1958 had been a year of splendid realizations. It was certainly the year in which the Mother fully realized the transitional being, overman, in her body. In a conversation in May of that year, she said that she had been working on this since the moment of Sri Aurobindo’s departure, eight years before, and still more intensely after the supramental manifestation. When on 8 October a child asked her: ‘Mother, will there not be any intermediary states between man and overman [le surhomme]?’ the Mother answered: ‘There will probably be many.’ But then she wanted to make sure that the person who asked the question was aware of the definitions. ‘Man and overman? You are not speaking of the new supramental race [i.e. superman], are you? Are you really speaking of what we here call the overman, that is: the human being born in the human way and trying to transform his physical being which he has received by his ordinary human birth?’ The child’s answer is not recorded.

The Mother continued: ‘There will certainly be a countless number of partial realizations. The degree of transformation will differ according to each one’s capacity, and it is certainly that there will be a considerable number of more or less fruitful or unfruitful attempts before arriving at something like overman, and even those [the overmen] will be more or less successful attempts. All those who make an effort to go beyond ordinary nature; all those who try to realize materially the profound experience which has brought them into contact with the divine Truth; all those who, instead of taking as their aim the Beyond or the Highest, try to realize physically, externally, the change of consciousness they have realized within themselves — all those are apprentice-overmen. Among them there are innumerable differences in the success of their efforts. Each time we try not to be an ordinary man, not to live the ordinary life, to express in our movements, our actions and reactions the divine Truth, when we are governed by that Truth instead of being governed by the general ignorance, we are apprentice-overmen — according to the success of our efforts more or less able apprentices, more or less advanced on the way.

Then, after a series of magnificent realizations, came the repercussion; the Black Dragon swept its tail and the Mother went through one of the severest ordeals of her life. This up-and-down movement occurs so frequently in her and Sri Aurobindo’s yoga that it seems to be phenomenon proper to it. After each yogic gain, each climb to formerly unconquered heights, each ascent beyond the previously known, acquired and established, there is a step backward, a sliding down lower than before, more daunting and dangerous, a descent into deeper darkness and horror. According to the Mother each such up-and-down cycle was not only a consolidation of newly acquired terrain, it was also an essential movement of the yoga to descend ever deeper with the Light and the Power gained ever higher.[…]

When the suffering and the digging into new lower layers of the subconscious were over, the Mother recovered her strength and progressed towards a new height: the first time the supramental force penetrated directly into her material body, without passing through the intermediary mental or vital sheaths. It was an overwhelming experience in which the red and golden supramental light poured into her with such intensity that it caused a burning fever. This happened in the night of 24-25 July 1959 with a surprising consequence: suddenly the Mother found herself in the presence of Sri Aurobindo, in his ‘dwelling’ in the supramental world.

This does not mean that the Mother had not met Sri Aurobindo before. In fact, his presence by her side had been constant, as his action in the world had equally been continuous and had resulted, among other things, in the supramental manifestation in 1956. But now something completely new happened: the Mother met Sri Aurobindo not in a psychic, mental or vital part of her personality, but physically, in the world of supramental Matter which, for the first time, had extended to her material body. As we know, the Supramental is a Unity-Consciousness, which means that the supramental world is a unity-world in which everything is present to everything else and participates in its being. Sri Aurobindo could be there because he had supramentalized his inner being, consisting of the sheaths or bodies in which he lived after his departure from the gross material world. It may be said that Sri Aurobindo formerly, as the evolutionary Avatar, had built his stations one after the other on all levels of existence up to the Supramental. Now he had a permanent ‘dwelling’ there too. This did not prevent him from being present and active wherever he wanted in all of the manifestation.[…]

Now that Sri Aurobindo was physically present with her again, the Mother did something she had postponed doing for ten years: she opened with great care the access to her inner psyche, where she lived in eternal unity with him. We recall that she had closed this access by a yogic act at the time of his departure, in order to prevent her automatically following him. How many realized that, from 1959 onwards, they were in the presence not only of the Mother but also of Sri Aurobindo, physically, albeit in a material substance so different from our gross Matter that the Mother described both substances as two worlds. Sometimes she started spontaneously speaking in English, and explained that Sri Aurobindo was uttering the words through her mouth; or it happened that her handwriting suddenly resembled Sri Aurobindo’s, so concrete was his presence to her, in her.

(to be continued)

LA MERE, chap. XVI: Ce qui doit être fait est fait. 

Georges van Vrekhem

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Auroville Council Report for May, June and July 2017

Dear Community members, Here is our report for the past three months:

Council Internal functioning
The Council follows up with its new “architecture” introduced by JeanFrançois Noubel. As a reminder, the 6 agreements are: (1) One deep breath before speaking; (2) Listen to the centre; (3) Speak to the centre; (4) Don’t take the floor, have it offered; (5) Speak from direct experience; (6) Anyone can invite silence. We are constantly learning and improving our own processes being supported/helped by resource persons and silent observers, with their collaborative spirit and presence.

GROWTH
Entry Service
At a General Meeting (GM) on May 11th the Entry Task Group (ETG) presented the major amendments to the 2016 Entry policy. Afterwards, the AvC, the WCom and the ETG, together with the RAS, discussed and prepared a timeline for the next steps. The following steps have been accomplished:

- Publishing the proposed amended Entry Policy 2017 for community feedback
- Asking some open questions to the community seeking inputs.
- Right now the ETG is integrating the feedback
- Announcement of the GM on August 26th to present the final version.

After the GM, a Residents assembly decision-making process will start. The outcome will be published in mid-September.

TOWN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
New TDC:
The RAS conducted a Residents voting process in May 2017 and the new structure and the terms of reference (ToR) proposed for TDC have been ratified. Link: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/63323

After the selection process due in October (20th to 22nd), the newly appointed team will take office by November 2017. We again thank the interim team (iTDC) and the Council sub group facilitated by Elvira, Marc, Mamata and Shama, who carried this process in collaboration with us.

iTDC and Site applications:
A process has been initiated between iTDC, RAS, Elvira and the Auroville Council to improve the clarity of the site and building application processes and communication. This will be concluded with the new TDC team.

HEALTH
Auroville Health Fund Scheme
The amended Auroville Health Fund Scheme document has been published for information to the community along with the feedback received and incorporated. This document is now valid after its publication and this process is now completed. See link: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/63467

GOVERNANCE
Selection Processes
Together with the RAS, the Council is preparing the Selection Process for TDC from October 20th to 22nd and for WCom, AvCouncil and FAMC in Nov, from the 3rd to the 5th. A new Temporary Review Feedback Committee (TRFC) will be constituted from the names proposed by the Community.

Matrimandir Executives selection process:
The Auroville Council and Working Committee, in the presence of Inge from RAS as silent observer have come up with a new team. Please refer to our joint report: https://www.auroville.org.in/sites/www.auroville.org.in/files/article_attachments/MM%20Executives%20Report%20%20the%20Selection%20Process%202012.05.17.pdf

The new team consists of 7 members (in alphabetical order): Aurosivle (Reve), Eric (Courage), Hemant Shekhar (Creativity), John (MM Nursery), Jyoti Naoki Eri (Samasti), Louis Cohen (Citadines), Vladimir (Grace). The new team has already started to work on site in close collaboration with the outgoing executives and coordinators. Manas and Leena from the pool of facilitators have been helping in this transition.

Collaboration with other working groups
The Auroville Council meets regularly with the following groups to update and share information: Working Committee, FAMC liaison (Amy and Yuval), RAS, and Koodam. Other groups like BCC and Housing Board have an Auroville Council representative for better communication.

EDUCATION
Auroville Learning Activities - ALA
The Coordination of Auroville Learning Activities Group is now called COALA and they have started their work. Members of the group are: Dhanya, Daniel, Dominique from the ALA subgroup to ensure continuity and consistency, while Gijs, Lalith, Leena, Lisa, Manas and Sam are bringing fresh energy in the team. Sandhya from the Council will be following/staying with them for the time being. The group’s task is in implementing the ALA Guidelines: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/63316 and in developing the Auroville Learning Sector. They have a weekly meeting, and if you want to get in touch with them, please write to coala@auroville.org.in.

School bus safety: The Auroville Council is collaborating with the AVSchoolboard, SAIER Transport, Road Service, AVSecurity, ITDC, SAIER to place school bus stops for the safety of the children using the school bus. 10 bus stops have been placed and others will be put in place shortly.

PEACE & JUSTICE
Youth Hive Project in the International Zone
Following a long process, including intense and deep discussions with all the parties concerned, the Working Committee, the iTDC and the Auroville Council jointly decided to continue with the community process for the implementation of Youth Hive project in the International Zone.

Arbitrations and Appeals processes:
We are still in a learning process, reflecting and gaining insights. We will get back to you with an update on the process and possible / needed improvements. We thank all the arbiters, Koodam and resource persons for their time and commitment given during these processes.

Arbitrations:
Inside India and Divya arbitration: The arbiters have shared the decision with the parties and the issue is closed.

Aspiration sport ground arbitration: Implementation is in process.

Windarra arbitration: The Council is supporting the implementation to come to a closure.

Appeals:
Sheril’s Appeal against TDC decision dated August 2013 towards the refusal of her building permission at her office space in Progress Community. The Appeal Body concluded that the TDC decision will stand.

Implementation of the outcome is in process.

Philippe’s Appeal against iTDC decision dated March 29th, 2017 refusing his site application for his project Fab lab / Info lab. The Appeal Body concluded that the iTDC decision stands, as the site applied by Philippe is intended to be used as a green space. The Appeal Body, for that reason, found that the iTDC was within its mandate to recommend an alternative site for Philippe’s project - Implementation of the outcome is in process.

Warmly,
For the Auroville Council - Elisa, Enrica, Martin, Marc, Matriprasad, Mitu, Renuka, Sandhya and Sundar
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Training offered by Jean-François Noubel - an invitation for volunteers

The Auroville Council proposes to invite Jean-François Noubel to Auroville from December 2017 to March 2018 to build upon the work we started with him earlier this year by training a pool of Aurovilians as highly skilled facilitators for our working groups and community meetings. We notice more and more the benefit of having facilitated meetings. Our precious existing facilitation resources remain limited to a few people who cannot answer all our needs.

The intention of this proposal is to empower a number of Aurovilians with the knowledge and skills needed to assist in making a real change in our community. We are therefore seeking volunteers to come forward to express an interest in being part of this pool and undertaking the training offered. This is a demanding course and will require a considerable commitment from those taking part, and some physical requirements. An outline of the training offered and the commitment and requirements are described briefly below.

The Proposal: Jean-François states in his proposal: “Just like astronauts in space, piloting the Aurovillian vessel requires super-trained “humanonauts”. They need to unlearn some old cultural and behavioural habits that served in the old world, but will not serve in the next reality.”

How do we design new social codes that enhance individual and collective wisdom in urgent contexts? How can Aurovilians evolve their language in order to embrace a more encompassing reality? How can we build new conversational architectures that facilitate the emergence of collective wisdom?

Conventional culture leads us to build pyramidal organizations. This creates an imbalance of power that limits the potential for collective intelligence. We need a language of social engineering to design the next super-smart wisdom driven collectives.

Auroville needs a squad of experts whose mission consists in empowering and training Aurovilians in charge of thinking, doing and making decisions. These experts will facilitate and train groups to grow their collective intelligence.

The Program: The program offered by Jean-François, will consist of two seminars of two weeks each, separated by around 2 months. The program will include:

- Fundamentals of collective intelligence and the evolution of collectives in regards to maps of consciousness;
- Mechanisms of old social DNA perpetuating itself through language, food, social codes…;
- Invisible architectures: principles, design, methodology;
- Building holopticism (the capacity for an individual to see the whole);
- Building post-monetary economics for thriving collectives;
- Mechanisms and practices for embodiment through body practice;
- How to coach and engage with people and teams.

Participants: Jean-François asks for: “super motivated people, ready to ‘hack’ themselves and develop skills that question lots of the old habits” A high level of physical, emotional and mental fitness will be required, along with a strong commitment to the training to be done, which will be demanding on all levels. There must be a full time commitment for each of the two week sessions.

More details of the course and the requirements for participants will be given once the Council have a list of interested people.

Please write to the Auroville Council (avcouncil@auroville.org.in) as soon as possible to express your interest in this course, or at least by August 31st.

L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 19th Aug 2017

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks from the date of publication.

The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval. The final approval is given when L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC issues a NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens once the feedback period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, a final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start. It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of the TDC.

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Site Applications:

Project write-up given by the project holder
Project Title: Kalabhumi Pottery Studio
Proposed Site Location: Kalabhumi
Project Holder: Nele Martens
Architect:
Contact Persons: Nele
Description: The Kalabhumi Pottery Studio will be an educational space that is open to students of all ages and visiting professionals, by offering them the infrastructure and facilities to do sculpture and clay work.
Plot no: B013/3 - B014/2
Total Area of the project: 200 sqm
Build up Area: 75 sqm
Target Group: School + Adult Students, Artists
Background: The proposed pottery studio is an extension of the project/activity started in 2006 by Nele Martens - the Kalabhumi Art Studio.
Triggers: Over the last years many students have expressed an interest in working with clay, having sculpture classes, and learning pottery. Keeping this in mind the Kalabhumi Art Studio would like to extend its activities to include sculpture and ceramics, as a part of the courses offered.
Goals/Objectives:
1. To conduct regular classes for students and adults in clay work and sculpture which includes firing the final completed works of the students
2. To set up a fully functioning and self-sustaining artists pottery studio to help maintain the infrastructure and equipment required for the classes.

Building Applications:
1. AVSRC- Auroville Sports Resource Center- Facility block on plot no BO 139/4 for total built up coverage: 70 and 107 Sq.m. (adjacent to Auroville sports resource center building).
2. Akash Heimlich, Veranda extension on the existing building in Prathana on plot no. IR 420/4 for 24 sq.m.

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

Site applications: No New SA / Building Applications: No New BA

For additional information, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L’avenir d’Auroville/TDC office in the Town Hall. For more information on the location of the plots mentioned above, you can find this same announcement with map(s) on the Auronet page of L’avenir d’Auroville/TDC.
**Houses available for transfer**

**Quiet - Andreas house:** Area: 115.33 Sq.m. Single storied load bearing structure - residential building with brick walls plastered in cement mortar, Bamboo roofing consisting of front veranda, living cum Kitchen & Toilet with open stair. 

**Arati III Ex Kuyng Nam’ House:** Area - 130 Sqm approximately. Two-bedroom apartment on the first floor plus a studio on the ground floor. First floor: Living, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom/toilet. Ground floor: studio suitable for therapist etc. Shared bathroom with other studios. Ready now.

**PROMESSE - Velo & Suguna House:** Area 72.33 Sqm. Single standing house residential building with inner and outer plaster brick wall, RCC roofing with covered for front verandah, living cum Kitchen, Bedroom & Toilet. Suitable for Family.

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**To all filmmakers who submitted films to the Auroville film festival 2017:**

We noticed that some of you are under the impression that you have successfully submitted your film(s) to AVFF 2017 via filmfreeway.com while in fact you have not. The submission via filmfreeway.com involves two steps:

1. Register at filmfreeway.com as filmmaker and create a project for each film you want to submit to AVFF 2017
2. Submit each film at: [https://filmfreeway.com/festival/AurovilleFilmFestival](https://filmfreeway.com/festival/AurovilleFilmFestival)

In some case step 2 was not done. To check if you really have submitted your film(s), please log in to your filmfreeway account and click on “submissions” (top menu between “My Projects” and “Account”). If your film(s) do not show here as submitted to Auroville Film Festival, then please contact Marie-Pierre at: aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in or 0413 - 2623187

We apologize for not having been clear enough about this process in our announcements.

*Your AVFF 2017 Team*

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**POSTINGS**

**Permaculture for backyard Abundance:** At Auroville, we are meeting every Saturday 9.30-14.30, with Raw food lunch! To practice the science of designing with Permaculture for creating spaces that generate a livelihood along with a sustainable environment & abundant energy. Drop us a line on auroperma@gmail.com or call 9486536584 to book your lunch. Best permallows to all of you!

**Tribute to Satprem by Kireet Joshi:** House of Mother’s Agenda received 25 copies of ‘Tribute to Satprem’ by Shree Kireet Joshi. These booklets in French are freely available at the House of Mother’s Agenda. Welcome and Gratitude, *GangaLakshmi*

**Bhu performances postponed:** Due to unavoidable circumstances the performances of our Show “Bhu” in August are postponed to 1, 2 , 3 of September at 7.30 pm. Venue: Kalariagram. Udayan, Edeyanchavidi road. Near Adishakti. Please forward the information. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**Energy Efficiency in Rural Tamil Nadu:** In collaboration with Atomberg and Auroville Electrical Service, Auroville Consulting installed 193 energy efficient fans in Irumbai Village (Tamil Nadu). These BEE 5-star rated fans consume just 28 Watts at the highest speed setting, and are estimated to yield 9% in annual energy saving in the village. The installation was funded by the Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) and the Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency (TEDA) as part of the pilot Solar Village Project, that aims to provide 24x7 access to clean, reliable and renewable energy in rural Tamil Nadu (India). To know more about the project or to collaborate with us, contact us: atinfo@aurovilleconsulting.com

**Unity Pavilion welcomes:** flower artists, people who have studied Ikebana with Valeria or have other type of flower arrangement skills, to come and do the flower arrangements on chosen days, and maybe even on a more regular base. It will give you an opportunity to use your skills and share your creations with the community, and also create a learning space for the ladies who do the daily flower arrangements at Unity Pavilion. If this invitation speaks to you, please contact us at Unity Pavilion, 0413 2623576, unitypavilion@auroville.org.in - Thank You!

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**AVAILABLE**

**Moped TVS 100:** 1 year old for sale - call Hema: 2622830 / 7598110262

**Kittens 1:** Hello All! We are 2 kittens, born the 12th of May at Siddhartha forest. We are looking for a nice and sweet family.

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

**Housing Project under construction:**

**Kalpana:** 17 apartments of different size available. Studio - 6 1 BHK - 7 2 BHK - 2 3 BHK - 2 Will be ready 30th June 2018.

Contact Person: satyakam@auroville.org.in - Satyakam is available on the site on: Thursday: 3 pm to 5.30 pm / 1st and 3rd Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm. Surya is available the second and fourth Saturday

**Auromodele Orchard - Several houses are still to be built. Will be ready in 2018.**

Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220333

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**Auroville 1st Kino Kabaret**

*Dear Friends,*

*Have you always wanted to learn the nuances of filmmaking from those who have mastered the art? Here is the chance to be a part of something special. Welcome to Auroville’s first Kino Kabaret ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kino_(movement)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kino_(movement))).* We invite individuals of the community to a special event by offering a chance to be involved in the making of a short film. Be a part of conceiving, creating and producing a short film in just 50 hours.

If you are an actor (not necessarily a professional), dancer, makeup artist, costume designer, prop developer, etc. then sign up to be a part of 10 selected crews.

You will have 50 hours to make the film, from Friday the 8th of September at 2 pm until Sunday the 10th of September at 4 pm. Following this, the 10 movies will be screened in front of all the participants.

To register as a participant, send an email to kino@auroville.org.in with the subject line “First AV Kino Kabaret” and the following information: name, email contact, phone number, what role (composer/musician/actor/performer/tailor/carpenter, etc.) interests you, and which equipment you have if any.

*Kino Auroville Team*

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**LOOKING FOR**

- **Washing machine:** I am looking someone who has an extra (or is not using) washing machine that they want to give away. I prefer it to be not older than 5 years. Please contact me on +918007556868 or email: parshvakapadia@yahoo.com. Thanks, Parshva.

- **Work as Watchman:** Reliable and dedicated Nepali worker is looking for night shift as “Watchman”, preferably around Kuilapalayam. Contact Rohit at: 8098802402

**L O S T & F O U N D**

- **Smartphone (Lost):** I have lost a smart phone - SamSung Soul phone (Soul is written on the backside), black color, transparent cover. If somebody found it, Please call me. SunMI: 9487644182

- **Solar torchlight (Lost):** During Dawnfire on 15th August. If anybody got it kindly contact this number: 7598447621.

**T H A N K Y O U**

Hello Homeland!

I have arrived safe and sound in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and I am insanely happy here! This country is amazing, I already love it! I want to thank everybody for helping me reach this incredible reality I am living out. Over the years many people have helped me grow up and become the person I find myself to be today. It was so heartwarming and inspiring to see how everyone stepped up and lent a helping hand to get me here for this course. I love Auroville and I love the people in it! We are so fortunate to be the family we are, I am so grateful for it because my life and many others wouldn't be nearly as beautiful without it. Thank you!!! I love you!!!

**A P P E A L**

**Accessible Auroville Public Bus**

The Accessible Auroville Public Bus has been running for more than the one year offering a daily service. All those who use it regularly enjoy going to Pondy avoiding driving motorcycles or calling a taxi. Since we need to meet certain fixed expenses, we are kindly asking for donations to keep this service running.

We need:

- Yearly maintenance of vehicle; Yearly insurance and Fitness certificate: needed Rs. 69,000.

Thanks for your cooperation Acc# 251675 / avbus@auroville.org.in

With Gratitude, AV bus team (Raju, Sauro, Susmita)

**AV Film Festival**

**Dear Community,**

The AV Film Festival received very little funding to put on AVFF 2017. This event is a lively community affair and so we are asking the community to assist us. Do you know someone/s who would loan us shiamanas? We need two or three.

**THANK YOU**

If anyone needs connections to the country, please do not hesitate to get in touch, I am available, I have already begun developing an open armed network of lovely people. All my love (and calls for more rain) coming your way!

Angeli - Email: angeliearley@gmail.com

**An Enormous Thanks to Sri Aurobindo**

For His Love and His Laugh. And for bringing us here to manifest Her Dream, full of challenges and opportunities. With Gratitude - "Or who can see a face and form divine / In the naked two legged worm thou callest man?" - Sri Aurobindo - Savitri, B.X.C III. - Anandi (Realization)

**A P P E A L**

This year we also want to save money by borrowing 500GB (or higher) external hard drives. We need to at least 10 and we will make sure to return them safely. Those who want to donate directly to AVFF 2017 can do so at our PT acct: 251551 - Contact: aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in / 2623187

**Open Appeal - The Dajima road turns need urgent pruning**

For anyone who drives up from the ECR to Auretec taking the Bommayapalyam route knows how dangerous the two turns are along Dajima. Recently a pruning operation was carried out but the overhanging branches and outgrowth from the Dajima fence along these turns were left untouched.

Many Aurovilians from communities such as Sri Ma, Felicity, Sangamam, Gaia's Garden and Utility use this stretch for their daily commute to Auroville. Several children too cycle up and down this road where lorries and other fast moving vehicles are known to cause fatalities.

This is an appeal to the authorities concerned to clear the dense foliage that is blocking the road user's vision especially if they are on a bike or a cycle.

Abha P. on behalf of residents

**ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED**

**House-sitting 1:** Hi, I am Jayanth working in Tapasya Design Studio, Saracon Campus and I am looking for short, long-term house-sitting from September 2017. I am a single person and will work till next August. I am a very responsible and organized person, respectful and understanding of my surroundings. I would be very happy to take good care of your home. Please contact me: jey4arch@gmail.com / 7708736598. Jayanth

**House-sitting 2:** Looking for short / long-term house-sitting or accommodation from the end of September 2017. My name is Coralie and I am a 31-year old, Belgian girl who was volunteering for 6 months at the Botanical Garden and who will come back as a newcomer end of September, still to work at the Botanical Garden. I like making handicrafts, gardening, etc. I m a quiet, vegetarian and reliable person and I have 2 cats. Can take care of your animals, garden and so on. Please contact me: soshaparis@gmail.com or WhatsApp: 00917867937700

**House-sitting 3:** I am Rajeshwari working full time in Transition school as a second language teacher and I am looking for short term or long term house-sitting - I have two children, my daughter 7yrs and son 14yrs as well as my husband. Pls contact me on my mobile 8489757364 or by mail madraj2208@yahoo.com. Thank you, S.Rajeshwari
Monkey menace in Auroville?

More monkeys are visiting Auroville then before. While this is a welcome sign for the environment and it might be fun to get them to eat from your hands or cute to have a baby monkey as a pet, let us be more aware of the consequences of an increasing monkey population in the area.

Having lived in an Indian city where monkeys have created problems, I have been witness to some of their pranks. Eventually when families and clans of monkeys will occupy certain areas in Auroville, it will mean a change in our habits and ways of building. GI sheet / polycarbonate sheet roofing can be easily broken by their jumps; solar water heaters, solar PV panels, solar cookers, will be prone to damage from them and difficult to install (or with metal cage around them, like in Thiruvannamalai Ashram); open kitchens, bathrooms and houses without grills and wire mesh will have to be protected from their curiosity and food foraging activities.

Monkeys are also known to get rabid sometimes and there have been cases when they have bitten humans and have to be shot in cities. So let us be careful in welcoming them with open arms…safe and best way to scare them is with the sound of simple fire crackers. Keeping handy strip crackers that fit into a plastic gun is a cheap way to keep them away.

Mona (Yantra) [mona@auroville.org.in]
**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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**INVITATIONS**

**TALKS, SEMINARS**

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**Ecological Hygiene - presentation**

*By Lucas, EcoPro*  
*Saturday, Aug. 19th, 3-4.30 pm At EcoPro, Aurosarjan Complex*

Lucas / EcoPro offers a series of talks on various subjects of environmental health & hygiene, e.g. on sanitation in general & ecological sanitation (ecosan), ecological hygiene, organic farming and the cycle of nutrients, urine, cattle husbandry, etc.  
These talks will be supported with power point presentations and a lot of visual material.  
Presentations will be made on Saturdays at 3 pm. at EcoPro (Aurosarjan Complex, Auroshilpam).  
The program will start latest by 3.05 pm.  

The first talk will be on Saturday, Aug 19th, on Ecological Hygiene - a concept developed in contrast to medical-surgical hygiene; its scientific base and how it applies to our everyday life, to body hygiene and soaps, to household hygiene, food handling, drinking water standards, our health and our handling of natural resources. The approach of these talks is to present the topics with sufficient scientific basics while keeping the subject readily comprehensible to non-experts. Presentations may last about one hour, but there is always space for questions, and the sessions can last up to one and a half hour depending on interest and discussions.  
All interested are welcome. Refreshment will be served. No charges.
CULTURAL EVENTS

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Bhu performances postponed
Due to unavoidable circumstances the performances of our Show “Bhu” in August are postponed to:
1st, 2nd, 3rd of September at 7.30 pm.
Please forward the information. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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EDIBLE LANDSCAPES WORKSHOP
Pitchandikulam Forest, Aug 26-27
Would you like to learn how to forage for indigenous food and prepare healthy meals and drinks?
Come and join us for experiential learning and fun in our beautiful interactive forest garden!
Workshop schedule:
Saturday Aug 26th - Vegetables and herbs
Introduction: Understanding your palette and theory of identification
Guided walk: Learn to identify edible foods
Forage for and prepare a healthy sweet fruit using vegetable and flower from the forest
Learn about nutrition and Ayurveda
Workshop held by our team of traditional herbal health experts: Activist and fifth-generation Siddha herbal healer Parvathi Nagaranjan MA and our resident Ayurvedic doctor and women’s health specialist Dr. Berengère
For bookings, cost and enquiries please contact: Email: pitchandikulam.outreach@auroville.org.in / P: +91 7094716136

Family constellation workshop
Saturday 26th of August
9 am to 6 pm at Creativity
Contact Moghan: 9751110486 / moghan@auroville.org.in

INNER-WORKSHOP
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
22nd August (Tuesday)
• Overview with multimedia presentation
• Questions and Answers
• Practice in Daily Life
• Complimentary Concentration Exercises
• Creative Arts, Interactive Games
• Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
• Introduction to the Reference Books
Focus this week on: ‘The Synthesis of Yoga’
These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises.
Place: Savitri Bhavan
Time: 9 am to 12 Noon
(For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.)
Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922)
No Registration required (except for groups)
Fees: Voluntary Contribution
All are welcome
For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit www.integralyoga-auroville.com

ATB with Rosa
Re-start this coming Saturday 19th of August.
These ATB explorations want to offer a space out of the business of everyday life where the individual can go within and explore the different planes that form the being and the interaction between them, through exercises that enhance concentration, relaxation, introspection and self-knowledge. These sessions need a regular attendance to give a continuity and depth to the exploration - so far they are for Aurovilians, newcomers or long term volunteers.
The first two sessions will be open to anyone interested to come to know what it is about... and from there onward, those who feel like continuing. are requested to commit to a regular assistance for around three to four months, till we will make a break and re-start with a new focus in our exploration.
Venue: ATB Hall at Transition School
Time: Saturday 7.00 am to 8.30 am.
Kindly arrive 5 minutes earlier as we will start on time!

Stop smoking - not why but how!
Just a homeopathic remedy made with your personal cigarettes. Free for Aurovilians and Newcomers by Janaka.
“Make a present to yourself! I’ll do it: this is my karma yoga for you”
Book at: 948.762.9648 or write: janaka.om@auroville.org.in

Power of Inspiration
A three-day workshop for those seeking a fundamental change in their lives. Learn to identify their core values and present patterns of behavior, work with blockages, and map out ways in which change can take place.
We live in a world of constant change. At one level, this requires us to learn the skills to adapt, but at a deeper level, we are also challenged to question our fundamental beliefs and perspectives of the world. This can be unsettling as it involves risks associated with stepping out of our comfort zone, and into the unknown. However, the discovery of new perspectives and core values can provide an indispensable compass for charting our way in an ever-changing world.
By the end of the course, participants should have confidence in their ability to initiate important changes in their lives, and have a clearer sense of what those changes could be, and how they can happen.
For more information/ registration send us an an email at: info@aurovilleretreat.org or call Abhimanyu: +91 96556 96982

NATURAL BUILDING WORKSHOP
Sacred Groves is organizing a natural building workshop from 25-27 August 2017 open to all Students and professionals.
This 3-day introductory workshop focuses on low-cost, environment-friendly building strategies especially appropriate for Indian climate.
Come learn from us through hands-on experience in techniques like:
* Cob
* Wattle & daub
* Adobe
There will also be a guided site tour, a technical presentation and other talks.
For more info or to register, send in your applications to: sacredgroves@auroville.org.in
Find us at: www.sacredgroves.in
Schedules

Quiet

Somatic Movement Workshop with Maggie
Saturday 2 - Sunday 3 September 2017 (2 days)
9.30 AM - 5.00 PM (12 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
A 2-day neuro-muscular re-education (mind-body training) workshop in the tradition of Thomas Hanna.
Somatics is a system of slow, mindful movement. It improves the function of the nervous system, creating more ease and freedom within ourselves. Somatics teaches us to recognise and release holding patterns, resulting from pain, injury, stress or habitual posture, and enhances any kind of exercise such as yoga, dance, sport or just moving through life. You will also learn a daily practice in order to maintain better flexibility, coordination, balance and wellness, resulting in a decrease of aches commonly attributed to stress, injury and ageing.
Maggie is a certified Somatic Movement Educator and graduate of the International Institute for Somatic Movement Education (IISME). She is also a highly experienced massage therapist and has been working in the field of pain relief for over 15 years.

Watsu Basic & OBA Basic with Dariya & Daniel
Friday 1 -- Wednesday 6 September 2017 (6 afternoons)
1.30 AM -- 6.00 PM (31 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
Watsu & OBA are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool. Watsu Basic introduces movements and body mechanics to work with someone on the surface; OBA Basic introduces and offers a unique underwater experience (with nose clip). During this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities of moving another person in water. You will experience floating people and being floated, on the surface and under water, creating a space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit. You may also discover that this kind of bodywork is something you would like to further explore, in which case this course serves as a perfect precursor to Watsu 1, Liquid Flow Essence, Watsu 1 & OBA 1, or WaterDance 1 - No previous experience required!

Watsu 1 (TF) with Dariya & Daniel
8 - 12 September 2017 (5 days)
9.00 AM - 6.00 PM (34 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
In Watsu 1 (Transition Flow) you learn to connect the Watsu Basic movements and positions with long, gracefully flowing transitions and to adapt this work to people of different sizes, shapes, and dispositions. You also learn about your own body mechanics and how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible - Prerequisites: Watsu Basic or Watsu & OBA/Liquid Flow Basic.
Watsu 1 (TF) is recognized by WABA (Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Association) as part of the Watsu training program and gives 34 hours of credit for registration with WABA and Watsu India.

Creeva

Center for Research, Education and Experience in the Visual Arts (CREEVA) is a platform for people to experience art first hand and overcome their fears, doubts, and myths. It is a place where art enthusiasts can experiment with mediums, form, themes, etc. and hone their art skills. CREEVA lets you explore deeper and find your language and comfort. It helps you practice your yoga of art regularly and peacefully. Sri Aurobindo on Art: “The first and lowest use of Art is the purely aesthetic, the second is the intellectual or educative, the third and highest the spiritual”. Pg 439, Vol 1, CWSA

You are welcome to come and practice the discipline of Art every day from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at our studio in Creativity. To further understand the craft, you can participate in our daily evening workshops from 5pm to 7pm. This week our schedule is as follows:

Monday, 21st Aug - Explore Water colors with Sathya
Tuesday, 22nd Aug - Drawing Anatomy with Lakshay
Wednesday, 23rd Aug - Not Scheduled. Call to know.
Thursday, 24th Aug - Understanding Textures with Audrey
Friday, 25th Aug - Discovering ourselves through colors, with Helgard

Pls. call/email and make an appointment before coming. Everyone in the studio practices, no excuses. Pls. maintain silence and decorum in the premise. It's a cooperative; pls. feel free to use the studio's art materials. If possible, bring your personal art materials and donate unused ones for others. Donate generously for art to flourish. It's free for Aurovilians and Newcomers. AV Volunteers pay Rs.100 and Guests pay Rs.200 per session. These workshops are for adults, if you want to bring your child along, pls. confirm with the facilitator. Call Lakshay at 9810052574 or email to: creeva@auroville.org.in

We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help us with our cool art projects. Join us! - Lakshay for CREEVA
NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

**10-Day Intensive “Introduction to Hindi”:** Have fun learning Hindi with Volunteer Vandita Churiwal. She has grown up speaking Hindi, and has a very strong desire to share it with others through teaching. Classes will be every day from Monday to Friday from 4:30 to 5:30pm, for two weeks, starting 21st of August - 1st September. This will be Spoken Hindi, though we will use the alphabet with a phonetic to help you pronounce the Hindi sounds correctly. You’ll learn all the basic vocabulary and grammar (pronouns, simple verb conjugation, present past future, question words, a few adverbs, and adjectives) that you might need for a trip up North. There’ll also be a song a day with lots of old Hindi favourites. We might even manage to get a few classic film clips as well. There will be a lot of practice, repetition and laughing. Get ready to enjoy Hindi! Note: This is an Intensive, so you need to commit to coming every day.

**Hindi Pre-Intermediate/Intermediate Class:** Chandrima will teach a Hindi group class for either the Pre-Intermediate or Intermediate level for those who already know some Hindi. Classes will be on Mondays and Saturdays from 1-2:15pm. Since few of you have asked, here you go!

**Beginners and Intermediate Spanish:** We announced last week that Susana is back and Spanish classes will start. Timings have been fixed: Beginners: Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-5pm / Intermediate: Mondays and Tuesdays 5-6pm - The Intermediate is for the group that completed the Beginners course before the summer. New people can join of course, but please come and meet Susana first.

**Upper-Intermediate/Advanced Tamil:** A reminder that the first session for this new class taught by Buvana will be on Saturday the 19th August at 10am. This is for those whose spoken Tamil is already quite good, and who felt the Intermediate class is not challenging enough.

**The Tamil Conversation class for Beginners with Saravanan** is closed now since the class is full. People can still join his Intermediate level class, though.

**Buvana’s Pre-Intermediate Tamil class** is working with the Tamil script, so if you know the script but need practice, this is the group for you.

We’re very happy that Malcolm, who is teaching both the Beginner and Intermediate levels of English, has been approved to return as a Newcomer in the Fall. It would be very nice to have a substitute teacher for the time he will be away; please contact us and come and sit in the class to see. We’d also welcome another long-term teacher of English.

**Piero also remains available for Italian for all levels.** We are looking for a German teacher.

**Regarding French:** The Beginners French group with Camille has formed nicely. It isn’t too late to join. As already mentioned in the previous two issues of News and Notes, Gwendoline and Romain, the Service Civique volunteers, are here. They have just finished their Savi Volunteer Introduction programme and are gung-ho to teach. Please contact us immediately to give your names as well as your preferred times for classes. We will organise a full-fledged French program for the year. There will be structured classes based on the videos of “French In Action” along with the textbook and workbook. There will be other classes working with other materials, including films, cartoons, magazine articles etc. In addition to the larger groups, we will have one-on-one, one-on-two, and one-on-three classes. Classes will be thrice a week, twice a week and even once-a-week for those who don’t have time. We plan to meet each individual need. The classes will start in September and the last two weeks of this month will be dedicated to meeting those who want to learn, to identify needs and levels and organise the timings. There will be a Kids’ French group for those who have French in school but are struggling and need some extra help. The first meeting of these kids (and their parents) will be on Friday 18th August at 2:15pm at the Lab. So: Old and new students: please contact us now.

Since Remi, the other Service Civique volunteer, who will be with the Tomatis Centre is also here, and some other volunteers will arrive in September and October, we plan to extend our opening hours to allow more people to use the Lab and Tomatis. We’ll announce this when it happens.

People are welcome to join the existing groups (except for the Beginners Tamil), but need to meet the teacher first.

**Tomatis listening sessions!** In the last News and Notes, we promised to talk about the benefits of Tomatis for adults. In brief, according to Dr. Alfred Tomatis’ research, the ear does more than simply hear. It acts as a dynamo and energizes the brain. It ensures equilibrium and verticality. It controls all body movement and posture. It ensures bodily integration and coordination. It is profoundly related to the psyche and the nervous system. And finally, it controls listening, communication and language. We read with our ears. We speak and we sing with our ears! So the machine he devised, called the “Electronic Ear” can act in all these areas.

In addition to language learning, Tomatis can help with improving attention, concentration and memory/retention. It can break lethargy and depression. It can give a much-needed energy boost at certain stages of life. On the other hand, if someone is too “speedy” it can help slow them down. Teenagers can help get clarity in the midst of confusion. So can those going thru mid-life crises. It is wonder for learning disorders, dyslexia, for instance. It can help with stuttering and aphasias, where language is affected. Sometimes, emotional baggage and the resulting listening postures limit our awareness and consciousness. Even talked with someone, and got the feeling that they aren’t really listening, aren’t really there; they seem to be nodding and responding, but the responses are perfunctory. Or they are full of themselves and answer everything you say with some response of their own without really listening? Ever had the feeling that you are stuck and something imperceptible is holding you back, or it’s like your wheels are rotating in the same place without moving forward? Ever felt at a cross-road and that you need a change but you are scared to try? Ever experienced stress, anxiety and sleeplessness? Tomatis is a tool that can help in all of these situations. It can help with vertigo/dizziness, Meniere’s Syndrome and other balance and coordination issues. It can help with certain kinds of hearing loss and tinnitus (depends on the cause and type). It has applications for voice, singing and music - for example, difficulties hearing different parts of a tune. Musicians can discover that more refined listening helps in a deeper connection with their instrument. Artists can find it deepens their creative expression. Many people suffer from oversensitivity to sound. This indicates a weakness in the ear’s ability to sieve out unimportant information. Overhearing is basically poor listening! The Tomatis Ear-training can help. The listening training can be used by singers, public speakers, broadcast professionals, since, according to Tomatis, the ear controls the voice. It can be used to prepare for exams, and by pregnant women. Tomatis can help get clarity, boost creativity and self-confidence and uncover hidden potential. It has applications for people of ALL ages - kids, teenagers, adults, seniors..... However, Tomatis isn’t for “problems” alone: Better Listening benefits everybody.

The kinds of programs depend on the need/aim of the person as expressed and as identified in the diagnostic Listening Test. These programs are longer in duration than the language training programs, and they are highly individualized. However, in our experience, even a small period doing Tomatis “ear-obics” helps! (And yes, of course, we offer it for languages too!)

There is a film of 45 minutes, in French with English sub-titles, available at the Lab and on our website (www.aurovillelanguagelab.org) for those who want to know more about the Tomatis Method. This film is available at any time on our mediatheque. Please ask.

Buvana's Pre-Intermediate Tamil class is working with the Tamil script, so if you know the script but need practice, this is the group for you.
We're updating the schedule regularly now on our website. Do have a look for the latest info there: http://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/courses.php

The Language Lab is open Monday - Saturday 9:00am – 6:00pm / Location: International Zone, Behind MM Nursery, Close to the Unity Pavilion, Pump House, etc. / Phone: 2623 661, 9585207962 Email all@auroville.org.in

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**F I L M S**

**MMC/Cinema Paradiso Announcement**

Dear Friends,

For a long time you have been requesting that we make a canopy at the entrance of Cinema Paradiso - to protect from the sun and the rain. We have figured it will also protect the venue and its equipment better. With that aim in mind, we have now taken the initial step towards construction of the canopy.

Hence for the coming weeks, if you already hold a confirmed booking from us in the morning/afternoon we will respect that and will ensure the venue is available to you on the scheduled date and time. Otherwise starting immediately, we are not taking any more booking for morning and afternoon time slots.

Evening film screening and matinee (except for 10 September 2017) will continue till the 10 September 2017. During this time please be careful, arrive early, and give yourself sufficient time to enter the hall because there will be unevenness and dug up area close to the main entrance. Take your time and enter carefully.

From 11 September 2017 onward for a few weeks we expect the venue to be completely closed to finish the work. We will announce in advance when the Cinema Paradiso will start functioning full swing once again.

Thanking you, with warm regards,
Marco and Nina (For MMC/Cinema Paradiso)

**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

Sadhana Forest, August 25th, Friday.

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

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

**THE POWER OF COMMUNITY: HOW CUBA SURVIVED PEAK OIL**
53 Minutes / English-Spanish / 2006 / Directed by Faith Morgan
The film is a reflection of the peak oil scenario argued by oil industry experts and political activists. The Cuban economy, heavily dependent on economic aid from the Soviet Union, suffered tremendously following the end of the Cold War. The nation lost half of its oil imports, and 85 percent of its international trade economy. Director Faith Morgan, together with the non-profit group The Community Solution, seeks to educate audiences about peak oil and the impact it will have on transportation, agriculture, medicine, and other industries.

(Reminder: Friday 18/08 The Connected Generation)

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

Monday, 21st of August 2017 at 6:30 pm

“NIROD DA: AN INSPIRATION - HONOURING THE MEMORY OF NIRODBARAN”

Nirodbaran (1903-2006) was one of the close disciples of Sri Aurobindo. He was the scribe and personal attendant of Sri Aurobindo and with a special relationship to the humor of the Lord.

The significance of ‘Nirodbaran’ is: “He who chooses the Infinite, has been chosen by the Infinite.”

And Nirodbaran’s association with Sri Aurobindo began even before birth. When Nirodbaran was born on the 17th of November 1903 his mother saw in her vision a resplendent Rishi standing in front of her, who she later recognised to be Sri Aurobindo.

The film was made by Gnostic Center, New Delhi in 2007. Duration: 36min.

Unity Pavilion – Eye Opening

Movie Series

Wednesday, August 23: THE TRUTH ABOUT CANCER - A GLOBAL QUEST

Episode 1: The True History of Chemotherapy and the Pharmaceutical Monopoly - English, 1h 58min

In this nine-episode docu-series, Ty travels the world interviewing 131 doctors, researchers, and several cancer survivors to address their preferred methods of holistic care.

Episode 1:
• Shocking cancer statistics;
• Uncover the lies of chemotherapy;
• How Big Pharma falsifies "research" based medicine with tactics like ghostwriting articles;
• An overview of the Hoxsey Clinic (Biomedical Center) in Tijuana, Mexico; interviews with doctors and patients;
• Stories of children (Selena Matthews, Cassandra Callender, and Jenay Jones) taken away from parents and forced to undergo radiation and chemotherapy.

Every Wednesday, 8 pm at the Unity Pavilion

All are welcome - No contribution required

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And regular events at http://www.auroville.org/contents/4201

Important Information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5 pm)

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.

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

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News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 0413-2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in

SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN AUGUST

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

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
Auroville Library, Crown Road: opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday. email: avlib@auroville.org.in, tel: 0413-2622 894
Bike/Car repair & servicing: ★ Painting ★ Modification ★ General service ★ Bike renting. Please contact Satya: 9443438287
At Abri workshop (old puncture service) Auroville. We accept Auroville PT account.
AVHC: The Pharmacy is open 8.30 to 5 pm daily including Saturdays. The doctor’s consultation is the same with a lunch break from 1-2pm, except Saturday up to 1pm only. Phone no 0413-2622123 and 0413-2622018.Email: avhealth@auroville.org.in.
AV Safety & Security Team: Call us 24/7 for emergency, assistance or escort on 9443090107. Visit our office (Certiﬁd Service Area - Near Gas Bottle service) from Monday to Saturday (9AM to 1PM - 2PM to 4PM) or contact us on 0413-2623400/ avsecurity@auroville.org.in
City Transport: Quick “Pick up and Drop” Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater people carrier, free of charge for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests for trips within the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele and Repos/Quiet chargeable with per passenger fares, from Rs.110/- for 1 person single trip. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 0413-262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951. E-mail: visitorscentre@auroville.org.in - Please note that it is not a taxi that can be ordered in advance for an exact time, but will normally reach you with 10/15 minutes, and will not wait for you for onward or return trips - if needed it will come back to pick you up again when called.
Auroville Dental Centre: Protection / Telephone: (0143) 2622265 or 2622007 / email: aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in
EcoService, Kottakarai: Palani 9443535172 or Kali 9443090114. ecoservice@auroville.org.in
Entry Service, Multimedia Center: 1st floor, Town hall Complex: We are open to the public Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9:30am to 12:30 - Wednesday and Thursday for Interview by appointment only. B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only. For more information on joining Auroville: +91 (0)413 262 2707 email: entryservice@auroville.org.in
Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. This phone is reachable 24/7.
Financial Service, Town Hall and Aspiration: Mon to Sat, 9 to 12.30 and 3 to 4.30pm

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Free Store: Summer timings (May and June): open mornings only. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12.30 pm. Telephone: 0413-2623680 email: freestore@auroville.org.in

Free Store Tailoring Service: Repair work will be received only from 1st to 15th of every month. Timings will be same as Free Store.

Auroville Gas Service, Service Area: Near Tele Service' and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm. Telephone: (0413) 2622452 / email: avgasservice@auroville.org.in

Green Care: Tree care, pruning, rigging, removal of trees, and or branches over structures. Garden maintenance grass and hedge cutting. Call: Jonas 9159843579 or Anadi 9655477329.

Guest Service above the Solar Kitchen: 1st floor. Opening times: from Monday to Saturday 9.30 to 12.30, and from Monday to Friday 13.00 to 16.00. avguestservice@auroville.org.in; contact no. 0413 2622675

Housing Service, Town Hall: Public Hours: Monday morning from 11 to 12.30 and afternoon from 2.30 till 4.30 - Tuesday morning from 9.30 to 12.30 - Wednesday closed - Thursday 9.30 to 12.30 - Friday morning 9.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - Friday afternoon 2.30 to 4.30 - Saturday morning 10.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - All regular financial matters can also be taken care of on Friday morning. Phone: (0413) 2622658. Email: housing@auroville.org.in

Integral Health, Prayatna: transpersonal therapy group, classical homeopathy, counselling, vital remedies, child & women health, hypnotherapy, integralhealth@auroville.org.in - 2623669 - Mon to Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.

LFAU - Fundraising for Auroville’s land: with its two campaigns ‘Acres for Auroville’ & ‘GreenAcres’ Aryadeep, Mandakini LB, Sophie, Sigrid, and secretary Jothi. Welcome: Mornings from 9:30 - 12.30 at Town Hall, 1st floor. LFAU 0413 2622657. LFAU@auroville.org.in / www.colasap.org

LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas: LOE Library Open every morning Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12 am / Afternoon Monday to Friday: 2.30 to 4.30 pm. loechu@auroville.org.in

Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily 6am to 8.45am/11.30am to 12.30pm (2pm on Sunday)/4.30pm to 8pm. Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you. The Petals are open for Aurovilians daily: 4.30pm to 6pm. To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.40 am on the day of the visit. Please remain with your guests throughout the visit. Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday.

Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 and 11 am.

Music library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9 to 12.30 and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2 to 5:30pm.

Nandini Tailor section: (Auroshilpam): will receive your summer (May & June) orders: Tuesday & Saturday from 9am to 12.30pm and 3pm to 5pm, Thursday from 9am to 12.30pm. Keep it light!! ;-) Beautiful Summer Days, Nandini Team. tel: 0413-2622527 Email nandini@auroville.org.in. Don’t forget to bring your bag when you give us a new order!!!!!!

Nandini Distribution: (PTDC area): tel: 0413-2622033 Email nandini@auroville.org.in. Open to public from Tuesday to Saturday morning from 9am to 12.30pm and Tuesday, Thursday afternoon 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Don’t forget to bring your bag!

OutreachMedia Services: The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photography - reporters, journalists and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904 Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afterwards and Saturdays by appointment. outreachmedia@auroville.org.in

Puncture service, service area: next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4:30 pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891235.

Auroville Residents Service timings: SUMMER TIMINGS: open from Monday to Friday 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. Telephone: (0413) 2622191 / email: resservice@auroville.org.in

Residents Assembly Service: new landline number: 0413-2623701 (please note it in your agenda). The RAS office (located 1st floor at Town Hall) is open for public from 10 AM till 12 Noon from Monday till Friday. We are happy to welcome your questions, suggestions or information. We will do our best to help you in whatever way possible. Thank you for your appreciation. Your RAS team


Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville, a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months). We offer welcome information, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers’ stay. From Monday to Friday from 2 till 4 pm. at the Unity Pavilion. For more information call (0413)2622121 or go to Savi website: www.auroville-learning.net.

Skyworks: Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, pole line cleaning. SatFajii: 853 103 35 45

Shared Transport Service (STS): Taxi sharing +91 413 2623 200 | +91 413 2623 201 | +91 8270512508 sharedtransport@auroville.org.in | http://sharedtransport.aurovillle.org/

TreeCare: Pruning, removing, cabling, bracing and transplanting of trees. Hedge and grass maintenance also available. Call: Jonas: 9159843579 / Anadi: 9655477239 or go to: treecareindia.com.

Vehicle Service, Town Hall: Monday to Friday: 9am to 12.30pm, 2.30 to 4.30pm. Saturday: 9am to 12.30pm. Rental of bicycles and children car seats also available. avvehicle@auroville.org.in or phone 9843734825

Video library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 10am to 1pm and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 3 to 6pm.
Eminent Film-maker Series – Thursday 24 August, 8:00 pm:

India, 2000, Writer-Director Buddhadeb Dasgupta with Jaya Seal, Tapas Pal, Shankar Chakraborty, and others. Drama-Thriller, 99mins, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)
Based on a story by Samarendra Bose in this much acclaimed film is inspired by a true event. It is set in a sleepy village in Bengal where the arrival of a letter is an event, and a telephone is still an innovation. Therein reside best buddies Nimai and Balaram, two railway employees who share a passion for wrestling. However, things change when Balaram marries Uttara and a group of outsiders arrive – and there is a murder. The film is not about sloganeering activism. It's just a stunningly simple and courageous and makes bold statement without sharing many words. This film remains one of the director's own favorites.

Eminent Film-maker Series – Tuesday 22 August, 8:00 pm:

India, 2017, Director Buddhadeb Dasgupta with Sudipto Chatterjee, Kajal Kumari, Ananya Chatterjee, and others. Drama, 88mins, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: U/A (PG-13)
Based on a novel by Narayan Gangopadhyay, the film is set in the wilds of rural Bengal, where an eccentric aristocrat Raja lives with his mistress, while she dreams a life in a faraway land. A film crew arrives seeking Raja's help to track a tiger for their documentary. ‘Mad’ postman Goja makes prophecies, gleaning clues from stolen mails. Then there is Munni a nomad girl who does tricks to sustain her family. Their lives are intertwined; each using the others as baits for their needs. The film is an audio-visual banquet of ravishing images and evocative music. The director will be present for a Q&A session at the end.

Eminent Film-maker Series – Thursday 23 August, 8:00 pm:

India, 2000, Writer-Director Buddhadeb Dasgupta with Mithun Chakraborty, Rahul Bose, Sameera Reddy and others. Drama, 120mins, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
This National and international award winning film straddles two times lines. At its core is a simple man, considered a failure in both professional and personal life - lives with his children. His wife has other dreams. He seeks to reconnect with his estranged father. The film takes viewers through changing human relationships, hued with the grandeur of travelling theatre troupe and embroidered with a series of surreal sequences with a touch of humor amidst pathos. A treat you cannot miss! Penny (Aurovilian) along with Sohini assisted on this film.

Eminent Film-maker Series – Thursday 24 August, 8:00 pm:

India, 2014, Writer-Director Sohini Dasgupta with Kubhushan Kharbanda, Tannishtha Chatterjee, Ananya Chatterjee, and others. Drama-Fantasy, 113mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
This debut film is inspired by a real life incident where two sisters lock themselves up in their apartment after their father's death. The film explores the situation that forced the sisters to become recluses and the cocoon they created by them where they rediscover the dynamism of relationship, love, and reality. The director, will be present for a Q&A session at the end.

International – Saturday 26 August, 8:00 pm:

Japan-France, 2016, Writer-Director Köji Fukada w/ Mariko Tsutsui, Tadanobu Asano, Kanji Furutachi, and others. Drama, 120mins, Japanese w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)
Life for Toshio, his wife Akie, and their younger daughter Hotaru carries on as usual until he hires the mysterious Mr. Yasaka in his workshop. Yasaka practices the harmonium. Yasaka bonds helping Hotaru with her music and being helpful around the shop and house. Yasaka reveals that he was imprisoned for 11 years for a murder. Slowly the plot reveals that Yasaka's past connection with Toshio.

Children's Film - Sunday 27 August, 4:30 pm:

USA, 2016, Director Mark Rosman w/ Griffin Cleveland, J.J Totah, Jaden Betts & others. Sci-Fi, 87mins, English, Rated: G
A group of middle school kids stumble upon a chest full of incredible toys from the future. The discovery takes them on an adventure using their newfound toys to save their neighborhood and ultimately the world from a maniacal corporate madman.

BOGART-BACALL Movies @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 27 August, 8:00 pm:

USA, 1948, Director John Huston w/ Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, & others. Film-Noir, 100mins, English, Rated: NR
Frank McCloud travels to a run-down hotel on Key Largo to honour the memory of a friend who died bravely in his unit during WW II. His friend's widow, Nora Temple, & wheelchair bound father James manage the hotel and receive him warmly, but they soon find themselves virtual prisoners when the hotel is taken over by a mob of gangsters, awaiting the passing of a hurricane. The head gangster’s demeaning treatment of his alcoholic moll and his complicity in the deaths of some innocent Seminole Indians and a deputy sheriff start to motivate McCloud to overcome his now pacifist beliefs and Hamlet-like inaction.

Rating codes: 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@mmcauditorium@aurovile.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

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→ Auroville Safety and Security Team: 9443090107 (Email: avssecurity@aurovile.org.in)
→ Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
→ Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. reachable 24/7.

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