It is quite difficult to free oneself from old habits of being and to be able to freely conceive of a new life, a new world. And naturally, the liberation begins on the highest planes of consciousness: it is easier for the mind or the higher intelligence to conceive of new things than for the vital being, for instance, to feel things in a new way. And it is still more difficult for the body to have a purely material perception of what a new world will be. Yet this perception must precede the material transformation; first one must feel very concretely the strangeness of the old things, their lack of relevance, if I may say so. One must have the feeling, even a material impression, that they are outdated, that they belong to a past which no longer has any purpose. For the old impressions one had of past things which have become historic - which have their interest from that point of view and support the advance of the present and the future - this is still a movement that belongs to the old world: it is the old world that is unfolding with a past, a present, a future. But for the creation of a new world, there is, so to speak, only a continuity of transition which gives an appearance - an impression rather - the impression of two things still intermingled but almost disconnected, and that the things of the past no longer have the power or the strength to endure, with whatever modifications, in the new things. That other world is necessarily an absolutely new experience. One would have to go back to the time when there was a transition from the animal to the human creation to find a similar period, and at that time the consciousness was not sufficiently mentalised to be able to observe, understand, feel intelligently - the passage must have been made in a completely obscure way. So, what I am speaking about is absolutely new, unique in the terrestrial creation, it is something unprecedented, truly a perception or a sensation or an impression...that is quite strange and new. (After a silence) A disconnection: something which has overstayed its time and has only quite a subordinate force of existence, from something totally new, but still so young, so imperceptible, almost weak, so to say; it hasn’t yet the power to impose and assert itself and to predominate, to take the place of the other. So there is a concomitance but, as I said, with a disconnection, that is, the connection between the two is missing.

It is difficult to describe, but I am speaking to you about it because this is what I felt yesterday evening. I felt it so acutely...that it made me look at certain things, and once I had seen them I felt it would be interesting to tell you about them. (Silence)

It seems strange that something so new, so special and I might say so unexpected should happen during a film-show¹. For people who believe that some things are important and other things are not, that there are activities which are helpful to yoga and others which are not, well, this is one more opportunity to show that they are wrong. I have always noticed that it is unexpected things which give you the most interesting experiences.

Yesterday evening, suddenly something happened which I have just described to you as best I could - I don’t know if I have succeeded in making myself understood - but it was truly quite new and altogether unexpected. We were shown, comparatively clumsily, a picture of the temple on the banks of the Ganges, and the statue of Kali - for I suppose it was a photograph of that statue, I could not manage to get any precise information about it - and while I was seeing that, which was a completely superficial appearance and, as I said, rather clumsy, I saw the reality it was trying to represent, what was behind, and this put me in touch with all that world of religion and worship, of aspiration, man’s whole relationship with the gods, which was – I am already speaking in the past tense - which was the flower of the human spiritual effort towards something more divine than man, something which was the highest and almost the purest expression of his effort towards what is higher than he. And suddenly I had concretely, materially, the impression that it was another world, a world that had ceased to be real, living, an outdated world which had lost its reality, its truth, which had been transcended, surpassed by something which had taken birth and was only beginning to express itself, but whose life was so intense, so true, so sublime, that all this became false, unreal, worthless.

¹ A Bengali film, Rani Rasmani, which describes the lives of Sri Ramakrishna and Rani Rasmani, a rich, very intelligent and religious Bengali widow, who in 1847 built the temple of Kali at Dakshineswar (Bengal) where Sri Ramakrishna lived and worshipped Kali.

(to be continued)
**FAMC Monthly Report - August 2017**

In August, 10-12 smiley faces started to regularly join our meetings. These were in the form of yellow squeezy balls that Chali and Amy brought to lighten up our meetings, and no meeting is complete without them. The balls come in handy in pelting someone who speaks out of turn or does not stick to the agenda! With 25 or more issues on the agenda at each meeting, we agreed during our review process to try and avoid burnout by making our meetings more joyful, and the balls have played their role in this context.

We would also like to publicly thank Aloka for offering a special session on Awareness through the Body for our entire team and to Pitanga for hosting this session.

Finally, in terms of process, currently we devote most of our meeting time on Thursdays to work on our annual work plan.

**COMPLETED ISSUES**

**Units and Trusts**

Bamboo Centre Auroville, new unit application (Swagatam Trust): creation of the unit was endorsed by the ABC and then approved by the FAMC. The executives are Mr. P. Balasubhram, Mr. R. Ranjithkumar, and Mr. Gert Jan van den Eijk (aka Yuval).

Tree care new unit application (Discovery Trust): creation of the unit was endorsed by the ABC and then approved by the FAMC. The executives are Mr. Anadil Skoles, Mr. Jonas Suchanek and Mr. Julian Becker.

Aqua Engineers new unit application (ADPS Trust): creation of the unit was endorsed by the ABC and then approved by the FAMC. The executives are Mr. Dirk Nagelschmidt and Ms. Lila Neemery.

Light Fish (ADPS Trust) executive reappointment: the reappointment of Mr. Samvit Blass and Ms. Simone Dumont was endorsed by the ABC and then approved by the FAMC.

Naturally Auroville (GNP Trust) executive resignation: FAMC approved the resignation of Ms. Ila Nadja Zadrozny based on a Resolution passed by the Trust.

Artisana Trust trustee changes: the following changes were endorsed by the ABC and then approved by the FAMC: resignation of Mr. Michel Hutin, appointment of Mr. Guy Dinet. The Working Committee was requested to submit the changes to the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation for issuance of the Office Order.

Matriamindir executive changes: Based on a due process by the Residents’ Assembly and subsequent procedures involving the Working Committee and the Auroville Foundation, FAMC is in the process of issuing an FAMC Resolution appointing Mr. John Harper, Mr. Vladimir Ivanov, Ms. Auroville Bystram, Mr. Jyoti Eri, Mr. Eric Avril, Mr. Louis Cohen, and Mr. Hemant Shekhar as Executives of Matriamindir for a period of four years with effect from August 1, 2017.

Guest-houses and homestays (guest house trust) issues:

Request for an outside bank accounts: Isai Ambalam Guest House (Suryan) requested to open a bank account to facilitate income collection from guests booking through outside websites. As there is no policy in place and Auroville is trying to move towards a collective economy, allowing guest houses to open outside bank accounts cannot be encouraged as this would set the wrong precedent. There is an existing guest house collection bank account where all outside bank transfers can be made, managed by the Guest House Trust and from which 20% contribution is collected from each guest house transaction. This facility can be operationally improved to support the guest houses with a more efficient service. On this basis, the request was denied.

Martuvam homestay application: The homestay application was approved following the Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG) recommendations and confirmation that proposed improvements requested by FAMC has been made. On a related issue, FAMC recognizes the need for better fencing at Martuvam, but funds for this will need to be raised by the steward.

**Interim Town Development Council ((itdc) aka L’avenir d’Auroville) related**

Surya Power Plant site application: This is a solar power plant that is proposed to be built on land owned by Aditi Diamonds Pvt. Ltd. The generated solar energy will be donated to Auroville via Varuna Auroville. After lengthy discussions, FAMC approved this site application. However, it determined that as the plot is in the Auroville Master Plan area, it is best if the land is leased out to Varuna, Auroville, a unit under Auroville Foundation by Aditi diamonds. A lease agreement is being currently worked out. An additional concern was raised about the wastage of electricity due to inefficient use or air-conditioners being used by Aurovilians since the introduction of Varuna Auroville’s supply of energy in-kind scheme. FAMC has informed BCC to review this scheme.

**Land**

Land Purchase: FAMC approved the purchase of plot BO 21/3 (0.77 acres) upon the recommendation of the Land Board. The plot borders Baraka community on two sides.

**Miscellaneous**

Presentation to Governing Board (GB): FAMC’s planned presentation to the GB was severely curtailed due to lack of time. We gave a brief financial overview of Auroville and introduced them to the team informing them of the new mandate.

**ONGOING ISSUES**

**Units and Trusts**

Mukti Accounting: FAMC met with the unit’s executives – Ananda, Kumar and Sathiya · to figure out challenges with the unit and see how this accounting service could be strengthened. Michael Tait attended the meeting as a resource person. Additional clarifications from the executives are awaited.

Foodlink new unit application under Service Trust: creation of the unit has been endorsed by ABS and the Service Trust but FAMC has further questions and is waiting for a response from Foodlink executives.

Imagination (Auroville Exports Trust): The separation of the two sections of Imagination is yet to be completed as the ‘doll section’ has not been audited for two years due to lack of proper submission of accounts.

**Interim Town Development Council ((itdc) aka L’avenir d’Auroville) related**

Invocation Radial Project building application: FAMC members met with the project holders, architect, and iTDC to discuss the mixed usage of the proposed building. The building application is currently pending with iTDC. We apologize for the fact that our last report on this issue created some confusion as it was seen in being contradiction to iTDC statements. We were reporting on our internal discussions.

**Housing**

Housing Board: Process and Criteria for public housing allocation: The youth housing projects, Humanscapes, and Project X & Y will soon be completed. Housing Board and representatives from FAMC and WC will be working out process and criteria for the allocation of housing units in these projects.

**Policy and Guidelines**

BCC mandate: A revised mandate was worked out in collaboration with BCC by FAMC and shared with the Residents’ Assembly for feedback. Objections and requests for clarification were received by the residents, to which the FAMC has responded by publishing a detailed note on Auronet and in the News and Notes.
Land
Land encroachment opposite Tanto’s In New Creation: WC and FAMC jointly discussed this matter and together requested the Land Board to take the appropriate action in addressing the encroachment.

Miscellaneous issues:
Comptroller Auditor General (CAG) Issues: For the CAG auditors, hard copies of bank accounts and financial information are required from all units, services and Trusts submitting accounts. FAMC requires soft copies of this information for their records. The work in establishing a better process is currently underway. We would like to annually review and improve the entire process of CAG audits. We are working out a review process. Auroville Foundation also had sent us their observations about the CAG audit, which we will soon be responding to.

Assets in the Abri area (Auroville Electrical Service old building allocation): AVES and Solar Service have moved out of Abri into their new location in the Service Zone. The vacated old buildings in Abri are community assets and most of them need to be renovated. Abri is in the green belt. Keeping all these factors in mind, FAMC will work out a process for re-allocation of the assets.

Unity Fund (UF): The current UF executives’ term expired on 16 September 2017. Based on the new FAMC mandate, which makes the FAMC responsible for the constitution and oversight of the Unity Fund, FAMC started the process for selection of the UF executives based on responsibilities of the job and skills required. Recommendations were solicited from different working groups who work with the UF, however no recommendations were received.

GST: We are still working on the best way to legally tackle this issue, in keeping with our internal ideals for a collective economy in Auroville. Please bear with us as we take the time necessary to fully investigate the subject. Sorry for the delay, but we have to ensure that whatever official notice FAMC issues as a group, it will be comprehensive and take into account the needs and ideals of Auroville and also be in accordance with Indian law.

In community,
FAMC (Amy, Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Lyle, Prabhu, Ulli, Yuval)

Matrimandir Quarterly Report
An Overview of Finances and Projects Development from April to June 2017

The new Matrimandir Executive team presents here a broad overview of the ongoing works and financial situation during the first quarter of this financial year. We would like to regularly update the community in this way so that everyone can become more familiar with the Matrimandir’s activities in a more detailed way.

Income & Expenses Summary:
The Income during this quarter was Rs. 106.7 lakhs. This is to be compared to the first quarter in the last financial year of Rs. 45.0 lakhs. The higher inflow of funds was due to the fact that we received two generous amounts bequeathed to Matrimandir by donors recently deceased. Without these two donations, the quarterly income would have been Rs. 18.3 lakhs. Total balance of funds available at the end of the quarter was Rs. 189.7 lakhs.

The expenses during the quarter totaled to Rs. 59.63 lakhs. These expenses can be divided into two categories: “Projects development” and “Site Operation and Maintenance”. Projects development is again sub divided into three ongoing projects:
1) Progress Garden development: This is the largest of the twelve gardens of Matrimandir. In the large central area, a terraced platform has been built in rammed earth and lime mixed. This area will be covered in simple river pebbles, and already features seven trees which are growing well. The outer area of this garden features a simple pond, which has been built and waterproofed; we are currently engaged in choosing stone cladding for its borders. All are welcome to pass by in the evenings to see how the garden is developing!
2) Green Room construction: This refers to the construction beneath the eastern edge of the Amphitheater of a Green Room where artists will prepare to perform within the Amphitheater. Two Aurovilians architects, Ganesh and Sonali, are guiding this project which is to be completed by Dec 31st this year, and will be put into full use for the celebrations of Auroville’s 50th birthday.
3) Tools Center construction: This refers to the construction beneath the western edge of the Amphitheater of a storage and distribution center for all the gardening tools which will be used in future by those maintaining the Matrimandir gardens. This project, also under the direction of Ganesh and Sonali, was started in 2016, and is on track to be completed by Feb 2018.

The major expenses during the first quarter were:
1) The wages for the 108 workers, including staff and security, were Rs. 27.37 lakhs for three months.
2) The contribution from Matrimandir for maintenance of Aurovilians was Rs. 7.05 lakhs for three months. City Services also contributes a similar amount through a sharing agreement.
3) During the month of June there was an intense series of maintenance works carried out within the Matrimandir building while it was closed to visitors. These works included Chamber carpet cleaning, ramps carpet cleaning, Chamber AC upgrade, and Ramp painting, among other activities. The expenses incurred for this work were Rs. 1.97 lakhs.
4) Other operational expenses were for: Visitors reception, fuel, publications, catering, administration, compost production and maintenance of vehicles, machinery, generator, electrical equipment, petals, gardens, site buildings. The total of these other expenses was approximately Rs. 9.2 lakhs.

In Total, Rs. 45.59 lakhs were spent this quarter on Site Operation and maintenance.

Special Notes:
1) Theft of gold ornaments:
It was discovered on June 8th 2017, during our annual audit, that gold ornaments, collected through the Hundi as donations over the past 20 years, valued in Jan 2013 at Rs. 9.8 lakhs, had been stolen from the Matrimandir safe. An FIR was made in the Auroville police station on June 9th. Until now the police investigation is ongoing.

18th Sept 2017
Aurosylle, Eric, Hemant, John, Jyoti, Louis, Vladimir -
Vote In Person this Saturday at the Solar Kitchen!

Dear Friend,

If you have not already voted on the proposed new Entry Policy, this is to invite you to the last day of voting for the proposed new Entry Policy. Please read the proposed policy here: https://goo.gl/1nrSB3

WHEN: 11 am - 2 pm, Saturday, Sept 23
WHERE: Outside the Solar Kitchen

Your friendly Residents’ Assembly Service (RAS) team will be present to:

a) Help you with the voting process;

b) Answer questions; and

c) Discuss life, the universe and everything.

For more information: Please don’t hesitate to email us at: raservice@auroville.org.in or call us on 948 6623 749.

Much love,
Your RAS Team

International Zone General Meeting

Monday 11 December 2017

Dear International Zone Participants and Friends,

The International Zone Coordination Team enthusiastically invites you to greater participation in the ongoing manifestation of the International Zone with the 2017 General Meeting in December. In November, there will be two meetings in Delhi related to the International Zone arranged through UNESCO and connected with the upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration. You will receive a separate mail about those meetings.

Please be sure to note on your calendar Monday 11 December 2017 at the Unity Pavilion from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

We need to share with each other and the Community our activities and the new developments in the International Zone. Remember the IZ already includes the Visitors’ Centre, Savitri Bhavan, Unity Pavilion, the Pumphouse Residences and Guest Houses, the Language Lab, International House, Terra Amatas, Bharat Nivas, Pavilion of Tibet, French Pavilion, African Pavilion, European House (under construction). On the land as well is Amy’s House next to our well, Sankalpa (Krupa), Permaculture Farm (John), and Aurocreation (Prasad and Mohan). Much is in the planning stage especially in the NE Asian sector where Korea, Japan, China, and Taiwan are active. The Hive Project has the go ahead. Bharat Nivas is full of Internal improvements. And more...

Each Pavilion Group please prepare a five minute (max) report on your activities and plans. These reports will be first on the agenda of the meeting because last year there was not enough time. We will follow up by reports from the IZCT on developments, infrastructure plans, and the way forward. We will have the report of the UNESCO meetings in Delhi and what is planned for the Birthday Celebrations in January-February. Don’t worry; there will be some time for open discussion, not to mention a nice tea break.

Please send now your intention to join the meeting and indications about your brief report. Then we can organize the meeting efficiently for the 100 + people who will come for the short two hours we have together.

We expect a shift in the IZ as we are entering a new phase with the 50th Birthday highlighting the International Zone development as essential to realize Auroville’s aim of Human Unity.

Thank you,
International Zone Coordination Team

Houses available for transfer

1. Apartment in Citadines: 1st floor 100 M2 + terraces -2/3 BDK, 2 bathrooms, completely furnished along with individual fridge, gas, UPS, and common facilities such as: cafeteria, laundry, workshop for maintenance of the flats, garage, generator. Citadines is a collective housing experience, managed by a group who help maintain its quality, atmosphere and assure a harmonious mix of people.

2. Windarra Farm - TerraSoul - Sandhya House: Area : 204.53 Sq.m . Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Brick walls plastered in cement mortar, RCC flat roof and first floor metal sheet roofing consisting of open verandah, living cum Kitchen Bed room & Toilet with open steel ladder. Community-Shared Parking lot. (Active participation and involvement in the Farm Community Project is required)

3. Kottakarai - Surya and Vasanthi House: Area: 67.57 Sq.m. Double storied RCC framed structure residential building with brick walls plastered in cement mortar, RCC flat roofing consisting of front verandah, living cum kitchen, Single bedroom & Toilet with open stair.

4. 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, Bedroom & Toilet.

5. Quiet - Andreas house: Area : 115.33 Sq.m. Single storied load bearing structure residential building with Brick walls plastered in cement mortar, Bamboo roofing consisting of front verandah, 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. Kalpna: 17 apartments of different size available. Studer - 6 1 BHK - 7 2 BHK - 2 3 BHK - 2 Will be ready 30th June 2018. Contact Person: satyakam@auroville.org.in

Satyakam is available on the site on: Thursday: 3pm to 5.30 pm / 1st and 3rd Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm. Surya is available the second and fourth Saturday

2. Auromodele Orchard - Several houses are still to be built. Will be ready in 2018. Contact person: Padmanaban, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220333

L’avenuer d’Auroville / TDC – Site and Building Applications feedback - 23rd September 2017

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks from the date of publication. The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval. The final approval is given when L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC issues a NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens once the feedback period is over; the feedback has been evaluated, a final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start.

It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of the TDC.
INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

- **Site Applications**: 1. Suguna & Velu, house in Aurofarm on plot IR202/08 for total area of 120 sq.m. 2. Sarasu, Store room on plot no IR 361/ 2 for total area of 12 sq.m.

- **Building Applications**: 1. Svaram, extension - Office and Storeroom extension to existing building on plot no. IR 279/1, for total area of 50 sq.m. 2. Edgar H. Iglesias Lopez, caretaker house extension first floor, bathroom and stairs on plot no. BO 10/1 for total area of 21 sq.m.

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

- **Site Applications**: No new SA

- **Building Applications**: 1. Soffio - Anita & Dorle, Residential Zone-sector 1, Low density cluster housing in a park like setting.

  **Project Title**: SOFFIO

  **Proposed Site Location**: Residential Zone - sector 1

  **Project Holder**: Anita & Dorle

  **Architects**: Anita & Dorle (Office 4)

  **Contact Persons**: Anita@auroville.org.in (0413-2623599) and Dorle@office4.in (0413-2622509)

  **Description**: 1) Plot No: G.S1.5.4

  - Site area: 3303 sq.m.
  - Population: 20 people
  - Built-up area: 800 sq.m.

  2) Plot No: G.S1.5.5

  - Site area 1,218 sq.m.
  - Population: 7 people
  - Built-up area: 270sq.m.

  (wrt: L. Feduci DDP 2015)

  **Total Area of the project**: 4,500 sqm

  **Total Built up area**: 1,080 sqm

- **Target Group**: Aurovilians and Newcomers interested in living in, and more importantly, caring for, a park like environment. Bearing in mind that the common green areas are public spaces and free of motorized traffic; with cycling and pedestrian pathways that are accessible to all.

- **Background**: In the last few years there have been repeated requests for low density housing options for a mixed cross-section of users.

- **Triggers**: Large parts of sector 1 and 2 are indicated for low density cluster housing in the Auroville Master plan and it has been a planning choice to concentrate most housing developments in these 2 sectors of the residential zone. As the soil in the area of the proposed site provides for medium to high percolation it is recommended for low density, low impact development. This makes it ideal for a park like development with scattered cluster housing. Also, recently, two projects have been given site permission in the same area; hence it makes sense to concentrate the development in that general area so that the period of construction and the inevitable disturbance to the existing residents is kept to a minimum.

- **Goals/Objectives**: To build a range of low density clustered houses that follow a common pattern language while catering to various needs and requirements; welcoming persons of all ages, from youth to old as well as small to large families.

  - To develop cost effective housing with an emphasis on environmental sustainability in construction methods and materials.

  - To effectively create and preserve the park like setting that is recommended by the DDP, in collaboration with the surrounding projects.

  - To give special attention to decentralized common infrastructure for water management in terms of waste water treatment and re-use as well as rainwater catchment by way of natural waterways and percolation ponds for the drainage of the larger area, which can be enjoyed by the Auroville community at large.

- **OFC ICITI Project**: Fiber Optic infrastructure for connecting Network Center at Auroville Foundation Bhavan to Matrimandir Campus. This OFC infrastructure work is to connect the various locations within Matrimandir Campus to the OFC network.

  **Abstract**: Matrimandir Office, Workshop, Chamber, Amphitheater, Power Transformer room etc. located on the MM campus need to be connected to the OFC network. For the 50th anniversary address of the Prime Minister of India from the Amphitheater to be relayed to two distant sites at Visitor Center and Certitude grounds, we need to connect up the Matrimandir campus with an OFC infrastructure to the Network Center at the Foundation Bhavan.

  **The OFC Route**: Map is attached with the application. The route starts at Network Operating Center at Auroville Foundation Bhavan, going along the service road within the Town Hall complex, along the future Matrimandir admin office building to the road crossing at the Matrimandir compound fence. From there the route will be straight toward the future service bridge and then entering the main area at the Eastern Path leading to the central structure.

  **Trench guidelines**: The ICITI team has concurred with the Telephone, Water, Electrical and Road service for the route for the OFC. The trench depth is to be 60 cm. The OFC will be laid at the bottom over which cudappana stone slabs will be laid. The trench will have OFC markers along the path every 30 meters.

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

From the Entry Service - N&N # 716 - Dated: 23-09-2017

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

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
Magali “Gali” CHIROUZE (French) Staying at Arati I and Working at Auroville Art Service.
Selvi BAROT (Indian) Staying at Revelation and Working at Auroville Papers.
Shivagami KUMAR (Indian) Staying at Arc En Ciel and Working at Auroville Papers.
Navarathinam SEKAR (Indian) Staying at Protection and Working at Alkiyam School.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Deeptendu SARKAR (Indian)

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, Friday 09:30 am-12:30 pm / Wednesday, Thursday (via an invitation and by appointment only)

Yours,
the Entry Service
**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Smart Street Lights**

Auroville Consulting is testing a smart street lighting system in Auroville. Seven new streetlights have been installed between Auroville Library and the Solar Kitchen roundabout. The streetlights and the Library are connected to a Solar PV and a lithium-ion battery system. Equipped with a smart control system that controls the library’s electricity load and adjacent street lighting, an ingenious algorithm can predict and control power production and consumption. This work is part of a wider research project titled Smart Control Optimisation of Renewable Resources funded by Innovate UK. Auroville Consulting’s project partners are Heriot-Watt University, Findhorn Foundation College, Scene Connect, Auraventi and Auroville Centre for Scientific Research. Contact us at: info@aurovilleconsulting.com for more details on the project or to collaborate with us.

**Aadhaar, Cell Number and the Supreme Court**

In 2016, Lokniti Foundation filed a PIL in the Supreme Court seeking 100% verification of the identity of cellphone subscribers to prevent its misuse. The Government of India responded that it had started “aadhaar based verification”. The Court ruled that the Government of India should complete this exercise within one year i.e. by 06 Feb 2018. It also ruled that as 90% subscribers are pre-paid, a mechanism to verify each recharge should also be established. As a result all Cell phone service providers have started linking numbers to Aadhaar. AVTS obtained hardware and software for this, 3 weeks ago. However our specific fingerprint scanner needs to be authorised by BSNL (via UIDAI), before it starts functioning. This process is taking longer than expected. As soon as our scanner is activated, AVTS will start the verification. For Vodafone users, we are ready, see announcement below. **Remember there is time till 06 Feb 2018.**

**AVTS - eKYC for Vodafone subscribers**

Come to AVTS after 2 pm. AVTS is now ready to carryout eKYC for Vodafone cell connection subscribers. You can link your Aadhaar to the cell number at AVTS office. Please visit the Office, along with your cell phone, after 2pm. BSNL is taking some time to authorise us.

**Kino Kabaret report**

Over the weekend of 8th - 10th September, India’s first Kino Kabaret took place. Instead of having one month, the 20 + participants had just 50 hours to conceive, shoot and edit their short films. 11 teams formed at the initial meeting at Centre d’Art - Citadines. All films had to contain a certain prop object, a dialogue line and a sound effect, which were drawn randomly by the participants at the beginning of the Kabaret. They were:

- prop object: a hand fan
- dialogue line: don’t worry, be happy
- sound effect: gentle flute

A lot of blood, sweat, tears, fun and joy was had, and was an amazingly creative collaborative experience. See pictures taken by Marco S, during the creative editing process at Centre d’Art - Citadines and the final screening at Cinema Paradiso. Some of the results can be watched here: https://vimeo.com/album/4763137

A big THANK YOU to all participants, a great audience and to Cinema Paradiso and Centre d’Art - Citadines for their support! The next Kino Kabaret will happen during the 5th Auroville Film Festival, mid-December.

**How welcoming do we want to be? (Part 1)**

In the News & Notes of September 16 we tried to give an idea of topics that are on the Housing Board Agenda every week. A bit more about house transfers this time. In recent years an average of just 20 houses has been offered for transfer every year. For this, the procedure is as follows: the steward informs Housing Service he/she wants to transfer the house; an estimate is made of the value (which is standard too low in the eyes of the steward and too high in the eyes of everyone else); the asset is published in News & Notes, people who are interested write to Housing Service and the total list of (up to about 15) interested people is presented to the community. So far so good...

However, many people have been on a number of lists already and are constantly being refused by the communities. Not welcome are:

- Families with kids and young people (too noisy)
- People from the surrounding area (too much local culture)
- Older Aurovilians (too much risk for need of extra care)
- No people with pets (too much noise) Perhaps a goldfish?

Even couples are discouraged in some places. As a matter of fact, to have a fair chance to enter a community (especially in the Center area), you would have to be a single foreign lady over a certain age (but not too old of course).

And now we’re just speaking about fellow Aurovilians. More about new arrivals in the next News & Notes.

Sonja for the Housing Board

**New Colors Presents: The Mother Kindergarten**

A kindergarten in the “Real Garden”

Admission is open for Village kids, Guest and Newcomer/Aurovilian children. From the Age 2 to 7 - with a preference of (daily/weekly/monthly basis). The nursery is open from Monday to Friday:

- Full day 8.30 am to 4.00 pm
- Morning activity only 8:30 am -1:00 pm
- Afternoon activity only 1:00 pm -4:00 pm

We offer education that addresses all aspects of the being, where each child can unfold from within and develop all their potential in a homely atmosphere with much caring and loving approach. You are welcome to join in! We are happy to admit your kids. *Free*: Help with homework for primary school between 5 to 7pm

Contact: Renana 9865444472 / motherkindergarten@gmail.com

**KANNIAPPAN**

As an addendum to the obituary posted in last week’s NewsandNotes, Kanniappan’s family would like to note the following:

Kanniappan had 4 brothers and 1 sister [Anbalagan, Ezhumalai, Nagappan, Arumugam, and Suseela], all serving in the City of Dawn, and he also had many friends in Auroville, and in Kottakarai and Edyanchavadi, where he was well respected.

OM~
Art Break Day 2017: Collaboration

Our 5th year of a global art revolution in Auroville was shared simultaneously by 47 other sites around the world on September 1st, 2017! The generous funding from the US-based Art is Moving was no longer available this year, so simplifying this community ritual of art-making allowed us to focus on one large art piece together. Since shifting to India from the US eight years ago, I often reflect on the ability to be resourceful and imaginative in the face of difficulties. It is a major part of everyday life here to adapt and persevere, and this year included several creative responses to challenges.

Behind the Visitor’s Center Cafeteria in Auroville, there is a 20-foot green shipping container used for storage of grains and goods for cooking meals for our community. We gathered about 75 people including youth and all ages, from all backgrounds to create a community art mural on this container for Art Break Day 2017: Auroville. The design of this mural is based on a simple kolam pattern (traditional ground drawings done by local women each morning), layered with colors and patterns which allowed original self-expression.

As the local workers are the ones who see and use this container every day, it was a gesture of gratitude to honor and celebrate their culture in this piece. As rains poured down on us in the morning, the staff smiled as we repeated meters of kolam and chalk lines to lead visitors to the mural hidden in the back of the campus. Many watched us with curiosity and during the afternoon tea break, we managed to gradually encourage some of the shy ammas (women) to join us one by one, until there was a cacophony of laughter and play while they each made smaller kolam designs and images within the larger mural. This was a powerful moment of social justice and true human unity through art, where an equalizing space of creativity was engaged by all.

Auroville is an international experiment in human unity, and most will admit that this vision works better on some days than others. By choosing to do only one piece, this mural became an investigation in how we find ways to work together without hierarchy. With seven years of niche experience in bridging gaps through art in Auroville, I found that providing a structure allowed each individual to find their place and make their mark. Humility, equality, cooperation, communication, coordination, dedication and patience are some of the values which came alive during our journey together. As always, the process was more important than the product, though the vibrant result is worth a visit in person!

Thank you to volunteers: Karunya, Andrej, Ilango, Mathilde, Marie-claire, Moussami and to Vinay Elumalai for photos; to Nicole for offering this public space for artmaking; to Lauren & Lisa of Art is Moving for initiating this movement; and to each artist who courageously participated, especially the hardworking team at Visitors Center in Auroville.

With love, light and color,
Krupa for Sankalpa (subunit of Thamarai, Auroville)
Follow our FB page: sankalpaJourneys for photos and more info!

POSTINGS

Kanniappan: Yesterday I received the news that Kanniappan had passed away. I was shocked. He came to work for me in the early eighties as a tambi. That was in Abri - I came to know him as a quiet fellow and a bit shy as well. I left Abri and he remained. The last time I saw him was in 2009 when I was on a short visit to AV. He was married and had a daughter and his own workshop! I must say that I was impressed. Sadly that is cut short now. My thoughts and commiseration go out to his wife and daughter. And Kanniappan, wherever you are I will remember you. Pieter (the Netherlands)

Kulippalayam Cultural Centre: Dear everyone, we are planning to conduct some Educational programmes in the outreach schools around Auroville, also Rallies and Events in the following months (Dates are not yet finalized) with cultural performances for creating “AWARENESS FOR A PLASTIC FREE WORLD” in the villages. Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, Guests, Friends, or anyone, are invited to join us for planning to conduct these activities. Call us: 9843195290 (Selva) or write us through: kulippalayamCulturalCentre@auroville.org.in - Kulippalayam Cultural Centre (Located next to Auroville Bakery). Our Special thanks to: Bajaj & SAIER.

Nandini Tailoring - No New Orders: Dear friends, ‘no new order taken from Tuesday 26 to Saturday 30 September 2017. We start again on Tuesday 3rd of October 2017’, Please, don’t forget your cloth bag when you give your order. Ira &Anne

AVAILABLE

Services of a kitchen Amma: Ambika is looking for work for two afternoons a week (Wednesday and Thursday) in the Auromodel area. She is good with house cleaning chores and even cooking. Please let me know if you need her services.
Poornam - 8098297557 / poornam@auroville.org.in

Spacer mats: We have 70 sqm. of spacer mats and of Geo textile material for making roof garden, planter box or other utilities. The spacer mats are coming in pieces of 50 x 25 x 2 cm that can be joined together. If you are interested please contact: mila@auroville.org.in - Mila (Luminosity)

LOOKING FOR...

Studies help: Looking for someone to help our son with his studies - 6th standard, in French (Cned, classe de 6ème). Kindly contact 7358867414. Thank you, Kesi.

Some work: Hi, I am Alice (Kalabumi) and I am looking for any kind of work, part time or full time that I can do from home. I am very good with computers, I have a big experience in Photo processing with Photoshop, Translation and Transcription, but I have no problem in learning how to use new programs...Please let me know if you need or you know someone that does! Thanks in advance, Alice [alicemorianipoli@gmail.com]

Services of an Amma: Looking for a competent and already trained Amma in House work, for ideally one full day or 2-3 half afternoons. So if your Amma is looking for some extra job, let me know (place Vikas). Contact vanti@auroville.org.in or 0413-2623 008.

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

House items: Blender, hairdryer, carpets, bed mattresses, desks, kitchen items, chairs and child bicycles are available. Please call 7639318959. Thanks, Ally

Newborn puppy: Abandoned at Arati’s entrance on September 11 - needs a home to live. Female, 3 to 4 weeks, brown and very affectionate. Please contact: umberto.cerasoli@gmail.com /7598331379. Umberto C.
A golden pendulum: (2-Rupee coin size) with fused symbols (The Mother’s and Sri Aurobindo’s) lost somewhere between Madhuka, way via Kindergarten to Matrimandir office gate on Tuesday, 12th September. Will be so grateful when it returns to us. Thank you! Ulrike, Urvasi: 9442069249, ulrkrishna@gmail.com

Glasses (Lost): Lost my pair of Carrera glasses blue/purple last Tuesday the 12th - not sure where, maybe the Solar kitchen, la Terrace? I need them very much because my eyes were lasered and I don’t see any depth without them. The glasses with stained glass turn dark as touched by the sun. If somebody has found them, please contact me - Patricia by email: ppraaldert@icloud.com or contact WhatsApp, text, telephone: 9443266837

Set of Key (Lost): Lost a whole set of different keys on one key-ring (Hero and TVS keys and a bunch of other keys) on the Kuklapalayam road before the bridge. If anyone found them, please contact Achilles, ph. 9159448069.

**LOST & FOUND**

**APEAL**

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

**ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED**

House-sitting 1: We are an Aurovillian family (Juan, Ally and our 6-year-old Nalia). Before we find our home in Auroville, we are looking for a long-term house-sitting, preferably 6 months or longer, starting from 1st of October. Please contact: 7639318959 (ally@auroville.org.in). Thank you! Ally

House-sitting 2: I am Sathy (Newcomer) working in Omega, Fraternity. I am looking for long term house sitting, either a house or a separate living room. Thank you! Contact: sathyapr@yahoo.co.in

House-sitting 3: 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: umberto.cerasoli@gmail.com/7598331379. Umberto C.

**TAXI SHARING**

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

September 23rd: A taxi (one person) is going to Chennai airport around 5 pm this Saturday, 23rd form Arka guest house in Auroville. Either way available for sharing. Thank you! Contact 9489553809 or todragon7@gmail.com, Lee

September 27th: Taxi will be leaving Chennai airport on Wednesday at 5.30 am. Sharing in either direction possible. Contact Friederike, Gaia: 9943247326

September 30th: A taxi (one person) is coming to Auroville from Chennai airport around 9.30 am on 30th Sep. Either way available for sharing. Thank you! Contact: superwonja@gmail.com, 9489693809 - Wonja

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

Join WasteLess to fight plastics in a global educational programme
Plastic is ubiquitous in the world today. It has helped humanity make numerous advancements in technology and convenience but this has come at a considerable cost. One of the most visible and destructive waste items around the world is single use plastic. Half of all plastics produced today are used just once and then thrown away. At first plastics were seen as an eyesore by environmentalists, however now the latest research shows that the impacts of plastic on the environment are eco-system wide and are likely to cause serious environmental harm particularly to marine life. If this problem with plastics is not addressed, one study estimates that our oceans will have more plastic than fish (by weight) in 2050.

We have been working on developing an educational game on plastics called kNoW PLASTICS. This is now ready and we have started to develop a comprehensive educational programme using this game as a tool (it will include digital and hard copy versions). We are looking for someone to join us for at least one year on this fantastic new global educational programme born in Auroville! Experience & skills required:

- Background in education
- Excellent written English & Tamil or Hindi skills
- Computer skills (online research, MS office, E-mail)
- Team worker

We are looking for a full time member to join our team with preference for an Aurovillian or Newcomer (maintenance available). A salary is available for external hires. Please send us your CV (wastless@auroville.org.in)

Many thanks,
the WasteLess Team

At Vegan Essence
Vegan Essence is looking for a entrepreneurial minded vegan who can help run our kitchen in Aurelec and make our vegan essence products. Are you a good cook, vegan and have experience in production and sales, and can work on your own initiative? Please email: nandita@sharan-india.org

Many thanks,
the WasteLess Team

Outreach Media looking for a volunteer
We are looking for a volunteer to translate a press sheet from English to Hindi. The translator must very well verse in both Hindi and English. We also welcome volunteers skilled in other languages of India (except for Tamil). Contact Fabienne at: outreachmedia@auroville.org.in or 9443602194.
Dear listeners!
Our live streaming can be heard on: radio.garden/live/villupuram/auroville-radio/

From our volunteers we have:
Valentina Garozzo.
Volunteer Kenden recorded 11th Creative School Concert.
Volunteer Gino recorded Open Mic at Solitude, piece on Kalvi, and piece on Rhythm.
rtm interview with Viki and Deblina on Sustainability with Hemp.

Within the regular programs:
Gangalakshmi reads her Selections of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother texts in French - uncut version on the request of listeners!
Marlenka reads Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo.
Out of our regular programs are the news of Thursday, and Monday.
Within the musical podcasts we have Garba Dance, Smooth Modern Jazz, and the album Secret Agent of one of the best drummers on the planet - Tony Allen.
Happy listening, Your AV Radio Team [www.aurovilleradio.org]

**SPORTS**

Auroville Internal Outdoor Badminton (Shuttle) Tournament

Dear friends,
The Auroville Badminton club is conducting an Internal Badminton Tournament on 22nd & 23rd September, 2017.

Age categories for Boys: 8-12, 13-15 and 16-18.
Age categories for Girls: 8-12, 13-15 and for Women
Those who are eligible and interested to participate in this event, please contact: Balaji: 98436 00701, Sundar: 94892 14020, Ramesh.V: 89030 49770 and Anand: 94433 49444.
The matches will be conducted at New Creation and aspiration on 22.09.17 from 5 pm onwards and on 23.09.17 from 6 am onwards.
Registration will be closed at 5 pm on 21.09.2017.

Note: Please find your partner and get your own badminton rackets for the tournament.
Your kind contributions are mostly welcome, PT. Acc. 103857.

Thank you,
Auroville Badminton Club (New Creation)

Auroville Mixed Martial Arts Update

Dear Mixed Martial Friends,
Just an update about our workshop in Dehashakti.
For one week we’ve had a new friend from France - Sebastian, a savate (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savate) practitioner, who is going to contribute to our Martial Laboratory, leading some lessons. Don’t miss the chance to learn some savate “coup de pied”!
Please remember that Monday is Beginners class and Wednesday is Advanced class, so please start to come only on Monday if you never trained with us. Since we started to have a lot of students (too many for that space), please be punctual, because I can’t train more than 13 people. No more exceptions. We are training as usual mainly the Self-defense and the Grappling aspects of MMA, if you want to study in depth and improve the striking aspect, please bring your MMA or boxing gloves and your shin protections.
Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:00pm at Dehashakti Gymnasium.
Short nails, sportsware (not already oversweat), no jewelry, clean feet. Stay at home if you’re sick or you have skin diseases.
Kids from the age of 13 are accepted only on Mondays and only accompanied by an adult.
A contribution is expected from guests and volunteers: AVMMA account: 251884.
For info: giacomoauroville@gmail.com / 9487340778
Also watch our videos: www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqOU912C_J8&t=14s
Within the regular programs are the news of Thursday, and Monday.
Within the musical podcasts we have Garba Dance, Smooth Modern Jazz, and the album Secret Agent of one of the best drummers on the planet - Tony Allen.
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**EATING OUT**

Delicious Bites
New Restaurant & Pastry
At Aurovelo Bicycle Café
Open for breakfast & lunch
Monday to Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wholesome Veg and Non-Veg Food
Wheat-free & Vegan options available too
Delicious Cakes, Desserts & Cookies
All are welcome! :)

Well Studio Café is open on the 29/9 Saraswati puja:
Dear all, Well studio Café will be open on Friday 29th of September 17. Please join us for breakfast and lunch. Monday to Saturday from 8.30 to 17.00 - Vegetarian and vegan Mediterranean food in our beautiful garden and art craft center. We do have a cozy place to seat on the rainy days. For groups and take away please call: 0413-2622219 or Mail: wellcafe@auroville.org.in
Love,
Well Café Team - Sve Dame.

Neem Tree - change of closing day:
Dear Friends, in order to serve the community throughout the weekdays, we shifted our Tuesday holiday to Sunday! Monday if you never trained with us.

Weekend Bamboo Food at AuroAnnama:
Bamboo Lunch and Dinner on Friday and Saturday-22nd and 23rd Sept - We are preparing different dishes from Fresh Bamboo shoots this coming Friday and Saturday for Lunch and Dinner. Vegan and Non vegetarian will be served. Please make your reservation in advance at: 8524915031 or email at: mawite@auroville.org.in
Please note this will continue next week from Thursday to Saturday (28, 29 and 30th September).
Looking forward to see you all, thank you,
Mawite

Submit by the Earth Institute team
GREEN MATTERS

The Green Column Returns

Welcome to the Green Column, returning to its bi-weekly rhythm after a prolonged break this summer!

Auroville has experienced a long scorching summer, leading to severe water stress in which the groundwater levels sank alarmingly, some wells ran dry, and water-saving tips appeared weekly in the News. Then came the Southwest monsoon bringing us an unexpected 153 mm of rain in July, and between the 1st and the 20th August it rained another 195 mm - exceptionally high figures for the summer rains. Except for the trees we did lose, most vegetation has revived, and Auroville looks lush and green again.

Elsewhere in India the Southwest monsoon has caused havoc with rivers in spate, floods, water-ravaged agricultural lands, food shortages and millions of displaced people. The world at large experienced many extreme weather events these last months: droughts and floods, earthquakes and hurricanes - the latest hurricane called Maria is hitting the Eastern Caribbean island of Dominica with winds of 260 km/hour right now - unleashing their destruction on the Caribbean, southern USA and Florida, Mexico as well as the Philippines, bringing untold suffering with millions of people rendered homeless.

Economic losses from natural calamities are reaching 300 billion US Dollars a year and have a disproportionate impact on small and vulnerable countries, where they are often additionally worsened by violent conflict (Sub-Sahara Africa, South Sudan, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Myanmar/Bangladesh), as reported in the latest UN Global Assessment of Food Security and Nutrition, which was launched in Rome recently.

Towards the end of the next month we are expecting our Northeast monsoon, and hopefully we will be prepared with bunding, water catchment ponds, rain water harvesting and related measures in place. It is to be hoped that Chennai would have learned from the disastrous floods two years ago, which were caused by the concreting over of its natural waterways (through which floodwater has to drain to the sea), with illegal building sites sprouting up everywhere, and storm water drains having insufficient capacity to handle the floodwater.

The Green Column reports on green matters in Auroville, the Bioregion and the wider world. News on the environment can be found everywhere; positive news tend to get overshadowed by negative ones but they do exist: The exponential growth of Solar energy, increase of electric transport, new inventions to conserve energy, as well as ever greater public discussion and participation followed by petitions, protests and action via Social media are heartening. On the other hand, it is hard to ignore the damage wrought by illegal logging, monoculture, palm oil plantations, pesticide use and GMOs, illegal mining and encroachment in protected areas, hunting, fishing and poaching of large species causing an enormous loss of wildlife, and the serious pollution of land, water and air. Climate Change with its extreme weather events are an indisputable fact; unfortunately whether it is man-made (anthropogenic) is still not recognised by everybody on our very finite planet, whose resources are diminishing at an alarming rate.

On all such issues, and especially practical topics relating to Auroville and our neighbourhood, we hope to report in this Column. For this, we look forward to your lively participation, feedback and discussions. Do write to us at: avgreencenter@auroville.org.in.

A warm welcome to Island, experienced forester and active member of the Forest Group, as a new contributor.

The Sunday Walks to Farms & Forests will only resume from mid-January till the end of April next year.

Green greetings from the AVGreen Center: Lisbeth (writing), Jasmin & Isabelle

...so many heavens... CERAMICS - IV

An exhibition of work by Priya Sundaravalli
Centre d’Art, Citadines - September 16th to 28th 2017

‘I’ll go back to heaven again.
At the end of my outing to this beautiful world
I’ll go and say: That was beautiful.’

These profound words, written by the blind South Korean poet Chon Sang-pyong, are the inspiration behind Priya Sundaravalli’s exhibition called “...so many heavens... CERAMICS - IV” which is currently displayed at Centre d’Art in Citadines.

In mid-2014, Pondicherry-born Aurovilian Priya Sundaravalli participated in a 4-month long artist residency near Busan in South Korea. The experience, she feels, opened the doors to her artistic expression and gave her a taste of Zen and a delight for life. Little English was spoken, and the ensuing vipassana-like situation helped her to observe closely, to experience through the senses, learn from all she saw, and so she felt she began to respond to people, seasons and nature differently.

I was touched by the work that was made during her residency near Busan. Their names sent my mind travelling! "Night of the million stars" is a big hanging high-fired clay installation sprinkled with Swarovski crystals; “Summer cloud over Gimhae” is made of beautiful porcelain; and “Path to the Grotto” is another porcelain piece with an organic form - and a little bone-coloured Buddha in a grotto as the centre piece - that describes a mountain side in winter time.

A lot of the work was produced in Auroville, most of which have never been shown before, like “Vibration” and “Roots” which, with its indigo, gold and earthy tones, reminded me of the art of the European Middle Ages.

Over sixty pieces are displayed in this exhibition, of which two are huge triptychs. One of them, made of high-fired ceramics mounted on silver-blue coloured wood and painted with her own fingers will definitely catch your attention.

Homage to this beautiful world, allegory of heavens... of so many heavens... My wish is that you enjoy the beautiful ceramic work of Priya Sundaravalli and, like her, see and feel the delight of being alive.

Corinne for AVarts (artservice.auroville.org/)

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A reminder
Earlier in the News&Notes (dated 2nd Sept) we sent an appeal to test "our brotherhood together", to call on your support, to receive even just messages, for example "We are ready to back up your activity, to support your next development for a children's house!"
Our financial request for a building is for a unit of the Auroville Foundation, having for main objective a true concern, the same one since our start in 1974; to keep close contact with the life of our neighbors. And at the same time that this concern may touch the hearts of those who could help.
In the meantime, years have passed and hundreds of the most needed children got a secured shelter and are now well in life, many in Auroville.
Furthermore contrary to what people may have thought throughout those years (but were totally wrong), we never did business but only activities to boost the life of Auroville since 1974.
As an example, when Auroshikha incense from Udavi left Auroville in 1977 to the Pondy Ashram, we created "the Incense of Auroville", activities to boost the life of Auroville since 1974.
free of cost to Tanto. These two are now major financial contributors substantially supporting the collective.
We (Child Development) have no budge t from Auroville's economy, but we took the challenge as a dedication, not to ask but doing it free from all our activities, avoiding the differences if there are from our neighbors or children living in Auroville.
From the above we claim nothing, accepting and not searching for any recognition.
The Ideal should be in our heart; and with faith one day the Truth will reveal the beauty of the Future.
For us nothing else has any value.
With love, Marie Babu, André T.

15 August 2017 - Sri Aurobindo's Anniversary and 70 years' Liberation of India
That day, roaming through the gardens at Matrimandir, the garden of 'Bliss', 'Felicity', interrupted me. Among the multitude of flowers, 'Ananda in the Physical', put in place for me in silent peace the Real Truth for Auroville.
On a very fine and white gravel that covered that earth, a carpet of white snow became visible, 7 bowls rested on it. Out of these bowls liquid water flowed and murmured:
"He moved everywhere about the Mighty Ones of Heaven, and they devoured not, neither were overcome,- they were not clothed, neither were they naked. Here the eternal and ever young goddesses from one womb held the one Child, they the Seven Words:"

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The sevenfold Waters thus rise upward and become the pure mental activity, the Mighty Ones of Heaven. They there reveal themselves as the first eternal ever-young energies, separate streams but of one origin - for they have all flowed from the one womb of the superconscient Truth - the seven Words or fundamental creative expressions of the divine Mind, \( \text{sapta vānath} \)’ Sri Aurobindo
After concentration in this wonderful little garden of Ananda in the Physical, we felt like lifted up into another space. Is this the God of Ananda? This God, who permits to attain immortality, He is also the secret being who reveals the secrets.
With infinite gratitude to Sri Aurobindo who opened for us a gate to a new Breath.
GangaLakshmi (House of Mother’s Agenda - Savitri Bhavan)

An open letter to my friend Kaniappan
Thanks, thanks, thanks for being with us all those years. I cannot think of Auroville without you - "the locals".
I’m wondering if we would have been able to make the dream without you close at that time. As Ed put it so well: “you have been my right hand and Ponuswamy the left at the MM” - yes, but much more than that!
What we have learnt from you: humility, good-will, acceptation, collaboration, smiling at life in difficult situations... a sense of Community, of unconditional service. We did bring our dreams, our ideas, our beliefs, our expectations... but you have shown how to bring them down into matter...always open to us, even if we were not always very kind.
A little later, other teachers came, your companions, Dhanalakshmi and Khanta, they brought the sweetness, the how to be "behind", the openness.
Thanks...for your smile, your skills and for always being present.
No words for what I’m feeling these days, Kaniappan...
And something else very important - you have shown us that it is possible to live on Maintenance without charging for your incredible good work...at Service!
A good moment to see your Enormous Example that we need so much, now that we are trying to change our way of dealing with money.
We can listen to your voice:
It is possible
* It is possible
It is possible...
See you tomorrow morning at the MM, you walking, I cycling, smiling...
Anandi (Realization)

For your calendar

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR
Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every THURSDAY at sunset
We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season... From 28 September onward: 5.30 to 6.00 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, l-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.
Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 pm.
Please be seated by 5.25 pm.
Thank you.
Amphitheatre Team

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INVITATIONS

Remembering Krishna Tewari
It was on 26th Sept 2016 that Krishna left his body. Those who wish can join in a concentration, wherever you are, next week Tuesday 26th September, between 6-6.30 pm.
On 2nd October, Krishna would have turned 95. To celebrate his rich and eventful life, we invite all who wish to remember him to a slide presentation and conversation about him. @ Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, 2nd October 2017, 5.15pm (for about 1 hour).

You are cordially invited to the launch of
Auroville: A City for the Future
By Anu Majumdar
Published by HarperCollins India
In conversation with
Inge van Alphen & Mandakini Gupta
Book release by Deepti Tewari
Tea & Cake
Unity Pavilion / September 28 (Thurs.)
4.30 to 6.00pm
Books will be available courtesy Wild Seagull Bookshop
With special thanks to the Unity Pavilion team

All are invited to an installation
“The Ultimate Surrender to the Divine Victory”
Accompanied by cultural offerings of music, chanting, recitation and reading.
The program starts daily at 6 pm from Thursday 21st till September 30th.
For direction search online: Brahmanaspati Kshetram or click here.

JOIN IN TO EXPLORE THESE QUESTIONS AND MORE...
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25
4:00PM
UNITY PAVILION
An Invitation from the 50th Team
**EXHIBITIONS**

**BODIES**

*Collection of Drawings from CREEVA*

Opening Saturday 23 September till Saturday 21 October 2017

Opening timings except Sunday 8am - 12.30pm and 2pm - 6pm

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These charcoal drawings have been realised over the years in the studio of Creativity. The works are by professional artists to people who have never done any figure drawing. We all actually learn from each other. And, when we have no scheduled model we model for each other, another learning experience.

Enjoy!

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India. (0413) 2622403/2622994 Pitanga@auroville.org.in

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**EXHIBITIONS**

**Kalinka**

14, Bazar Saint Laurent Street, Pondicherry

**MARIE CLAIRE BARSOTTI**

*Lignes de Force*

Recent Work - Mixed Media and Gold Leaf

**MARCO SAROLDI**

*Moving Towards*

Photographic Prints

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

**Reminder: So many Heavens**

*Ceramics IV*

By Priya Sundaravalli

At Centre d’Arts Citadines, Auroville

From the 16th to the 28th of September

16:30 – 19:00 hrs / 14:30-17:30 hrs - except Sundays

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**TALKS, SEMINARS**

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies

India and the World - Bharat Nivas

**Our Auroville Experience...**

We will meet on Friday, September 22, 2017, at 4 pm in the Resource Library,
To continue our reading / study of “Savitri”.
Till then... Love, Aster

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**CULTURAL EVENTS**

*Auroville Ilaignarkal Education Centre*

Cordially invites you all to participate in

**The Annual Festival of Evolution Doll show**

From Thursday 21st to Saturday 30th of September 2017 as part of Navaratri Celebrations.
Place: Ilaignarkal Education Centre, Saaram community.
Time: 10 am to 6.00 pm (Everyday including Sunday and Puja Holidays)

Contact persons: B. Anandou; K. Maheswari (0413) 2623 773 / Email: tamil@auroville.org.in
Satsang Teatro & CRIPA

Present
a Devised Solo theatre performance

RIP

By Savita Rani
(in English)

23rd September @ 8pm
Cripa Auroville

All are welcome

“Rest in Peace
inquiring
Restlessness in Pieces”
A fundraising event for the Japanese Pavilion

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: ishaswayam@auroville.org.in

Donation is based on appreciation/means and will help for the fundraising of the Japanese Pavilion.

CLASS ROOMS, 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 25th September - 7th session): The sevenfold ignorance and what is our self.

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

26th September (Tuesday)

• Overview with multimedia presentation
• Questions and Answers
• Practice in Daily Life
• Complimentary Concentration Exercises
• Creative Arts, Interactive Games
• Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
• Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: ‘Savitri’

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

Lilaloka - Sessions of Nature’s Theater on Mondays and Tuesdays

We are happy to announce that we will start again with activities (Nature’s Theater led by Anna: http://lilaloka.org/natures-theatre/) in Lilaloka, every Monday and Tuesday mornings from 10 to 12 am. Starting on 25th of September.

We still have some place and are keeping two places for guest children who want to participate for a minimum of one month. Opened to children from 5 years onward; parents can join as participants :-).

For more information contact Anna, Ph: 9943528729 or annachmrk@gmail.com

Love from Lilaloka's team

Family Constellations

With Moghan

Saturday 30th of Sept.- 9 am to 6 pm

In Creativity Hall of light

Please contact: moghan@auroville.org.in / 975110486

Classical hypnotherapy Module 2 and Module 3

Many Aurovilians have participated in “Explore your mind - Hypnotherapy Module 1”.

We would like to get in touch with all those who are interested in Hypnotherapy Module 2 “Behavioural modalities incl NLP, Hypnodrama, Age regression” and Module 3 “Hypnotic Modalities for Health Resolutions, incl Family Systems approach, Inner Child, Relationship counseling”.

We will list those interested and organise accordingly with a certified trainer.

Please contact Betty: betty@auroville.org.in or Sigrid sigrid@auroville-holistic.com

Connection as Life Energy

Introduction to Nonviolent Communication

With L’aura Joy, NVC Certified Trainer

Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others?

Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want?

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

Limited seats. Registration required. Full participation required (2 days). [Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

Rise and Shine dance

Dear pregnant women and women in general,

I invite you all for private soft, relaxing and releasing belly dancing sessions.

Feminine dance and ‘Rise and Shine’ dance are happening every Friday morning: 7:00 -9.00 at Cripa

“Rise & Shine dance: 8:00-9:00 - is open for all

For details and booking, please contact: pashutlihiot@gmail.com / 9489969875 (better by sms)

Love and Peace for all, Priscilla

Dance offering

Listening;-Allowing;-Unfolding;-Celebrating;-Offering

After a long break, WELCOME back to weekly gatherings. To

listen deeply to your body, allow life to express itself uniquely and unfold through movement, to celebrate together and offer the fruits of our practices.

Free-authentic dance and contact improvisation.

Mondays, 5 - 7 pm in Vérité.

Restorative Dialogue across Cultures

Dear Friends, we invite you to register for our upcoming “Restorative Dialogue across Cultures”.

On Oct 7 & 8 (Saturday - Sunday), we’ll be hosting our second Cross-Cultural Restorative Dialogue in Unity Pavilion.
• How do you experience the quality of our relationships across cultures in Auroville?
• Do we include and respect everyone, or do we judge and discriminate, even if ever-so subtly, based on cultural background?

Here we offer a space for deep dialogue -- to share and be heard for our experiences, as well as our dreams, and to learn to truly listen to one another. Through this journey together, we hope to walk towards a truer embodiment of Auroville's ideals, and to increase our sense of our community's well-being and resilience.

If this invitation speaks to you, please register (seats are limited)... All are welcome!

We hope to have a room full of diverse backgrounds, and we will do our best to arrange for any translation needed (with a special commitment to provide support for Tamil translation).

Some background information: We hosted our first Cross-Cultural Dialogue one year ago, and the journey together was intense -- sometimes extremely uncomfortable, and at other times absolutely inspiring and touching. The feedback was resoundingly positive -- that the experience was meaningful on a personal level, and that it could contribute to forward movement and transformation on the collective level. (To see our original Project Proposal and Final Report, please see here: https://www.facebook.com/pg/RestorativeAuroville/photos/?tab=album&album_id=675394839285394)

Our “Restorative Auroville” project aims at exploring the potential for Restorative Circles (RC) in Auroville, and how the practice might support us in developing a Justice System that reflects our Auroville ideals. What we offer during the Cross-Cultural Dialogue is a process based on the principles of RC, although we will not follow the entire RC format (as it’s designed for a slightly different set-up).

With warmth,
L’aura, Janet, Shanti, Hélène and Kati (Restorative Auroville)

Creative writing workshop
The Winter Short Theater Festival team is glad to announce a 3-Day intensive workshop on CREATIVE WRITING!
Have you always wanted to put your soul in words but never managed to fill the blank page?
Do you feel you have lots of creative and personal thoughts, feelings and emotions and you don’t know how to translate them in words?
You know there is a writer in you that wants to be freed but it is stuck somewhere in your subconscious and afraid to come up?
Come the 25th, 26th and 27th of September 4 to 6 pm at Le Zephyr (Visitor Center) and we will unblock the creative writer which is in you!

Led by Francesca, with Elke’s and Usha’s complicity.
For info: avshorttheaterfest@gmail.com / 2623987
See you there!

Bioclimatic Earth : Design Workshop
Conducted by Omar K. Rabie
Organized by the Earth Institute
23 Oct - 6 Nov 2017
The immemorial tradition of building with earth proves the capacity of versatile earth construction techniques to adapt to varied bioclimatic regions. This two-week design workshop will reinvestigate earth architecture predominantly through environmental reasoning. During the first week, students will: 1: be introduced to the characteristics of the different climatic zones. 2: establish an understanding of the principles of bioclimatic architecture. 3: develop an understanding of the fundamentals of earthen architectural design. 4: study examples of vernacular earth architecture acclimated for environmental comfort. 5: practice methods and use tools of weather analysis, establishing initial design guidelines for different environmental conditions. 6: explore the design capacities of different earth-building techniques such as adobe, rammed earth, cob, and CSEB through hands-on practice. 7: gain a basic understanding of a few environmental design simulation tools. Then, through the second week of the workshop, students will apply the gained theoretical knowledge and practical skills in a design project; a challenge to design examples of innovative earth architecture adapted to the environmental conditions of different regions. The intensive design workshop aims at providing designers with the knowledge needed to evoke their sensibility to simultaneously design with earth and with climate.

For more information, please see www.earth-auroville.com/bioclimatic_earth_en.php or contact training@earth-auroville.com

Submitted by the Earth Institute team

HOLISTIC presents “Explore your mind”
A 3-day workshop in hypnotherapy: 29th, 30th Sept, 1st Oct.

“The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when it is still”

What is hypnosis?
How do right and left brain function practically?
How do conscious and subconscious interact?
Explore the depths of your mind and relax!
Meditate with ease!
Expand your therapeutic toolbox!
Apply Self-hypnosis!

Workshop combining experiential learning and “Theory of the Mind” - Certified course from EKAA (www.ekaa.co.in)

Sept 29th-4 pm to 7 pm / 30th Sept, Oct 1st:9- 5.30 pm at Sharna Guesthouse Yoga hall
Info meeting: Sept 27th:5- 5.30 pm at Sharna Guesthouse Terrace

Trainer Sigrid Lindemann [Certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, Regression therapy and Classical homeopathy, Germany and Auroville. [www.auroville-holistic.com-www.sigridlindemann.com]

Venue: Sharna Guesthouse Yogahall: (www.sharnaguesthouse.in)
Register with Sigrid [ sigrid@auroville-holistic.com 09626006961, 0413 2623888]
Check out our new therapy offer and newly joined therapists profile on: www.auroville-holistic.com

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, scientist, 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.

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

Antropophonetics 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.
Afternoon sessions for therapists and medical professionals only who wish to learn and apply the technique. Please see the website: anthropofonetics.orphideum.org/
Registration: Places limited for 25, book now!
Email: svaramsoundhealing@gmail.com
Call for information: 0413 -2622220

**Contribution:** on individually arranged capacity and donation base

**Accommodation Bookings:**
Verité Guest House: Verité: verite@auroville.org.in / programming@verite.in
Auroville Guest Service: mail: avguestservice@auroville.org.in.
Website: http://guestservice.auroville.org.in/

**SCHEDULES**

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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.

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**“The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls.”**

Pablo Picasso

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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 9810092574 or email to creeva@auroville.org.in.

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**Watsu 1 Integration Day with Dariya**

Friday 29 September 2017
Timings: 9.00 AM - 5.00 PM (6 hours)
Bookings: Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
Integration Days under supervision of a WABA recognized instructor are excellent opportunities to refresh, adapt and further explore the techniques and sequence learned in Watsu 1 and their effects on both giver and receiver.

Special attention is given to details of the movements and their necessary adaptations according to the size, buoyancy and flexibility of the receiver. By refining the gracefully flowing transitions of Watsu’s major positions and perfecting your own body mechanics, you learn how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible in water.

**Prerequisites:** Watsu 1

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**Watsu & Elements of Vipassana with Petra**

Monday 2 - Sunday 8 October 2017 (7 days)
Timings: 7.00 AM - 10.00 PM (50 hours)
Bookings: Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

An intensive 7-day residential retreat.

Vipassana, which means to see things as they really are, is one of India’s most ancient techniques of meditation. It is a way of self-transformation through self-observation and focuses on the deep interconnection between body and mind, which can be directly experienced.

Watsu is the first form of meditative aquatic bodywork, developed by Harold Dull in the 80s. Considered as one of the most profound developments in bodywork in recent times, it brings the giver and receiver to a new level of connection and consciousness that involves our whole being.

In this residential retreat, we combine elements of Vipassana meditation with the depth and practice of Watsu to encourage the search for our inner being. While isolating ourselves in silence from all external contact for 7 days, we enter into a deep contact with our inner self.

This journey of observation and self-discovery can bring us to the roots of our mind and dissolve mental and emotional impurities, giving us back balance, love and compassion.

**Please be aware that this is a 7 days residential retreat, during which we stay for the entire time in isolation on the Quiet premises.**

**Prerequisites:** Watsu Basic
Learn Chinese!
In cooperation with the Taiwanese Pavilion, the Auroville Language Lab is happy to offer Chinese classes. These will be taught by Shang Chuan Chiang, who is a professional Chinese teacher, working for the Taiwanese Pavilion. She has taught Chinese in different countries, at Petra University, Indonesia, Universitas Muhammadiyah, Indonesia and Universidad del Pacifico – Quito, Ecuador. She also taught private Chinese classes in Spain for several years. The main focus of the class is on listening and speaking. The learning process will be based on activities, games and stories. She will also share some stories of different philosophies and sweet songs. On the weekend, she will organize some cultural events with Taiwanese Pavilion, like Chinese calligraphy, cooking or tea ceremonies. Material used for the course: Practical Audio-Visual Chinese Vol.1 and Far East Everyday Chinese.
This class will start in October.

As with all other classes at the Lab, all students registered at the Lab can sign up for and benefit from one-hour per week of the Tomatis listening training on Saturdays. We’ll try to offer this for the Chinese students as well.
All the students who learnt Chinese with us earlier, when Amanda was here, are welcome to come back! We could make two groups - one for Beginners and the other for those who already know some Chinese! Please contact the Lab immediately to register. Best if you pass by the Lab and register in person, or you can send us an email: “all@auroville.org.in”.
PS: The Lab is urgently looking for a German teacher and another English teacher. Please contact us immediately if interested.
Ph: 0413-2623661 or 9585207962 / all@auroville.org.in
Om Namo Bhagavate!

**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

**Monday, 25th September: no film at Savitri Bhavan.**

**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

Sadhana Forest, September 29th, 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.

**DIGITS** MAN VS. MACHINE

54 Minutes / English / 2016 / Directed by Peter Schnall
We peer inside “The Internet of Things” and reveal how web advertising, search engines and 24/7 surveillance have transformed our lives. In the words of Edward Snowden:”TV is a medium you watch. The Internet is a medium that watches you as you watch it.”

*(Reminder: Friday 22/09 Beyond Varanasi)*

More information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auraville.org.in or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org / facebook.com/sadhanaforest.

**NEEM TREE MOVIE**

This Saturday 23rd September/ Time: 7 pm

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

**THE GREAT DICTATOR** *(Rescheduled from last week, as the projection was cancelled due to rain)*

Film: THE GREAT DICTATOR - Dir/Actor: Charlie Chaplin. His first true sound film, a 1940 American political satire comedy-drama, a stirring condemnation of fascism and antisemitism. Chaplin plays both leading roles: a ruthless fascist dictator and a persecuted Jewish barber.

**BHARAT NIVAS in Collaboration With THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE COORDINATION TEAM**

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

- **Film 1:** LUCY
  - Thursday, 21st September, 2017, at 8 pm
  - at the Bhumika Hall (old Bhavishyate Hall)

- **Film 2:** EX MACHINA
  - Friday, 22nd September, 2017 at 8 pm
  - at the Bhumika Hall (old Bhavishyate Hall)

Professor Makarand Paranjap of Delhi’s Jawaharlal Nehru University spoke last Sunday on ‘Sri Aurobindo and the Challenge of Post-humanism’ in such an engaging and inspiring way that the audience expressed a wish to see the two films that came up in the conversation after his presentation.

Both these films deal with the interface between artificial intelligence and human beings and have caught the attention of robots, aliens and others. **Please check out these films on internet if you want more information and the movie reviews.**

**EYE OPENING MOVIE SERIES**

Wednesday, September 27th

**EARTH 2100**: English, 1h 24min
Earth 2100 is a television program that was presented by the American Broadcasting Company network on June 2, 2009 and was aired on the History Channel in January 2010 and was shown throughout the year. It follows the account of Lucy, who is born into a society where people are desperate for natural resources, while the global temperature and population are highly increasing.

Every Wednesday, 8 pm at the Unity Pavilion
All are welcome - No contribution required
### Cinema Paradiso

**“Auroville Timelines/ Evolution of Auroville”**

Dear Friends,

We are planning to do a video installation project tentatively called the “Auroville Timelines/ Evolution of Auroville” for the Auroville Film Festival to be held this December 2017. For this project, we would like to create a video wall displaying multiple video loops from Auroville each ~15-30 seconds long that are chronologically displayed in decade-wise sections beginning from 1970s till 2017. As one walk past the wall - one can see the transformation of landscape and the evolution of Auroville from then to now. This will be evident not just in the changing landscape, but also the content, the texture of the image, image quality and also - as we hope, the display sets. We want to have the video loops of the earliest times displayed in old black and white television sets, followed by color CRT monitors, progressing to the flat screens, the LCD monitors and lately the smartphones and iPads.

We need huge support and goodwill to actualize this project and seek your participation in the following area:

i. **Contributors of Footage** - If you have short/long footage of the Auroville landscape, any construction activity or any landmark event of any time of the past 5 decades - please share!

ii. **Volunteers** - anyone who is an aspiring archivist, historian, visual anthropologist, filmmaker, video editor, having patience to go through old video footage, anyone interested in the evolution of Auroville - please contact us. We need you!

iii. **Contributors of Television Sets** - If you have an old CRT monitors - black & white or color, flatron screens, new LCD monitors in working condition - we would be grateful if you can lend them to us for the short tenure of the testing, set up and display of the installation. We would need as many sets as possible - we’ll promptly return after installation.

iv. **Financial Assistance** - Any financial support you can provide towards the volunteers and sourcing the television sets we will be grateful.

Contact: richa.rrivu@gmail.com

To contribute: MMC Account # 105106 - please mention “Auroville Timelines”

We look forward to your support and participation.

With best wishes and regards,

Rrivu and Richa

With Nina and Marco (MMC/CP Group)

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The archives are found at [http://www.auroville.org/contents/186](http://www.auroville.org/contents/186)

And regular events at [http://www.auroville.org/contents/4201](http://www.auroville.org/contents/4201)

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

The contents of News & Notes are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

**How to submit material:** Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the N&N, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 0413-2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in

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

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

Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Tuesday 5pm.

We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays due to work pressure.

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

**Extra Page Request:** Needs to reach us by Monday 5pm with a contribution for the cost of printing 900 extra pages.

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

**Soft Version:** We encourage you to ask us for a soft version of News&Notes sent directly to your own mail. Don’t hesitate to mail: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in or to phone 0413-2622133 if you want to give it a try.

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

→ Auroville Safety and Security Team: 9443090107 (Email: avsecurity@auroville.org.in)

→ Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271

→ Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. reachable 24/7.

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### LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENT

**General Meeting on FAMC**

Dear Community Members,

The Residents Assembly Service (RAS) and the FAMC are happy to invite you for an update meeting:

**Where:** Unity Pavilion

**When:** on Tuesday the 26th of September

**Time:** at 4:30 PM

Please attend the meeting if you want to be well informed.

RAS team and FAMC