I have received two questions. One is about a passage from The Synthesis of Yoga where it is said:

“For there is concealed behind individual love, obscured by its ignorant human figure, a mystery which the mind cannot seize, the mystery of the body of the Divine, the secret of a mystic form of the Infinite which we can approach only through the ecstasy of the heart and the passion of the pure and sublimated sense, and its attraction which is the call of the divine Flute-player, the mastering compulsion of the All-Beautiful, can only be seized and seize us through an occult love and yearning which in the end makes one the Form and the Formless, and identifies Spirit and Matter. It is that which the spirit in Love is seeking here in the darkness of the Ignorance and it is that which it finds when individual human love is changed into the love of the Immanent Divine incarnate in the material universe.” The Synthesis of Yoga, p.150

This brings us back to the symbol of Krishna and Radha. Krishna is the One of whom Sri Aurobindo speaks here, the divine Flute-player, that is to say, the immanent and universal Divine who is the supreme power of attraction; and the soul, the psychic personality, called here Radha, who responds to the call of the Flute-player. So I have been asked to say something this evening on the Radha-consciousness, that is, in fact, on the way in which the individual soul answers the call of the Divine. It so happens that this is exactly what Sri Aurobindo has described in the chapter we have just read: it is that capacity of finding Ananda in all things through identification with the one divine Presence and a complete self-giving to that Presence. So I don’t think I have much to add; what I could say would be a limitation or a diminution of the totality of this experience.

(After a silence) This consciousness has the capacity of changing everything into a perpetual ecstasy, for instead of seeing things in their discordant appearance, one now sees only the divine Presence, the divine Will and the Grace everywhere; and every event, every element, every circumstance, every form changes into a way, a detail through which one can draw more intimately and profoundly closer to the Divine. Discordances disappear, ugliness vanishes; there is now only the splendour of the divine Presence in a Love shining in all things.

It is obvious that from a practical point of view one must be able to remain at a constant and unshakable height in order to be in that state without exposing oneself to fairly troublesome consequences. That is probably why those who wished to live in this state used to withdraw from the world and find the universal contact through Nature... I must say, without meaning to be unpleasant to men, that it is infinitely easier to realise this state of consciousness when one is surrounded by trees, flowers, plants and even animals than by human beings. It is easier but not indispensable. And if one wants the state to be truly integral, one must be able to keep it at every moment, in the presence of anyone and anything [...]

So the solution is to find Ananda, even in the play, in this exchange in which one both gives and receives, in which one seems to be two; and that is why they keep the duality. Otherwise, in identity, nothing remains but the identity. If the identity is complete and perfect, there is no more objectivisation. But I said this somewhere when speaking about the story of love. I think nobody — oh! I don’t know — probably very few people noticed the distinction. I said that it begins with the Ananda of identity, and that after the full circuit of the creation, it ends in the Ananda of union.¹ Well, if there had been no circuit, there would never be the Ananda of union, there would only be the Ananda of identity. Were there no circuit, there would be no union. This is perhaps a little subtle, but it is a fact: and perhaps it is just in order that the Ananda of identity may find what I might call its consummation and crowning in the Ananda of union, that the whole circuit was made. But if there is perfect identity, there can be no union, the feeling of union does not exist, for it necessarily implies something other than perfect identity. There can be perfect union but there is no perfect identity.

Don’t try to understand with words and with your head, for these two words express altogether different experiences. And yet the result is the same, but one is rich with all that was not in the other, the richness of the whole experience — the whole universal experience.

¹Later, someone asked Mother: “What is this ‘it’? The universe?” To which Mother replied, “I said ‘it’ deliberately, so as not to make it precise. I don’t like the word ‘creation’; it gives the impression of a special creation as though it were made out of nothing — but it is He Himself! And it is not the universe ‘which begins’: the universe ‘is begun’. How to put it? It is not the universe which takes the initiative of the movement! And if one says that the Lord began the universe, it becomes false. All these are such fixed ideas! If I say: ‘The Lord began the universe,’ one sees at once a personal God deciding to begin the universe — it is not that! I have said that about Love, the manifestation of Love which is the supreme Ananda. Sri Aurobindo also said it: beyond Being and Non-being there is something which is, which manifests as supreme Love, and which is at once Being and Non-being. And the first manifestation of That is the Ananda of identity — essentially it is the identity being aware of itself in Ananda, and then, it makes the full circuit through the whole manifestation and all the forms taken by Love, and returns to the Oneness through union. And this adds to that Ananda, the Ananda of union, which would never have existed if the circuit had not been made.”

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 18 July 1956

THE MOTHER

Transparency can come only as a result of perfect sincerity. The Mother · ref. Words of The Mother, vol.14, p.1

Sample of question by NEET: From a disc of radius R and mass M, a circular hole of diameter R, whose rim passes through the centre is cut. What is the moment of inertia of the remaining part of the disc about a perpendicular axis, passing through the centre? A)15MR²/ 32 B)13 MR²/32 C)11MR ²/32

D)9MR²/32. · Submitted by Martin S.
Land Board Report for July to August 2017

1. Kaliya of Shakti community (Progress Landscape) has gifted 2.59 acres of land IR 58/b,9,12,13, IR 59/2 - 2.59 acres, close to Thurumbai lake. This deed was registered on 16th August 2017 as a Darshan day gift. We are thankful for his generous gesture.

2. Auroville has purchased land in BO 40/68, 0.67 acres inside Samridhidi community.

3. Land Board made a presentation to the new Governing Board in August giving a status update on the work done and discussed about more that is yet to be done regarding purchase and protection matters. We are very happy to welcome the new members of the Governing Board.

4. There is an issue regarding Panchamooorthy from Kuliapalayam who has constructed a gate on Auroville land near Madhuca - some meetings have happened and he has been requested to remove the gate to avoid damage else as a last resort we will have to remove this unnecessary block.

5. A piece of 9 cents of land was encroached in Pattanur area since many months, by a neighbour who had planted casuarinas on Auroville land. A constant push and ultimately case registration with police made him accept his encroachment and he has now signed a lease agreement.

6. There are continuous representations at Villupuram for Venkat Land grabbing cases.

7. We have informed the Working Committee of a need to form a legal cell to handle legal cases of Auroville Foundation. For an institution with land holdings of this size and other financial matters a legal cell is of utmost urgency and importance so as to handle our issues effectivly with correct understanding and knowledge.

8. An important development has been the appointment of The Secretariat of Auroville Foundation as The Estate Officer and the FAMC is in the process of creating a database of the stewards of Auroville lands and an Asset register.

9. As per our mandate two members should resign every two years and are eligible for reappointment. Regarding this matter we will be meeting with Auroville Council.

10. The Land Board would like to appeal to all Aurovilians to monitor the fences around their settlements, forest and farms to prevent encroachment and contact the Green Group and then Land Board in case of issues. If Stewards are unable to protect, Housing Service can be approached to allot places for Aurovilians and Newcomers seeking houses.

11. ₹ 1,78,042 was received from timber/firewood sales for July and August. The collection goes to the Unity Fund.

12. Units and activities interested in buying firewood or timber please call 0413 262 2657 and fix an appointment.

13. A gentle reminder to all who wish to participate in consolidating Auroville lands that contributions can be sent to Financial Service Account No: 0100

Forest Group meeting notes

- Ritam, 1 September 2017

Present: Dave (chair), Fabian, Island, P. Elumalai, N. Rajendran, Enea, S. Balu, I. Saga, Jean, Peter, Juan, Marc (Fertile East), Suryamayi, Shanti, Ananda, Biggie, Dominik, Kanniyapan, D. Segar, Manolo, Agnes, Guy (notes), Yuval, Rita, Vengatesh, Shivaraj, Kumar, Boobalan, Iyanaar, Jan, Rishi.

- Building applications

The following building applications were discussed at length:

i) Fertile East - Marc (approved).

ii) Ritam - Philippe and Thierry (approval subject to site visit and discussion with neighbours in Discipline, Miracle and 9 Palms).

*Addendum: subsequent post-meeting discussions among various members have called for the decision taken during the meeting to be reviewed and discussed in the next FG meeting.

These cases highlighted the need for greater clarity on the protocols for development in AV forests.

- Criteria for development in forested areas: The Forest Group had a wide-ranging and productive debate about criteria for approvals for development in forested areas. Formal criteria do exist but experience has proved that they are not adequate to guide decision-making. To resolve this, Island proposed to develop existing guidelines, first on stewardship criteria. He invites input from Forest Group members in this process. Island will present a draft at the next Forest Group meeting.

- Adventure playground: Reports of persistent breaching of a fence in Adventure playground, despite previous engagement with officials to resolve conflicts over encroachment in this area. The steward emphasised the need for a temporary watchman to oversee the fences. He volunteered to pay for this with the approval of the Forest Group.

- Conversion of temporary maintenance: Conversion of temporary maintenance to permanent for Ananda (9 Palms) had been agreed in previous meeting. Ananda requested an update on this process.

- High tension cable on Crown Road: The Forest Group discussed different interpretations of the extent of clearing required for the laying of high tension cables along the Crown. Recommendation to monitor the unfolding situation and keep the Auroville Foundation up to date to minimise ecological impact to vulnerable areas.

The Forest Group supports the stewards’ insistence that previously reached agreements between L’Avenir d’Auroville/TDC, the Auroville Electrical service and Darkali regarding the exact passage of the High Tension cable and similar infrastructure are respected.

- Mullu etc. overhanging paths: Request to stewards to ensure that narrow paths around their neighbourhood are navigable without being skewed by thorny bushes.

- Next meeting: Siddharta Forest, Friday 6 October 2017.

L’avenir d’Auroville / Town Development Council (iTDC) - July-August 2017 report

Reminder: This report is a synopsis of key topics discussed in regular meetings. It does not include any communication that has been published in the News & Notes or on the Auronet webpage of L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC, such as community announcements, financial reports and site or building permissions.

Regular members: iTDC: Cristo is TOS, Divya, Fabian is TOS, Jacqueline is TOS, Pino, Sauro, Tejaswini, Tom

Punctual attendees: Andrea, AVC (Elisa, Enrica, Marc, Martin, Matiriprasad, Mita, Renuka, Sathiya, Vikram), AVES (Ponnusamy), AVSST (Carlos, Peter CS, Sam), FAMC (Amy, Bindu, Ulli), Giulio, Imago (Michael), Koodam (Niva), Roeland, RS (Jacques & Jacques), Suhasini, WCom (Carel, Hemant, Kumar, Mandakini, Ranjith), Sumark (Kevin & Peter), SWM (Balamurugan, Gillian, Juergen, Loes), YouthLink (Abhimanyu, Kavitha, Khyati, Michael, Natasha)

I. TDC-RELATED TOPICS

A/ Site and Building Applications: Approximately 80 site and building applications were studied in July and August, whether for feedback, discussion, follow-up, survey, etc.

B/ Selection process: The iTDC felt that fast-forwarding the new TDC selection is necessary and that the TDC should be subject to a separate selection process from the AVC, FAMC and WCom.

C/ Governing Board presentation: In July, the iTDC started preparing the presentation for the GB.

D/ Interactive 3D map of Auroville: For several years, the iTDC has been discussing the project of making a 3D interactive map of Auroville for (internal) community reports and/or presentations (ex: GMs, GIMs). We are currently starting this project again.
We will be starting with the International Zone, as the entire area is being surveyed in detail for the Detailed Development plan that is another parallel project currently under way in the TDC. To be able to move forward, architects and project holders of that zone have been requested for AutoCAD drawings of the buildings there.

II. GROUPS, ZONES, SERVICES
A/ Collaboration between groups: During the months of July and August, the iTDC worked in collaboration with the AVC, AVES, FAMC, Green Group, Koodam, Housing Board, Housing Service, Land Board, NAS, Road Service and WCom on various projects, whether for information request/sharing, land issues, application requests, etc.

III. ROADS
A/ Right of Way: For the 50th anniversary, it becomes necessary to “close the loop” and stretch out in the radials for several infrastructure set-ups such as the OFC cables as well as the TNED HT cables. This RoW will follow the Crown road marking, but different widths are to be applied depending on the location (smaller for green spaces such as Darkali Park). There is also unclarity with regard to the radials (how many, actual roads or cycle paths, etc.). The exact position of these cables needs to be studied in detail, with the help of surveys (vegetation + marking). There are also other technical “difficulties”, for example crossing the kalom, poramboke and canyon.

The new axis as per revised alignment is not ascertained yet, a survey needs to be done with markings to understand the implications of both options. Several other technical aspects came up, such as the width of this corridor for maintenance and repairs, as well as the technology that may need to be used to cross the canyon area next to Language Lab and in Darkali Park. The actual location of the roads and radials is not in discussion here, as this necessitates a full mobility plan and community approval that cannot be done by February 2018. The outer infrastructure will be done in such a way as to keep maximum flexibility so that any future option can be implemented when it becomes necessary to do so.

B/ Visitor’s center access: There is a project to set up a proper entrance and parking space in the VC area. This is being followed up jointly by the iTDC and the WCom.

C/ Safety concerns reg. road dividers: The iTDC has received several complaints regarding the visibility (thus affecting the safety aspect) of the road dividers by the SK roundabout as well as the Vikas radial intersection.

D/ Courage access: During the month of July, the iTDC started doing follow-up/preparation work (survey, announcement, etc.) around the Courage access proposal.

To finalize the preparation work for this access, several meetings need to be held with various parties, detailed surveys need to be made, the connection to the roundabout and the water runoff need to be studied.

Concerns were raised regarding filtering car traffic toward Auroville, which would imply an increased budget for the security team.

E/ “Private” road signs popping up: The iTDC has been receiving many emails (from individuals and groups) regarding units putting up road signs without consultation. On the town planning level, concerns are mostly with regard to location/safety issues pertaining to that.

IV. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
A/ Village Development Committee: The formation of this committee is going on Alankuppam Revenue Village (Alankuppam/Sanjeevi Nagar/Annai Nagar). Regarding this, a meeting has been conducted between the iTDC, Officials, Nattamais and Women Group Federation leaders.

B/ Model Solar Village Project in Irumbai: Energy Efficiency fan has been distributed in the Irumbai village (total no. of fans: 197). We are waiting for land permission to install the Solar Panels.

C/ Women’s group income generation project: Compressed Stabilized Earth Block making unit activity implementation is successfully running in Edayanchavadi with the help of Government of Tamil Nadu. Local women and men got regular job opportunity. Good quality brick are being produced; the bricks are being sold and this generates profit. This unit uses the bricks to construct the individual household toilets.

D/ Desilting Kuyilapalayam Vikkiramathithan pond: Preliminary survey was done by the iTDC in June. Got relevant permission from the government and submitted the copy to the Nattamais of Kuyilapalayam therefore villagers will take action. As per AV Secretary’s suggestion, the iTDC will wait until the coming Panchayat election to resume working on Village Development activities particularly in Kuyilapalayam.

E/ Solid Waste Management: In Edayanchavadi, Irumbai and Kottakarai, land has been identified for the SWM project and waiting for NOC.

V. WATER-RELATED TOPICS
A/ Building Application with Water Group feedback: It had come to the iTDC’s notice that the BA forms were incomplete with regard to water (supply, management, wastewater, treatment, rainwater runoff, etc.). These questions have been included in the BA to try and make everyone more aware of water issues.

B/ WWTP: destination of treated water: The final use of treated water is still unknown; this needs to be discussed in upcoming meetings.

VI. OTHER TOPICS
A/ Line of Goodwill: The Site Application (when it will be received) needs to clarify what the purpose of the building would be, the direction that it would follow. Seeing the size of the building, many aspects need to be identified (ex: projects, residential areas, sustainability and mobility questions). The origin of the project is the access to the MM (it was pointed out that the flow of visitors will not diminish, it is up to AV to learn to manage it in a pro-active and efficient manner) coupled with the need for an economic boost.

The iTDC is waiting for the project holders to present their proposal/SA before providing feedback and bringing this forward.

B/ Mixed use RZ: Concerns were raised around the presence of units or other showrooms etc. in the Residential Zone.

Several iTDC members do not feel comfortable with the (potential) commercial aspect of these activities.

**Housing Board meeting notes**

People sometimes ask us why the Housing Board doesn’t publish monthly reports. As most of our discussions concern confidential information about Aurovilians, we don’t feel it is correct to publish our meeting notes. This message is to give you some clarity on the topics that are discussed.

Main topics are requests for grants (to be used for first house transfers, the building of house extensions or renovations). Furthermore, we discuss grants for old buildings without stewards, that Housing Service renovates and makes available for temporary housing - for instance for newcomers or to give new Aurovilians more time to find a permanent housing solution. Examples are Mukti (former Health Center Staff Quarters) and some units in Promesse. Another example is the transformation of the former Big Boys Boarding building into a combination of family homes for 2 Aurovillian families that have been desperate for a permanent housing solution for years.

Next, we deal with repair requests. The total repairs and maintenance budget for all housing assets is just INR 2 lakhs a month. This means we can’t possibly finance improvements and upgrading of kitchens and bathrooms, full painting, water tanks etc. (We do receive requests of 2 to 5 lakhs for one unit sometimes...) For this, loans can be taken. Housing Board tries to allow for roof repairs, basic plumbing and other basic maintenance to preserve the units.

Our biggest issue though is more serious. It’s the fact that communities exclude more and more people from coming in.

More about this in the next News & Notes.
Call for Grant Proposals - Annual Review for Funding in 2018

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will be meeting for its annual review of grant proposals for funding by the Foundation for World Education and Stichting De Zaaier in 2018. All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in the prescribed forms as attachments emailed to: pcg@auroville.org.in latest by Monday, 18 September.

Following the procedure set up by the Foundation for World Education, the Project Coordination Group will review and select projects for approval and budget allocation by the Board members. In recent years, funds available with the Foundation for World Education for Auroville projects and programmes amounted to approx. USD 30,000 in total. The Foundation for World Education has indicated a preference for funding projects and activities for which the maintenance of Aurovilians is either covered by Auroville or from a source other than Foundation for World Education grants.

With regard to Stichting De Zaaier, the Project Coordination Group will check whether proposals fall within their funding criteria and forward those that do to the SDZ Board for final selection and grant allocation. In recent years, funds available with Stichting De Zaaier for Auroville projects and programmes were in the range of € 50,000 to € 60,000 in total.

Stichting De Zaaier welcomes project proposals for:
- research studies in the fields of sociology, economy, psychology and inner development;
- exploratory (research) studies into the relations with the world outside Auroville, in particular with the villages (and villagers) surrounding Auroville, as well as proposals for initiatives that seek to contribute to strengthening these relations;
- initiatives that seek to enhance efficient co-operation of Aurovilians with the aim of making full use of the existing potential in Auroville;
- studies exploring a sustainable future for Auroville and initiatives contributing to such a future;
- initiatives requiring seed money for innovative and informal education and training, women’s development, as well as proposals prepared by youth.

Please note that no funds are available for infrastructure, buildings or transport. Requests for equipment will only be considered if specifically required for the implementation of the project and are not already available in Auroville.

Stichting De Zaaier has also indicated a preference for the funding of projects and activities for which the maintenance of Aurovilians is either covered by Auroville or from a source other than SDZ grants.

A revised grant application form, budget request form and any relevant documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in the prescribed forms as attachments emailed to: pcg@auroville.org.in latest by Monday, 18 September.

For more information or assistance please write to pcg@auroville.org.in or contact the Project Coordination Group at the ACUR (Town Hall) by phoning 2622250. Last date for submitting proposals for possible funding next year is Monday, 18 September.

From the Entry Service - N&N # 715 - Dated: 16-09-2017

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

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
Alena DEMIDENKO (Russian) Staying at Savitri Bhavan and working at Savitri Bhavan & Precreche.
Maria Carmen DEL CARRO (Spanish) Staying at Citadines and working at PTDC.

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
Marc LEVASSEUR (French) Staying at Fertile East and working at Botanical Garden & Fertile East.

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 Aurovilian Resident.

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS
-Monday and Friday: 09:30AM-12:30PM
-Wednesday and Thursday: via an invitation and by appointment only

Yours, --The Entry Service--

Houses available for transfer

1. Vikas: Area: 83.73 Sq.m. An apartment in the ground floor constructed with stabilized earth brick walls, brick vault with pre-cast slab roofing with covered front and back verandah, living cum Kitchen, Bed room & Toilet.
2. Quiet Andreas house: Area 115.33 S.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.

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

Housing Projects under construction:
1) Auromodele Orchard - Several houses are still to be built. Will be ready in 2018.
   Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. 8940220333

2) Kalpana: Will be ready 30th June 2018 -
   17 apartments of different sizes available:
   Studio - 6 / 1 BHK - 7 / 2 BHK - 2 / 3 BHK - 2
   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

Contact person: Padmanabhan, Kuilapalayam Cultural Centre. 9443001756 / Email: harisurya@auroville.org.in

Selvaraj. A, Surya Nivas, Auroville – 605101, Mob: 9843195290 / Email: kuilaiculturalcentre@auroville.org.in

Proposed Site Location

22 602 / Mob: 9443001756 /Email: harisurya@auroville.org.in

L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 16th 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 (Not 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 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**:
  1. R. Abhimanyu, house in Douceur on plot no. BO 135/3 for total area of 100 sq.m.
  2. Sindhuja, Aurodam, House Extension on plot no. IR 229/1 for total built-up area 25.89 sq.m.
  3. Akash, Prathna, House extension on plot no. IR 420/4 for 45 sq.m.
  4. Elizabeth J. Kurian, Adventure, house extension on plot no. IR 426/182 for 19 sq.m.
  5. Chris, Realization, house extension on plot no. IR 415/0 for 18 sq.m.

**COLLECTIVE PROJECTS**
- **Site Applications**: No new SA
- **Building Applications**:
  1. Kuilapalayam Cultural Center - Hari & Selvaraj, Multipurpose Hall, Kitchen + Toilet + covered passage + stage for total built-up area 158.69, BO 137/6.

Project write-up given by the project holder

**Project Title**: Kuilappalayam Cultural Centre

**Proposed Site Location**: Protection

**Project Holder**: Selvaraj. A and Harikrishnan.E

**Architect**: Sonali

**Contact Persons**: Selvaraj. A and Harikrishnan.E
Selvaraj. A, Surya Nivas, Auroville - 605101, Mob: 9843195290 / Email: kuilaculturalcentre@auroville.org.in
Harikrishnan. E., Djaima, Auroville - 605 101, Tel: (91) 413 26 22 602 / Mob: 9443001756 / Email: harisurya@auroville.org.in

**Description**: Permanent building, Ground - and first floor. Plut no: 137/6

**Total Area of the project**: 875 Sq.m
**Build up Area**: 158.69 Sq.m

**Target Group**: All village people, Aurovilians, volunteers, guests, etc... are going to be benefitted.

**Background**: The project aims to be the hub of activities for the people of Kuilapalayam so that they have a properly planned place with good infrastructure. The space will be used for evening classes to help children with their studies, dance classes, games and activities. It will also serve as a place for organizing cultural events; celebrate festivals bridging the gap between Auroville and the villages.

**Goals/Objectives**: The building will be a place for learning and doing activities together. Our vision is to connect the beneficial influence of Aurovillian philosophy and activities with the Tamil culture and for our centre to be a place where the two cultures will integrate. We would like to build a bridge between Auroville and our villages, connecting people with many different activities. We believe that this would fulfill the Mother’s wish to attend to the development and welfare of local village people. For all of these, this building will be a gateway in the future for many youngsters, women, children, elders, etc...

For additional information write to: avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come 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.

**FAMC responds to community concerns on proposed BCC mandate changes made to “reflect the reality” of BCC work**

Last Thursday’s proposal by the FAMC to change the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) mandate was done to “reflect the reality of the BCC’s actual work”, the BCC wrote to the community on Auronet on Friday this week. The proposed amendments met with a mixed response from the community, with some asking: why is the FAMC proposing these changes? The FAMC responded to those concerns on Auronet on Friday this week.

Please see the original (Aug 31) FAMC announcement here: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/64588

Please find below a shortened version of the FAMC’s proposed changes and the FAMC’s explanation for each change:

**Why have these changes been proposed?**

-FAMC response: “the current mandate does not reflect the reality of the BCC’s actual work”

**Why is the FAMC proposing these changes and not the BCC?**

-FAMC response: “Revising the BCC mandate was initiated by the FAMC in accordance with the Residents Assembly-approved FAMC mandate (April 2016), which mandates that the FAMC shall “Constitute and oversee the functioning of the BCC”.

**Why does the FAMC propose that the BCC no longer submit its budget to the community for approval?**

-FAMC response: “The current mandate states that the BCC would present a draft budget to the Resident’s Assembly (RA) for approval. In fact, this has never been done. And should never be done. The BCC reviews the budgets carefully, the RA does not. RA involvement would essentially politicize a well-developed participatory process. Currently, the BCC requests activities to submit budgets. These are compared to the previous year and reviewed in light of the current year’s expected income and the actual need of the activity. Once the BCC completes its review, it forwards the budget to the FAMC for final approval. This process has been operational for over 10 years. The revised mandate simply acknowledges this process.”

**Why does the FAMC want to reduce the number of BCC members from 18 to nine?**

-FAMC response: “The revised mandate reduces the number of people on the BCC from 18 to nine because having so many people at meetings is not conducive to effective decision-making.”
Why does the FAMC propose to move the management of the Unity Fund to the FAMC?

_FAMC response: “The revised mandate removes responsibility for overseeing the Unity Fund from the BCC because it has become the direct responsibility of the FAMC, as detailed in the new RA-approved FAMC mandate (April 2016) which mandates that the FAMC shall “Constitute and oversee the functioning of the Unity Fund”. In fact, the BCC has never interacted directly with the Unity Fund or issued instructions to it. The Unity Fund’s primary function is to account for contributions that come into Auroville, and execute transfers in accordance with the donor and FAMC orders, and in accordance with Indian Law. The Unity Fund handles all contributions and not just those that are routed to City Services. For this reason, the FAMC is the correct body to oversee the Unity Fund’s functioning.”_

Background: What does the BCC do?

_FAMC response: “The BCC, which is primarily concerned with City Services, has the following primary responsibilities:
1) budgeting for more than 100 activities and services under City Services;
2) distributing the budgets;
3) monitoring the funds to ensure that they are spent in accordance with the budgets; and
4) collection of contributions from over 350 sources.

The BCC also proposes policies related to these responsibilities (contribution and maintenance), and considers individual exceptions to the various policies.”_

Your Feedback Invited

To send your feedback on the proposed new changes and to get more information, please don’t hesitate to email the FAMC at famc@auroville.org.in or the ras@auroville.org.in.

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**OBITUARY**

**Kanniappan**

In the early evening of Sunday 10 September, our good friend and long-term brother Aurovilian Kanniappan suffered a road accident between Kottakarai and Visitors Centre, resulting in a severe head injury that left him unconscious. He was taken to JIPMER where, with his family nearby, he passed away at 2.30pm on Monday 11th. He was 56 years old.

Hailing from Edeyanchavadi, Kanniappan was one of those kids who joined us in the early seventies. Accompanying his father Dhanappal, one of Auroville’s long-term forest workers, he did all kinds of jobbies and learned the ropes from the first students in Meenakshi’s Ilaignarkal school. Several years he worked at Matrimandir’s workshop and moved from there to Abri as a mechanic. Married with Dhanalakshmi, the pair and their children lived in Shanthi community. Lately moving with us from him from the Puncture Service, which he gradually built up during the last 30 years. It now is a full-fledged service located in Auroville’s Service Area where he and his brother Arumugam received many an Aurovilian whose bicycle or motorised vehicle suffered a puncture or needed other repair or overhaul.

We will dearly miss him, with his slow smile, always-friendly demeanour and keen knowledge of the job at hand, - and thank him for having been with us these long years.

Kanniappan’s remains were buried in the afternoon of Tuesday 12th at the Adventure funeral grounds with many attending. Our heartfelt love and strength go out to Kanniappan’s wife Dhanalakshmi, his daughter Archana and son Satyavan, and his many brothers and friends, all active in and for the City of Dawn.

Jay MA-

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Restorative Auroville - Justice**

_Dear Community,

Our “Restorative Auroville” team is exploring the theme of justice in Auroville and how we might develop a justice system that resonates with our values and supports us to move through disputes and conflict with more potential for constructive change. We would like to know what you think about justice in Auroville, and what works and doesn’t work as our community response when justice is needed. Here is the link to a short questionnaire: https://goo.gl/forms/NTFTWiyHPvkjLPZa2

We invite you to take a few moments to contemplate and respond. We also offer some background information to let you know how we are using the term ‘justice’ in this context...

In gratitude, Laura, Janet, Shanti, Hélène, Kati

What is Justice?

Justice is a broad multifaceted concept of moral rightness that incorporates varying perspectives on fairness, ethics, rationality, religion and law.

Individuals want to be treated fairly, whether they’re in a courtroom, at work, or in line at the cafeteria. We don’t want to be judged more harshly because of our gender, age, or racial or cultural background. We each feel we deserve equal and impartial treatment.

Because we have this desire for equality and fairness, the assurance of justice is usually a prerequisite for a healthy society, although of course our human history is littered with examples of treating each other unjustly.

This raises the question of what’s to be done when an injustice is committed. When a crime or abuse is committed, we want justice, both for the offender and for the victim. For the offender, justice might mean that crimes don’t go unpunished, but also that the punishment fits the crime and context. For a victim, justice might mean seeing that a criminal is put behind bars, or it may be monetary compensation, or something else, with the goal to make the victim feel equal again.

Justice remains a hard topic to pin down because we often disagree over what we deserve and whether we’re receiving it. Our sense of justice is influenced by the ethics and values of our culture, each with its own mix of history, mythology and religion. So in such disagreements, we need reasonable and impartial decisions to be made, to the extent that such a thing is possible. And when people feel that they aren’t getting their due, society can become unstable.

Forms of Justice

Retributive or punitive justice, which exists in nearly all modern societies, is a theory of justice that considers punishment, if proportionate, to be the best response to crime. When an offender breaks the law, justice requires that they forfeit something in return. The severity of penalty for a misdeed or wrongdoing is meant to be reasonable and proportionate to the severity of the infraction.

Restorative justice is an approach to justice that focuses on the needs of the victims and the offenders, as well as the involved community, instead of solely satisfying legal principles. Victims take an active role in the process, while offenders are encouraged to take responsibility for their actions, “to repair the harm they’ve done - by apologizing, returning stolen money, doing community service,” etc. Restorative justice considers crime and wrongdoing to be an offence against an individual or community, rather than the state. It considers crime as a wound that must be healed, whereas retributive justice is more concerned with legalities.

Source:
1. Wikipedia

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Arpanaa -- offering support for cultural activities in Auroville

Arpanaa provides a financial and organizational support for performing artists from outside Auroville in offering a cultural performance to the community. The support includes organizational help in setting up the performance at a chosen Auroville venue and provision for covering costs of necessary technical stage support, transportation to the venue as well as provision for basic refreshments.

We have a small budget financed by City Services, so we can host and pay for local transport but not for their performance itself. If it is a larger project, we may explore the possibility to co-host with another activity.

In case you know of some artists either your friends or relatives who are visiting you in Auroville and who might like to offer such an event / performance, do let us know at: arpanaa@auroville.org.in or call 2622900 (Mona). It can be music, theater, drama, puppet show or an interesting workshop.

This activity is currently anchored by Geeta (Creativity) and Mona (Yantra)

Planning of Sustainable Industrial Parks

Development in India is shaped by an advancing industrialization. The Government of India has a vision to enhance the manufacturing sector’s contribution to the gross domestic product to 25 per cent and to create 100 million jobs over the course of a decade. Currently, there are nearly 3,000 designated industrial zones in India, some of which are very large, such as the industrial corridors, investment regions, and manufacturing zones.

The risks associated with industrial development include increasing pollution levels, overuse of natural resources, and increasing amounts of waste and wastewater, leading to endangerment of ecosystems. 150 river stretches and 43 industrial areas have already been classified as critically polluted by the Central Pollution Control Board way back in 2009.” Source: http://seip.igep.in/

In collaboration with GIZ Gmbh, WRI India and local experts, Auroville Consulting worked with the managers of industrial parks in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh for assessing their parks on sustainability benchmarks, as well as to plan new industrial parks taking the environment into account. Participants interacted with experts on sustainable master planning, water management, waste management, earth architecture, energy efficiency, renewable energy, low carbon mobility and ecological landscape among others.

A short video on the challenges faced, and process used for planning green industrial parks can be found at: https://youtu.be/Y6ZZn2ffeYE

Auroville Consulting

Exploring Prosperity

Dear Aurovilians and Newcomers,

We would like to share our experience from the presentation through the CAT-platform 'Exploring Prosperity' on 5th Sept 2017 in Unity Pavilion.

We extend our gratitude to all the community members who took the time to be present for the presentation to express support and questions to the initiative of 'Exploring Prosperity' for Auroville.

A letter of intention for 'Exploring Prosperity' is circulating to all Focus Teams for joining and intervention, share with us your active participation, no seats reserved.

Eagerly waiting to collaborate,

Love, light, peace, Exploring Prosperity Team

Warming up for AVAG’s Annual Women’s Solidarity Festival - Oct 8th, 2017

As we approach the date of the 26th Annual Women’s Solidarity Festival Finale, Oct 8th 2017 at Auroville Village Action Group, I would like to share insights from the Debate competition held on 19th August. This event was organised by AVAG and the topic of debate chosen by the Udhayam Women’s Federation, the collective of 316 Women’s Self Help Groups connected to AVAG. The federation is an independent body that oversees the affairs of the groups. Its representatives regularly participate in Capacity building workshops that enable them to challenge social norms. Their capacity building was clearly reflected this year in the selection of the debate topic, “Is extravagance needed in one’s life or is it an unnecessary expense?” The word used in Tamil is “Aadambaram” which can translate to ‘extravagance’, but also implies ‘fineries’, ‘grandeur’ or ‘glory’.

The debate was conducted by an esteemed retired school teacher in the Bio-region called Seenu Venugopal, a trusted friend of AVAG and an excellent public speaker with a keen interest in social welfare. As Venu Sir pointed out, the chosen topic sounded risky as people were unlikely to speak about this honestly. Introducing the debating teams to the audience of about 700 women, he urged the participants to be honest and openly describe the current lifestyle trends.

As I heard the introduction myself, I wondered how it was possible for a team to argue in favour of extravagance, especially since they are connected to a social welfare organisation that helps them to be financially included and have access to micro-credit. I wondered if the topic held an inherent bias pointing toward, what seemed to me, the inherently superfluous nature of extravagance. As I dove into the debate with the large audience, enraptured by not just the topic of discussion but also the skill of the speakers, I saw that this debate is in fact a public enactment of inner dilemmas that we constantly face. Every single one of us faces the question of how much we need to own in order to feel a sense of security; materially as well as emotionally.

We began with the team in favour of extravagance. Beginning with the topic of marriage expenses, the debater reminded us that in our culture, marriage is an extremely important event. It is a once-in-a-lifetime-event, so we must spend to make it memorable and commemorate its significance. Weddings are also a way to measure the social status of a family. When one attends a wedding function and wears a new silk saree and jewellery, everyone excitedly asks where they got it from. It makes you the centre of attention and envy. She then spoke about owning a vehicle, considered a luxury in this economic context. “If I have to travel half an hour to get to my workplace every day, I need to own a vehicle. This is not a luxury, but a necessity”. She also said that after working hard the entire week, she doesn’t see anything wrong in going out and splurging on a restaurant bill.

On the other hand, the team speaking against extravagance reminded us of the worsening problem of air pollution, to which all our personal vehicles contribute. Speaking about education, she said, “Everyone wants to secure a government
job but nobody wants to send their children to a government school, why is it so?" People spend a lot of money on private school education, many times not because these schools offer better services but only out of peer pressure from neighbours. Sending your child to a private school is considered a status symbol and people continue to do it even after the children complain of being over-worked there. Private schools in the Bio-region often times confine children to classrooms for long hours, forcing them to study in order to improve their grades. The team reported incidents of children falling into depression and committing suicide. The team argued that the younger generation should be paid adequately for their contributions to society to make them feel respected.

**Turning Chip Bags into Premium Waste**

Dear Community,

First of all, thank you so much for your collaboration with putting chip bags in the box at PTDC for Upcycling Studio! Please collect only CLEAN ones and follow the pictured guidelines for making premium waste. If you have good ideas for Upcycling them, please join us!

![Image](image.png)

**Further Clarity on Shared Transport Pricing**

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* For international flights pickups, there is an additional parking charge of Rs 150. For domestic pickups, this charge is optional if the passenger requests for the taxi to wait at airport parking.

**Airports**

- Chennai Airport
- Pondy Ashram
- Chennai City

**Departure Options**

- Flats - Rs 600
- Private - Rs 300

**Additional Services**

- Driver service
- Driver stay fare
- Driver food allowance

**Pickups**

- Flats - Rs 600
- Private - Rs 300

**Dropoffs**

- Flats - Rs 600
- Private - Rs 300

**Contact Information**

- For Airport Pickups: 9344002972
- For City Pickups: 9442006807

**Upcycling Studio**

- For more information, please visit [UpcyclingStudio.org](http://UpcyclingStudio.org)

**Bio-region**

- Confined children to classrooms for long hours
- Forced children to study in order to improve their grades
- Reported incidences of children falling into depression and committing suicide
- Argued that the younger generation should be paid adequately for their contributions to society

**Healthcare**

- Questioned if it was fair for someone like me, who had never thought of vehicular transport or a cell phone as a luxury, to advise a person less privileged to live within their means.
- Reminded them that many great leaders received education in public schools, including the beloved ex-President of India, APJ Abdul Kalam, who hails from Tamil Nadu.
- Advised the women to refrain from comparing lifestyles with more attractive than a bare white one.
- Team speaking against extravagance counselled the gathered women to live within their means and not to spend money over prestige issues. It is possible to access healthcare for free in a government hospital, don't push your family into debt by taking loans to pay off bills of private hospitals.
- Everybody likes silk saris, but how often are they attractive as it is, must be limited to one's financial capacity.
POSTINGS

Fund raising cakes: Hello my name is Asia and I am doing a fundraiser to bring my half-sister to Auroville - my proposal is you can order a cake and I will deliver it to you in Auroville. I can bake cakes, cupcakes and cookies. If you would like a cake with a unique design let me know and I will see what I can do - contact: 7094823921 / Account#6281 - Thanks, Asia

Selection of Probiotics Ceramics Rings: We invite you to visit us on Probiotics House - Reve, as we are offering a discount on a second selection of Probiotics Ceramics Rings, with some imperfection in color and small crack...but still perfect for restructuring water. Recommended for flower arrangements, pot plants watering, odor and mold control in the fridge and cupboards, animals drinking water, muddy ant channels, etc. We are open from Tuesday to Saturday 9:30 to 11:30 am/ 2:00 to 4:30 pm - MGECoduties - Probiotics House, Guidelma and Margarita [www.probiotichouse.com / Phone: 0413 26232774]

Water Words: - Meet Bala, our new well monitor: Please note: Ramesh is no longer working with the Water Group for well monitoring. Please meet Bala, the newest member of the Water Group, holding the critical job of well monitoring. It is Bala who will call you before he visits to remind you not to turn on your pump, it is Bala who will share that information with our team member, Pavneet, who will then upload it to our website (www.aurovillerwater.in). If Bala comes to visit your community and your wells, please welcome him. And if you have any questions, please contact us.

Water Group - watergroup@auroville.org.in

Mana - new auroville unit: Dear Community members, we wish to share with you that we have started a unit of Fashion Design called 'Mana'. We draw our inspiration from Arts and Crafts of the whole world. We use different techniques of weaving and hand embroidery for our designs. Each piece is unique and handmade. We open our studio to the public every Wednesday and Saturday mornings (9:30 to 12:00) with an improvised showroom corner where you can try and find your unique piece.

Mana Team: Julie, Claire and Rv [Location: Sukhavati community, Claire and RVs House / Contact Julie at 8524959459 / Website: manaauroville.wordpress.com]

AVAILABLE

Moped TVS xl100: nearly new, bought in April 2017, 1600km, used only 2 months, TN registered, 1 box, full maintenance, no damage, first hand, kept in garage - call Anne-Sophie: 9489002103 / 0413-2622081 / annesophie@auroville.org.in

Seedlings: Hello :) We have Basil and Brinjal Seedlings; if you wish to take them please come Monday to Friday from 9 to 12 to pick them up. Sara for Joy Team :) Center Field. [www.joyauroville.org / www.facebook.com/joyauroville]

LOOKING FOR...

A job: I'm Narayanasamy, a long time Aurovilian, living in Douceur. I'm presently looking for a job. I can do practical work such as supervising construction work, taking care of and helping old aged people and shopping for them. I can do shopping and purchase for all from Pondy. I have 30 years' experience in helping old aged people and shopping for them. I can do such work as supervising construction work, taking care of and helping old aged people and shopping for them. I have 30 years' experience in helping old aged people and shopping for them.

Almirah: Dear community, I'm looking for a free or low priced 2nd-hand cabinet (almirah) in wood or metal, about 1.60m high. Please contact me by mail: thierry@auroville.org.in, or mobile(sms):87 70 03 95. Thanks, Thierry

Fridge: Hi, I am looking for a Fridge in good condition to buy. Regards, Mehul: 9634420466 / mehul1992@gmail.com

Furniture: anything for 2 persons: table, wardrobe, chairs, seats, also garden furniture... double bed... Thank you very much... I'm also looking for someone who could lend me an adult puzzle.... If you are interested and you can miss some of these things... I would be very happy to receive any... Please contact me at carmen.palinckx@gmail.com or 9751673869. Greetings, Carmen staying in Petite Ferme.

A motorbike: I’m looking to buy a 100cc second hand motorbike with valid papers. I started to volunteer at WasteLess & will be here for the next year. If you have a motorbike you wish to sell or know someone who has one, please let me know. Many thanks, Jasper +91 96298 23876 jasper.heinlein@t-online.de

Shoes: Dear community members, we are looking for shoes for Ultimate Frisbee. Both for players who do not have and for promising youngsters in Village Action where we have been teaching for 2 months. The shoes can be either running shoes or cleats of any size (5+) in good enough condition. If you have any you are not using and would like to give them away, contact us at: avultimate@auroville.org.in or call 9786526171. Thanks, Av Ultimate

Services of an Amma: Full time to help me with house work. Should be neat, good worker and know cooking and kitchen work. Call 0413-2622188 and speak to Younghe.

Services of an Gardener: Full time for a house in Repos. Call 0413-2622188 and speak to Younghe.
**Lost & Found**

Cellphone (Lost): Dear friends, on Thursday afternoon, I lost my cellphone at the Ganesh bakery. It is a German mobile “Primo” 401, red coloured. I will give a good finder’s reward. Please, e-mail: ingrida@auroville.org.in - Thanking you, Love, Ingrida

Wallet (Lost): It’s a black leather billabong wallet; it should have my driving licence in too with my name on it. Not sure exactly where it could be lost; anywhere between around mango hill and Prakrit really. Many Thanks, Ian Waters [langcwaters@msn.com]

**Thank You**

Gift and Happy News from the Land Board

We are happy and grateful to inform the community about a generous land gift from our fellow Aurovilian, Kaliya of Progress Landscape.

On 16 August of this year, Kaliya gifted to Auroville 2.59 acres of land in the vicinity of Irumbai lake (IR 58/8,9,12,13, IR 59/2).

His gesture touches us deeply and speaks of a true commitment to Auroville.

Thank you Kaliya.

From Swadharma team with gratitude

Dear Community,

We are very happy to share with you the successful completion of the third edition of Swadharma programme on the 2nd of September 2017. The final presentation by the participants was attended by a full house audience at the SAIIER conference hall. We thank all of you for coming and giving your support.

We had 17 participants, 11 girls, and 6 boys, from different parts of India with a wide range of backgrounds like Finance, Architecture, Software, Psychology, Design, Journalism, Media etc. It was deeply satisfying to see how much they grew in a short span of five weeks and dived deep inward to find their true aspiration. This is possible only because of the special energy Auroville and Aurovilians hold and the adventure we are into. A large number of Aurovilians have given their time and energy to support the journey of these young people and we must say that the results are very inspiring. Without all of you, this wouldn’t have been possible and we wish to convey our deep felt gratitude to everyone for being so kind and accepting and sharing your experiential wisdom.

Auroville’s great diversity and the unique trajectories of self-discovery of each community member gives us a great setting to be an outstanding educational campus for people to come and explore themselves. We are looking at Auroville as a new kind of live-in campus for transformational learning and every unit and service as an experimental lab where young people can come and learn by doing. We feel we are on the right track in developing the further learning possibilities in Auroville and we are looking forward to your continuing support.

With deep gratitude,
Swadharma team (Aneeta, Lalit, MANOJ, Min, Siddharth and Sophie - Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI); SAIIER department for further learning)

**Accommodations Available and Needed**

House-sitting 1: Namaste! We are a Newcomer family (2 adults +2 kids age 6 & 4) looking for preferably long-term house-sitting from May onward. We are good caretakers, can manage & fix. Please contact Sonia: +91 8940288090

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 7639318959 (ally@auroville.org.in). Thank you! Ally

House-sitting 3: Hi, I am an Aurovilian potter looking for a long-term house-sitting starting from 1st October. Please contact on 9487833736 or email nausheen@auroville.org.in. Thank you, Nausheen

House-sitting 4: Fellow Aurovilians, we are looking for housing in Auroville up to March of 2018 while the Humanscapes housing project gets ready. We are currently living in a temporary house that does not handle the monsoon rains well. We are happy to take care of your pets and garden. If you have an option, or know where we can find accommodation for this period, please contact us, by mail or mobile: +91 8524959459 or om@auroville.org.in. Thanking you for your support, Julie & Om

House-sitting 5: Hi! I’m looking for a house-sitting - short or long term - from the 15th of October. I’m a pre-Newcomer, working at Art Service - I’m 40 years old and single. I am also open to living with some Aurovilian willing to share his home - it would be an excellent opportunity to live and share experiences. Contact me for more info: umberto.cerasoli@gmail.com - Umberto

**Taxi Sharing**

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

October 4th: Wednesday - Auroville to Chennai (5km for the airport), I am flexible on the time of departure, as I am not flying until the next day 5th October from Chennai. I am also flexible on the date as I can leave on the morning of 5th October if this date suits better. Please contact me by mail: Jenmodly@gmail.com or at Samasti Guest House on: 262 2306 or 2307, Thanks Jenny

**Work Opportunities**

Office keeper

Sunshop (the new settlement in the Habitat Area) is looking for an Office Keeper.

Fluent in English & French. Organisational, communicational & computer skills required.

Maintenance & studio (1 person) available. Contact: citadines@auroville.org.in / 0413-262 2828

An Addition for Auroville.com

We (the Auroville.com Team) are on the hunt for an addition to our family! You are good in organizing, you like to be creative and you want to work in a team building something together?

Then contact us! We are in need of someone supporting us with the maintenance of the website, communication with Auroville Units, product research, photo shoots, and writing articles and so on.

Does that sound interesting? Then contact us - Nimmi: connect@auroville.org.com or call 0413-2622069. High English skills in spoken and written required.

Newcomers, Aurovilians and long term Volunteers are welcome!

Site Supervisor

The Auroville Earth Institute is looking for a new site supervisor! Potential candidates should have at least two or three years of site experience, with a good working knowledge of the Auroville landfill theme.
of both English and Tamil, and be ready to commit for at least one year starting in October. To read about the Earth Institute’s construction techniques and projects, please see the website at: www.earth-auroville.com. Candidates should send their CV and motivation letter to: info@earth-auroville.com

Submitted by the Earth Institute team

www.Designer
Looking for experienced www designer to give us creative but functional proposal for our www side. Web is existing and now needs a new look after 15 years of existing. It is built in word press 3 and needs to be upgraded. We mostly need designer development that could be done by another person but it could be that if you have good creative design proposal and can also do development that you can do both. Please send your portfolio and write how much of experience you have. For more info and your details please email.
We are also looking for software developers and programmers to build database in Drupal or PHP. Email if you are the one
Mail: irena@taskovskifilms.com

A U R O V I L L E  R A D I O

Dear listeners!
Our live streaming can be heard on: radio.garden/live/villupuram/auroville-radio/

From our volunteers we have:
Volunteer D was at the Art Break Day 2017, and made interview with Krupa, Marie-Claire, and others. Our youngest volunteer Kenden participated in Kino, and made an interview about Kino with Tlaloc.
Romel recorded CAT on Prosperity.

rtm- here is the recording of the interactive presentation by Adam Kinkel on Embodied Research.

Within our regular programs:
Gangalakshmi reads her Selections of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother texts in French - uncut version on the request of listeners!
Marlenka reads Letters on Yoga by Sri Aurobindo.
Out of the regular programs are here the news of Thursday, and Monday.
Again very diverse musical podcasts for your ears - Motown, Soul and Oldies, Groovy Jazz Chillout, and Vocals in Modern Jazz.

Happy listening,
Your AV Radio Team [www.aurovilleradio.org]

E A T I N G  O U T

Jolly Kimbap -Korean Take away & Home Delivery: We are back with Korean savory foods -our popular menu, Kimbap and other Korean signature dishes to deliver straight to your home. We take advance orders ONLY. Please make sure to order at least a day in advance. Otherwise you would miss our Korean meal. Our new menu for re-opening is shown on our facebook ‘Jolly Kimbap’. Booking: 97517 83912 (Whatsapp ok) jollykimbap@auroville.org.in

Well Studio Café: Dear all, Well studio Cafe is open Monday to Saturday from 8.30 till 16.30. Please join us for breakfast and lunch and enjoy our Vegetarian and vegan Mediterranean food in a beautiful garden and our well known FALAFEL!! For groups and take away please call: 0413-2622229 or mail: wellcafe@auroville.org.in

Jolly Kimbap -Korean Take away & Home Delivery: We are back with Korean savory foods -our popular menu, Kimbap and other Korean signature dishes to deliver straight to your home. We take advance orders ONLY. Please make sure to order at least a day in advance. Otherwise you would miss our Korean meal. Our new menu for re-opening is shown on our facebook ‘Jolly Kimbap’. Booking: 97517 83912 (Whatsapp ok) jollykimbap@auroville.org.in

Satyam

Satyam is a Sanskrit word, meaning Truth – Consciousness. We know the mental truth of man. Intelligence, a power of the intellect, perceives in his mind, sensations, emotions, thoughts, ethical and aesthetic impressions, ideas from memory etc. These are called the elements of initial perception and subjected to his reasoning and the final perception which is mental truth or knowledge is formulated by his intelligence. Man pursues his action according to his mental truth which is finite in nature and has limited scope of action. That is why man struggles and suffers in his life. The intelligence in man is called light (not the physical light), known as Prakasam in Sanskrit. The Vedic Rishis do not consider the universe as a physical formation only. It is a living and dynamic being and becoming. The Universal Mother, Chit-Shakti of Satchitananda, has manifested the universe by Her Divine gnosis. The eternal manifestation of the infinite consciousness is Her work. She is aware of all things, beings, forces, happenings etc., in all the planes of consciousness in the universe by Her power of consciousness, Jothi (Light, endless light) which has no more darkness. Jothi is great (Booma) whereas mental light is small, insignificant (Alpa). Jothi formulates the Truth-Consciousness (Satyam) on the basis of the perception of ideas, forms, forces etc., in the universe. And now Chit-Shakti, Consciousness-Force is known as Ritu-Chit i.e., Right consciousness, Right action and Right happiness.

The Vedic Rishis explain the Truth-Consciousness in a formula. Satyam is Nityam (eternal). Satyam is Jnanam (immutable). Satyam is Anantam (infinite). These factors of the formula form the criteria to identify the Truth-Consciousness. After the final perception of Jothi, the Universal Mother has become Ritu-chit. Ritam means Right and the further manifestation is based on the Right-Consciousness (Satyam) because the Rishis thought that they could victoriously handle all the problems of life and attain immortality. The universal Mother has the Supreme Love, Wisdom and Power by which She contains constitutes and conducts all things, beings and forces in the universe and whoever approaches Her for the Truth- Consciousness, She would gladly share it with him.

The following illustration will give a good understanding of the nature of Truth- Consciousness. There was political turmoil in India during 1927. The Simon commission recommended partial independence for India and the then Congress Party rejected it. People in India were anxious to know when India would get independence. The Mother and Sri Aurobindo did a very interesting experiment. They sat together on a long table, facing each other with enough space between them. They began to meditate. After meditation, the Mother came out with an announcement that India would become independent after twenty years. Sri Aurobindo did not make any comment on it. It became true. India was declared an independent nation in 1947. What happened was that the Mother had gone to the immortal plane of consciousness where Truth-Consciousness was present, and the universal Mother shared the relevant Truth with her. This incident happened in 1927 and the Truth expressed in terms of Universal action is in 1947. (Nityam; eternal); it was Jnanam (immutable) because there was no change in the duration of the period. It is Anantam (infinite) because it took twenty years for the Truth to be expressed in universal action in eternal time.

Submitted by Somasundaram
The Proposed Entry Policy: Back to the Same Old

For all those who felt a great need for changes to be made in the Entry Policy and welcomed a change with the 2015/16 version, the newly proposed Policy is simply a return to the old policy with very little ‘new’ except for changes in the names of the groups involved. It has no flexibility, and actually has become even more bureaucratic with more steps and processes for becoming a Newcomer, rather than simplifying and making it easier, and more humane, for all. The new policy is simply more of the same old need to control and verify and judge every aspect of a Newcomer’s life - hours of work, health status, money available, etc., etc. This has never worked and never will, because it creates the kind of atmosphere that kills the Spirit of why many people come to Auroville in the first place - to offer what THEY feel they can to Auroville, according to THEIR inner capacities and not according to the judgments or rules put forth by other people who think they know better. This is the central and simple ideal put forth by the Mother and yet still we run away from Her Simplicity, because some people think they must be more ‘practical’ and thus they know better what is needed now in our present reality...

There is a reason why Auroville has not grown in many years, and unfortunately Aurovilians don’t really want to know the reason(s) why - especially the Spiritual reasons. If we are not willing to go beyond our fears and need to control every little aspect of what goes ‘wrong’ in life, if we don’t get out of our Big Brother mentality which creates not only distrust amongst ourselves and new members but also reflects a Distrust in the Dynamic and Active Presence of the Mother who is much more capable of creating the conditions for the ‘right’ people to be in Auroville, then we will continue to turn people off to living here and run around the same habitual circle of the past.

Any policy we put forward now, I feel, is irrelevant, because it all depends on the people who are actually implementing the policy - and in most cases making up new regulations as they go along, which is being done as we speak, by people who assume they know best and can judge what is the right conditions for a Soul to live in Auroville, when even the Mother was extremely flexible and Open. If the new policy being proposed is truly what the community wants, then unfortunately it is sad for the community and reveals the state of its consciousness. The previously accepted policy, while having many flaws needing to be worked out, nonetheless represents a little forward step in embracing what the Mother actually expressed about Admissions to Auroville and the Spirit in which we should hold ourselves, in an Absolute Trust in the Divine more than Aurovilians, Newcomers, or any processes or systems or policies we create with our well intentioned but extremely ignorant and flawed mental understandings and vital reactions. I wish it were the time in Auroville to embrace a true, sincere new Inner Attitude for Entry and all our difficulties in this ‘community’, but apparently we seem to love our fears and our egos too much to let go and trust even a little bit more in the Divine Presence that is Here, Now, in every Moment and Experience, already Guiding towards the Future, including those whom we see as ‘problems’ for Auroville, but who nonetheless represent opportunities for us to become even more Conscious and more capable of transforming even the most difficult people and situations, and to grow in the Patient Consciousness necessary to truly build a City of the Future.

In Truth, Light, Peace and Love,

Noel

Moving Towards

An exhibition of photographs by Marco Saroldi
Kalinka Art Gallery, Pondicherry - September 14th to October 15th

Matrimandir... forget all that you know about the place, the emotional and physical resonance, and go look at the Matrimandir’s photo by Marco Saroldi that is part of his coming exhibition at Kalinka Art Gallery, Pondicherry.

In a stunning composition that resembles an impressionist painting by Monet or a page from a fairy tale book, Marco achieved a “tour de force”. The scene is carefree and intimate. Between two branches, Indian women all dressed in earthy tone saris are gathering together in a beautiful green park. The charm of the subjects lies above all in the impression of spontaneity, a simple evocation of womanhood. We can immediately feel the women’s bond and unity. Through a special camera technique of long exposure that gives a blurred effect to his subjects, the photographer emphasised the emotional focus of this joyful event. The tones and colors are all earthy with a touch of red on the side, almost as if to perfect the composition.

But what gives the picture its charm is that the blurred subjects are in front of a sharply green and manicured park looking very clear in the background. Further away, at the end of the perspective, a golden globe coming from nowhere gives light and wonder to the whole scene. Is this a castle, a temple, a space ship or just a surrealistic painting? No, it is not a fairy tale, neither a dream. It is the Matrimandir and you are at home in time. You feel the coming and going of seasons, people and events, and you wonder at the endless flow and the meaning of all that has gone and the mystery of all that has yet to be.

This mix of clear and blurred is the technique used in all 12 photographs of this exhibition titled “Moving towards”. For the artist, it is first and foremost a spiritual reflection of the city he lives in, Auroville. Greatly influenced by Sri Aurobindo, Marco wants to give the message that humanity is moving in a subtle physical way. He shows that if the landscape is static, human beings are not; therefore, the blurred effect symbolises movement.

The search for crowds makes him go to social events and take shots of bus stations, La Promenade in Pondicherry, a festival in Kulapalayam, fishing nets in Kochi, and not least, the exquisite blue and red venue of the Auroville Village Action Group.
The bright colours and the life of it all remind you that you are in India, and Marco, via his camera, relates the spiritual message of man’s evolution through the feeling of “Moving towards”.

But “Moving towards” is not just a descriptive name for this Italian photographer’s first exhibition in India. It is the essence of a true belief, and his decision to present his work outside of Auroville, that shows his integrity and strong conviction that there is a starving world outside which needs to be communicated to. This is human unity.

Chana Corinne Devor
for AVArts (artservice.auroville.org/)
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

Bamboo Center Auroville
Is organising

World Bamboo Day: Bamboo Man
16th September 2017
Mohanam campus
(In front of Imagination)

Workshops:

Program
Full day split bamboo workshop: STARDOME 9.00: Bamboo tea ceremony
Bamboo music instrument 10.00: Bamboo presentation
Bamboo jewellery 11.00: Bamboo architecture
Bamboo toys 12.00: Bamboo harvesting
Basket workshop with Well Paper 13.00: Bamboo lunch
“Make your own pad” with Eco femme 14.00: Bamboo videos and documentaries
Papier machè panda with Florent 18.00: Bamboo band
Makrame with Mirrabelle 19.00: Jam session
Dance workshops with Priscilla and Anand 20.00: DJ Night

facebook.com/aurovillebamboocentre/

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.

Schedule of Events:

• 2.30 - 4 pm: Activities for Children and adults
  (Origami with Tomoko, collective flower mandala, decorating the Peace Bird with sea shells and flowers
  with Irena, story-telling session with Paula)
• 4 - 4.15 pm: “Canon de la Paix” (Peace Canon) - Peace Music led by Antoine
• 4.15 - 5 pm: Sharing circle on this year’s Peace Day theme (Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for all)
• 5 pm: Peace Meditation
• 8 pm: 69 minutes of 86 days - film show (see details under “Cinema”)

ALL ARE WELCOME

Notes:
1. If you have any collection of sea shells (not any rare or special collection, but just picked up from the beach for fun and now lying
around in your house; even in small numbers is fine) which you would like to share for the activity kindly bring it 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.
3. If you would like to volunteer on the day to help with organising the event please get in touch with Unity Pavilion: 0413 262 3576,
unitypavilion@auroville.org.in
JOIN IN TO EXPLORE THESE QUESTIONS
AND MORE...

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25
4:00PM
UNITY PAVILION

An Invitation from the 50th Team
Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies
India and the World - Bharat Nivas

Our Auroville Experience...

We will meet on Friday, September 15, 2017, at 4 p.m. in the Resource Library, to continue our reading/study of “The Synthesis of Yoga”.
Till then...love, Aster

U.Lab @ Auroville
Leading From the Emerging Future

U.Lab is a highly experiential course based on Theory U, a framework, a method with practical tools that allow individuals, organizations, and communities to turn ideas into real world change. More than 90,000 people from 183 countries have participated in it, creating a global movement for profound social, environmental and personal transformation.

Introductory Session
Date: Friday, September 15, 2017
Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm / Place: Unity Pavilion
Everyone is invited.
For more details on U.Lab, visit http://presencing.org
For RSVP and questions, write to ulab.auroville@gmail.com

Clarification: There is no U.Lab introductory session on September 16, it is only on September 15, 2017 from 3 pm to 5 pm at Unity Pavilion. In the previous News & Notes bulletin, the announcement for U.Lab Introductory session happened twice and there was an error in one them and hence this clarification. Apologies for the inconvenience. Thank you.

The Universal Mother according to Sri Aurobindo

With Deepti Tewari
Tuesday 19th September 4:30-6:30 pm
At Unity Pavilion

Deepti will present Sri Aurobindo’s perspective on the Universal Mother.

‘The Matrimandir wants to be the symbol of the Universal Mother according to Sri Aurobindo’s teaching.’

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.

CAT Spaces can be arranged for you in November and December!

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

Love, The CAT’s team - Inge, Mita, Sandlya

Let us meet where we are in touch with our inspiration and feel the resonance in unity!

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture Invites you for
A Talk by Senior Tibetan Doctor Dorjee Rabten Neshar.
On Thursday September 21, 2017
At 7 pm at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone.
“Know your health through your body.”
Dr. Dorjee Rapten Neshar is a senior physician at the Tibetan Medical Centre in Bangalore which is one of the many units of Mentsee-Khang or Tibetan Medical Institute in Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh. He is graduated from the Tibetan Medical College in Dharamsala in 1987 following which, he has served as a residential Tibetan doctor in several Tibetan settlements in South India before landing at Bangalore in 1992. Since then, he has been working as a chief physician at Bangalore based Tibetan Medical Center.

Over the last 25 years he has dedicated service in the practice of Tibetan Medicine, he has attended many National & International Conferences; presented a number of papers on Tibetan Medicine, he has also published numerous articles. He is also actively involved in the Mentsee-khang’s Clinical research studies where he and his team has carried out clinical efficacy of Tibetan herbs against the diabetes Mellitus and cancer cases, both in collaboration with the teams from All India Medical Institute of Science, New Delhi. His treatment results against cancer cases were also being studied by the CAM under NCI, Washington DC.

Dr. Dorjee has also served as a chairman of the Central Council of Tibetan Medicine, Dharamsala from year 1997 to 1999. He also covers some of the South Indian cities like Chennai, Hyderabad, Kerala and Auroville etc. for giving consultation and wellbeing camps. In addition, he visits all the Tibetan settlements in South India on a regular basis for giving health awareness talks and treatment as part of the official program on Disease Prevention and Community Health awareness.

He is closely associated with Pavilion of Tibetan Culture in Auroville since 1989 when he paid his first visit to Auroville with the senior and personal physician of His Holiness the Dalai Lama Dr Late Tenzin Choedark la in 1989. Organized number of medical camps, Astro Exhibition and talk in cooperation with Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. He has then started to visit Auroville in 1997. Since then he has been paying monthly visit to Auroville once in a month until Mentsee Khang opened its permanent clinic in Chennai in since 2013.

Dr Dorjee will give consultation on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd (half day).
For your appointment call Pavilion of Tibetan Culture @ 0413 2622401
Submitted by Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone.
All are invited.

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CULTURAL EVENTS

Reminder: The French Pavilion presents with the support of Francis

LE GRAND PROCESSUS - THE GREAT PROCESSUS
By Satprem [Original text from chapter 2 of La Génèse du Surhomme (On the Way of Supermanhood)]

Theatre Performed by la compagnie SDF
With Christophe, Natacha, Thierry and Yves / Directed by Céline

Friday and Saturday 15th-16th September 2017 at 7.15 pm at Visitors’ Centre
In French with English surtitles / length: 25min
Join us on that evolutionary path to re-discover Satprem’s words expressing our common Quest

The French Pavilion presents

LA VERTU HÉROÏQUE - THE HEROIC VERTUE

Performance
Text and play by: Didier Galas
Drawing: Jean-François Guillon
Production: Les Hauts Parleurs

Tuesday 19th September 2017 at 5pm
Citadines - Centre d’Art
In French only, length: 60min

What is a virtuous World?
The answer lies in this free adaptation of texts by François Rabelais. But, beware, when Rabelais becomes a philosopher, it is with humor. He enjoys himself with the language and sense of the stories he tells us. By this fact he puts forward a definition of virtue as a certain humanism: a transformation of being that demands a daily questioning of oneself.

A virtue which transcends the human being in order to offer him the power of the hero.
This proposal is also a way of making two distinct aspects of François Rabelais's writing appear. It is, first of all, a speech drawn from its facets of the author, this monologue, with the pace of a conference argued by gesture and drawing, tries to touch what might be an ideal Heroic Virtue. The fables, dances, parables and drawings that we go through offer a unique opportunity to hear what Rabelais considers most essential in the very fact of living: sharing and exchanging with his contemporaries.

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CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

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 18th September - 6th session): Our distorting consciousness and the seven-fold ignorance

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.
Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
19th September (Tuesday)-Focus this week: ‘The Supermind’
• 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
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

Eco Femme Make-Your-Own Cloth Pad Workshop
Come to the Bamboo Man event on Saturday Sep 16th from 2 pm-5.30 pm and make your own cloth pad!
Venue: Bamboo land -opposite to Imagination, Kottakarai. We will provide the materials (for free).
Please join and enjoy your own super skills! Warmly, Kalvi for Eco Femme

Antigym with Francesca
Developed in the early 1970s by French physiotherapist Thérèse Bertherat, Antigymnastique® is a unique method of body work which enables you to better understand and (re)claim ownership of your body. The movements that are suggested are subtle, precise and exact, and take into account thoughts and emotions while respecting the body’s structural integrity. As body and mind are intertwined, the method focuses on the entire being. It is an ongoing work; each class will be different and so step by step, a new connection develops between unknown muscles and your brain.
This will be a weekly class for one and a half hours on Saturday mornings from 10 to 11.30 and will be held at the Language Lab. This will allow people presently doing the full Tomatis therapeutic programs to join, though of course the class will be open to all. Thérèse Bertherat had worked closely with Dr. Alfred Tomatis in the early days of Tomatis in Italy.
On Saturday 23th of September there will be an introductory class open to everybody; please wear comfortable clothes. After that, the course will start on Saturday 30th of September and continue for 10 weeks.
From Francesca: I am a licensed Antigymnastique Practitioner, yoga teacher from the Bihar school of Yoga and Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram and a massage therapist.
More info is available on: www.antigymnastique.com

Edible Forest Workshop:
Pitchandikulam Forest, Saturday, September 23rd, 9 am - 5 pm
Would you like to learn how to identify and cook with indigenous plants and prepare healthy meals and drinks?
Come and join us for experiential learning and fun in our beautiful interactive forest garden!
Workshop schedule:
Morning: Forest Walk, Hands on planting, Interactive cooking demonstration with wild plants
Afternoon: Learning the forest through the senses, Interactive plant identification game, Ayurveda for the season
Workshop held by our team of traditional herbal health experts: Activist and fifth-generation Siddha herbal healer Parvathi Nagarajan MA and our resident Ayurvedic doctor and women’s health specialist Dr. Bérengère.

Urban Vegetable Gardens at SLI
An introduction; 23rd September - 9 am to 5 pm at SLI
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 or call Mr. Balu at: +91 94443 40006 during working hours from Monday to Saturday. Know more about SLIs work through the website: trainsl.in. Best regards, Balu for SLI.

Japanese Tea Ceremony
Swayam Garden Pavilion (near Luminosity community)
At 3 pm on 24th of September.
Teishu (Hostess): Isha - Temae (Tea maker): Sep - Assistant: Yoko
Matcha tea (green powdered tea) will be served.
Space limited. Please register to ensure your place at email: ishawayam@auroville.org.in. Donation based on appreciation.

Tai Chi Chuan Workshop
The Art of Chi - Stevanovitch’s method
September 25th to September 30th
Monday to Saturday, 7.30 - 10.30 am
Tai Chi Hall in Shar nga
Beginners: Chi and Tai Chi basics
One week, first steps through the discovery of the energetic center and the 24-posture form.
Taught by Marco, the workshop is essentially directed towards: Mastery of the body through breathing and muscular relaxation; Improvement of movement through balance and coordination; Learning to mobilize Chi. First perceiving it, then guiding it in one’s body, with the use of three factors: will, imagination and muscular activity.

For information and booking, contact Krishna at: 2623187 / Email: taichi@auroville.org.in / Website: taichi.auroville.org, www.artduchi.com

Winter short theater festival promoting a creative writing workshop!
We are happy to announce that we will postpone the short theater script submission to the 15th of October.
If you are still interested on writing a script but you don’t know how to go about it we offer a three-day intensive workshop on creative writing. It will take place on September 25-26-27th from 4 to 6 pm at Le Zephyr (Visitor Center). For more info contact: avshorttheaterfest@gmail.com or call: 2623987. Elke, Usha and Francesca

Cymatics And Antropophonetics
Study- Research And Training Program Oct 2017
-Oct 21- 23: Cymatics
-Oct 24 -28 2017: Antropophonetics
Place: Vérité Integral Learning Center
SVARAM CAMPUS invites Researchers, therapist, healers, health workers, nurses, doctors, medical professionals, musicians and students to this exceptional program.
A team of 20 researchers, scientists, doctors, therapists, artists, artisans, and practitioners from Germany will be visiting, offering a residential course in Auroville exploring the phenomenology of sound waves and the healing potential of the phonetics, the human voice and specialized movement practices.
In daily sessions from 9.30- 12.30, 3-6 pm experiential and explorative individual and group work will be conducted under the guidance of experts and the master teacher, and evenings 7.30-9 pm singing classes in the rediscovered ancient Greek ‘planetary scales’ based on the Undertone Series will be introduced, shared and taught.

For bookings, cost and enquiries please contact: E: pitchandikulam.outreach@auroville.org.in / Ph: +91 7044716136
Cymatics is the science of the wave and explores the formation of sound waves on plates, membranes and liquids. Please see link to the school of cymatics in Germany which organized the 1st World congress: www.welt-kymatik-kongress.org/startseite.html.

Antrophonofonetics is a transformative healing modality based on antroposophic medicine applying the principles of phonetics, movement and voice successfully in clinical research and practice with cancer patients and other seemingly incurable disease patterns.

New Odissi Dance Classes
At New Creation every Saturday 5:15-6:15 pm, Devasmita is teaching Odissi dance for those interested in discovering the beauty and the rhythms of an Indian Classical Dance, which is originated in Orissa. It is an invitation for all who wish to discover the beauty and grace of their body and to know the mystery of their fingers and hands.

- The classes are open to complete beginners.
- Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers and Guests all are welcome.
- They are open for enrollment till mid-March.
- The classes are drop in for guests or short-term volunteers; for Volunteers, Aurovilians and Newcomers, they are regular classes.
- There are so many aspects of this Classical Dance, that even if those who have done already, it will be a reminder. As anything, if one does these exercises regularly, we improve the body and mind's memory.
- Registration is important. To sign up, please drop an email with your contact details (preferably with your number on which WhatsApp can be sent) at divyanshi.0222@gmail.com.

**SCHEDULES**

**ARKA**

Holistic Healing and Therapy with Dr. Marlene Dengg at Arka.
The goal of Marlene's holistic healing work is to support you to achieve overall health and well-being. She considers all aspects of your being - physical, mental, emotional and spiritual plane - so that your health and well-being is restored or improved. Examples: Release of physical pain, emotional stress, stagnation, anxieties, mental blockages / chaos. Release of energetic and unconscious blocks, past life issues etc. Marlene uses her strong intuitive skills paired with a variety of tools tailored for the individual client, including: Hands-on Healing, NLP techniques, EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique), Trance Induction and Guided Healing Journeys.

- The money raised for these classes will go to the 'Nitya Aharya' Fund, i.e. a fund for the ornaments and the costumes of Auroville and Volunteer Dancers.
- The class is held at Dance Stage near Satyakam's House. It is right ahead of the New Creation parking in front of the lotus pond. (Divyanshi) will wait at the New Creation gate from 5:50 pm & will take you to the Dance Stage if you cannot find the way.
- For the class, please wear a jersey pant till the heel and a T-shirt and to bring a scarf to put on the waist, to tighten to bring out the body's contour. You could also wear salwar-kameez and dupatta.
- Please be regular and punctual.
- As there are mosquitoes out-side in the garden, please put Odomos or Lemon Grass essential oil, before coming.

**Best of woman**

"Nourishing women, mothers and babies."
We are inviting you to an exploration 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. There will also be a reflection on the parallels between birth and death (in prayer for a departed soul who served with such surrender). We will listen and speak, be silent, chant, practice hatha yoga, massage, laugh and love together.

Time: the invitation stands for the last time in this month: Sundays, 17th and 24th September, 10.30 to 12.30 pm (adjustable)
Place: Sanjana
Description: Facilitator: medical professional, acupuncturist, Shishtu practitioner. Participation in all the classes is highly recommended. Registration required in order to nourish your needs.
Ulrike Urvasi: 9442069249 / ulrikrshna@gmail.com

**Capeoira Retreat**

30 Sept to 2 Oct 2017 (Sat, Sun, Mon)
Capeoira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics and music. It is an interaction between members of a group exploring diverse flows of body conversation to exchange and play. Participants will explore the different phases of a Capeoirista's journey: Game, Music and Rituals.
Join Prof. Samuka da India in this beginners retreat on Capeoira.
For more information/ registration send us an email at: info@aurovilleretreat.org or call: +91 96556 96982

**WOGA 1 & 2 with Darjiya**

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, lengths 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)!
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.

Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA) 3 with Gianni
Thursday 21 - Thursday 28 September 2017 (8 days)
8.45 AM - 6.00 PM (60 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
During these 8 days, 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". You'll have time to deepen your personal growth and continue your learning path in a safe space of care and support.
With this course, you will complete the main steps of your learning process as OBA Bodyworker. **Prerequisite:** OBA 2

Youth Centre’s weekly schedule

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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.

"Art should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable."
Cesar Cruz

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Pls. make an appointment before coming, and 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 Aurovilians and Newcomers. 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 9810082574 or email to creeva@auroville.org.in

Creativity community: Hall of light.

**September program**

Monday 5 to 6.30 pm: Hum Chakra Yoga by Asha
Tuesday 5.30 pm to 6.50 pm Hatha Sound Mandala by So Yun
Wednesday 5 to 6.30 pm Spontaneous singing by Antoine
Thursday 4 to 5.30 pm Vinyasa flow by Bebe
Friday 5 to 5.30 Hatha flow by So Yun
**VERITE**

Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshop with 24hr advance minimum: 0413 2622045, 2622606, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in. Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

**USUI REIKI LEVEL 1 - with Betty - Monday and Tuesday 25 & 26 September 2017 - from 9 am to 4:45 pm**

Reiki level 1 (Traditional Reiki of Dr Mikao Usui) is a practitioner’s initiation into Reiki and is open to anyone. The focus during Level 1 is on opening the energy channels on a physical level, allowing the practitioner to connect with the universal life force energy, which flows from the cosmos through the crown of the head and down to the heart and hands. Typically the Level 1 course also includes an overview of the history of Reiki, hand placements and self and group practice.

**BETTY** has been a master teacher and therapist in Reiki for 8 years. She started Reiki training as a first degree in 2003 and obtained the diplomas of master teacher Reiki in 2006. She regularly teaches the 3 levels of Reiki in France, Spain, Australia and in Auroville.

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**FILMS**

**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

Monday, 18th of September 2017 at 6:30 pm

“Let Us Work To Restore the Veda: Part 1”

Kireet Joshi shares his vast knowledge about Sri Aurobindo’s work and spiritual journey; we hear about important spiritual experiences and revelations of Sri Aurobindo and how he discovered the truth of the Veda.

In England Sri Aurobindo shared the idea of Western thinkers that the Veda is only a document of Indian history. And back in India Sri Aurobindo practiced pranayama which gave a good health and a good flow of poetry but no yogic experiences. Then in 1907 with the yogi Lele Sri Aurobindo learned in three days that thoughts come into one from outside and he could fling them out. He entered in the state of Nirvana and this stayed with him permanently, it became a realisation. And from that time on whatever Sri Aurobindo wrote, he wrote out of a silent mind. (Duration: 65min).

In May 1908 Sri Aurobindo was arrested in the Alipur Jail. In jail a Bhagavad Gita was given to him and he practiced the yoga of the Gita. He experienced Sri Krishna everywhere and had the universal experience of Vasudeva. Sri Aurobindo confirmed that Sri Krishna is a reality. And through the Uttarpara Speech Sri Krishna told ‘I want that India rise, not because India should rise, but because the World should rise’. Thus the time in jail is one of the most important events in the life of Sri Aurobindo and the Uttarpara text expresses that the world-work needs to be done.

Reading the Veda Sri Aurobindo started in Pondicherry in 1910 when he had experiences of the Goddesses Saraswati and Ila. He wanted to find out the psychological truth which is being revealed to him at that time. He began to realize the goddesses as certain levels of consciousness, as the transcendence, which are far above the human mind. He translated also all the hymns about Agni in English. And because of his experiences and his studies of Vedic texts and words, he saw that the Veda contains a body of high knowledge, also of supermind and that it has the knowledge of all the three plains of existence: the Inconscient, the Conscient and the Superconscient.

**Eye Opening Movie Night**

Every Wednesday, 8 pm at the Unity Pavilion

**Wednesday, September 20**

**THE TRUE COST**

English, 1h 32m - The True Cost is a documentary film exploring the impact of fashion on people and the planet. All are welcome (No contribution required)

**Neem Tree Saturday movie night!**

16th Saturday - 7 pm sharp!

Venue: Neem Tree - border of Mahalakshmi Park, entrance near Solar Kitchen roundabout (Map click here)

Film: **THE GREAT DICTATOR** - Dir/Actor: Charlie Chaplin

Chaplin's first true sound film, a 1940 American political satire comedy-drama, a stirring condemnation of fascism and antisemitism. He plays both leading roles: a ruthless fascist dictator and a persecuted Jewish barber.

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**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

Sadhana Forest, September 22nd, Friday.

Schedule of Events:

**Please Note the changes in bold**

- 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.

**BEYOND VARANASI**

43 Minutes / English / 2012 / Directed by Cale Glendening

“BEYOND” is an exclusive documentary featuring photographer Joey L. Set in Varanasi, It is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. The documentary by filmmaker Cale Glendening follows Joey and his assistant Ryan as they complete their latest photo series.

(Reminder: Friday 15/09 - Leave it to Beavers)

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@aurville.org.in. Or visit us online sadhanaforest.org / facebook.com/sadhanaforest

**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). The film takes a look at this issue through the eyes of a 3-year-old girl.

Synopsis: On a path littered with lifejackets, in the middle of a crowd of people on the run, a 3-year-old girl slowly emerges. Full of a child’s energy and curiosity, carrying her little “Frost” backpack on her back, she takes in her surroundings between hundreds of adult trouser legs. She understands the gravity of the situation she and her family find themselves in, but filled with childlike wonder she continues her journey. For every step she takes, she emanates a longed-for feeling of hope. To Lean, it’s a step closer to her grandfather in Sweden.

Irena from Taskovski Films, along with Laboratory of Evolution, is organising this screening. (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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Cinema Paradiso
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

About MMC/CP:

Multimedia Center /Cinema Paradiso in short known as MMC/CP started its full operation since 2005. There are two major activities of MMC/CP:

(1) Film screening and training
(2) Offering the venue for rental for programs in Auroville.

The facility is coordinated by Marco and Nina however, several individuals (>20) and three technicians are involved in various aspects of its functioning.

Film screening @ MMC/CP: Evening screening at MMC/CP are offered for free to all - Aurovilians, guests, and people of the bio-region. For many this is the only possible venue to see such films.

Film screening @ MMC/CP: Evening screening at MMC/CP are typically starting at 8 pm, a different film each day + a children’s matinee on Sundays. The films screened in the evenings represent various language and genre - including Italian, French, German, Spanish, Indian/Subcontinental, International films in any language, Classics, Documentary, and Clandestinal (including ballet, opera etc.). Every two weeks MMC/CP also holds a two-week long “film series” that focuses on a particular theme, or director, actor, or a country/region.

Yearly, MMC/CP holds an ecological film series (Eco-Film Fest) from 16 to 22 April coinciding with the Earth week/ Earth Day celebrations.

Bi-annually MMC/CP holds Auroville Film Festival (AVFF) with Human Unity as its primary theme. The next festival is scheduled is from 16 to 23 December 2017.

The recent addition has been Kino, an international film movement with its only Indian chapter in Auroville at MMC/CP holds the following -

- AVFF-EOP, Education and Outreach Program that holds film making workshops/ classes for AV and outreach schools children in two schools. Students of this workshop submit their films in the biannual Auroville Film Festival.

- As a goodwill gesture, MMC/CP venue is offered for free for programs by and for the children of Auroville schools in the morning hours with prior booking.

Facilities at the MMC/CP: MMC/CP can hold maximum of 123 + 1 (technician place) at any given time. The hall has state-of-the-art acoustics and mostly does not need microphones. The facility is equipped with LCD projector, DVD and multimedia players. It is a ten years old facility and therefore it is time change most equipment. While MMC/CP manages to have a running budget, for capital grant needed for equipment and major repairs it depends on grants and donations.

Running Budget: MMC/CP receives about 50% of its running budget from the City Services. The rest comes from occasional or monthly donations from individuals, activities, or groups. We urge you to kindly donate.

If you have any question regarding MMC/CP facility or its activities please do not hesitate to write to us.

With best wishes,
MMC/CP Group [Account # 105106]

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How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the editors before Wednesday. Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday. NB: Messages with large attachments (more than 1 MB) will not reach our inbox.

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

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

Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday. We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays due to work pressure.

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

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

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