person. Coming back empty. Sharing both ways possible. Please contact: mona@auroville.org.in, 0413-2622900, Yantra - Mona D.P.

May 6th: Leaving from Auroville between 7 and 7:30 am and arriving by 12:00 pm at Chennai airport (I must stop in Chennai for 15 minutes before going to the Airport). Please contact: luisasossa@gmail.com - Luisa

May 8th: Looking for taxi sharing from Auroville to Chennai airport around 10pm. Please contact me if you want to share: +91 8270404013 or kitlibbo@gmail.com. All the Best! Karen

May 9th: taxi from Auroville to Chennai Airport, leaving 4 am (for flight EK 545 to Dubai) - two people could share. Contact Lisbeth: lisbeth@auroville.org.in

May 10th: I have to be at the Chennai airport at 4:00 am, on May 10th, so I will leave AV around 00:30 am. If you need also transportation on the way to - or back from - the airport, please contact Gali per email: magalichirouze@gmail.com.
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Tropical dry evergreen forest. Important re-afforestation and gullies, a sacred grove and small pockets of the original Ousteri lake, it encompasses 46 hectare of plateau, ravines and about 12 km north west of Pondicherry in the proximity of transport!

Aranya is one of Auroville’s important keyhole areas, located in May and June 2017. You can take an appointment with therapist or have a doctor consultation in the mornings between 8.45 to 12.30.

To contact the reception please call 0413-2622803.

Santé Team

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**GREEN MATTERS**

Sunday walk

Farms & Forests

The last Sunday walk of the season to Aranya with Saravanan and Vatsala (Tel: 0413-290-3590)

We organise transport from the Solar Kitchen - departure 6 am, we offer a light brunch and return around 11 am. But it is important that you sign up by email: avgreencenter@auroville.org.in if you want to avail of the transport.

Bring hat and water and good shoes, we’ll walk the canyons.

Aranya is one of Auroville’s important keyhole areas, located about 12 km north west of Pondicherry in the proximity of Ousteri lake, it encompasses 46 hectare of plateau, ravines and gullies, a sacred grove and small pockets of the original tropical dry evergreen forest. Important re-afforestation and watershed conservation took place, since 1994 preventing soil erosion so Aranya has grown into an important Sanctuary for bio-diversity conservation, a watershed model as well as an environmental Education center, involving children from nearby villages, organizing them in Eco clubs and Auroville students.

**Water Saving Tip: Gardening #1**

Water used in landscaping and gardening accounts for a major portion of domestic water use. Moreover, lots of water used in gardening goes to waste due to evaporation or runoff caused by over-watering. First, remember to check if your garden actually needs watering. If the soil is still wet 5 centimeters below the surface, your plants don’t need water. Be sure to water your garden in the morning or evenings, ensuring that less water is lost through evaporation. Consider installing a drip irrigation system rather than using a hose or sprinkler. Check out Jain Pipes in Pondi to help you with your drip irrigation needs. Finally, spread mulch around your plants. This will help retain moisture and save water, time, and money.

Water Group, watergroup@auroville.org.in

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**Notes**

To the FAMC: Is this what the divine wants you to do?

I am using the word ‘divine’ in my question to FAMC because they, like all Auroville residents, are expected to be servitors of the divine consciousness, according the Charter of Auroville.

Promesse is the name of one of the earliest lands purchased by The Mother, in 1967, a year before she laid the foundation stone for Auroville.

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“Auroville is the shelter built for all those who want to hasten towards a future of knowledge, peace and unity.”

Have a small place called “Promesse,” where there will be six or eight rooms, an office which will be Auroville’s first administrative office, and also a guest house with a few rooms, five or six rooms for visitors. It’s quite a small place, with a pretty garden and trees, on the Madras road. It’s on Auroville’s outer border.

And so it’s being built. There will be a lotus pond in the middle and a sort of big bowl, made of marble, I think, on which this text will be engraved (in French) to let people passing by know what Auroville is.”

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**EATING OUT**

Bharat Nivas the Pavilion of India Presents

“ORIYA” lunch: By Ms. UMA At Atithi Griha Guest House Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India on Sunday the 30th 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 29th of April, 2017.

Naturellement Garden Café: Dear community,

Naturellement Company as well as the Garden Café will be closed on Monday 1st May, 2017 for May Day.

Love,

Naturellement team

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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 the programs made this past week:

For the Darshan day 24th of April, A4A sent out a letter with updates and Gratitude for collaboration, we are inviting you to listen to Uniting for Auroville’s Land

Our volunteers have recorded:

Neha recorded SAW’s presentation of volunteers How Magic Happens, did International Zone meeting on European House, and recorded GM on Proposal to Restructure TDC.

Gino did Celebration of Tamil New Year, Valentín Martino, and again Low Tech.

Sweet presentation by Asia, Yam, and Aikya on One United Roar for Lions and Nature or A Dream Comes True.

From our regular programs:

Loretta reads Savitri, B.II, C.XII.

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

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

For hot days, musical programs: Exceptional Infatuation, ooh jazz with Horizon, and history of salsa in Puerto Rico.

Happy listening, your AV Radio Team (www.aurovilleradio.org)
However, since long - for reasons best known to them - there has been a movement by some people in Auroville to lease, sell, or exchange Promesse to generate income or buy land for Auroville. Proposals from residents for any development were always turned down, be it their own housing or other collective projects. The present Land Board and FAMC have taken it upon themselves as a mission to exchange, if not all, parts of Promesse. We heard of acquiring land in the city center by the exchange but the fact is, according to their announcement in News and Notes dated 15 April, 2017, they have 'approved' to exchange 1 acre of Promesse for 10 acres of land in the northern 'Green Belt'. The subject land is the main part of Promesse that can be used for its future development. The remaining parts consist of residences and poramboke lands, the latter not having been regularised by the Land Board so far and could be taken back by the Tamil Nadu govt. if it wants.

I request the FAMC to drop this very idea of valuing lands of Auroville, in particular the ones purchased and named by The Mother, only in material terms.

I have the following questions to those who think the Green Belt is more important:
Pray, did the Mother ever say the Green Belt was so important? Is she saying so to you now, in your heart perhaps, while hundreds of millions of humans are living in hell like conditions around the earth?
And could some historian prove to me that the Mother was talking of lands inside the greenbelt limit only when she answered the following question, 3 weeks after founding Auroville?
· It seems to me that the very land of Auroville aspires. Is it true, Sweet Mother?
· Yes, the land itself has a consciousness, even though this consciousness is not intellectualised and cannot express itself.
21 March 1968

Please go to the soul of Auroville, Matrimandir, put away your mental convictions and try to listen in silence to the divine’s will, and act.

[I have been living in Promesse since joining Auroville15 years ago, in an asbestos roofed old lime house. I have worked full time in commercial, service and educational (present work) units of Auroville for a total of 11 years and in a few Auroville related publication projects in between. No, it is not a question of emotional or any other attachment to Promesse. I, (and I am sure there are many others) would oppose partitioning and exchange of Promesse had I been living elsewhere in Auroville too.)
– Jothi Charles Rajan, Promesse, Auroville

FAMC about “Promesse”

Dear Community,
FAMC and Land Board members have been in contact with Promesse community residents re: their concerns about non-residential (1.03 acre) land exchange in Promesse community. If anyone wishes to have more information about this, please feel free to contact us at adminfamc@auroville.org.in

With goodwill,
FAMC (Funds and Assets Management Committee)

Gaspard Balloon 2

Angels drop in from time to time,
With a hundred stars to their credit,
Into our blessed Auroville
To blow off our minds,
of the earthly grounds, and
To float and tease
the heavenly God.
Like the Gaspard balloon,
But few Angels stay put,
To make a big difference in Auroville.
Celestine, Auroville, 13/4/2017

For your calendar

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

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

Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers, Guests, Visitors, Friends of Auroville,
This is a reminder to all of you who are going out for the summer to bring back with you when you return a little water from your place, the place(s) you visit.

This is what we propose:
1. The water must be from a lake, river, spring etc. from the part of the world you visit.
2. The amount can be anything between 500 ml to 1000 ml from each water source. Can be a smaller quantity if bringing it over poses a problem.
3. To be bottled in a leak proof bottle preferably made of glass and carried in the luggage that is checked in.
4. Each bottle must be labeled with:
   1) The name of the county
   2) The source of the water.
   3) No need to boil or sterilize the water, just bring it as it is. We will take care of it in Auroville.
5. The water must reach us anytime before 18th February 2018. We have already received two water samples.

You may contact us at: worldwater@auroville.org.in
Looking forward to a collaborative effort with all
Sincerely, Matrimandir Events Team

EXHIBITIONS

Extension of Muthialpet! Exhibition
A Photo exhibition by Lisbeth & Ashwin
Exhibition extension till Saturday 6th of May
An Exploration of the alleys and byways of Muthialpet
Opening timings except Sunday 8 am -12.00 pm and 2 pm – 6 pm
Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India. (0413) 2622403/2622994

INVITATIONS

Well Café at Sve Dame
Reggae night Sat. 29 April
7 pm dinner and movie screening "Marley" 2012
9:30 pm - 12:00 pm DJ night
Come for the love of music
Free entry
AUM Conference 2017:

Forward to the Future

The Earth reaches for the Divine, and the Divine Breath pours into the Earth. Matter is changing, holding more Light, becoming sanctified. Every day more is possible, every day Light is more accessible, more tangible.

Come with us on a collective yogic adventure in search of our future. Through artistic co-creation, intimate sharing circles, and silence, we will explore the frontiers of individual and collective consciousness.

August 3rd - 6th, 2017
Location: Amherst College, Amherst, MA USA

Details and registration information available at [www.yogacenteramherst.com/aumconference](http://www.yogacenteramherst.com/aumconference)

(Submitted by Julian Lines)
TALKS, SEMINARS

The French Pavilion presents

“The nest of the wind: dystopian research”

An exploration on living, utopia and dystopia

Conference
Presented by Julie Beauvêtre, student in eco-philosophy in Paris
Saturday 29th April 2017 at 5 pm
Cinema Paradiso
only in French 90min

The nest of the wind: dystopian research
How do we live and dwell on the Earth? Which place do we, living beings, give to one another? What slices of life do we share? How do we make ourselves at home in the world? How do our lives curl up to finally break down the borders of our identities?
To these questions, Julie, a student in eco-philosophy in Paris and presently a volunteer at Auro-Orchard, wants to find an answer.
She will share her current research, proposing to examine the understanding of living, the notions of utopia and dystopia, the concept of home - and its setbacks. While leaving the libraries and settling in the soil and in novels, she will draw up the outline of a “field philosophy” in process, trying to understand how lives blend, intertwine and mingle in the folds of the world.

CULTURAL EVENTS

AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL GUITAR
WITH ASHAMAN
and Special Guest: Vera
SATURDAY 29th APRIL 2017 at 8pm - Pitanga
Works by:
Bach, Barrios, Brouwer, de Falla,
Domeniconi, Lauro, and Villa-Lobos
Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, (0413) 262 2403/2622994 - pitanga@auraville.org.in

The Auroville Theatre Group presents

ALL MY SONS
By Arthur Miller
May 5, 6 and 7 at 7:30 pm
CRIPA Garden (behind CRIPA), Kalabhumi.

American playwright Arthur Miller’s first, great play about family, ethics, money and love...

“Everything was being destroyed, see but it seemed to me that one new thing was made. A kind of... responsibility. Man for man. You understand me? - To show that, to bring that on to the earth again like some kind of monument and everyone would feel it standing there, behind him, and it would make a difference to him.”

Cast: Swar, Jill, Shilpi, Vinu Karthick, Nishant Saini, Ahmed,
Myrta, Manjula Selvam, Satyendra Kumar, Satish T.
Directed by Jill

Everyone Welcome - (No babies please! Those under 16 years may get restless. Thanks for understanding.)

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

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.

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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. Venue: Unity Pavilion Schedule: 2-4 pm: Study Session, 4-4:30 pm: Snack Break, 4:30-6:30 pm: Reflection. 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!

Contribution: Rs. 500 per person for 5 weeks for Wi-Fi, juice and the hall. Everyone is welcome.

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
2nd May (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 Inner being’
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

Terminology
Spontaneous Singing on Pause
Limited seats. Registration required.
I submitted by Ahmed, for Auroville Consulting

Auroville Green Practices is organising a 5-day workshop titled ‘Earth & Bamboo’ scheduled from 8-12 May 2017. Are earth and bamboo only materials of the past, or are they also materials for the construction of a sustainable future? Please come to discover yourself in this hands-on experience workshop in Auroville. Registration deadline is 1st May 2017. Concessional fees (to cover food expenses) for Aurovilians working in this field are being offered. Full program attendance is required. If you are interested to attend please send an email to: info@agpworkshops.com. For more details please visit: https://goo.gl/kShUPE
Submitted by Ahmed, for Auroville Consulting

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 connections? 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]

Spontaneous Singing on Pause
The workshop stops for summer.
It will restart on August the 16th.

SCHEDULES

Arka Wellness Center - May 2017
Phone: 0413-2623799 / Website: www.arka.org.in
Internet facility is available in Arka Monday to Saturday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

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Exhibitions
In the Picture Gallery: **Meditations on Savitri Books 4 to 7**
Paintings made by Huta with the Mother’s guidance and help.
In the upper corridor: **Sri Aurobindo: a life-sketch in photographs**
In the Square Hall: **Glimpses of the Mother: photographs and texts**
This month NO FILMS AND NO OM CHOIR

Regular Activities
Sundays 10.30-12 noon: Savitri Study Circle
Mondays, Tuesdays 3-4 pm: Yoga and the Evolution of Man, led by Dr. Jai Singh
Tuesdays 9-12noon: Introduction to Integral Yoga, led by Ashesh Joshi
Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5pm: L'Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
Tuesdays 5-6pm: Let us learn Savitri together in Tamil, led by Buvana
Wednesdays 5.30-6.30 pm: Reading The Life Divine, translated by Sri Aurobindo, led by Nishtha
Thursdays 4-5pm: English of Savitri, led by Shraddhavan
Fridays 3-4 pm: Exploring the Bhagavad Gita, led by Dr. Jai Singh
Fridays 5.30-7.00pm: Meditations with Hymns of the Rig Veda, translated by Sri Aurobindo, led by Ashesh Joshi
Saturdays 5-6.30 pm: Satsang led by Ashesh Joshi

Full Moon Gathering
Wednesday 10, 7.15-8.15 pm in front of Sri Aurobindo’s statue

The Library and Digital Library are now located in the Main Building
The Reading Room is open Monday to Friday from 9 - 4.30 - The Digital Library can be accessed on request Monday to Friday 9 - 12.30
Exhibitions, Main Building and Office are open Monday to Saturday 9-5

Everyone is welcome

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### PITANGA

**Programme for May 2017**

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**For the following therapies & treatments please book your appointment on phone, 2622403/2622994**
Craniosacral & osteopathy: with Elena / Reflexology: with Audrey / Naturopathy in French: with Audrey

Note: (*) Denotes classes for those willing to commit for a minimum of 3 months

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**LEARNING ACTIVITIES PROGRAM**

**MAY 2017**

**Traditional Mantra Chanting**
**By Sonia**

Beginners: Thursday 6:15 to 7:15 pm
Regular students: Friday 6:15 to 7:15 pm

Chanting Sanskrit Mantras is performing an ancient prayer. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition, and participation in the chant, the mind gains clarity, the ability to concentrate increases and a person becomes more tranquil. Through daily chanting the mind gains qualities which are essential for students of Yoga and Spiritual Scriptures. The specific pitches and rules of intonation and syllabic length will be learned in the classes in the traditional way.

**Sanskrit Classes**
**By Appointment with Sonia**

Sanskrit is the key to enter into the wide world of Indian Traditional Culture. The Sacred Scriptures as well the Secular Scriptures are found to be written in Sanskrit language, thus a fundamental knowledge for students of Yoga and Spiritual Scriptures.

50% discount for Savi registered Volunteers. Multiple classes discount available. On donation basis for Aurovilians and New Comers.

Joy Community is located in Center Field, after Nandanam School, next to Center Guest House. For info and reservations, please contact us at: 9487272393
Email: joycommunity@auroville.org.in / https://www.facebook.com/joycommunityguesthouse

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**Regular Events in May**

*Note from the editors*

The **Regular Events** column is printed once a month, and sent via pdf/published online weekly. Guest-houses are kindly requested to put this section up on their notice boards for their guests.

**Kindly inform us of any changes/cancellation of your event, or if you want your regular event to be added to the listing**

*NEW: now online Regular Events! [http://www.auroville.org/contents/4201]**

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**Online Auroville Events Calendar** - (no need to log in for guests! - just scroll down the page)

The schedule of events for the week can be accessed by all, including Guests and Visitors, on the Auronet login page: [www.auroville.org.in](http://www.auroville.org.in)

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**AuroYoga for Beginners**: Saturdays 8:15 to 9:45 am at Ark. -
- Partner flow: warming up with asanas and stretching with a partner - Inversions: flying and playing with partners. [Damien 9047 72 27 40](http://www.auroville.org.in)

**African Pavilion’s regular events**: By Popular Demand the African Pavilion is happy to announce, every Monday from 6pm to 9pm, a new event to host African Cooking, Music, and Dancing. Every Thursday enjoy the drumming circle together with dinner from 7 pm till 9 pm. Every Friday at 4.30pm: Transformational yoga.

**ANIRVEDA classes**: Posture, confidence and psychology in self-defence. We learn: 7 movements of self-defence. To do them with precision, power, presence and relaxation. - To discern what is a real danger and what is not, and to act accordingly.
- Techniques to calm the mind and body. Anirveda means self-reliance, confidence, being non-depressed. Open to all above 16 yrs. Every Thursday 16.30-1745 in Butterfly Barn, Sve Dam. The course is facilitated by Hans ([bodyawareness@auroville.org.in](mailto:bodyawareness@auroville.org.in), tel 0413-2623663)

**Auroville Alkido** at Auroville Budankan (Dehashakti) - Continues until Saturday 22nd of April included, and will restart early July. For Children classes & general info, please write to budankan@auroville.org.in.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**: meeting (open) every Saturday 6pm, Centre Guesthouse (Merriam Hill Centre). Contact: Ingrid 9443843976 or Shankar 9442010573.

**Argentine Tango**: Mondays: Beginners class 6.00pm to 7.00pm and intermediates 7 to 8 pm@ New Creation Sports Resource Center, Kullapalayam. Wednesdays: Practica (tango dance space open to all) 7.30pm @ Sawchu, Bharat Nivas. Fridays: ‘An hour to study’ 8.00pm @ Naturellement. For milongas or further information please contact: tango@auroville.org.in Bring socks or dance shoes.

**Astrology, its holistic approach**: Astrological Chart by Uma Giménez. You are welcome to call and fix an appointment at 0413-2623080 or 9443697972 (Surrender). The reading can be held in English, Spanish, French and Italian.

**Authentic Tamil culture**: Meena, a Tamil Aurovilian, offers courses every Sunday morning to explore the beauty of the authentic Tamil Culture. Meeting point: Courage Gate. The course can be tailored to your choice including: 1. Cooking lessons, 2. How to make kolam, 3. How to wear a sari, 4. Henna design on hands and feet, 5. How to make flower garlands 6. Tailoring. If you are interested, please call Meena to talk about the details of your class and fix the time. During the day call: 9787702180, after 5 pm you may use the landline: 0413 2623263.

**AVYA Auroville Youth Activities**: a brand new website presenting the regular Youth Activities available in Auroville: [youthactivities@auroville.org.in](mailto:youthactivities@auroville.org.in). The primary goal is to provide the Auroville community (especially children/parents), with an organized and simple overview to become aware of the Activities available in Auroville, for the AV Youth. If you wish to add your activity to the website, kindly send your contact details (sport, name, phone number, email) to youthactivities@auroville.org.in.

**Bharatnatyam classical dance classes** at Yatra Arts Foundation
- Monday evenings 4.30pm to 5.30pm and on Sunday mornings 9.00am to 10.00am.

**Brahmanaspati kshetram**: The Mother and Sri Aurobindo Centre is launching regular activities: Every Thursday meditation 6:00-6:60 pm - Every first Sunday of the month reading circle from 5:30 pm led by Bhuvana Sundari in Tamil and English (for directions kindly consult Google maps at this link: [here](http://www.google.com))

**Body Care in Auromode**: Facial treatment - cleaning, scrubbing, massage, moisturising mask, rejuvenating mask, deep cooling mask. Exotic SPA - Scrub, Wraps (chocolate, Tropicana). All used materials made from natural and organic products. Body Treatment - Cup massage. For more information contact Svetlana +919344639707

**Buddha Garden Activities**: We have an *Introductory tour* every Monday at 10:00 am until lunch time. Walk around the farm and see how we grow our organic food. For further details contact Priya: priya@aurolife.org.in.

**Capeoira (Group Ginga Saroba)**: Join our Capeoira family! Classes open to all levels, led by Prof. Samuka da India and his students
- **ADULTS** >> Monday: 5.15 PM - SAWCHU (Bharat Nivas) | Tuesday & Thursday: 6.00 PM - Deepanam School
- **KIDS** >> Monday & Friday: 1.15 PM - Deepanam School - Contact us prior bringing a new kid
- CONTACT >> 9488328435 (Prof. Samuka) | info@ginga-saroba.com | [www.ginga-saroba.com](http://www.ginga-saroba.com)

**Children Activity Garten**: in a friendly home-environment for all children from 2 to 6. Open Monday to Friday from 9 to 3:30 and during the whole year & school holidays. Contact: egle@aurolife.org.in or 94880 47368.

**Coaching and Personal development** based on NLP with Christine P.: contact@aurolife-holistic.com, *(9483805493) | [www.aurolife-holistic.com](http://www.aurolife-holistic.com)*

**Creativity Atelier - Life Drawing Circle**: Time: Tuesdays, 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Venue: Creativity Atelier. Creativity Community. Fees: Voluntary Contributions to Materials and Model. All are welcome to immerse themselves in our intense and inspiring session of life drawing. The idea is to explore one's creative self in a friendly and fun environment. This is not an instruction based class. A model and basic drawing materials will be arranged for.

We seek your generous donation to maintain the well-endowed studio and sustain the enriching experience. We also welcome those who would like to model for our artists. You need not necessarily have prior experience to pose for few drawings. Moreover, you get to enjoy many creative manifestations of yourselves while you indulge yourself in a quiet and meditative sit-in moments. For more information or to book yourself, please contact Lakshay on 9810052574. Cheers!

**Cuban Salsa**: Learn and practice Cuban Salsa, every Wednesday, 6-8 pm, at African Pavilion. Class is Free and all are welcome. Instructors: Moushine & Camilla. For questions, email serrar@gmail.com

**Dance Fitness**: classes have started again in New Creation with *Elddie*, Tuesday and Friday from 5pm until 6pm. If you want to have fun and be active see you there!

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

**TLC "Drop-in inn" tea-shop is open regularly!!** The Learning Community (TLC) would like to invite you to drop in to our community tea shop "Drop-in Inn", open every Thursday and Friday afternoon between 1:00-3:30pm. This is a project run by the children of TLC so... do drop in... for delicious bakes, fresh from our wood-fire oven, teas, juices, all prepared by the students themselves...

Looking forward to seeing you there! TLCs base-camp is situated just before the gate of Dana community... Much love, The Learning Community (TLC)

**Eco Femme open session**: Eco Femme welcomes you on every Thursday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am for a small talk about our work, sustainable menstrual products and menstruation experiences. Contact number: 9487179556

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*Evening* Farmers Market: The Saturday Market is now ON in the cooler evening: Every Saturday at the Youth Center, 6pm – 8:30 pm, along with the Pizza Night. A community celebration of local food & creativity. Yummy organic veggies and hand-processed food from AV Farms, eco-green products, fantastic jewelry, snacks and kefir, handmade clothes, music, etc. See you there. YC 0413-2622857

Feminine dance for all women: in Cripa, Kalabhumi: Tuesdays at 4 pm. An additional class is held by Priscia on Fridays at 7:15 am. Feminine Dance has historically been a mystical art, a dynamic method to experience the energies of the Universe. We will create an opportunity to reconnect joyfully to our body, reawaken the flow of feminine energy, move to the living pulse of life and have fun in the loving presence of other women. Bring comfortable dance clothes. A flowing skirt and hip scarf are recommended. galit@auroville.org.in

Flamenco In Cripa Every Wednesday: From 3:15 to 4:45 pm. We will practice the flamenco position and attitude for dancing, the movements of hands, arms, body, legs and foot. We will listen to flamenco music to understand the roots of this dance. We will create a flamenco choreography. Come and enjoy with us, Flamenco team.

French classes at Savitri Bhavan, House of Mother’s Agenda: French classes at House of Mother’s Agenda, every Monday and Friday from 5 pm to 6 pm.

From the Food Lab: Horizon. (in front of Sue-dame). Mon.,Tues., Thurs. 4:00 to 6:00pm. Call Lorenzo before coming at 09443362274. All relevant information about the after effects of food on your body for e.g. allergies, intolerance, chronic pathology. Homeopathic Immunopharmacology is available.

Hatha Yoga classes at JOY GH: The classes will be geared towards achieving a balance in our energies. Education about the body, mind and breath and yoga asanas, sequencing and their benefits will be an integral part. We will also do a little chanting and pranayama practice. The classes will be on Mondays and Fridays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. First class will be on the 3rd of April. Thought by Sakshi. For more info: 9487272393, Joy Team.

Heartbeats - Dance Therapy with Julie, until April 27th (except April 6th). Thursdays from 5:00-6:30 pm, Sankalpa Art Center (behind Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone). Come explore your inner rhythm and move to the beat of your heart. Be guided through movements and music that will bare your soul while letting go of dancing to impress, instead dancing to express. Julie facilitates private coaching and dance therapy sessions, workshops and retreats across the world, combining her strategy consulting background with a passion for yoga, dance and meditation.

Hindi & English Class: Learn to speak, read and write Hindi at New Creation every Sunday at 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Contact Shiv: 9884035536 at Reach for the Stars. shiv.godi.007@gmail.com

Hiphop classes: New in New Creation Dance Studio! By Vijay, for young students from 8-18 years Tuesdays from 6-7pm. Saturdays from 4-5pm.

Theatre improvisation games: Learn how to improvise a scene on the spot and share a lot of fun together. You don’t need to have any stage experience, just a fair dose of imagination! Join us every Friday afternoon at Sawchhu (Bharat Nivas compound) from 4.30 – 6.00 pm. You can just drop in, or give a call beforehand. Elke (9486520868), Ema (9934970834).

Informative talks about Auroville: At the Guest Service, Above Solar Kitchen. Questions and Answers: In French every Wednesday at 10.30 am with Krishna / In English (and German) every Friday at 10.30 am with Roswita. Introduction on Mother’s Agenda: In English and French every Thursday 10.30 am with Pavitra. -2622675

Leela, the Game of the Self Knowledge (a 2000 years old game!): Come and play the Game of your Life! Sundays, 9:30am to 12.30 (above 15 years old), in SVEDEAME, at the Butterfly Barn. English, Spanish, French, Italian, German and Russian versions all available. Contribution kindly asked. Always better to call before to confirm: Veronique J. 948 85 12 678 www.leelathegame.blogspot.in

Mandala & Meditation: Daily practice from 4:30 to 5 pm, at Art Cart (VC) on Tuesdays/Fridays, Sankalpa Art Center on Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays. A simple co-creation and affirmation practice, bringing awareness within community through metaphor of an impermanent artform. Open to all.

Meditation for Peace and Healing: Join us from 5:00 to 5:45pm every Thursday around the Peace Table at the Unity Pavilion to build and hold a Collective Space for Healing and Peace. Please offer your Presence to help in this collective experiment, whether you need healing yourself or simply want to support others in their healing and well-being.

Mudra-Chi Workshop: A body Prayer in a Tai-Chi Form. First Sunday of each month, at 5 p.m. At Savitri Bhavan. Facilitator: Anandi .For further information or Special Classes, contact me, anandi7@aurouville.org.in


Odissi & Semi-Classical Bollywood Dance Class With Tejas: Private Dance Classes at the Shakti Dance School in Felicity. Learn grace, discipline, and the beautiful temple dance of east India. +91-8489477222. tejas@shaktidancetroupe.com

OM Choir: Paused in May

New: Preparatory Voice-Training for the Om-Choir Saturdays 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm at Savitri Bhavan. Especially meant for those who are new to the Om-choir, but everyone is welcome. We shall work/play with our breathing faculty and inherent capacities. In this way we shall prepare our instrument as well as we can to chant the sacred OM in the most beautiful way. We shall start with a relaxation so kindly be in time! Schima-Dorit (ex-Kayandana)

Pilates with Savitri: at New Creation Dance Studio on Mondays at 5pm, basic level - on Tuesdays at 7.30am, intermediate level - on Saturdays at 7.30 am, basic level. savitri@aurouville.org.in

Pilates with Teresa: At Arka. All classes last one hour. Tuesdays, 7:30am: focus on breath & use of the core - Tuesdays, 10am: General class - Wednesday 5:30pm: General class - Thursdays, 7:30am: focus on alignment - Thursdays, 10am: general class - Fridays 5:30pm: advanced class only for regular practitioners - Saturdays, 10:00am: General class. **Advance, medium, beginner... everyone is welcome!!** Teresa: 7867998952/teresa@aurouville.org.in

Psycho-spiritual work, tarot and other sessions: To bring more clarity and freedom on life issues where there was confusion and entanglement in order to allow new steps in life. Tarot, deconditioning self-inquiry, “inner personalities” discovery and balancing , guided meditation and other tools...by Antarjyoti in English or French, tel(land): 0413-262 37 67 or email: antarcall@yahoo.fr

Quantum Shiatsu Massage: With Sami A. Latzke. www.auroville-holistic.com. Contact us by mail for more info: contact@aurouville-holistic.com

Reception Francophone: Tous les mardis de 17:00 à 18:30 à La Terrance, en haut de la Cuisine Solaire, Ananda et Michiko sont à la disposition des visiteurs francophones qui voudraient poser des questions sur Auroville. Les Auroviliens et Newcomers francophones peuvent aussi participer.

Regression Therapy with Sigrid Lindemann. www.auroville-holistic.com. Contact us by mail for more info: contact@aurouville-holistic.com

Restorative Circles (RC): workshops, practice groups, calling a live Circle, and other questions. Contact Laura (NVC Certified Trainer): 9442788016, restorative@aurouville.org.in, joylivinglearnings@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/RestorativeAuroville

Salsa in CRIPA: Salsa dance class led by Vijay, followed by practice time. Every Tuesday 6pm-7:30pm. At CRIPA in Kalabhumi. Open to all: Auroviliens, Volunteers, Newcomers, and Guests! (on contribution)

Sankalpa Art Cart (parked on the Visitor’s Center stage, next to coneflower) Tuesdays and Fridays from 4-6 pm, Wednesdays from 10 am-12 pm. An open and welcoming space for creative expression and connection through various media, for all ages and no art experience necessary.
Sanskrit Mantras: at Joy Community GH Hall, Centre Field. Drop in classes on Thursday: 6-15 to 7:15pm and Regular Classes on Friday from 6:15 to 7:15pm. Chanting Mantra is performing an ancient prayer. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition and participation in the chant, the mind gains clarity, the ability to concentrate increases and a person becomes more tranquil. Through daily chanting the mind gains qualities which are essential for students of Yoga & Spiritual Scriptures. The specific pitches and rules of intonation and syllabic length will be learned in these classes in the traditional way.

Satsang: a sharing for spiritual upliftment; Savitri Bhavan, Saturdays 5-6:30 pm

Singing & Dancing Celebration around the fire in Yatra 2017: Joyful spiritual songs from all over the world - keyboard and drums - Bring your instruments and join us! Every Thursday at 7.30 pm. at Yatra - Near New Wreation Sports ground/La Piscine. Osiva: 919629832216

Skyworks: Tree Climbing Workshops: RECREATIONAL. You want the experience without learning all the knots! The ropes are already positioned in the trees. The knots are tied and tested before you hook on. After being fitted with your saddle and some short instructions on safety and climbing techniques, you are off and climbing! Kids of all ages welcome. ADVANCED You want to learn the ropes and get off the ground. During class we teach both the double and single ropes techniques plus demonstrate many of the new climbing devices available. You will learn to install the ropes in the trees, tie and use several climbing knots and ascend and descend both with the knots but also with ascenders and descenders. For conditions & appointment call Satyaaji 8533035545

Solitude Farm activities:
- Weekly farm tour with Krishna - Saturdays 11:30am
- Cooking workshop to learn how to use local, traditional ingredients and their nutritional benefits - Saturdays 3pm
- Volunteers welcome! Drop by to visit or call Krishna 9843319260

Somatic Explorations with Maggie - No classes in May - for further info call 94866 23465.

Sound Bath - Unity Journey: no sessions in May

Sound Massage And Bath With Tibetan Singing Bowls: Lying on a mat with bowls of different pitches, sound energy flows right through your cells forming a beautiful OM harmonic cocoon of peace, melting away tightness and discomfort while tuning you up to your healthy grounding vibrations. The sound can draw us deep inside into our true home.... Info & booking for guests: Antarjyoti, tel (land) 0413)2622 37 67. Mail: antarcalli@yahoo.fr

Sound Therapy and Exploration in the Body for Self-Healing: Harmonizing and restoring healing sessions through the magic of the sounds from a specially designed sound bed and other music instruments that enhance the self-healing powers of your being. The aim is put you in a state of relaxation which enables you to see or feel yourself deeply according to your own awareness. In addition to the sound journey, you will be guided through your body to explore new dimensions which has an action and a benefit on the 3 levels: Physical, Energetic and Mental. This experience and learning of the concept of Chinese Medicine will help you reconnect with your organs and holistic being. In case of emergency I may help releasing sciatica pain ("Ishchas" in German). To book your appointment, please call Isha at: (0413) 2622192 / (+91) 99433 05092

South Indian Classical Dance (Bharatnatyam): Bharatnatyam dance classes offered by Bharatnatyam Dance classes offered for beginners. Weekly twice. The classes are offered for children and adults. If you are interested please contact me after 4pm on my mobile. 2.Cover:-759363514

Spanish Tertulia: A gathering for cultural exchange, every Friday from 4pm to 6pm at La Terrace. We welcome anyone interested in Spanish culture and those who practice colloquial language.

Spiritual coaching with Sitara: tools: Bach flowers, mandala and affirmation work, spontaneous writing, hypnosis, meditation, visualization and yin yoga. For appointment contact Sitara 9751798408 tara@auroville.org.in

Spontaneous Singing with Antoine: Paused until Aug 16th.

Sunday Farm & Forest Walks: no walks in May

Tamil Literary Classes and Craft Lessons: Ilaignarkal Education Centre organizes Tamil Classes every Thursday evening 5 pm-6 pm. Regular attendance is appreciated. Lectures by seasoned professors in Tamil Literature, History and Culture are open to all Monday through Friday any time Also classes on languages, sewing, drawing, painting and simple handicrafts for Auroville workers and Aurovilians interested. Contact us to organize classes according to your schedule. Phone No: (0413) 2623 773. Email: tamil@auroville.org.in. R. Meenakshi ( Ilaignarkal Education Centre)

Tai Chi Hall @ Shangra: Monday 7.30am-9am Chi and 24-form; Tuesday 7.30am-8.30am Chi; Tuesday 8.30am-9.30am 24 form; Wednesday 7.30am-8.30am 127 form; Thursday 7.30am-8.30am 108 form; Friday 7.30am-8.30am 108 form; Saturday 7.30am-8.30am 127 form.

Tanseikai Aikido in the Auroville Budokan: A new group of Aikido has started a regular practice at the Auroville Budokan. The instructor is Sep, 6th dan Tokyo Aikikai. Hours of practice: Tuesdays from 7.30 pm to 9 pm and Thursdays from 7 pm to 8.30 pm. Classes are open to people from all levels. Minimum age is 15. For further information contact Sep: overlaet@gmail.com - Tel. 848 975 5035. For all activities at the Auroville Budokan, please note Health Fund or private insurance necessary - Reasonable contribution required -for the Budokan.

Tea Gathering: Experience and learn the East Asian way of drinking and serving tea - The art of sharing joy and peace through a cup of tea with your friends will change your perspective towards tea - Every Saturday 2 pm to 5 pm. Booking is required. Approx. 1 hour for each session, please choose your time slot. Book at: 7868829518 / 04132622192. For all activities at the Auroville Budokan, please note Health Fund or private insurance necessary - Reasonable contribution required -for the Budokan.

Thai massage: to re-harmonize the energy and heal with Christine P. Registration & info: contact@auroville-holistic.com, Christine P: 9489805493/ www.auroville-holistic.com

Tibetan Dinner: Wednesday Dinner at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture from 7 pm onward, followed by a documentary on "A Journey of Non-Violence" at 7.45 pm. We request everyone to register for the dinner by calling 0413-2624601 or 8489067332 or send an e-mail to: kalsang@auroville.org.in. All are invited.

Ultimate Frisbee: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Gaia Sports Field 4.30 pm to sundown (turn left before Gaia community gate). Helps improve stamina, hand/eye coordination, and focus through running, throwing, & catching the disc; along with patience & teamwork and Spirit of the Game. Bring running shoes if you have them. Contact: avultimate@auroville.org.in with any questions or just come ready to play!

NEW! Ultimate Frisbee women’s team training: Sunday 4-6 pm

UpCycling Studio: Make your LFA cushion at UpCycling Studio. You will Up-cycle PVC and have one cushion free. Every Saturday, from 10:00 am, UpCycling Studio will conduct workshops for the construction of Cushion. If you need more details, please contact OK: 9344002972 or email okjeonglee@gmail.com. Call for info about new workshops happening!

Veena Musical Classes: One of India’s most ancient string. Regular veena musical classes by Ravi for everyone, Children & Adults, at Yatra Arts Foundation, near New Creation sports ground. Every Friday evening from 5pm to 7pm. Contact: 0413-2623071 / 9786772209

Vocal Yoga, Nada Yoga and Sacred Chanting: Mondays and Tuesdays, 2 to 4 pm In Creativity hall of light. Explore and learn how to use your vocal instrument according to Italian Masters of the voice in a yogic approach. NadaYoga teaches us to perceive sounds in different parts of the body connected to energetic channels. These ancient Yoga techniques re-align the energy flow, give peace and serenity. Allow people who sing out of tune to sing well. Learn: Mantras, Bhajans, Bajhans. Contact: Hamsini ONLY ON APPOINTMENT 9487544184.

WARAKU Practice in Auroville Budokan: Waraku is a Japanese Budo based on ancient Shinto wisdom. The ancients taught the “Kotokatama”, the power of sound. The universe is made of sound. The practice will be directed by Sep and Yoko, direct disciples of Maeda Hiramasa Sensei, the founder of Waraku.
Hours of practice: Mondays from 7 pm to 8.30 pm / Fridays from 7.30 pm to 9 pm. Minimum age is 15. For further information contact Sep: overlaet@gmail.com / 8489755035 - For all activities at the Auroville Budukan, please note: Health Fund or private insurance necessary - Reasonable contribution required - for the Budukan.

Youth Entertainment Program presents the YEPweek: a program especially designed for guest kids, to enjoy their stay, and discover Auroville. We will take them from place to place, where the kids will participate in various activities facilitated by Aurovilians. This program (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm) offers a good balance between visits, activities and free playing time. Joyfully, YEP Team (+91-9626565134)

### ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS – MAY 2017

**UPDATE – PLUS FEEDBACK NEEDED for SRI MA TRIPS**

Dear All,

Auroville Public Bus service is happy to share with you all that successfully we are stepping in to the second year. It happened thanks to your support only. We appreciate our bus driver Mr. Sivakumar for his honesty, punctuality and care for the passengers, without him we could not provide our best service to you all. Naveen & Saranraj were co-coordinating the service with the driver and for bookkeeping for the last one year. We would like to thank, Mr. Daniel from Tanto Far Beach, who is supporting us on the Sunday bus trips to Sri Ma beach. At the same time, we would like to thank the Aurocabs Taxi drivers who had accompanied us in the last moments, when our regular driver fail to present in mornings due to some personal issues.

We need some feedbacks on Sunday trips to Sri Ma beach for summer.

In the last 3 weeks the numbers of users were too low to cover the running expenses of the bus. Maybe for the summer, we could re-schedule the timings and cut down the number of trips to avoid extra cost. Please let us know by writing to us.

We are looking forward for the feedback from you all.

Write to us at: avbus@auroville.org.in

Thank you, Raju for Auroville Public Bus

### FILMS

**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

Sadhana Forest, May 5th, 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!

RESTRUNG

56mins / English / 2014 / Directed by Mike Enns

He had always considered making guitars a passion, not an occupation. In 2007, Randall Wyn Fullmer, an ordinary guy with a cat, decided to turn his life-long hobby into a full-out occupation. In 2007, Randall Wyn Fullmer, an ordinary guy with a cat, decided to turn his life-long hobby into a full-out occupation. In 2007, Randall Wyn Fullmer, an ordinary guy with a cat, decided to turn his life-long hobby into a full-out occupation. In 2007, Randall Wyn Fullmer, an ordinary guy with a cat, decided to turn his life-long hobby into a full-out occupation. In 2007, Randall Wyn Fullmer, an ordinary guy with a cat, decided to turn his life-long hobby into a full-out occupation.

**The Youth Center Pizza Nights are on Fire:** And so is the fire wood oven, so when Saturday evening 7:00 pm comes around, get your chappals on and kick your bike to life (or jump on your cycle), follow your nose and you'll end up at the right place! We have pizzaiolos rolling out doughs by the second and a precisely highly trained group of hands sprinkling the pizzas with all kinds of toppings and tasty Auroville cheeses. And lots more, so see you there!

**Vinyasa Yoga:** - at Creativity Hall of Light, every Thursday from 4 pm to 5.30 pm with Bebe Merino. This style is sometimes also called flow yoga, because of the smooth way that the poses run together and become like a dance. Please come and enjoy the classes.

**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:

**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 on Wednesday.

Any modification of the submitted News items has to be sent to the editors before Tuesday 5pm.

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. Articles can 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.

Soft Version: We encourage you to ask us for a soft version of News&Notes sent directly to your own mail. Or to download it from the Auroville website or Auronet (see links above).

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- Regular events at http://www.auroville.org/contents/4201

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**Contact Sep: overlaet@gmail.com / 8489755035** - For further information about News & Notes or Auroville public bus.
Indian - Monday 1 May, 8:00 pm:
• ANURAGA KARIKKIN VELLAM (Sweet but Immature Love)
  India, 2016, Dir. Kalid Rahman w/ Biju Menon, Asif Ali, Rajisha Vijayan, and others, Comedy-Romance, 128mins, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, Rated: U (G)
Raghu’s routine life of continues until one day he spots his ex-lover. In trying to get her contact accidentally gets the number for his son Abhilash’s girlfriend Eli. Eli and Abhilash had by then broken up and somehow he gets to know that his father is frequently talking to Eli thinking her to be his own ex-flame. Circumstances lead to Abhilash rushing to confess his love to Eli so that he does not repeat the mistake his father. However, by then Eli had decided to marry someone else. Raghu again spots his ex-flame and not to let her go this time, chases her down but she turns out to be a stranger.

German- Tuesday 2 May, 8:00 pm:
• NICHTS IST BESSER ALS GAR NICHTS (Nothing is Better Than Precisely Nothing)
  Germany, 2010, Dir. Jan Peters, w/ Jan Peters, Documentary about an arranged fiction, 92mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
When Jan Peters’ girlfriend accidentally takes his wallet on a trip to foreign climes, she leaves the filmmaker standing in Frankfurt Airport without a penny to his name. The only capital he possesses is a group ticket for the public transport system. After hearing about people who supplement their inadequate incomes by “escorting” groups of tourists across the city, Mr. Peters decides to apply the same method to his own situation. The filmmaker starts a business as an “independent travel escort” and enters an obscure world of supplementary jobs and adventurous business models.

Interesting - Wednesday 3 May, 8:00 pm:
• WE ARE MANY
  UK, 2014, Writer-Dir Amir Amiri w/ Susan Sarandon, Mark Rylance, Danny Glover, and othehrs, Documentary, 110mins, Rated: NR (PG)
On 15 February 2003, more than 15 million people worldwide marched against the war in Iraq. The global protest against the War was a pivotal moment in recent history, the consequences of which have gone unreported. The film chronicles the struggle to shift power from the old establishment to the new superpower that is global public opinion, through the prism of one historic day.

Russian - Thursday 4 May, 8:00 pm:
• YA DUMAL TY BUDESH’ VSEGDA (I Thought You Would Last Forever)
  Russia, 2013, Dir. Oleg Filipenko, w/ Konstantin Milovanov, Irina Tarannik, Sergei Kravets, and others, Drama, 90mins, Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
Zhenya, a middle-aged family father, has just lost his wife. Not able to live with the criticism from his children who accuse him to have been a bad husband, he is contemplating suicide. Instead, an envoy from Heaven will give him a second chance to go back in time, and re-live his life in a better way.

International - Saturday 6 May, 8:00 pm:
• LOVING
  UK, 2016, Dir. Jeff Nichols, w/ Rut Negga, Joel Edgerton, 123 min., Biography-Drama-Romance, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
All love is created equal. Richard and Mildred Loving celebrate the real-life courage and commitment of an interracial couple, who married and then spent the next nine years fighting for the right to live as a family in their hometown. Their civil rights case, Loving v. Virginia, went all the way to the Supreme Court, which in 1967 reaffirmed the very foundation of the right to marry - and their love story has become an inspiration to couples ever since. Received a standing ovation at its premiere at the Cannes Film Festival in May 2016.

Children’s Film - Sunday 7 May, 4:30 pm:
• ARTHUR CHRISTMAS
  UK-USA, 2011, Sarah Smith, w/ James McAvoy, Jim Broadbent, Bill Nighy and others, Animation, 97mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
Santa’s clumsy son Arthur gets put on a mission with St. Nick’s father to give out a present they misplaced to a young girl in less than 2 hours.

PETER SELLERS Film Festival @ Ciné-Club
Ciné-Club - Sunday 7 May, 8:00 pm:
• THE PARTY
  USA, 1968, Dir.Blake Edwards w/Peter Sellers, Clauudine Longet, Natalia Borisova and others, Drama-Comedy, 99mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG.
Rundi Bakshi is an error-prone simpleton of a man, somehow hired as an actor on the grand set of a Hollywood historical adventure epic being filmed on location. Through his bumbling Bakshi manages to repeatedly disrupt filming, and he then mistakenly destroys the entire set. Studio head Fred Clutterbuck vows that Bakshi will never again work in the film industry, but the actor’s name erroneously ends up on the invite list for Clutterbuck’s latest social gathering at his Hollywood mansion where he proceeds to wreak havoc on partygoers as he stumble through what will become the wildest night he’s ever seen.

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.

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

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PLANNING PRINCIPLES FOR PROPOSED NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC)/L’AVENIR RESTRUCTURE

Please find below the Planning Principles being submitted to the community for a Residents’ Assembly Decision-making Process running May 10 - May 27. Tamil and French versions of this text will follow in next week’s News & Notes.

Proposal to change the way we plan
The Planning Principles below have been created as part of a proposal to change the way the Town Development Council (TDC)/l’Avenir functions and consequently the way that we plan. These Planning Principles are part of a package together with a revised structure and draft TOR to be worked on by the new TDC.

Voting runs May 13 - May 27
Between May 13 and May 27, the community will be asked to vote whether or not to accept the proposal.

Read the proposal
The Residents’ Assembly Service (RAS) encourages you to read the text below so that you can make an informed decision on whether or not the community should accept the proposal. You view the entire proposal online here: https://ras.auroville.org.in/town-development-council-restructuring/

To read the proposal on paper and/or to discuss it in person, please feel free to visit the Residents’ Assembly Service (RAS) Lounge on the 1st Floor of the Town Hall, where real human beings will be available to answer your questions and serve you tea and/or juice normally between 9am - 12pm, Mon - Sat. If you need a translator, please let us know and we’ll arrange one.

For more information
For more information, or if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the RAS by email on raservice@auroville.org.in, or call us on 948 6623 749 or 887 0288 502.

The RAS Team

PLANNING PRINCIPLES April 2017

Introduction
Auroville will be 50 years in 2018 and it is imperative to change the pace of development to manifest the “international township” that the Mother envisaged. To be able to do this the residents of Auroville need to prepare Detailed Development Plans (DDP) with clear development priorities.

The Charter and the Vision for Auroville, as given by the Mother, form the foundation for development of Auroville. To manifest this vision, residents need to agree on the Terms of Reference (ToR) within a framework for a participatory planning methodology.

These Planning Principles are an extract from the draft Terms of Reference that has been compiled with references from historical studies and participatory processes spanning the last 15 years including the recent ‘Sounding Boards’.

The planning areas focus on matters within the city area and green belt as defined in the Master Plan and on the land belonging to Auroville in the overall bio-region keeping in due consideration the needs of an integrated regional plan that facilitates co-development.

The Key Features of the Galaxy
The following key features of the Galaxy concept, as identified by Roger Anger and approved by the RA in February 2007, will define a general frame for the urban planning of Auroville:

1. Search for beauty,
2. 50,000 Aurovilians resident population,
3. Four zones: Residential, Industrial, Cultural and International,
4. Matrimandir with its’ twelve gardens and the lake at the centre of the city,
5. The Crown and the city centre,
6. The Lines of Force that give the shape of the Galaxy,
7. About 50% of the city area is green,
8. Detailed city planning and development based on the master plan in a spirit of experimentation and innovation.

Planning Principles
1. Environment
The land use, development plans and strategies and urban planning should respond to:
a) The topographical and geo-physical features of the site.
b) Integration of existing woodlands in the planned green corridors and parks in a manner that ensures that Auroville becomes sustainable, regenerative and self supporting township.
c) Integration and management of water, soil, food, waste and energy.
d) Conservation and sharing of natural resources within the bio-region.
e) Innovation and adoption of progressive strategies of planning and development.

2. Galaxy concept
   a) Matrimandir with gardens surrounded by an environmentally sustainable water body at the geographical centre of the town.
   b) 4 zones that would each pre-dominantly allow for the following functions and activities; economic/productive, residential, international and cultural. The zones would promote and allow mixed land use to the extent that it allows the core zone activity to be vibrant and sustainable.
   c) An inner boulevard or “crown” that links the 4 zones to effectively create a pedestrian realm to allow for the development of public services and research / recreational institutions.
   d) Roads - collector, distributor and links within the zones laid as far as possible in a radial fashion from the crown. The road size, width, location and traffic regulation will be according to the function and size of population to be serviced.
   e) Access and bypass roads will integrate and respond to existing/planned development: both within the urban limits of Auroville and its regional context. The functioning of these roads will promote the uniqueness of the project without alienating other users and activities.
   f) The inner city will be developed with activities, institutions and projects that are related to the adjacent zone and the Matrimandir. These activities, institutions and projects will be promoting the unifying character of the town from the 4 zones to the Matrimandir.

3. Urban planning and design
   a) Land use and urban development plans are aimed to ensure the developmental needs for an eventual resident population of 50,000 by ensuring space for phase-wise density built-up.
   b) Development will be incremental and in relation to the projected growth of the population and in accordance with the approved DDP’s.
   c) The type, size and quality of the open spaces will be inter-related to the zone density, function, local geo-physical characteristics and environmental needs.
   d) The urban design controls of the buildings should adopt environmentally benign strategies for an ecologically responsive and energy efficient built environment.

4. Socio-economic
   a) The pace of growth of collective economic activities of Auroville should be strengthened and planned in a balanced manner among all the spheres such as residential, economic, educational, health, cultural and recreational.
   b) Development priority should be given to civic and public amenities that respond to the real needs of the residents, enhancing collective sharing and promoting activities and the development of zones, especially the industrial zone, that will help the city and its collective economy to become self-supportive.
   c) Cohesive socio-economic planning is key and beyond essential. Planning decision should take in consideration the pertinent policies related to education, economic development and social mobilization.
   d) Education, innovation and research is an integral part of the life, planning and development should consider these parameters on a priority basis.
   e) Cultural, recreational and sports activities needed for the evolving township, will be surveyed and the facilities required will be assessed and developed, as and when required. Development of such facilities, will be balanced with the overall needs of a projected population over the next set number of years.

5. Bio-region
   a) The framework for regional planning needs to be developed in collaboration with the five panchayats in the AV Master Plan area along with the district authorities that is environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.
   b) A shared policy for infrastructure, water, mobility, energy and waste management.
   c) Auroville should engage in co-development programs with the villages that are multi-generational and gender sensitive; to build up a shared vision to promote inter-village collaboration.