Five Indications

On 15 August 1925, more than seventy years ago, Sri Aurobindo in his evening talks gave a few indications by which to recognize the dawning of the New Era. The first indication was that the knowledge of the physical world would increase to a degree that it would break its own bounds. In this book it has already been pointed out that physical science has been moving for decades in occult territory without being aware of the fact or willing to recognize it. The present moment is especially interesting, as physical science now says it has discovered the sixth quark and its system of the composition of matter therefore should be complete. For the Mother has said that the transformation takes place quite materially in the mutual relations of the elementary particles and also that new particles will be discovered of which the scientists have as yet no idea.

‘Secondly,’ Sri Aurobindo said, ‘there is an attempt all over the world towards breaking the veil between the outer and the inner mental, the outer and the inner vital and even the outer and the inner physical.’ People are becoming more ‘psychic’ he said, using the word in the ordinary sense (according to A.B. Purani’s notes). A visit to any bookshop can only confirm Sri Aurobindo’s assertion.

Sri Aurobindo’s third indication: ‘The vital is trying to lay hold on the physical as it never did before. It is always the sign that whenever the higher Truth is coming down, it throws up the hostile vital world on the surface, and you see all sorts of abnormal vital manifestations, such as an increase in the number of persons who go mad, earthquakes, etc.’ We have already been reflecting on this. The vital beings perform their frenetic dance in an orgy of violence and stupefaction, in a hellish roar from batteries of loudspeakers with a power of thousands of watts, under flashing, blinding strobe lights and on pounding rhythms, with hair-dos, face paintings and clothing from the domains of vital beings or dwellings of vicious clowns.

Fourthly: ‘The world is becoming more united on account of the discoveries of modern science ... Such a union is the condition for the highest Truth coming down.’ We know that technology is indispensable in the present stage of planetary development. If technology in this world would fall away, the realization of the necessary human unity would become a practical impossibility, for the different parts of the planet would lose the necessary exchange with one another and be enclosed in their separate existences again. We may therefore conclude that humanity will retain its command of the means of communication till something will be available to replace them. As the problems related to planetary communication are urgent, because of the dwindling energy resources and widespread pollution, their solution may not be that far off. This would mean that the unexpected is of the order of the day. The formerly mentioned colossality of all worldwide problems, moreover, points in the same direction of a solution in the (relatively) short term.

‘I have a sort of certainty that, when the Work will be finished, the result will come almost like a bolt of lightning,’ the Mother said. Was the Work finished? ‘The change has been accomplished. The physical is able to receive the higher Light, the Truth, the true Consciousness.’ (14 March 1970) ‘It is in the year 2000 that it will take a clear turn,’ she said too. But in the meantime ‘it’ is active everywhere.

Sri Aurobindo’s fifth indication was ‘the rise of persons who wield tremendous vital influence over large numbers of people,’ the emissaries, directly or indirectly, of the Asura of Falsehood. When Sri Aurobindo said this, the world had not yet seen the hordes of khaki shirts and black shirts parading before their Leader (Führer, Duce, Caudillo, Netaji), with the symbols of death as their emblems. Neither had it seen that the number of those attending ideological or religious mass-manifestations was used to corroborate the truth of a religion or an ideology.

Taking all this into consideration, what is the future that humanity can expect? ‘It must be conceded at once that there is not the least probability or possibility of the whole human race rising in a block to the supramental level,’ Sri Aurobindo wrote in The Life Divine. He foresaw ‘an achievement by the few initiating a new order of beings, while humanity will have passed sentence of unfitness on itself and may fall back into an evolutionary decline or a stationary immobility.’ The Mother said the same: ‘Three quarters of humanity belong to the past...’

‘The few’ are the mature souls who, at the end of their adventure through the lower evolution, have reached the terminus of their series of incarnations. Sri Aurobindo called them ‘the great dynamic souls,’ ‘the handful of pioneers,’ ‘the born-free,’ ‘the predestined.’ ‘Throughout the course of history a small minority has been carrying the torch to save humanity in spite of itself,’ he said. Having arrived at that point, the soul is free to choose what it prefers to do. These souls of ‘the few,’ in their great love for their brothers and sisters, who are still struggling in the evolution towards maturity, having chosen to incarnate again upon the Earth to help the others and quicken the advent of the new era. They have chosen the moment of their return on Earth and the task they want to accomplish. They have chosen either to help prepare the coming of the Avatar, to work together with him at the time of his presence on Earth, or to continue the work when he has left the material scene, in the trying period between his bodily presence and the actual realization of his Work. This is a period which only can be traversed leaning on the staff of Faith — the Faith that always is a form of ‘The few’ are the mature souls who, at the end of their adventure through the lower evolution, have reached the terminus of the ir

The special Grace of the Divine is for the seekers of the Divine — for the others it is a Cosmic Will acting through their Karma.

Sri Aurobindo

ref. Elements of Yoga, p. 98
Entry General Meeting - a Report of the GM held on Saturday, 26th August, 2017.

Dear community,

The Entry Task Group held a General Meeting (GM) on the topic of Entry on Saturday, 26th August, 2017, at the Unity Pavilion.

The proposed agenda of the GM was:
1. Introduction and presentation: bringing you up to speed since the last GM
2. Clarifying questions, if any
3. Next steps: discussion with the Resident's Assembly Service and the RAD process of the policy
4. Conclusion and closing

Please click here this link to read the report of the GM: https://goo.gl/FVBXQB

The outcome of the GM was:
1. The period, for integrating the inputs (as received in the GM) in the policy, is to be extended by another week before the RAD process begins;
2. The meeting expressed concern at the replacement of the words “entry” and “exit” with “admission” and “termination” in the policy and asked that the original Aurovilian terms be preserved in this policy. This was agreed;
3. It was suggested and agreed to simplify the English language used in this policy;
4. It was agreed that the question to be asked for the RAD is, “Do you accept this policy? Yes / No.”

Currently the inputs received during the GM are being incorporated in the policy.

Up next is the announcement of the start of the RAD process, along with the final draft of the policy to be voted on using the GM.

Introduction and presentation: bringing you up to speed on the research on the desirability and possible form of a master plan area - plotting and stand-alone developments.

The Working Committee

WC - Correction

It has been brought to our notice that two mistakes have crept into our report on the meeting with the Governing Board, which was published in the News and Notes dt. 26th August 2017, number 712.

Mistake 1 was that the interaction of the Board with the iTDC was not mentioned. The iTDC gave a brief history and conception of Auroville in terms of planning. Planning works of recent 10 years were presented along with its actual development and challenges.

Mistake 2 was the mention that “The Land Protection Group briefly informed about the need for land protection and the status of the research on the desirability and possible form of a New Town Development Authority for the Auroville area.” The land protection presentation covered in fact 4 main points: a) need for protection; b) the fact that two options for legal statutory protections are being researched - both were briefly presented; c) the need to secure the lands of the city area, especially in the residential / industrial zone if NTDA option is chosen; and d) the type of undesired developments within the master plan area - plotting and stand-alone developments.

We apologize for the mistakes,
The Working Committee

Report from Bharat Nivas

In continuation of the last week’s report on Bharat Nivas, we are happy to share the following with the Community:

India Space, Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Kalakendra

As we move on...

I) - As everywhere in Bharat Nivas, these 3 spaces serve a four-fold purpose, which form a continuum...
1. To share with the world community of Auroville, the deepest experience/heritage of India in the fields of arts and culture
2. To share the creative/innovative work being done all over the country in the present times
3. To explore into the future and research into new forms of this ancient energy
4. To discover/ make evident the great underlying unity that expresses itself in the rich diversity of this civilization

II) - To come to a few specifics...
1. India Space
   • Events can only happen from time to time
   • In between, a small exhibition (we already have panels) can be put up, with books available to read (to create a kind of reading space), recorded music to play daily in all the languages of the country
   • Briefly, a welcome place for people to come and sit - and breathe the air of India!
   • A large ‘support circle’ - also for Kala Kendra - to feed in creative ideas, that can be looked at and their feasibility studied

2. Sri Aurobindo Auditorium
   • This facility serves the community in a very special manner
   • For Auroville - to present its best creative work in theatre, dance, music, etc.
   • To receive programmes of the highest order, where possible, and with a research direction - from the country and round the world

The Sri Aurobindo Auditorium is at present the largest and best equipped performance Space in Auroville. The seating capacity is for 557 people.

   • It is meant for hosting a broad range of events such as talks, seminars, conferences as well as cinema, dance and theater performances, music recitals and concerts. Events from within as well as from outside Auroville are hosted here.

The Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, although situated in the pavilion of Indian Culture, is not only meant for hosting Indian events but also to give a platform for the diverse cultures of people living in Auroville - to support the particularities, richness and blend of these cultures and a creativity that endeavours to reach beyond the ordinary. It is also a space which wants to promote original works based on research for new contents and means of expression in the field of Performing Arts.

3. Kala Kendra
   • To present the art of Auroville - painting, sculpture, pottery, all crafts - for the community to enjoy!
   • To fix a date in the month for children to come and paint. To invite the youth of Auroville to present their work. There is much happening there, which goes unnoticed for the greater part!
   • To invite/host exhibitions - with an eye for quality and research - from the Ashram, the country and elsewhere, as possible
   • To create a kind of simple café-space, very welcoming, where people can inter-act and share perceptions on what is being presented
Dear Community members,

We have announced the past week the 7 new names (Tomas Anapurna), Pala (Invocation), Shankar (Last School), Sarasu (Freternity), Srmoi (Samastii), Namah (Fraternity), and Kumar (Samastii)) of this year Temporary Feedback Review Committee (TFRC), and we remind you to please send your feedback to: avcouncil@auroville.org.in by Saturday 16th September 2017.

Warmly,
For the Auroville Council - Elisa, Enrica, Martin, Marc, Matiriprasad, Mita, Renuka, Sandyra and Sundar

Residents’ Assembly Decision-Making Process on Proposed New Entry Policy

Dear Friend,

The Residents’ Assembly Service would like to invite you to participate in (vote on) a Residents’ Assembly Decision-Making Process on the Proposed New Entry Policy.

All registered Aurovilians 18 years and over whose email address is listed with the Residents Assembly Service will receive an email invitation to the online vote. If you do not receive this email by Saturday Sept 9 (and would like to) please contact RAS at: raservice@auroville.org.in.

Voting & Consensus Processes Working Together

Please hold in mind that while this stage of the process is a voting process (not everyone’s cup of tea we know), the proposed document has been collaboratively created over many months of community feedback incorporation as per our community consensus-based decision-making process.

The combination of the two processes (voting and consensus) represents an evolving effort to ensure that consensus-based decision-making plays an increasingly important role in community decision-making.

Read the Proposed New Entry Policy here

The proposed new Entry policy incorporated last-minute feedback and wording changes received at the Aug 26 General Meeting and is now presented on Auronet and will be sent as massmail. See link: https://goo.gl/1nrSB3

The Question, as agreed in the GM

As agreed in the August 26 General Meeting, the question the community will be asked regarding this policy is:

Do you accept this policy? Yes / No.

WHEN can you vote?

Please see the dates and times below for paper and online voting.

Online

Online voting will run: 9am Sept 9 – 5pm on Saturday Sept 9.

On Paper

• At the Solar Kitchen - You’ll be able to vote on paper between 11am - 2pm on Saturday Sept 9 at the Solar Kitchen.

How to Vote

Either come to the RAS Office or the Solar Kitchen at the times and dates specified above, or to vote online:

Click here to vote online: https://auroville.formstack.com/forms/entrpolcyrad

Report of the most recent General Meeting on the proposed new Entry Policy

For recent background on the discussion regarding this policy, please click here to read the report of the last General Meeting (Saturday, August 26) on this topic:

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For more information: Please don’t hesitate to email or call us on: 9486623749.

Much Love,

Your RAS Team

L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC – Site and Building Applications feedback – 9th September 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: No new SA
Building Applications: No new BA

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

Site applications:
1. Udavi School Management for accommodation within Udavi School campus for 20-30 guests and potential newcomers for a built-up area 1,130 sqm.

Project write-up given by the project holder
Project Title: Dharamshala
Proposed Site Location: Udavi Campus
Project Holder: Management Udavi School
Architect: Dorothee
Contact Persons: Sanjeev, Hemanant
Description: Permanent building, Ground- and First Floor, arranged around an inner courtyard.
Plot: within Udavi School Campus, (former Auroschika area)
Total Area of the project: 1,170sqm app. incl. inner courtyard, footprint 1000++ sqm
Build up Area: 1,130sqm app.

Target Group: Young people aspiring to have a more extended an in depth experience of Auroville. A very minimal contribution would be expected and possibly waived for a person who could not afford. This free space would facilitate freedom in heart of aspirants to give themselves freely to build Auroville.

Background: From ancient times there has been a tradition in India to create a space for those who are seeking a higher meaning of life. These places were simple dwellings which were created by the kings, merchants or the collective society
to provide an atmosphere of seeking. These dwellings called Dharamshala came up around places of knowledge or worship. As a continuation of the ancient tradition we could create such a seeking atmosphere for those seekers coming to join Auroville.

**Triggers:** While making a choice to join Auroville, particularly for young people, a place to stay becomes a major road block. There is a need to have a place where a simple accommodation with a beautiful atmosphere for aspirants who come to serve Auroville. This would be a startup dwelling in the joining years for people committing to offer themselves to build Auroville.

**Goals/Objectives:** as explained above.

In order to provide better information about the project approved, L'Avenir D'Auroville would be publishing description of the projects. Here we start with our first attempt and intend to improve the format and content as we move along.

2. Vladimir, Walter, Shiva (MM) and Ulli for Surya power plant project on plot No. IR326/1 and IR327/3. First phase approx. 1,500 sqm and Full plant size approx. 12,000 sqm.

**Project write-up given by the project holder**

**Project Title:** Surya Power Plant

**Proposed Site Location:** Next to Svedam, adjoining the Crown Road

**Project Holder:** Vladimir, Walter, Shiva (MM) and Ulli

**Architect:** Not applicable

**Contact Persons:** Ulli (2622 187)

**Description:** The Surya Power Plant (SPP) is a Solar Energy Plant, using Photo Voltaic technology. The first phase will have a capacity of 50 KVA (peak). The final capacity will be around 560 KVA (peak).

**Plot no:** First phase: IR326/1 and IR327/3.

**Total Area of the project:** First phase approx. 1,500 m². Full plant size approx. 12,000 m².

**Build up Area:**

**Target Group:** All Auroville residents which are connected to the Auroville owned electricity grid, presently serviced by wheeled wind energy

**Background:** Solar energy has become increasingly cost effective and allows incremental capacity addition, something not possible with wind energy

**Triggers:** Incremental increase of energy consumed inside our own high tension network

**Goals/Objectives:** Generate as far as possible energy used by Auroville inside Auroville

**Building Applications:**

1. D. Saravanan for Multipurpose hall, Open Kitchen and Children’s toilet within Aranya forest Campus with built-up area 90sqm, 53sqm and 32.2 sqm respectively.

**Project Title:** Multipurpose Hall, Children’s Toilet and Open Kitchen

**Proposed Site Location:** Aranya Forest Cum Sanctuary

**Project Holder:** D. Saravanan S/o Desing

**Architect:** Dorothee

**Description:** Class Rooms, permanent structure, Children’s Toilet, semi-permanent structure, Open Kitchen, semi-permanent structure

**Plot no:** within Aranya Campus

**Total Area of the project:** n.a.

**Build up Area:** 90 sqm, 32.2sqm, 53sqm

**Target Group:** visiting school children

**Background:** adjacent extension of the existing Multipurpose Hall, larger kitchen and toilets

**Triggers:** more space necessary for extended activities in Aranya Sanctuary

**Goals/Objectives:** to comply with the above mentioned

For additional information, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in or 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.

**From the Entry Service - N&N # 714 - Dated: 09-09-2017**

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Youth joining Auroville. Prior to Newcomer and Aurovillian status confirmation, there is a (1) month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to: entryservice@auroville.org.in

**NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:**

Ranjini SUNDARARAJ (Indian) Staying at Udavi School and Working at Udavi School.

Sundararaj ARIKRISHNAN (Indian) Staying at Udavi School and Working at Udavi School.

Selvarani DHANASU (Indian) Staying at New dawn Carpentry and Working at CADD Studio.

**CHILD OF A NEWCOMER(S):**

Rishivarman SUNDARARAJ (Indian) Born on 29/12/2014

**NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:**

Suvedha Sudhakar (Indian)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

Sandrine INIZAN (French) Staying at Auromode and Working at Aurotraduction.

AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18:

Akila KRISHNAN (Indian) Staying at Pachamudhir Cholai Farm and studying at Future School.

Arunkumar VELU (Indian) Staying at Baraka and studying at Auroville Institute of Applied Technology.

Hyeyoon JEON (Korean) Staying at Creativity and studying at Future School.

Karthik KUMAR (Indian) Staying at Djaima and studying at Future School.

Kim KELLER (German) Staying at Gaia and working at Comfort Design & Tree House community.

Navaneetha Krishnan MANICKAM (Indian) Staying at Acceptance and interning at Dustudio.

Rathina Manjaree RAMESH (Indian) Staying at Mango Garden and studying at Future School.

Subha RAJAMANI (Indian) Staying at Kottakarai Farm and working at Kindergarten.

Svyatoslav SMIRNOV (German) Staying at Certitude and studying at Future School.

**NOTE:** Individuals are entered into the Register of Residents (maintained by the Auroville Foundation) shortly after filling the B-FORM and meeting with the Secretary of the AVF. The appointment date for these is set and communicated by the Entry Service to the individual at the respective time, and NOT AT THEIR PERSONAL REQUEST.

This is the last step of the Newcomer process where the status of Newcomer Resident is switched to Aurovillian Resident.

**ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS**

Monday, Friday 09:30 AM-12:30 PM

Wednesday, Thursday (via an invitation and by appointment only)

Yours, The Entry Service

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Yolande Lemoine back to Auroville

A simple ceremony has been held in Adventure on Sunday morning 3rd September for the dispersing of her ashes in front of few friends Aurovilians close to her, who helped so much for the publication of the Agendas. Thank you, Yolande. You are back according to your deepest wish!

May you rest in peace with us in the earth of Auroville! [Picture of Yolande with Satprem]
LT Improvement work - Regd

Dear Community Members,

We are to inform the community, that during the Financial Year 2017 - 2018, the following communities will be connected with the Existing H.T. Service connection through underground cable and all the H.T./L.T. overhead lines passing through these communities will be removed. The communities that will be connected to the existing H.T. Service connection are:

1. Solar Kitchen
2. Kinder Garden, Deepanam School, Nandhanam School, Pre Creche
3. Centre Field Community
4. Aurodam Community
5. Sincerity Community
6. Shanti Community
7. Nursery Community
8. Bharat Nivas community
9. Savitri Bhavan
10. Unity Pavilion and
11. Darkali Community
12. Ililagnargal Education Centre

With regards,
AVES Team (Service Area, Auroville - 605 101, Ph: 0413-2622132, 2622264)

POSTINGS

Kino Auroville: Dear Friends, all who are interested in participating in a film making marathon during 50 hours are welcome to come and join us. We are meeting in Centre d'Art in Citadine, this Friday the 8th of September at 2 pm. All the resulting films will be screened at 5 pm at the Town Hall’s MMC/CP.
Your Kino Auroville Team

Baby born: Dear Community, we are happy to announce that, we got a baby boy called M.Yathish Saai, on August 30th, wednesday evening at Indira Gandhi Hospital Puducherry, with the Mother’s Grace and Blessings. T.S.Mani & Padmavathi’s granddaughter G.Pavithra & Mohankumar.

A V A I L A B L E

Tamarind Bakes: Tamarind's cookies are now available in Pour Tous, Aspiration in 200g bags, vacuum sealed for extra freshness. Enjoy our range of cookies baked in wood fired ovens, with organic flours and brown sugars (including vegan and gluten free varieties). For cake/muffin/brownie orders call: 9751257796 or write to: tamarind@auroville.org.in - Much love, Tamar

3 kittens: They are looking for a home - Good hunter - Contact Ambre at: 948 932 5088


L O O K I N G  F O R …

Work as a gardener: For a gardener who likes to work with plants and is good with plants. He is available two full days per week: Tuesdays and Fridays - the days of the week can be adjusted to suit your convenience. Please contact Srimoyi: 9626915199.

P A S S P O R T  (Lost): I lost my Swedish passport - my name is CARL LINGREN - Contact me at: 7094059929 / carladrian93@gmail.com

Shopping bag (Lost): I lost a shopping bag from "Pothy's" containing two Kurtas somewhere between the Visitors' center and Kullapalayam. I would be so thankful if whoever found it would call my friend Sophie: +91 7867899228

C A M E R A  L E N S  C O V E R  (Found): found at Kalabhumi gate, Tamron brand. Pass by the News office to pick it up. Thank you, Masha.

A dog (Found): We have found a Spitz on the dirt road going to new creation. If anyone has lost a dog, please contact: geetaskahu@gmail.com

T H A N K  Y O U

SPIRIT nature outing to Sadhana Forest
To all who made the SPIRIT nature outing to Sadhana Forest last Saturday such a success. To the children who had so much fun playing games and freely in the main hut, and splashing in the mud pool, to the parents who had sent their children, or came along for this event and covered with mud, and a very special thanks to the amazing people from Sadhana Forest who hosted us so beautifully. As asked by many; a next time will be organized for sure.
With lots of gratitude and love, Megan

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

House-sitting 1: Aurovilian couple looking for long-term house-sitting - amma, gardener, pets and plants to be taken care off, welcome. Please contact: nausheenbari1@gmail.com / 9487833736 / 9751110486 - Nausheen and Moghan.

House-sitting 2: We are an Aurovilian family (Juan, Ally and our 6-year-old daughter Nalia). Before we find our home in Auroville, we are looking for long-term house-sitting, preferably 6 months or longer, starting from the beginning of October. Please contact Ally: 7639318959 (ally@auroville.org.in). Thank you!

House-sitting 3: Hi, I'm a Newcomer working at PTDC and Quiet. I'm looking for a place to live long-term, anywhere in Auroville. Apart from house-sitting, I can also fix and build. Open to any idea you might have. Thank you Liran, phone: +91849756124, whatsapp: +972544828110 , email: liranorea@gmail.com

House-sitting 4: Aurovilian Family in need of a house-sitting from February (can be before or after), preferably for a long term. Please call: 9159897780 - Yoffi.
The height of this life journey is revealed through the painting "Lignes de force" chosen for the exhibition poster. This montage of acrylic in burgundy and antique pink colors, made of Tibetan prayer golden leaves and lace collage, is the representation of what could easily be an octopus. The analogy between this unbelievable creature born 400 million years ago, whose force is greater than its own body weight, and the artist's life is striking.

Back in Auroville in 2009, she discovered that it was the medium of painting which gave her joy and prana. Roaming through the exhibition, you will appreciate her high level of form and beauty and her unique approach revealing things that can stimulate, excite and inspire others. Even if sliding lately into a quieter painting period reflected by colours and composition, most of her pieces like "Joy" and the "Abyss" vibrate with bright colours and beauty.

"Indian Ink", with its combination of Zen peace and passion, will also remind you that sometimes full power can be obtained through complete simplicity and a meditative mind.

Lignes de force

An exhibition by Marie-Claire Barsotti
Kalinka Art Gallery, Pondicherry - September 14th to October 15th

Lignes de force... one could not pick a better name for the upcoming exhibition of Aurovilian artist Marie-Claire Barsotti at Kalinka Art Gallery, Pondicherry.

More than an excellent description of her life, it is a peek through the window of her soul. The height of this life journey is revealed through the painting “Lignes de force” chosen for the exhibition poster. This montage of acrylic in burgundy and antique pink colors, made of Tibetan prayer golden leaves and lace collage, is the representation of what could easily be an octopus. The analogy between this unbelievable creature born 400 million years ago, whose force is greater than its own body weight, and the artist’s life is striking.

Marie-Claire wanted to study at Les Beaux-Arts, a famous art school in France, but instead, she studied at l'École normale to become a school teacher.

1993 was the year of her arrival in Auroville, where the Artisans d’Auroville opened the doors of creativity for her, and she acquired great technical skills. It was France, where she went back in 2004, that brought a new birth to her art and being. There, through meetings with extraordinary people and the experience of a psychological rebirth, she exploded like a champagne cork, deciding that she had the right to show who she really was.

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Notes/
Playing with all kind of materials, she remains innovative, keeping strength, color and stamina in her expression with a few pieces made of banana fiber paper leaves from Auroville Press, called dentelles. Five statues with their own stories of death and rebirth are also part of this story of transformation.

With Marie-Claire you cannot miss the boat, especially with the cherry on the cake, a video called “Mutation in Progress”, an amazing piece of emotional display directed by Christoph Pohl. Through a subtle, virtual and psychological game of violence where Marie-Claire is filmed in black and white, breaking her own statues like “Rachel breaking the idols” in the Bible, that switches to extreme sensuality with the curved and aerial lines of a dancing ballerina filmed in a warm ocher tone, Christoph succeeded in expressing the rebirth of the phoenix, the beauty of the morning star, and the plutoan soul of Marie-Claire Barsotti... accomplishing indeed a real “Lignes de force”.

Chana Corinne Devar for AVArts

Prosperity

Douce Mere created Prosperity at Sri Aurobindo Ashram, all She offered was free. In a general meeting in 1990 I told about a dream I had with Douce Mere. My question was: "Douce Mere, what shall I do now after having worked for 10 years at SAIER?
Douce Mere answered: “Prosperity”.
At the exit, Suzie, Bhaga, Bhagwandas and Olivier (Petite Ferme) responded to Prosperity. Our meetings took place at the House of Mothers’ Agenda in Aspiration. We applied to all the associations connected with Auroville’s history and received numerous contributions. Some years we replied to requests from young and old Tamil Aurovilians and foreign Aurovilians. Bhagwandas supported Prosperity service by buying and distributing fans, beds, blankets, clothes, chairs, tables and writing tables for students. In 1997 we interrupted Prosperity service. A very nice experience.... But many Aurovilians were disappointed with this discontinuation.
The story continues and repeats itself and will repeat itself indefinitely...
Infinitude Gratitude,
GangaLakshmi

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

INVITATIONS

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies
India and the World - Bharat Nivas
Our Auroville Experience...
We will meet on Friday, September 8, 2017, at 4 pm in the Resource Library,
To continue our reading / study of “Savitri”.
Till then...Love, Aster

Let’s Talk Trash Week 5

This Sunday we will be meeting in Town Hall at 6 am
We will be starting from Town Hall - Ganesh Bakery - Celebration - Afshan Guest House - Eco Service
Thank you, all are welcome!
Gloves will be provided. Breakfast will be provided at the end. See you all

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**Spirit - Conscious Living, Conscious Parenting**

Invites you for the first “Conscious Parenting Circle” - September 16th, 1.30 - 3.00 pm at Petite Ferme, Egle & Ravi’s place

Are you ready to embark on a wonderful journey of self-discovery while raising your child in a spirit of consciousness, connection and love? At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what your child might need from you. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child really needs, to be able to look at your child’s needs, and beyond his/her behaviour. To support and strengthen a secure parent-child connection, by understanding your child’s emotional world and supporting our child’s ability to successfully manage emotions, by honouring the innate wisdom and desire for your child to be in a safe relationship with you.

A parenting circle provides a friendly, supportive environment. It is a place where anyone in a parenting role can openly discuss the successes and challenges of raising children, where you can find and share support.

How? By sitting down and really talking. The conscious parenting group fosters an open exchange of ideas, support, information and resources. This group serves parenting children of all ages and families of all types. It is there to help parents find support.

Conscious parenting is a parental style that is rich of: • High-level awareness and consciousness along with a keen eye for “the Big Picture” and long term goals / • Deep presence, intimate connection, conscious communication and unconditional love / • Mutual respect, full acceptance along with basic trust in children, their abilities, skills and knowledge.

The parenting circle will be organised regularly, and facilitated by Megan /

Kindly register by mail: megangonlag@auroville.org.in or by phone: 9787416417

You can bring your young child(ren), they can play at Egle’s Garden. In case you’d like help to find the location, just let me know.

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**International Peace Day Celebration**

At Unity Pavilion

On 21 September 2017, 2.30 pm onwards

Unity Pavilion invites you all to International Peace day celebrations. We are planning various activities in which both children and adults can participate. The program includes Peace meditation in the Hall of Peace, learning Origami with Tomoko, collective flower mandala, decorating the Peace bird with shells and flowers with Irena, story-telling session by Paula, sharing circle on the Peace day theme and a film show (detailed schedule to be announced next week).

The theme for this year is:
Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for all

All Are Welcome

Notes: 1. If you have any collection of sea shells (not any rare or special collection, but the ones you pick up from the beach for fun and now lying around in your house; in small numbers also welcome) which you would like to share for the activity kindly bring to Unity Pavilion.

2. If you have any poem, painting or art work on the theme of the year or on the general theme of Peace, it can be displayed at the venue for a week.

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**Exhibitions**

**Kalinka ART GALLERY**

14, Bazar Saint Laurent Street, Pondicherry

**MARIE CLAIRE BARSOTTI**

Lignes de Force

Recent Work - Mixed Media and Gold Leaf

Opening on Thursday, September 14th, from 6 to 8pm

**&**

**MARCO SAROLDI**

Moving Towards

Photographic Prints

Opening from September 14th to October 15th, 2017 - Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 1pm and 3.30pm to 8pm

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**Talks, Seminars**

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies

India and the World - Bharat Nivas

We are happy to have Suryamayi’s friend, Adam Kincel, who is visiting here, make a presentation of his work as a psychotherapist at ‘Bhumika’ on Friday, September 8, at 5 pm.

The theme is ‘Embodied Research’

Details of this presentation are given on Auronet.

Please join us for this interactive session.

Aster

“Embodied research - An Interactive Presentation”

By Adam Kincel, Ph.D., Candidate at the University of Brighton and Gestalt Therapist.

We all do research. We all enquire and find answers. We all collect data, analyse them and learn from these actions to be better workers, community or family members. Most of these research processes are done through the attention to embodiment and body sensations. It may be intuitive for some people to know what is right not because they have read extensively on the subject, but
because something feels right in their bodies. Many of us sharpen our mind-body potential and sensitivity by yoga, meditation, energy work and other practices that allow us to have an open mind and find clearer answers. In relationships, we often learn through physical intimacy and guide ourselves by our senses.

In this interactive presentation, I will introduce two qualitative methods for conducting research, grounded in phenomenology: embodied inquiry and embodied autoethnography. Together, we will explore how to connect and use our embodied experience in a research process.

Biography: Adam Kincel is a PhD candidate at the University of Brighton and a UKCP Registered Psychotherapist. He teaches Gestalt therapy in the UK, Poland, Georgia and Bulgaria. Adam works with clients and supervisees in London and is particularly interested in therapeutic work through the body, diversity, large groups and relational therapy.

Restorative Circles in Auroville

With L’aura, Janet, Helene and Shanti

A Restorative Circle (RC) holds space for conflict and dialogue within the context of community, and it consists of a series of meetings amongst those involved in a conflict, either directly or indirectly. Through dialogue and reflective listening, the process allows those involved to understand each other at a deeper level, to start to take responsibility for their choices, and to look at how, together, they might contribute to forward movement and constructive change, both on the personal and collective levels.

Tuesday 12th September 4:30-6:30 pm
At Unity Pavilion
See you there!

CAT is a space to unleash our creative energies.
CAT aspires to be a springboard towards the future.
CAT is a space where we respond with discernment, respect and a spirit of collaboration.

If you are interested to offer your heartfelt project within a CAT, please contact us: cats@aurowire.org.in
You can find video documentation of some of the previous CATs under the link: https://vimeo.com/album/4616008

Love, the CATs team (Inge, Mita, Sandiya)
Let us meet where we are in touch with our inspiration and feel the resonance in unity!

U.Lab: Leading From the Emerging Future

U.Lab is a highly experiential course based on Theory U, a framework, method, that is rooted in the belief that the quality of the results that we create in any kind of social system is a function of the quality of awareness, attention or consciousness that the participants in the system operate from. It offers practical guidance on how awareness based systems change and a method of learning from the emerging future allow individuals, organizations, and communities to turn ideas into real world change.

U.Lab is developed by the Presencing Institute at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA and more than 90,000 people from 183 countries have participated in it, creating a global movement for profound social, environmental and personal transformation. This approach to leading change is practiced by business, government, and civil society leaders around the world - many of whom you will meet during this course.

U.Lab @ Auroville
A few Aurovillians, Newcomers and Volunteers have participated in the U.Lab course before and we’re happy to invite everyone in the community to collectively explore this in the context of our life in Auroville and to manifest an Integral Economy.

Introductory Session on September 15, 2017 (Friday)
From 3-5 pm
Everyone is welcome at Unity Pavilion

Here is a brief outline of the “Theory U” journey:
The entire 13-week course (starting in mid-September 2017) is offered freely, without charging any fees. It is an online course that can be taken at your own pace and there would be some sessions for which we will meet in person at the Unity Pavilion. It will help us plan the seating arrangement better if you can send an email to confirm your presence at the introductory session on September 15, 2017 [uab.auroville@gmail.com]. If you are seeing this invitation last-minute, then feel free to join us without any RSVP☺

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research (SACAR) & NAMAH: The Journal of Integral Health
Organise “Living Within” Camp No. 29
On Stress and Growth on 16th & 17th September 2017
Camp Fees: For Residents at SACAR Guest House: Rs. 2000 (includes food, study and stay) / For Non-Residents: Rs. 1400 (includes lunch, teas and study) - (Special Concession for Aurovilians)
Ten different speakers from across India would speak in two days
Venue: SACAR, 39, Vanniar Street, Puducherry
For Registration and other details please contact: sacarstudy camps@gmail.com / 9994190403 / 9443019172
All are Welcome
Submitted by Anandi (Progress)
CULTURAL EVENTS

Singing for the International Peace Day
We would like to sing a peace song as part of the event organised this special day in Unity Pavilion. It is called “Canon de la Paix” (Peace Canon).

You can listen to this song here: https://youtu.be/r0eZmpWgFok
We will rehearse 3 times, the 12th, 16th and 19th.
First rehearsal at Citadines - Centre d’Art - Tuesday 12th, 6 to 8 pm
If you want to join, contact Antoine: 8940740529 / antoine@auroville.org.in
Or come in advance next Tuesday

11th Creative School Concert
14 September 2017 - Thursday 7.30 pm
At Visitor Center

OPEN MIC NIGHT
And Organic Localicious Dinner
@ Solitude Farm Cafe
Come and showcase your talents!
Music, singing, poetry, dance, comedy, skits and more!
Let your creativity flow!
And join the community with delicious food honouring our Mother Earth.
Friday 15th September
Localicious Dinner served from 7 pm
Open Mic starts 7:30 pm
Please register to perform: 9843319260 / krishnamckenzie@auroville.org.in

The French Pavilion presents with the support of Francis
LE GRAND PROCESSUS - THE GREAT PROCESSUS
By Satprem
Original text from chapter 2 of La Genese du Surhomme (On the Way of Supermanhood)
Performed in French with English surtitles by la compagnie SDF
With Christophe, Natacha, Thierry and Yves and Directed by Celine

“...To tell the truth, we make the path as we walk it, as in the forest. There is no path, it does not exist: it has to be made. And once we have taken few seemingly blind steps, we will realize that this groping advance led to a first clearing and that we have been led, every moment, even in our darkest stumbles, by an infallible Hand that was already leading our twists and turns of millipedes because the goal we are looking for is already within, it is an eternal Goal...”

Join us on that evolutionary path to re-discover Satprem’s words expressing our common Quest
Friday 15 & Saturday 16 September 2017 - 7:15 pm at Visitors Center
Duration 25 minutes
of your chair.

not at all. It’s totally up to you! The hardest part is getting out

performing. You can sit and watch and join in at any time or

would like to perform, or who would like to overcome a fear of

Theatre Sports is for anyone who loves to perform or who

On September 16, 2017 (Saturday) - From 10 am - 12

noon

WHERE: Visitors' Centre Stage


member of Service Space, an organisation which has been

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It is a 13-week long course which will be much beneficial for

leaders, unit-holders and aspiring entrepreneurs. It is open for

It is open for all. It costs no money, unless you wish for a certification. We

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the course. After the 16th of September, we do the course

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to share our reflections. Deven Shah, a newcomer and a

member of Service Space, which has been instrumental in creating a gift ecology, will be holding the space for the monthly sharing circles.

If you are interested, please join us at Unity Pavilion

On September 16, 2017 (Saturday) - From 10 am - 12

noon

KAVI & KAVYA
(Poets & Poetry)

Unity Pavilion is launching a series of Poetry Reading sessions where we collectively enjoy the beauty and subtlety of mystic poetry by some of the very famous Indian Poets of the 12th to 19th century: Rumi, Tukaram, Kabir, Mirabai, Nazrud, Tagore, Subramania Bharati and Sri Aurobindo and many more. Among our readers are accomplished actors, play-writers and theatre artists blessed with a graced voice to bring out the ethos and delicate nuances of mystic poetry.

The first of these sessions shall take place

At Unity Pavilion

On Sunday, 17 September, 5 pm

Readers: Srimoyi, Joy, Maurice & Cristof

A one day experiential learning program at Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI).

We welcome all to explore our food culture, urban food issues and how to grow vegetables in your backyard. This is the first of a series of public programs that SLI is planning to run through the year.

Please email to: sli@auroville.org.in to know more and to register.

Theatre Sports - Improvised Theatre Games for everyone!

Theatre Sports is back! If you’re a lover of performance and the stage but can’t be bothered with all that boring rehearsal, then Theatre Sports is for you.

Suitable only for ages between 3 - 103.

What is it?
Theatre Sports is a collection of super-fun, super-easy (and some super-challenging) games designed to get you quickly into performing short improvised theatre scenes. Some games are wordless, some are very wordy, some are very physical, some are slow and some are quick, but they’re all brilliant!

Who’s it for?
Theatre Sports is for anyone who loves to perform or who would like to perform, or who would like to overcome a fear of performing. You can sit and watch and join in at any time or not at all. It’s totally up to you! The hardest part is getting out of your chair.

WHEN: 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm, Friday, September 15
WHERE: Visitors’ Centre Stage

For more information, call Jesse on: 9486623749, email at: jesse@auroville.org.in.

See you there!

U.lab: Leading From the Emerging Future
An introduction to leading profound social, environmental and personal transformation.

U.lab: Leading from the emerging future is an online course, hosted on edx that starts in mid-September.

It is a 13-week long course which will be much beneficial for leaders, unit-holders and aspiring entrepreneurs. It is open for all. It costs no money, unless you wish for a certification. We meet on September 16 to register and for an introduction to the course. After the 16th of September, we do the course online at our own pace by ourselves, meeting once in a month to share our reflections. Deven Shah, a newcomer and a member of Service Space, which has been instrumental in creating a gift ecology, will be holding the space for the monthly sharing circles.

If you are interested, please join us at Unity Pavilion

On September 16, 2017 (Saturday) - From 10 am - 12 noon

About the course: The course was developed at MIT, for leading leadership change in business, government, and civil society contexts worldwide. In the course you’ll learn the leadership knowledge that matters most: self-knowledge / Capacities of deep listening, precise observation, and dialogue / Practices for creating institutional innovations that generate wellbeing in society.

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

12th September (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 Divine Mother’

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

Introduction to Sri Aurobindo’s World Vision

A series of illustrated presentations delivered by Muriel

On Mondays from 11:00 am to 12 noon

At Savitri Bhavan (reading room)

Topic this week (Monday 11th September - 5th session): Our human consciousness - its characteristics and its limits

The course covers some of the basic concepts of Sri Aurobindo’s philosophy. It will answer the fundamental questions: Why are we here? What is the nature of reality? Who are we? What is the aim of life? What is ‘God’ etc. It is designed to be quite intense but still accessible to a larger public. All are welcome.

Holistic presents: Trauma - the unseen wound

What is trauma? How to identify trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder?

How to recover a person’s full potential, energy and zest for life?

And even integrate the wisdom of it all?

2-day workshop with theory and interactive exercises, a toolbox of techniques to apply in your therapeutic work

The workshop is designed for therapists of body and mind, psychologists, and all who work with trauma.
Trainer: Sigrid Lindemann, transpersonal regression therapist, trainer in hypnotherapy and classical homeopathy in Auroville and Germany.

**Date Sept 16th, 17th - 9 to 5.30 pm.**

**Venue Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall**

All registration: sigrid@auroville-holistic.com / ph: 9626006961
Website: www.auroville-holistic.com - Workshops and retreats in Auroville with international faculty.

**Hatha Yoga with Bala at African Pavilion**

Monday to Thursday 6 am to 7 30 am and 4 to 5 30 pm

Classical Hatha Yoga by a 200hr Yoga alliance certified teacher. Hatha Yoga gives importance to the breathing, relaxation and meditation nature of a pose along with the physical nature of the Asanas. An Asana class consists of eye and neck exercises, Pranayama, sun salutations, Asanas (Poses), final Relaxation and Meditation.

Beginners to Intermediate level. Contact: +91 9892699804

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**Embroidery by Hand - Beginners Workshop**

Learn how to hand embroider with traditional Indian techniques to complement your designs, clothing or accessories.

**When:** 15th September 2017; 9:00 - 12:00

**Where:** Horizon, Opp. Swedam, Auroshilpam, Auroville

Cost: ₹500 (includes embroidery kit and tea)

Register: Send email to: info@thecaringcotton.com or call: +917639282889

Max. Number of participants: 9

**Africa drums circle around bonfire.**

Africa pavilion invites you all to get the taste of Africa culture. Experience the magic of drums, and dance around the bonfire. Enjoy authentic African food and refreshment.

**When:** Every Thursday 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Where:** Africa pavilion near visitors center

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**SCHEDULES**

**VERITE**

Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshop: 0413 2622045, 2622606, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in

Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

**WORKSHOP IN VÉRITÉ:** (24 hour advanced registration required)

**Pranayama - Breath Of Life Energy** (for all levels) with Ananda

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday 14, 15 & 16 September – from 9 am to 4:30 pm**

Prana is the breath of universal life energy. Mostly breathing and energy flow happens unconsciously as part of survival process. By becoming conscious and attentive to prana — and enhancing and directing its flow through the pranayama practices — we can rejuvenate the body-mind- energy, enhance sensitivity and perception, expand inner awareness, and open the door to higher states of consciousness. In this Pranayama training, you will:

- Learn the science of Energy - Prana, Nadis, Chakras, Vayus
- Learn and practice basic pranayama techniques suitable for all times for everyone
- Learn and practice advanced pranayama techniques with restrictions
- Learn and practice bandhas (breath and energy locks)
- Learn and practice therapeutic pranayama practices useful for specific treatments.

Ananda has been exploring yoga, meditation, mystics, and energy work for more than 24 years, and has studied and practiced healing modalities for over 10 years. He is professionally trained with international certifications in Watsu, Aqua wellness, Foot Reflexology, Hypnotherapy, Pranic Healing, Alchemy of Touch - Rebalancing.

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**QUIET**

**WOGA (Yoga in Water) 1 & 2 with Dariya**

Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 September 2017 (2 days)

**Timings:** 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (12 hours in total)

**Bookings:** Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Woga is the union of two words: water and yoga. It is based on yoga poses and stretches modified for warm water.

Thanks to the decrease of gravity, the water gives ease to the movements, unblocks articulations, lengthens and melts muscles, removes negative tensions, prevents stress, insomnia and anxiety. Classes include breathing, warm-up exercises, a series of poses, and a relaxation period.

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

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

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**For more detail please contact Africa pavilion team:**
7867899203

**Permaculture certification course for designers**

**12-21 September 2017**

An ecological transition is possible when our ability to observe change and value exchange can create sustainable designs. Permaculture is a practical method for creating self-sustaining design to maintain regenerative life cycles. This, internationally recognized designer’s hands-on course with experts from Auroville and Europe, is a continuing learning program in collaboration with Aquadin, Aurovelo, Bamboo centre, Sacred groves and Auroperma.

Please reserve your seat by email: auroperma@gmail.com

Further queries: 96297 79810

[www.aquadin.in](http://www.aquadin.in) / [www.aurovelo.in](http://www.aurovelo.in) / [www.aurovillebamboocentre.org](http://www.aurovillebamboocentre.org) / [www.sacredgroups.in](http://www.sacredgroups.in)

**Best of woman**

“Nourishing women, mothers and babies.”

We are inviting you to an exploration week full of knowledge, strength and love. We will learn and share information about (pre-) conception, fertility, menstruation and hormone cycle, pregnancy and birth, the first days and months after birth, we will chant, practice hatha yoga, massage, laugh and love together.

Time: individual sessions on 9th September, we will come together 12th September till 16th September, 4.30 to 6.30 pm

**Place:** Sanjana

Donation based.

Facilitator: medical professional, acupuncturist, Shiatsu practitioner.

Participation in all the classes is highly recommended. Registration required in order to nourish your needs.

Ulrike Urvasi: 9442069249 / ulrikrishna@gmail.com

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**Workshop in collaboration with Aquadin, Aurovelo, Bamboo experts from Auroville and Europe, is a continuing learning program in collaboration with Aquadin, Aurovelo, Bamboo centre, Sacred groves and Auroperma.**

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**Further queries:**

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**Please contact Verite to register for the following workshop:**

**Workshops and retreats in Auroville with international faculty:**

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**Further queries:**

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Watsu® for Babies with Dariya  
Wednesday 20 September 2017  
8.45 AM - 6.30 PM (8 hours)  
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)  
Watsu for Babies is a beautiful and spontaneous way of experiencing the first childhood years and is open to all those who would like to share the joy of being in water with babies. In this course you will learn to discover that emotions, which arise from a spontaneous movement in water, open extraordinary borders; they allow us to live in the present, here and now, simply listening to the breath of the child, both supported by the healing power of water.  
Through some exercises from Tantsu and Ai-Chi, you learn to listen to yourself and to the baby you hold in your arms. You will also learn the possible transfers of the Watsu sequence in order to expand it in a creative way for babies.  
Prerequisite: Watsu Basic or having a degree to work with babies in water.  

OBA 3 with Gianni  
Thursday 21 - Wednesday 28 September 2017 (8 days)  
8.45 AM - 6.30 PM (60 hours)  
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)  
Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA) is one of the most sensitive and gentle methods of aquatic therapy, which can guide you through states of absolute peace and deep relaxation. It helps you to explore experiences of joy and bliss, lightness of being, celebration and ecstasy. In this course, you will repeat and deepen what you have learned in OBA 1 & 2 (formerly called Aquawellness 1 & 2) and deepen your insight that drives an OBA session. You will also be introduced to the latest, more advanced techniques and learn about the benefits of working with a series of sessions in order to experience the profound “aquatic body wave”. With this course, you will complete the main steps of your learning process as OBA bodyworker; the final examination day on 28th September offers you an opportunity to become a certified OBA practitioner.  
Prerequisites: OBA 2.  

Workshop in Pitanga  
Kaya Bodha (Body awareness) with Hans  
Friday 8th of September 2017 at 9.30 - 12.30 pm  
• Better posture and ease in movement.  
• Tension and stress release.  
• Chronic aches and pain reduction.  
Kaya Bodha trains the brain and nervous system to release tensions and old patterns. We create a relaxation reflex so that we feel more energised and focused. This release improves our physical and mental wellbeing. There will be less wear and tear while practicing other disciplines, sports etc.  
About the teacher and founder of Kaya Bodha: Hans van Baaren has been teaching for 25 years The Art of Chi: Tai ji & Chi Qong, Kaya Bodha and Relaxation.  
For registration contact: Pitanga@auroville.org.in or phone: 2622403.  

Centre 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.  

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Calender and make an appointment before coming. Please be on time. 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 Aurovillians 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 98100652574 or email to creeva@auroville.org.in

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**FILMS**

**THE ECO FILM CLUB**
Sadhana Forest, September 15th, 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.
19:00 Dinner is served.
19:45 Eco Film Club - Feature Film Presentation.
21:00 - 21:30 Free buses 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, as well as a free 100% vegan organic dinner to be served at 19:00.

**LEAVE IT TO BEAVERS**
49 Minutes / English / 2014 / Directed by Jari Osborne
From PBS - The fascinating story of beavers in North America - their history, their near extinction, and their current comeback, as a growing number of scientists, conservationists and grass-roots environmentalists have come to regard beavers as overlooked tools, when it comes to reversing the disastrous effects of global warming and world-wide water shortages.

(Reminder: Friday 08/09 Disruption: A Call To Act On Climate Change)

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

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**Bharat Nivas in Collaboration with The International Zone Coordination Team**

Invite the Community for the screening of two films followed by a discussion about them

Film: **EX MACHINA**
To be held on Friday, 22nd September, 2017 at 8 pm at the Bhumika Hall (old Bhavishyate Hall)

Film: **LUCY**
Thursday, 21 September, 2017, at 8 pm - Venue same as above.

Professor Makarand Paranjap of Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University spoke last Sunday on 'Sri Aurobindo and the Challenge of Post-humanism' in such an engaging and inspiring way that the audience expressed a wish to see the two films that came up in the conversation after his presentation. Both these films deal with the interface between artificial intelligence and human beings and have caught the attention of robots, aliens and others. Please check out these films on Google if you want more information and the movie reviews.

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**Neem Tree Saturday Movie**

MODERN TIMES
Modern Times is a 1936 silent comedy film written and directed by Charlie Chaplin in which his iconic Little Tramp character struggles to survive in the modern, industrialized world. The film is a comment on the desperate employment and financial conditions many people faced during the Great Depression, conditions created, in Chaplin's view, by the efficiencies of modern industrialization. The movie stars Chaplin, Paulette Goddard, Henry Bergman, Tiny Sandford and Chester Conklin. Modern Times was deemed "culturally significant" by the Library of Congress in 1989, and selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry. Fourteen years later, it was screened "out of competition" at the 2003 Cannes Film Festival.

Venue: Neem Tree Cafe
Time: 7 pm
Date: 9th, Sept (saturday)

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**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

Monday, 11th of September 2017 at 6:30 pm
INTERVIEW WITH SRI KIREET JOSHI

In this special interview from 2013 Kireet Joshi shares his experiences of regular meetings with The Mother and The Mother's way of action and Grace. In his life Kireet Joshi (1931-2014) worked dedicatedly to bring the knowledge and action of the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother in the fields of education.

Also the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Educational Research (SAIER) at Auroville was established by Kireet Joshi and he provided leadership to projects of research which have been working on the themes of 'The Aim of Life', 'The Good Teacher and The Good Pupil' and ‘Mystery and Excellence of Human Body’.

Kireet Joshi always had the vision of a luminous future for Auroville and from 1999 to 2004 he was the chairman of the Auroville Foundation. The film is honouring his dedication for the work of the Integral Yoga. Duration: 43min.

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**At Unity Pavilion**

International Peace Day Film: 69 Minutes of 86 Days
21 September 2017 at 8 pm at Unity Pavilion

The theme for this year’s International Peace Day is “Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for all”, with special focus on situation of migrants and refugees all over the world. In this context Unity Pavilion is screening the movie 69 Minutes of 86 Days (2017, Norway, 70’, Egil Haskjold Larsen).

Irena from Taskovski Films, along with The Laboratory of Evolution, is organising this screening as a gesture of goodwill on International Peace Day. (For further details about the film please visit: http://www.taskovskifilms.com/?film=69-minutes-of-86-days)

All are welcome

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**Eye Opening Movie Series**

Wednesday, September 13
Where to Invade Next: English, 2h

Filmmaker Michael Moore visits various countries to examine how Europeans view work, education, health care, sex, equality, and other issues. From cafeteria food to sex ed, Moore looks at the benefits of schooling in France, Finland and Slovenia. In Italy, he marvels at how workers enjoy reasonable hours and generous vacation time. In Portugal, Moore notes the effects of the decriminalization of drugs. Through his travels, we discover just how different America is from the rest of the world.

Every Wednesday, 8 pm at the Unity Pavilion
All are welcome - no contribution required
Cinema Paradiso
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Announcement

Dear All,
Kindly note that Cinema Paradiso will remain closed from 11 September 2017 onward until further notice. We are hoping this will be 2-3 weeks. We will let you know as soon as we know.

We would like to highlight that Cinema Paradiso is one of the most intensely used venue that is used for ~365 evening/maternity films and in addition other programs, talks, and seminars. It is partially funded by the City Services and the rest comes from the community members such as yourself and some from guests and well-wishers who donate. It is a twelve years old facility that has numerous maintenance and upgrading needs. We therefore request you to make a one time or monthly recurring contribution towards the maintenance of this facility - whichever you find more convenient. Aurovillans and guests can make a one-time contribution by requesting to donate to Cinema Paradiso Account (#105106) or setting up a recurring payment.

Thank you for all your support and love. We look forward to offer wonderful films and programs in the coming months and the Auroville Film Festival in December 2017.

In appreciation,
MMC/Cinema Paradiso Group

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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**The News&Notes is available for all to download from the Auroville website at [http://www.auroville.org/contents/4186]**

**Auroville Emergency Contact Numbers - Save them in your phone now!**

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

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Pondy Trips (summary. See full schedule on Auronet)
The usual stops are served along the way: Matrimandir office gate, Solar kitchen, Certitude, Kuilapalayam, New Creation Junction, Kuilapalayam (SBI Bank), (Former) Last School, Quiet, Lotus Hotel

**Morning Trips:**
MONDAY to SATURDAY
- Dep. 8.20 am - Vérité
- Arr. 9.05 am - Ashram Dining Hall

**Afternoon Trips:**
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
- Dep. 4.20 pm - Vérité
- Arr. 5.05 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

**Short afternoon Trips:**
MONDAY & SATURDAY
- Dep. 2.50 pm - Vérité
- Arr. 3.35 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

- Dep. 12.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall
- Arr. 12.45 pm - Vérité

- Dep. 8.10 pm - Ashram Dining Hall
- Arr. 8.55 pm - Vérité

- Dep. 6.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall
- Arr. 6.45 pm - Vérité

No more Bus service to Srima on Sundays

Dear All, we suspended the bus service on Sundays to Srima beach from 01.09.2017, due to not enough passengers. We are interested in getting suggestions from you all, about Sunday trips to Pondicherry for “SUNDAY MARKET”. If people are interested, we are ready to provide the service 1 round trip to Pondicherry on Sundays for Sunday Market shopping. Kindly write your suggestions to: avbus@auroville.org.in - Regards, Raju, Sauro, Susmita

We are looking forward for feedback from you all. Write to us at: avbus@auroville.org.in

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

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

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

**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 SEPTEMBER

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, Abrt workshop (old puncture service) Auroville. We accept Auroville PT account.
AvHC: The Pharmacy is open 9.30 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 (Certiﬁcate 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 9-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 personal 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 daily 9.30-6pm 0413-2622658. E-mail: visitcentre@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 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: aurodentaltcentre@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, Wednesday 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: 8903833246. This phone is reachable 24/7.
Financial Service, Town Hall and Aspiration: Mon to Sat, 9 to 12.30 and 3 to 4.30pm
Free Store Tailoring Service: Repair work will be received only from 1st to 15th of each 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
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 262675
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 regression therapy, classical homeopathy, counselling, vital remedies, child & women health, hypnotherapy. integralhealth@auroville.org.in - 2623669 - Mon to Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.
LF AU - Fundraising for Auroville’s land: with its two campaigns ‘Acres for Auroville’ & ‘GreenAcre’ Aryadeen, Mandakini LB, Sophie, Sigrid, and secretary Jothi. Welcome: Mornings from 9:30 to 12.30 at Town Hall, 1st floor. LFAU 0413 2622657. lfaau@auroville.org.in / www.colaap.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 Petitals 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 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, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904
Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons 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 30pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891235.
Auroville Residents Service timings: SUMMER TIMINGS: open from Monday to Friday morning from 9:30 am to 12.30 pm. We will be closed at the beginning from May 1st. We will come back to our regular timings from July onwards. Telephone: (0143) 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 to 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 volunteer’s 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, power line cleaning. SatYajil: 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.auroville.org/
TreeCare: Pruning, removing, cabling, bracing and transplanting of trees. Hedge and grass maintenance also available. Call: Jonas: 9159843579 / Anadi: 9654773292 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.
BHARAT NIVAS
PAVILION OF INDIA: AUROVILLE

In collaboration
Gujju Garba Group
invites you to

Navratri Garba

on 16th and 17th sept (sat,sun)
2017,
7:30 onwards

at SAWCHU, BHARAT NIVAS

on 15th sept 2017 (practice session), 5-6.30pm

What Is NAVRATRI?

NAVRATRI is the festival dedicated to the worship of the Hindu deity Durga. During the nine days of the festival, nine different forms of the Devi are worshipped. Garba is the traditional gujarati dance having rhythmic circular movements performed around a centrally lit lamp or an idol of Goddess Durga.

WE INVITE ONE AND ALL TO COME AND DANCE TOGETHER.