In any case, to simplify things, it could be said that characteristically the old world, the creation of what Sri Aurobindo calls the Overmind, was an age of the gods, and consequently the age of religions. As I said, the flower of human effort towards what is above it gave rise to innumerable religious forms, to a religious relationship between the best souls and the invisible world. And at the very summit of all that, as an effort towards a higher realisation there has arisen the idea of the unity of religions, of this “one single thing” which is behind all these manifestations; and this idea has truly been, so to speak, the extreme limit of human aspiration. Well, that is at the frontier, it is something that still belongs completely to the Overmind world, the Overmind creation and which from there seems to be looking towards this “other thing” which is a new creation it cannot grasp – which it tries to reach, feels coming, but cannot grasp. To grasp it, a reversal is needed. It is necessary to leave the Overmind creation. It was necessary that the new creation, the supramental creation should take place.

And now, all these old things seem so old, so out-of-date, so arbitrary - such a travesty of the real truth.

In the supramental creation there will no longer be any religions. The whole life will be the expression, the flowering into forms of the divine Unity manifesting in the world. And there will no longer be what men now call gods.

These great divine beings themselves will be able to participate in the new creation; but to do so, they will have to put on what we could call the “supramental substance” on earth. And if some of them choose to remain in their world as they are, if they decide not to manifest physically, their relation with the beings of a supramental earth will be a relation of friends, collaborators, equals, for the highest divine essence will be manifested in the beings of the new supramental world on earth.

When the physical substance is supramentalised, to incarnate on earth will no longer be a cause of inferiority, quite the contrary. It will give a plenitude which cannot be obtained otherwise.

But all this is in the future; it is a future...which has begun, but which will take some time to be realised integrally. Meanwhile we are in a very special situation, extremely special, without precedent. We are now witnessing the birth of a new world; it is very young, very weak - not in its essence but in its outer manifestation - not yet recognised, not even felt, denied by the majority. But it is here. It is here, making an effort to grow, absolutely sure of the result. But the road to it is a completely new road which has never before been traced out - nobody has gone there, nobody has done that! It is a beginning, a universal beginning. So, it is an absolutely unexpected and unpredictable adventure.

These are people who have adventure. It is these I call, and I tell them this: “I invite you to the great adventure.”

It is not a question of repeating spiritually what others have done before us, for our adventure begins beyond that. It is a question of a new creation, entirely new, with all the unforeseen events, the risks, the hazards it entails - a real adventure, whose goal is certain victory, but the road to which is unknown and must be traced out step by step in the unexplored. Something that has never been in this present universe and that will never] be again in the same way. If that interests you...well, let us embark. What will happen to you tomorrow - I have no idea.

One must put aside all that has been foreseen, all that has been devised, all that has been constructed, and then...set off walking into the unknown. And - come what may! There.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 10 July 1957

MOTHER

If our aim is a spiritual release
or a spiritual fulfilment,
then the exceeding of this little mould of ego is imperative.
Sri Aurobindo
ref. The Synthesis of Yoga, p.342

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WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Report of the Working Committee

Main topics dealt with in September 2017:

1. Minutes meeting Governing Board

The minutes of the 50th meeting of the Governing Board held on August 13 and 14 have been published in last week’s News and Notes and on the Aurnet: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/65012

2. Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct for all Trusts and Units of the Auroville Foundation, as approved by the Governing Board (and slightly amended by the office of the Secretary to tone down unnecessary legalistic language as requested by the Board) has been published on the Aurnet: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/65014

3. Entry Board - proposed selection process

After the approval of the revised Entry Policy by the Residents’ Assembly on 23rd September, 2017, the next step is the selection of an Entry Board. In the last week’s News and Notes we have informed the community that, since the annual selection process of other working groups is on-going, the AvC, the WCom and the RAS are of the opinion that an additional full selection process for an Entry Board would be difficult to mobilise at this moment. There is a participation and information saturation of the community, and starting another full participatory selection process now will be a burden on the RAS and the residents. For this reason we have jointly proposed that the AvC and WCom together select a full Entry Board (9 members) and open the Entry Service to new applications by the end of November 2017. As usual, the community will be requested to nominate candidates and provide feedback on a list of candidates. This Entry Board will only serve for a period of one year, e.g. till November 15, 2018, when, after a full participatory selection process, a new Entry Board will have been selected by the community. Comments on this proposal are invited.

4. Aadhaar camp

414 of the 421 registered residents have enrolled in the second aadhaar camp held in September at the office of the Auroville Foundation. Together with the first aadhaar camp, over 700 Auroville residents have now applied for / received their aadhaar card.

We have no plan, for the time being, to organize a third aadhaar camp. Those who need an aadhaar card are advised to go to the Aadhaar Enrollment Center, 28 Near First Cross, Krishna Nagar, Puducherry, Krishna Nagar main Rd, Krishna Nagar, Puducherry 605008, phone 0413 221 4166, (website https://www.google.com/maps/5YlrMoUFT2). People are advised to call before they go, and bring valid documents (such as Residential Permit or Stay Visa, Driving Licence, etc...). We would like to express our gratitude to Eric for organising the camp and to the Foundation office and Mr. Srinivasamurty for hosting it.

5. Visit Ambassadors

Ambassadors Ecuador and Italy have visited Auroville and have been received by the Working Committee together with other community members.

6. Beach erosion

The Working Committee has met with residents from Samarpan Guest House, Eternity, and Samuthira to discuss short term needs and a long-term solution to the problem of sea erosion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign Boards

Dear Community,

We have been seeing a proliferation of sign boards around Auroville, and we believe that this needs some control according to community approved guidelines. In a recent meeting of AVSST, Road Service, TDC and Auroville Council, it was decided to set up a Sign Board Group to take this forward.

A house in Samuthira is in danger of collapsing due to beach erosion. In May this year, a visit of the Collector and Superintendent of Police to the place was organized but the issue lost momentum for lack of follow up and because of continuing resistance from the surrounding communities. Although the Village headmen have now agreed that emergency measures can be implemented on Auroville land, for which the FAMC had already allocated funds, the work still could not proceed as fishermen blocked lorries carrying stones from unloading and reaching Samuthira. At present, the matter is being taken up with the Secretary and through him, with the Collector. A long-term solution for the entire beach stretch needs to be worked out and agreed upon by all parties. In order to do this, a meeting with all the relevant parties will be organised as soon as possible. Hopefully, this will result in a more comprehensive approach to the problem and will allow for work to be done.

7. GST

Representatives of the Working Committee, FAMC and the Under Secretary of the Auroville Foundation had a meeting with chartered accountant Mr. Manuel Thomas and two GST specialists in Chennai on how to implement GST in Auroville. This is the first of a series of meetings, as the matter is extremely complicated. We will keep you informed when we have more information.

8. Sraddhalu Ranade

The classes of Mr. Sraddhalu Ranade at Savitri Bhavan have been resumed. These classes were stopped some years ago in the wake of the court cases initiated by Mr. Ranade against the Sri Aurobindo Ashram and its officials, at the request of the then Working Committee. As the court cases are still pending and Savitri Bhavan should not be seen as an Auroville institution that supports the views of Mr. Ranade, we have requested Savitri Bhavan to reconsider its decision. A reply is expected.

9. Sexual harassment

The Working Committee is appalled by recent cases of sexual harassments on the roads in Auroville, and thanks the Auroville Safety & Security Team (AVSST) for issuing a public warning and extending the availability of its escort service to 11 pm. We strongly support the recommendations made in the announcement of the AVSST and strongly advise everyone to remain vigilant while travelling unaccompanied at night and to keep all security numbers handy. We will request for enhanced police patrolling and police presence.

10. 50th planning

A permanent representative from the Working Committee has joined the 50th team from August onwards. Work continues, including preparations for the possibility of the Prime Minister’s visit.

11. Communication strategy

The Working Committee along with Outreach Media, Auroville.org and others has participated in the first of a series of discussions centered around Auroville’s general communication strategy. More details in following reports when clear results are reached.

The Working Committee

Angela, Carel, Hemant, Inge, Kumar, Mandakini, Ranjithkumar.

Anyone interested in this work, please contact the Auroville Council (avcouncil@auroville.org.in) as members are needed for this group.

In the meantime, before these guidelines are drafted and approved, please address any application for a new sign board to the TDC.

Warmly, For the Auroville Council (Elisa, Martin, Marc, Matriprasad, Mita, Renuka, Sandhya and Sundar)
Land Board selection process

Dear Community,

It’s time to select new members for the Land Board. The FAMC, the Working Committee and the Auroville Council have been reflecting on how to go about this. Profiles of needed qualities and skills for new members will be created and shared, after which you will be called to nominate eligible residents as potential members and then give feedback on these nominations.

For the reasons mentioned below, we propose that the 3 groups (FAMC, Working Committee and Auroville Council) will be the committee to select the Land Board:
- The FAMC holds the responsibility over assets of Auroville, of which land is one of the most important, and the FAMC has regular interactions with the Land Board which is mandated to report quarterly to the FAMC;
- The Working Committee represents the interface with the external entities and with the Auroville Foundation office with which the Land Board has to deal regularly; and
- The Auroville Council represents the internal perspective including processes and mandates.

A process is being planned by a sub-group taken from these three groups, and will be designed to ensure that the knowledge and skills of those finally chosen, most closely match the real needs of the work of the Land Board. Those needs will be discussed with the present team to ensure they are fully understood. The groups will also ensure that there are no conflicts of interest amongst those members responsible for the selection, by excluding any members from the decision who have any family member amongst the nominees. We will closely document our process to give you a complete report on how the selection unfolded.

The Land Board mandate states in its article 1.1 ‘The Residents’ Assembly shall constitute a Land Board whose members shall be appointed directly by the Residents’ Assembly or by a committee constituted by it for the purpose.’

Since these 3 groups have been selected by you as the RA, we ask for your support. If you strongly disagree with this proposal, please inform the RAS by October 21st, with reasons for your disagreement. Sincerely, the FAMC, the Working Committee and the Auroville Council

From The Entry Service - N&N # 718 - Dated: 07-10-2017

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

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Celia DE MENGIN (French) Staying at Udumbu and Working at Eco-Femme.
Chandra IYYANAR (Indian) Staying at Pony Farm and Working Thamarai Pre-Crèche.
Chitra UDHYAYANAN (Indian) Staying at Celebration and Working Naturellement Garden Cafe.
Krishnamoorthy ELUMALAI (Indian) Staying at Sangamam and Working at Unity Transport Service.
Ramya VADIVEL (Indian) Staying at Krishna Farm and Working at Kalki Boutique.
Vidjea EPINAL (Indian) Staying at Pitchandikulam and Working at Isal Ambalam School.
Vimala VELAYUTHAM (Indian) Staying at Aspiration and Working at Pragati Construction.
Wei DONG (Chinese) Staying at Surrender and Working at Imago.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED

Irena TASKOVSKI (British)
Pedro DOS SANTOS GUEDES (Portuguese)
Siv Heidi Helen Feeoy JAKOBSEN (Norwegian)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

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Giacomo COLOMBA (Italian) Staying at Swayam and Working at CITRHU.
Sathish VENKATESAN (Indian) Staying at WeDK Prarthna and Working at Youthlink.
Sebastien CUENIN (French) Staying at Health Center Staff Quarter and Working at Matrimandir.

AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18:

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Aswini JAYAVEL (Indian) Staying at Acceptance and studying at Savitri Bhavan.

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

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

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30 am-12:30 pm / Monday to Friday (by appointment only)
Yours, the Entry Service

Houses available for transfer

1. Auromodel - Petite Ferme Anny’s House: Plinth area of 141.79 Sq.m: First floor of the Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Brick walls plastered in cement mortar. Guna tile roof consisting of open verandah, living cum Kitchen Bedroom & Toilet with Open Stair.
2. Invocation Phase 3 - Navodite’s House: Plinth area 46 Sq.m: Ground floor apartment of the triple storied RCC framed structured Residential building with Brick walls plastered in cement mortar and Guna tile with RCC slab roof consisting of open verandah, living cum Kitchen Bedroom & Toilet.
4. 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, and generator. Citadines is a collective housing experience, managed by a group who help maintain its quality, atmosphere and assure a harmonious mix of people.
5. Windarra Farm- TerraSoul: Sandhya House: Plinth 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 Bedroom & Toilet with Open steel ladder. Community-Shared Parking lot. (Active participation and involvement in the Farm Community Project is required. Available in August 2018)
6. Kottakarai - Surya and Vasanthi House: Plinth 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.
7. Apartment in Vikas: Plinth 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.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Short Update on Lilaloka

Lilaloka is a self-learning and resource center for all children. It was also especially envisioned for un-schoolers, home-schoolers, children who struggle at times in the school environment, children with specific needs. Lise (ex-Yvellise) and Anna are in the core team. Our other colleagues, as well as some of the old team members/ co-founders are waiting for Lilaloka to be opened so that they can offer their beautiful creative activities in Lilaloka. If any “educator / guide” out there feels close to Lilaloka’s dream, please contact us :-). Anna runs 2 Nature’s Theater morning sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays (10 to 12 am) in Lilaloka, Thursday morning in Transformation Kindergarten and gives training to Oli school teachers once a month.

We will start building again (end October - beginning November) and finish one room for collective activities with the money available within the next 3-4 months.

Budget required in order to fully finish Lilaloka: 53 more lakhs/руbles (watchman, gardener, accountant, water bill, accountant). Lilaloka has been running on private donations till now.

Lise and Anna for Lilaloka Contact: lilalokad@auroville.org.in, Website: www.lilaloka.org, phone Lise: 2623407, phone Anna: 9943528729.

Life at SacredGroves

Three prototype houses at SacredGroves are nearing completion. As this important milestone approaches, we wish to invite people interested in building and living at SacredGroves. The phase-1 plan is to build 17 more houses in six clusters. As these houses are being hand-crafted with volunteer builders, we realise communities are created not just with houses but more with people having complementary aspirations.

SacredGroves houses are designed using Cohousing principles. Intrinsically to them are naturally improved social interaction and cohesion. Currently it is possible for future residents to participate in the detailed design of the houses. There are collective spaces like the common house, workshops, co-working hubs and more. These are not only meant to reduce costs but also to stimulate sharing of knowledge & resources.

We build mainly with locally available materials like earth, lime and plantation woods. Using organic materials and little cement and steel makes it possible to retain more carbon dioxide from the environment than is normally released. Thus, this way of construction strongly fights Climate Change.

Demolition waste is a high-volume waste stream in India often filling wetlands and destroying sensitive ecosystems. At SacredGroves we reuse much demolition waste for making recycled concrete used in the construction of foundations. We also reuse braided steel pipes from petrol stations otherwise a common item of dirty recycling.

Here special attention is given to create an indoor living environment promoting life, vitality, and regeneration. This is done by using humidity buffering materials, avoiding construction materials containing hazardous chemicals, creating a passive ventilation system for sufficient fresh air, electrical installations free from electromagnetic pollution, and facilities to promote wired communication.

Cost of the houses will be substantially less than those in conventional constructions. At present, it is a shade over half the construction cost of the nearest available housing project in Auroville. Using locally available materials reduces the material cost. Most organic building methods can easily be learned by laymen. This makes it possible to build with volunteers besides hired labour. Active involvement of future residents is encouraged, reducing costs and promoting transparency in management.

Structural integrity of the prototype houses has been tested and certified by EPMCR Pvt Ltd, an engineering company incubated at the Indian Institute of Technology- Madras. Applications of lime are being developed along with Vellore Institute of Technology. This ongoing research may result in new building methods which further reduces use of cement.

Other researches are being done towards energy efficiency, life-cycle analysis, water self-reliance and building biology.

By promoting off-grid power supply, rainwater-harvesting, zero-waste and urban farming we aim to provide residents with all their basic needs, without disturbing the natural balance.

SacredGroves will potentially be an alternative to the increasing development of conventional construction and the growing individualisation of our society. We invite all of you willing to take this on.

Please visit us on-site for more details. For an appointment please call 9487421696 or 9486536502.

Joseba, Rene, Manu and B(for AVI-USA)

Youth Link

Dear Family! We believe that we are all aware that youth integration in Auroville is challenging - especially for young Aurovilians coming back from their studies abroad, and for young Newcomers. This is why YouthLink was set up, to help by providing information for integration, and to create a platform for youth-led initiatives, especially for youth in their 20s/early 30s. We would like to request you to consider offering the younger generation some space. Having youth near your homes / work spaces will bring new energy, ideas and community.

If you have a space that you would like to offer to youth, please inform us. It could be:

- A garden space
- A rooftop space
- An extra room in your house
- An extra table in your office
- A space for community events
- A space in your shed ...

... anywhere.

Housing Projects under construction

1. Kalpana: 17 apartments of different size available. Studio:6/1 BHK:7/2 BHK:2/3 BHK:2/Will be ready 30th June 2018. Contact Person: satyakam@auroville.org.in / Satyakam is available on the site on: Thursday: 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: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220333

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The space could be used for:
Building a temporary pod to live in
Building a permanent pod to live in
Activities, workshops
Gardening space
Storage space
Work space
Art space
... anything.

We also encourage you to specify your requirements, maybe you have a preference for the:
Type of youth who will come
Time duration they will stay
Contribution to the space in kind / monetary ...

Thank you for considering this and for offering to help integrate youth into Auroville. Please send us an email to youthlink@auroville.org.in with:
Location of the space
Specifications of the use of the space
Specifications of any additional requirements
... and anything else you would like us to know.

This information will be held very sensitively and will not be published. We will respect your requirements. We will only contact you if there is a potential candidate/activity in mind that fits your requirements and we will ensure to follow all due community processes.
In gratitude, YouthLink

Joy of Impermanence

Dear Auroville community members and contributors,
After 9 months of gestation, we thought it was time to share with you the outcome of an intensive collective work between 7 people really eager to manifest something positive and useful for the project of the township of Auroville.

So here we come with a project called “Joy of Impermanence” which intends to support as an umbrella the creation of spiritual communities in Auroville with the same common principles and missions but each of them with their own name, personality, flavor and colour.

5 principles:
- Impermanence (5 years)
- Community spirit (Do it together)
- Sustainable (natural material)
- Do it Yourself (no money exchange between members)
- Self Sufficiency (orientation with-in Auroville)

5 missions:
- Protect the lands of AV
- Bring life to unoccupied lands with affordable housing
- Improve relations with villages
- Expose AV findings of research
- Stimulate creativity

In the ideal plan, after the beginning of this first experiment, when it will be a success, the goal will be to multiply it in Auroville to reach out as many unutilized land as possible with as many people as possible, everyone moving according to a “rotation” plan of 5 years, changing, moving, evolving all the time.

We will be very soon ready to open our meetings to people interested to join, help, collaborate, contribute...

And every week we will post small articles like this one to let you know about the evolution of the project, which is right looking at some plots which needs protection and for which we are proceeding to the permission to be used.

We have a facebook page named Joy of Impermanence, and an email to which you can reach us: joyofimpermanence@gmail.com

On behalf of the Joy of Impermanence team (Andrés, Eugénie, Ion, Mathilde, Michael, Mira & Serena)
:: A project under Youth Link

POSTINGS

Cinema - Aurofilm’s Friday Screenings Restarting in October: You would have noted that since this summer, there were no films screened at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium. This is due to major renovation work underway there, and it will still take some more time for the auditorium to be available again. At Aurofilm, we have been exploring several venues to go on (temporarily) with our film program. The one we have finally chosen is the Video room at Visitor’s Centre. We are grateful to Nicole and the VC management for this possibility, and you will see our first announcement in 2 weeks – for Friday, October 13th. Seeing you there...! Aurofilm team - aurofilm@auroville.org.in

Savitri Around the World - an update: In the September issue of Auroville Today appears an announcement about the Savitri Around the World project. As must often happen with newspapers and journals that have to be prepared well in advance, the information given there is rather out of date. In fact 440 readers from 101 countries have registered to participate in this project; all the available Savitri passages have been allotted and almost all have already been sent to the registered readers. So the registration list has been closed. It is expected that the recorded passages will very soon be reaching the organisers for editing to form the final sequence to be shared with the world in February 2018.

If you have already registered and are in Auroville at present, you are invited to phone Savitri Bhavan: 2622 922 to make an appointment for recording your allotted passage. If anyone is very keen to join a similar project in April 2020 to celebrate the Mother’s final arrival in Pondicherry they can contact the organisers now at savitriworldreading@auroville.org.in

Probiotica House Tip #14 - Probiotica: Probiotica Drink Supplement is a natural and health concentrated drink, with live probiotics that functions as a natural food supplement. Free from genetically modified ingredients.

Probiotica Drink Supplement is created from a natural fermentation process involving yeast and lactic acid bacteria with antioxidants from herbal plants. Probiotica Drink Supplement restores the natural balance of good bacteria that can be depleted due to factors such as poor or inadequate diet, stress, and travel. Probiotics are essential in maintain a healthy digestion.

Probiotica Drink Supplement was available in PTDC, HERS and in Probiotics House - Reve. However it has been removed from PTDC, and now is available in HERS, and Probiotics House - Reve.

If you cannot come during our opening times, just drop your Probiotica bottle with your name and PT account on a paper at our platform in Reve, and later you can pass by to pick it up.

Probiotics House - Margarita & Guidelma [Reve - Ph: 2623774 - Open Tuesday to Saturday: 9:30 - 11:30 am & 2:00 to 4:30 pm]

Hers will be celebrating the opening of its Home wares space: Monday Oct 9th from 11am onwards. 3 to 5pm, refreshments will be served. All are Welcome! The first floor upstairs will have everything for the home. Beds to order, mattresses, pillows, bath towels, bed sheets, pillow cases, lampshades, lights, ceramics. An enlarged range of plastic and stainless steel containers, glassware, dinner ware, coffee makers, fans, pressure cookers, dosa pans, etc. With love for the HERS TEAM (Gillian, Thulsi, Kumar, Roy, Polani)

Deepawali Celebrations: The Bharat Nivas Cultural Group is very happy that Sangamam Group is planning to hold the Community Deepawali Celebration at Solar Kitchen campus. Bharat Nivas Cultural Group regrets to inform that due the ongoing infrastructure works in the campus and the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium being still under repair, Deepawali annual celebration cannot be organized this year. As an alternative, SAWCHU Building space was considered but it is not adequate for a large audience.
We wish Sangamam Group best wishes and a successful performance. **Bharat Nivas Cultural Group**

**Cycle Kiosk:** We remind you that we have several inexpensive and restored cycles available, as well as a few Art Bikes too. Come and see! From 9.30 am to 4 pm - Monday to Saturday

**Piano Donation - Concert Pitch A432:** While many of us were still living in keet houses, Aurovillian Ila, from Brazil, had donated 6 pianos and 2 keyboards to Auroville in 1996 in a beautiful gesture boosting the growing culture of the City of the Future, supporting the joy of music and learning in the community. We are now looking for one acoustic piano - steward who is interested to offer the instrument for an experiment which might enhance the musical experience through tuning it to a lower concert pitch of A432.

SWARIM Campus is inviting a study-research seminar with a dedicated team from Germany Oct 19 -28 which is working in phenomenological studies with Cymatics - the science of the wave, and Antropophonetics - the therapeutic application of singing, movement and harmonics. The discussion of standard concert pitch, variations and an international norm is on over the last century and still in a dynamic, controversial flux and through the introduction of electronic keyboards easily to adjust. As we want to explore the direct acoustic phenomena, in the context of therapeutic impact we do need an actual instrument. Please contact Aurelio at aurelio@auroville.org.in or under 9943465822 for more information, any useful hint and a possible collaboration

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**Available**

**Household items:** electric oven, day bed, stools, desk, table, UPS, cloth closet, and more... please call if interested. Thanks! 9489322615 - Jeremy

**Accommodation discount for long-term guests and volunteers:** We wish to remind that we offer a 15 % discount for long-term guests (minimum 2-weeks stay) and for volunteers even not officially registered in SAVI (minimum 1-month stay). For those registered in SAVI, this is in addition to the 20 % refund after 2-months stay. This is applied to all our accommodation facilities and even through the high season. We also have a well-equipped and neat common kitchen, which is very useful for those who stay in the long run and need to save money on food. For detailed info please write to us at: joycommunity@auroville.org.in or pass by (we are located in Center Field) during office hours. Joy Community Guest House team:-)

**Sicilian Sun-dried tomatoes, almonds, oregano and Alpine ham:** Dear friends, my parents and friends came to visit about a month ago and I have some Italian produce to offer. Unfortunately the olive oil and olives are already finished, but more should come later on with my brother. For now I have sun-dried cherry tomatoes made by an organic certified local company from Pachino (the Sicilian town where the most famous and delicious cherry tomatoes originate). I have them mixed with Auroville basil and Sicilian extra virgin olive oil. I also have some Sicilian organic almonds, Sicilian certified organic wild oregano, and smoked/cured mountain ham (Speck) from the Dolomites (Alps). If you are interested and are willing to offer an extra premium for the quality (yet at cost price as I’m selling again directly), please contact me at: 9442328120 or giovanni@auroville.org.in. Giovanni :-)

**Two lovely cuddly cats:** called Meimah and Kater - used to be mine, now they are still living in Espace, but urgently looking for a NEW HOME! They are inseparable, mommy (now sterilised) and son. The mommy cat is white and fluffy with Siamese attributes. Her son fully white with shorter fur. They are both 3-4 years old and used to outside life, so to keep them in an apartment won’t be possible. If you are interested or have any ideas please write me to: anna.reincke.ar@gmail.com - Anna

**Hairdresser/ Hair stylist:** I offer haircutting, coloring (in particular henna or other natural colours) any day of the week Monday to Friday as a home service or at my private resident home salon. For appointments please call / message Linada at: 9787373465.

**Pure organic coconut oil:** From Av Gokulam Farm - excellent for cooking, hair and skin care, massage etc...Contact Anand: 8270103198.

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**Looking for...**

2. **volunteers:** The Auroville Film Festival needs two volunteers who would like to help us put together some word documents with information about the films being screened. The work consists of taking information from an excel spreadsheet and creating a word document. We would like the help of someone with a laptop of their own and an ease with English and Microsoft Office, Krishna for-aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in.

Some **work as a gardener:** A night watchman (Mani) is looking for a job as gardener. He is available from Monday till Saturday. He is a strong young boy. He has been working as a gardener for 6 years. Please do not hesitate to contact him as he is a nice person. Mob: 8525929117 -Submitted by Ivana Frousova

Some **work as an amma:** Amma LAXMI from Bommapatlayam is looking for a new full-time job. She has worked with us in the past and she worked now for some years in an Ashram related household. I can vouch for her that she is very honest and kind. She speaks well English, is good at house work, cleaning and ironing, she will also do garden work. She has her own scooty. Please call her at ph: 9786 70 1774. Thank you, Tine, Aurogreen

**Furnishing:** Dear community, the Treecare team has just moved to our office and we are looking to furnish our new space with basic utilities. If anyone has a second office desk, a printer and/or a simple gas stove please contact us under 9443658125 (Julian) or write us an email: office@treecareindia.com. Sincerely, Treecare team

A **table:** Dear friends, I am looking for a table. If you want to get rid of one or you are giving it for a cheap price, please contact Francesca: francesca@auroville.org.in. Thank you!

**Someone going to France:** Is anybody going to France this month as I would like to invite a package bag of about 3 kg for my brother V.Babu who is studying in France. Please let me know - Contact V. Boobalan (Siddhartha Forest), Ph: 9787084506 / boobalanbullet@auroville.org.in - Thank you

**Someone going to Italy:** Hello dear friends, I’m looking for someone flying anytime soon, to Italy to send my mother something important, not heavy or voluminous stuff! If you are ok with that, please contact me at: elisainki@yahoo.it .Thank you! Elisa.

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**Thank you**

Will never forget Auroville

After a year of being a volunteer at Prakti I am leaving this week - I wanted to say thank you to everyone that has made my year so special. When we leave a place we love, we leave part of ourselves behind - but we take a piece of the people we love with us. I will never forget Auroville. Thank you! Navjot Sawhney

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Kalabhumī Goes Live

Kalabhumī Music Studio team and musicians would like to thank everybody who made our second "Kalabhumī Goes Live" a success. We received over 200 spectators and experienced a memorable night in celebration of music and art. We urge anyone with video, and photos to get in touch with us as we are building a media archive of our activities around (email Edo: eddie.grassi@gmail.com). We plan on repeating our live event last Saturday of October. Stay tuned!

Thanks to Aloka and Francesco

These last 9 days of intensive ATB course with Aloka and Francesco have been magical and very deep for us all. The tools provided to learn to know ourselves and our parts of being have been experienced day by day. Our attention, concentration, patience, our trust in ourselves and others, the awareness of the environment and different atmospheres, the exploration of body feelings and the search for the True Inner Center, welcome, sensitivity, collaboration and group work were just some of the many things experienced in this ATB course. With immense joy and from deep heart THANK YOU to Aloka and Francesco for this journey. And so much gratitude and love to all the group of participants - it was an experience that made ‘human unity’ here in Auroville.

Mira (team ATB 23/9 – 1/10)

Accommodation for the Volunteers - Appeal

Dear Community,

The 50th Auroville Anniversary is coming soon. It is going to be a very crowded and busy high season as most guest houses are already booked.

Long Term Volunteers are having trouble finding accommodation, and unfortunately, we at Savi cannot welcome foreign volunteers if they do not find lodging within Auroville, since these are the requirements for the Entry Visa. We are forced to turn down people that wish to come and volunteer; could you help?

So, we would like to call out at the community at large and ask if anybody has any accommodation to offer (a capsule in your garden, a spare room in your house, extra room in your forest etc...), especially in the months of December to March. Please do let us know, we and the Volunteers would be very thankful.

Our contact address is: study@auroville.org.in
Savi Team ;)

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

Accommodation available 1: Hello, I am looking for someone from November to January 31st at new creation. Must take care of a cat and a small garden. Contact Sunja: 9787628294 or email: sunja.fr@gmail.com

Accommodation available 2: My house in Quiet is available for housesitting from 20th Oct to 13th (possibly 15th Nov). My house is best for a single person. I have a dog and a cat that need care, so I am looking for a quiet, responsible person that enjoys animals. If this is for you please email: nandita@sharan-india.org or SMS 9488483286 - Nandita S.

House-sitting 1: Dear Aurovilians, this is Christian, a long-term volunteer who is starting the newcomer application process. I am volunteering at Blue Light, Town Hall, and am currently house-sitting in Courage till the 23rd of November. I like to practice meditation, keep learning in my work and continue the exercise of self-development while contributing as much as possible to the community. Basically I would care for your house as if it was my own. I am a peaceful and quiet person and you can write me to ask for references regarding previous house-sittings or anything you would like to know.

What I am looking for is a house-sitting from the 23rd of November onwards, the longer the better and all is welcome. My contact is: chrisgonies@gmail.com and you can find me in the office as well. Have a wonderful day, Christian

W O R K O P P O R T U N I T I E S

Documenting the 50th: help needed

OutreachMedia is looking for all media inspired people: photographers, video makers, editors, designers and anyone willing to help documenting the 50th. We need:

- To collect content for the website, blogs, photos and videos (past and present).
- A film crew to document and report the build-up of the 50th and the celebration itself.
- Designers for the press pack.

Kindly contact Outreachmedia: outreachmedia@auroville.org.in or serena_aurora@auroville.org.in / Phone: 9443602194

Receptionist half time at Santé Institute for Integral Research

Job Description: Overall co-create a harmonious and efficient working environment and take responsibility for it

Regular reception work: Patient reception, including registration, receive phone calls and make appointment, be knowledgeable and be able to provide information.

Finance: Online finance transaction, organize and follow up accounting
Supply: Organize and follow up of purchasing
Communication: answer e-mails, follow up with accountant/health fund and others institutions

Skills Required
Professionalism and confidentiality
Communication Skills
Technology Skills: Use intercom, computer (medical software, word, excel), printer....
Organization and Accounting skills
Multitasking Capability

In this position there may be instances of emergency. You are expected to be familiar with and follow emergency situation procedures.

To Apply: please pick up an application form at the reception, fill it up and bring your CV. You will be contacted after application form has been processed.
Contact: Audrey
Please note that there is a new Auroville service of taxi sharing available with STS at: http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/

October 7th: Saturday Taxi to Aravind Eye Hospital (south of Pondy) leaving Auroville at 1:30 pm. Please contact B at 9943532829 or bgrful@auroville.org.in. The afternoon is less crowded and we will be home before dark. Thanks, B.

October 12th: Taxi is leaving Chennai Airport around 9.30 am. Would be great to share - Contact Ursula: uassel@web.de

October 11th: For a taxi leaving to Chennai airport on 11th at 8 pm - share possible both ways, Sigrid: sigrid@auroville.org.in / 04132623888

Change in Darkali Fitness Track closing hours
Starting 19th of August Darkali Fitness Track is open every day from 4.30 pm to 6.15 pm.

Weekend Dinner @ AuroAnnam: This coming Friday and Saturday (6th Oct and 7th Oct), Everyone is welcome to come for a lovely Bamboo base Dinner of Vegetarian and Non vegetarian Dish. Booking in advance only and contact us at: 8523915031, mawite@auroville.org.in

This week we stay close at home with a practical topic: a contribution from Island: an experienced forester and member of the Forest group.

Digging near tree roots
A brief article to inform people of how to go about digging near trees and why it matters. Severing tree roots can lead to decaying of its roots, removal of the anchorage that keeps a tree standing, reduction of health or/death of the tree.

Figure 8.16 Trenching along radi to minimise damage. (After BS, 2005.)

Digging occurs for many reasons but the most important (for the tree) usually occurs when a trench is being dug for foundations or utility, such as for cables or pipes (there are many ways tree roots can be damaged but I am concentrating on digging damage).

Tree roots, usually, do not go below a meter in depth in the ground as there is not enough oxygen below to sustain them (through respiration). This is why it is usually feasible to dig under tree roots (Figure 8.16) instead of through them to install cables and pipes. For trees with tap roots, one can dig under the roots but to the side of the stem rather than directly under it.

Construction work near trees should be properly evaluated as most root damage to trees often occurs during this time but the effects will only be seen several years later. The UK minimum root protection area is 12 times the diameter of a tree measured at 1.5 meters from ground level (a 12 meter radius for a 1 meter diameter tree). Before digging within this area root presence or absence should be verified. Foundations within this area are most often of the pile variety rather than the typical trench foundation.

Please think next time you want to dig near trees, especially if you want to build as close as you can to that special tree, because that may just shorten its life time significantly and defeat your purpose.

For images and an example you can take a look at my blog on the Auronet.

If you want more info or clarifications, you can contact me on 7598103616 or at island@auroville.org.in

Island

The Green Column reports on green issues relating to Auroville and our neighborhood, bioregion and the wider world. Article contributions, feedback, discussions and active participation are very welcome. Do write to us at: avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

Green greetings from the AVGreen Center [Lisbeth, Jasmin, Isabelle and Island]

Open Letter to the Great Community about the FAMC and Proposal for the Next Appointments
Following the general assembly convened by the FAMC on 26/09/2017 (yesterday) and having been nominated to participate in the selection process and potentially to integrate a working group, I would like to give a personal reading and make a proposal.

First of all, the presentation was very informative and it became clear that the team is particularly welded. The intention was to restructure the thematics, activities and new financial spaces in relation to which the group does not hide its desire to become a leader in the management of all kind of funds and fixed assets of Auroville as soon as possible. And it must be acknowledged that there is a solid groundwork that has been achieved.

However, this presentation comes a little late in the calendar, as some of the modifications inherent in the overall project have already seen a few abrupt (rather brief and purely factual) presentation initiatives for simple feedback by the community, whereas the overall reading was not yet available.

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It should also be noted that some aspects of the overall project go beyond a simple executive mandate given the level of restructuring sought.

There may be a lack of communication that will have to be corrected in the future, especially since transparency has been placed at the heart of the future intentions of the group.

If the idea that many Aurovilians do not have accounting or financial competence they could not understand a global management project and that a factual and minimalist communication would be sufficient, it seems to me that the notion of transparency should be reviewed with a little more pedagogy. A pedagogy which was not lacking in the presentation of yesterday, so there is only a question of order in things.

But because criticism is always easier than action, I would not want to leave it at that. And the real objective of this open letter is to make a proposal to the community to argue that a certain vacuum still needs to be filled in our still experimental structure where working groups are mandated by the larger community; at least, is this how it should be.

My deep feeling at the end of this presentation is that the current group - but even more so the actions it proposes - seem to be in good correspondence with the expectations of the community in terms of the overall financial management of the wealth of Auroville, and monitoring that must be made.

On the other hand, it is more debatable to see it as a link with Auroville's other wealth, namely human wealth, as was raised in the questions and answers, and has remained unanswered, and for good reason!

We, Aurovilians and assimilated, are in varying degrees the actors of the fulfillment of a dream that began long ago and that we want to concretize. In particular, the great community that we form has a deep hope of finding the way of human unity in the advent of a spiritual era where economic and social issues will have to obey other points of view that what the old patterns of hoarding, financial investment, investment, profitability and competition, etc., dictate to us.

This is why I would like to propose to the community to integrate this dimension at the level of the highest executive groups in the hierarchy of our internal organization.

Of course, intentions are already being laid in this direction in most of the mandates, including the FAMC. But reality shows that day-to-day organizational and management activities quickly take over. That the skills needed for financial management are not in line with the more innovative and experimental skills demanded by the new economies.

And that, in the end, there is rarely real innovation in this sphere.

My proposal is to reserve a member (or even to appoint an additional member) of the FAMC or the AVC to collect, helping to deepen, clarify and publicize the community’s proposals on the issue of new economies.

Because I am concerned not to put the community totally outside the selection process to come, I ask you to respond to this initiative to show the weight of your support in this project.

Measuring that sincerity is the greatest disinhibitor of our fears.

Yves Laborde (Udumbu) [YvesL@auroville.org.in]

The Winged Horses

“...Alexander of Macedon and Napoleon Buonaparte were poets on a throne and the part they play in history was not that of incompetents and weakling” (Sri Aurobindo, Centenary Edition, v. 3, p.198).

Every poet has their own winged horse or Pegasus - the horse of inspiration. But Alexander had also a living horse “Bucephal” which helped him on the march from Macedonia to India. Alexander’s father was called King Philippe - meaning “lover of horses”. The greatest doctor in ancient Greece was Hippocrates - “power of horse”. There were many horses in Europe at the times of Alexander and Napoleon. For Napoleon’s march to Moscow in 1812 he gathered thousands of horses from Western Europe. Of course in the Russian army in 1812 there were thousands of horses too.

The ancient Greeks created a legend about centaurs (kentaurs) - half horse and half of human beings. There was a time of centaurs in Auroville. Many children used ponies for their way to the school. The children are closer to nature, to animals, then adults. It was one creature - the pony and child. They were both happy and reached for the stars in their spirit.

There is a special treatment - hippotherapy, using horses for the improvements of the children’s health. Horses bring health to human beings but the use of motorbikes leads very often to accidents. Everybody knows that a horseshoe is for happiness but the motorbikes’ tires produce only garbage. The motor vehicles are the Trojan Wooden Horse for mankind. Less horse means more illnesses, more pain, less human health.

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Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies - India and the World
Bharat Nivas
Professor Makarand Paranjape, of Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, (please see Internet for bio-data), who was with us last month, has since read Anu’s book “Auroville: A City for the Future”...
...and is deeply moved by it!
He comes again to explore it with us....
On October 9, from 11 to 1 pm in Bhumika Hall
In conversation will be Suryamayi, Deepti, Bill.... Anu will be present.
Welcome everyone

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies - India and the World
Bharat Nivas

Our Auroville Experience...
We will meet on Friday, October 6, 2017, at 4 pm in the Resource Library,
To continue our reading / study of “Savitri”. Till then...Love, Aster

Grammatology of Symbols
Richa Navani
On view till:
Friday, 13th October 2017
1030-1230hrs & 1430-1730hrs
Venue:
Centre d’Arts Citadines
Auroville

MARIE-CLAIRE BARSOTTI
Lignes de force
Exhibition from September 14th to October 15th, 2017.
Tuesday to Sunday 10 am to 1 pm and 3.30 pm to 8 pm
14, Bazar Saint Laurent Street, Pondicherry
kalinkapondy@gmail.com 0413-2336976
www.kalinkagallery.com  facebook Kalinka

EXHIBITIONS

TALKS, SEMINARS
Ecological sanitation  
- a presentation by Lucas, EcoPro  
Saturday, Oct. 14th, 3-4.30 pm at Dustudio, Swayam.

This talk on ecosan - short for ecological sanitation - highlights the dilemma of insufficient sanitation, the pros and cons of conventional sanitation technologies, pros and cons of ecosan, and field experiences of EcoPro. It elaborates on the cycle of nutrients, on eutrophication of water bodies and nutrient-poor wastelands reflecting current sanitation systems, on the purity-pollution gradient in a caste-based society, on the need for interdisciplinary learning and cross-professional collaboration etc.

In his series of talks on subjects of environmental health, public hygiene, agriculture and related issues, Lucas tries to present topics with sufficient scientific basics while keeping the subject readily comprehensible to non-experts. The talks are supported with power point presentations and a lot of visual material. Presentations are being made on Saturdays at 3 p.m., this time at Dustudio in Swayam.  
Please be in time; the program starts latest by 3.05 pm

Presentations last about one hour, but there is always space for questions, and the sessions can last up to one and a half hour depending on interest and discussions. All interested are welcome. Refreshments will be served. No charges.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Desh Videsh Sanskriti Series

GUJARAT GATHA

Unity Pavilion is launching a series of cultural events entitled Desh Videsh Sanskriti to celebrate our Unity in Diversity and to know a little more about the culture of the different states of India and of other countries in the World. The first event of this series entitled Gujarati Gatha shall take place Tuesday the 10th of October 2017 5.30 to 8 pm at Unity Pavilion.

Program Schedule:
1) Sharing by Shruti Ben - She will speak to us about all that she loves in Gujarat: language, cuisine, folk-dances, and places.
2) Gujarati Bhasha by Tarika Ben - Welcome to learning, in a simple way, the Gujarati script and pronouncing a few phrases.
3) Garba - Feel the pulse of this most popular folk dance of the state. Performance by a group from Pondicherry followed by dancing together.
4) Gujarati Khana - Taste the most delicious home-made food prepared by Gujarati ladies in Pondicherry. The feast includes Thepla, Khakra, Vatakapoha, Sabudana Khichdi, Lasuni Vada; we are mentioning a few dishes, so that the mouths start watering already. The dinner is on cost-sharing basis and please sign up in advance.

ALL ARE INVITED

Notes:
Dress code: Please come in Gujarati dress if you can (men in dhoti kurta and women in gagra-choli or saree in Gujarati style. If you can bring a saree volunteers will help you to wear it in Gujarati style)
Volunteers: Anyone interested in volunteering for this event please get in touch with Devasmita@auroville.org.in; unitypavilion@auroville.org.in or call 0413 262 3576

Bharat Nivas in collaboration with Japanese Pavilion invites you to participate in;

"Let's enjoy ORIGAMI"

Date & Time/ Friday 13th October - 2:30 pm~4 pm
Place/ Annam Kitchen (behind Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas) - In case of rain we will have different venue, so please come anyway!

In this month’ workshop, we will make a Barn Star (photo) to celebrate Deepavali. Bookings not needed, all are welcome!

Contact Tomoko or Emiko on: letsenjoyorigami@gmail.com

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
10th October (Tuesday) - topic: 'Practice - the Sunlit Path'
• 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: 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

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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 9th October - 9th session): What is the Ego?

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.

Vocal & Nada Yoga Workshop

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th October 9.00-4.00pm

Italian Maestro wisdom & Yogic approach

Discover & develop parts of the body involved in vocal sound production. Learn to use these parts through vocal practice and sound healing circle to consciously create and strengthen your unique musical instrument. Nada Yoga / Access inner consciousness through sound. Ancient Nada Yoga links music to spiritual growth through vibrational sound. Use musical scales inside energetic centres to deepen auditory and kinaesthetic awareness. Use Indian Raga to free emotional blockages. These techniques help you to sing in tune. Nada Yoga is a powerful meditative tool, it deepens movement between consciousness states, enhances inner peace and contentment. Sacred Chants help to quite the mind & open the heart the Divine Within.

No need of any previous experience. At Creativity hall of Light, to register please contact Hamsini: 9487544184

Carnatic Music Class

Vocal Carnatic Music class started at Udavi School for three days in a week (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday).

Interested candidates can email to: carnaticmusic092017@gmail.com

Thank you, S. Sangaraparanan

New dance fitness class

A new dance fitness class is starting from 12th October at New Creation dance studio on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

It will take place in the mornings, 8.30 to 9.30 - a time suitable to most mothers, to be able to devote an hour of fitness to themselves straight after the kids are dropped to school. As we all know how difficult it is to carve out a slot once you get into the day. So come & join us, make the most of this class!

Others interested are of course most welcome too.

To book your place or for any more info, please contact Trupti on 9758811701

Creative Writing

A new regular class presented to you by The Auroville Short Theater Festival team. Never stop to be creative, whatever happens in your life! Every Monday 4.30 to 6 pm @ Sanjana Community (after Arati, before Maduka) in Francesca’s place.

For more info: 0413-2623987 or avshorttheatrefest@gmail.com.

All of you are welcome as long as you bring with you a notebook, a pen and the fun of expressing yourself!

A Deep sharing on Relationship Based Communication

Time: Saturday Oct 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Venue: Joy Guest House

How to handle chaos in relationships?

We will investigate values as the basis of understanding ourselves and others. Looking at what we spend time doing and what was missing in our lives gives us clues to where we find our own values. We will uncover mutual areas of overlap of values and take our communication language to a higher ground: anticipate problems and create powerful solutions.

It is encouraged but not required to attend all sessions, all are welcome.

Srirish Agarwal will guide the discussion. He has conducted workshops on communication across barriers as the founder of The Spiritual River Center. He has 10 years of field experience handling social conflict situations and has taught conflict resolution at Banaras Hindu University.

Radhika Khanna will serve as the co-facilitator. She has 30 years’ experience as a TIE (Theatre-in-Education) facilitator through her Institute for Value Education. She teaches communication in Pondicherry University.

Guests will be asked for a minimum contribution; Registered SAWI volunteers contribute 50%; Aurovilians and Newcomers on a donation basis. For more information call 812 752 4550 or 944 36 17 308 or write to: sirishnew@gmail.com, Joy Team :)

Grow your own veggies: introduction to Urban Vegetable Gardens - An experiential learning workshop

Date: 7th October 2017

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00pm

Venue: Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI), Auroville.

SLI has been providing sustainable livelihood solutions to rural community leaders and rural development officials since more than 2 years now. With the increasing concern on safe food and food quality, there is a surge of interest among urban consumers to grow their own vegetable gardens in backyards and terraces. SLI has designed a customized experiential 1-day workshop for urban consumers to become safe vegetable farmers in their own backyard on Saturday 07, October 2017.

This programme is open to all. More details and registration at the SLI website tnavsli.in / blog: sli-av.blogspot.in / Sustainable Livelihood Institute. Write to sli@auroville.org.in for more details or call Mr. Balu at +91 94443 40006 during working hours between Mon-Sat for more details. Know more about SLIs work through the website tnavsli.in.

Embodiment By Hand - Medium Level

13th October 2017 - 9:00 - 12:00

Horizon, Opp. Svedam, Auroshilpam

Workshop on traditional Indian embroidery using different stitches and color combinations in one design, as a follow up of our beginner’s workshop.

In this workshop we will learn 3 stitches Lazy Daisy, Stem Stitch & French Knot to make texture using Nature elements like a flower, butterfly or a Mandala. For new participants basic knowledge on handling needle and thread is required.

Register: Send email to: info@thecaringcotton.com or contact Ruby at: +917639282889. Max. Number of participants: 12

Contribution includes embroidery kit and tea

Nonviolent Communication Deepening: “Choosing Love”

With L’aura Joy, NVC Certified Trainer

Friday, Oct 20: 9am-5pm, with lunch break

More info & register (and for venue info), contact L’aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com / 9442785016

Limited seats. Registration required. [Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

Restorative Circles Learning Community

“Building a Compassionate Justice System”

With L’aura Joy

Fri, Oct 13 & Sat, Oct 14

Fri: 9am - 6pm, with lunch break

Sat: 2-6pm

Restorative Circles (RC) offer ways for individuals and communities to establish connection, discover meaning and recover power on profound levels. They create forums for reaching agreements that help sustain effective and nurturing relationships both personally and collectively.

This Circle process has developed within the Restorative Justice (RJ) movement, which in recent decades has rediscovered and adapted ways for communities to promote responsibility and healing. Rethinking justice, and engaging with the challenge of consciously building whole system responses to community well-being, has opened up revolutionary possibilities for furthering a culture of peace.
Conflict is an inevitable part of the diversity of life. Yet few of us individually, let alone as a community, know how to respond to conflict with behaviors that do not produce pain and damage relationships.

**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](http://www.earth-auroville.com/bioclimatic_earth_en.php) or contact training@earth-auroville.com

Submitted by the Earth Institute team

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**AUROVILLE RADIO**

Dear listeners!

Our problems are still not resolved, and as such we are not able to share with you the latest programs that were made by us. However, our youngest volunteer Kenden will be celebrating his 13th birthday on Friday 6th of October, and we all wish him - Happy Birthday Kenden!

Yours, AurovilleRadio

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**ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS - OCTOBER 2017**

We remind you that the bus is Accessible to All, it means that everybody will be able to use it. People who have no physical problems, wheelchair users, mothers with buggies, people with temporary or permanently reduced mobility included.

The differently able residents and guests who want to use the bus must call us one day or one hour in advance, and they will be picked up at their communities.

For those who would like to contribute more to support the Accessible Auroville Public Bus here is the account number 251675

- With Gratitude, AV Bus Team (- Email contact: avbus@auroville.org.in)

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**SCHEDULES**

**QUIET**

Anahata Workshop with Nuthan Manohar
Healing Body & Mind through the Heart
Friday 20 – Sunday 22 October 2017 (3 days)
9.30 am - 12.00 pm & 2.30 - 5.00 pm (15 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

This workshop teaches you to reconnect with your heart centre
- Anahata - the source of all healing and manifestation, and to
let go of limiting beliefs, negativity and pain by looking within.
You will be introduced to the yogic techniques of Kriya, Asana,
Pranayama and Meditation connected to your heart centre. The
workshop also includes interactive discussions along with a
delicious vegetarian diet that helps the body to detox.
You will gain the ability to create your destiny or develop the
grace to endure. The sessions will challenge both our limiting
beliefs as well as physical edges that prevent us from
deepening our joy. You will find yourself feeling lighter and
with a lot more energy. You will learn to experience life with a
fresh perspective and to let go of what no longer serves you.
Nuthan holds a Masters Degree in Yoga and Naturopathy and
teaches Yoga and Positive Living across India, Europe and South
East Asia through her award-winning firm Me Met Me.

Yoga Immersion Workshop with Nuthan Manohar Tuesday
24 -- Saturday 28 October 2017 (5 days)
9.30 am - 12.00 pm & 2.30 - 5.00 pm (25 hours)
Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Yoga Immersion is a 5-day gift to yourself, not just to improve
your physical health but also to take charge of your happiness and destiny. Join
Nuthan Manohar, Yoga Teacher and Life Strategist, to learn
more about your body type, understand your body’s stress
response, delve into how you can motivate yourself and feel
connected with the Universe.
You will learn:
• 5 Kriyas (cleansing practices) to clear your body and mind
  from toxins and negativity;
• Sukshma Vyayam for joint health and treating ailments;
• Surya Namaskar and Vinyasa to awaken your body and energy
• Asanas - 5 standing poses, 5 supine poses, 5 prone poses, 5
  seated and 2 inverted poses providing health and vitality
• Pranayama: 3 main pranayama to energize, balance and
  focus energy.
You will also be introduced to mudras and bandhas and learn
five methods to deal with stress and techniques to stay
motivated and build resilience. The workshop is suitable for
both beginners and intermediate students of Yoga.

**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.

**FILMS**

**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

Sadhana Forest, October 13th, 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.

**CONNECTED - A FILM FOR CHANGE**

42 Minutes / English / 2013 / Directed by Paul and Kate Mapel

Connected asks questions about what kind of future we all want to see. Filmed on a journey across Europe, the film seeks to connect with others to discuss key issues that affect us all on a global scale. Connected shows the real urgency for everyone to get involved and positively working towards change on many levels in order to secure a sustainable and fair world for future generations to inherit.

(Reminder: Friday 06/10: David Attenborough’s Light on Earth)

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

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. Fixed contribution for Guest and reduced for Volunteers. These workshops are for adults, if you want to bring your child along, pls. confirm with the facilitator. Call Lakshay at 9810052574 or email to creeva@auroville.org.in
AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, 9th of October 2017 at 6:30 pm
“AGNI and the TRUTH” - Let Us Work to Restore the VEDA, Part3

The video of a talk by Kireet Joshi is dedicated to a deeper understanding of Agni, of Truth and Sacrifice. Kireet Joshi is reading from the text “Agni and the Truth” in “The Secret of the Veda” by Sri Aurobindo and gives further explanations about the importance of Agni and that the truth-consciousness can be experienced and how.

In “Agni and the Truth” Sri Aurobindo is commenting four verses of the hymn to Agni. He calls his own interpretation a psychological one. According to Sri Aurobindo the hymns to Agni are also carrying “the principal ideas of the Vedic Rishis, the conception of a Truth-consciousness, supramental and divine and the invocation of the gods as powers of the Truth to raise man out of the falsehoods of the mortal mind”. And The Mother says about Agni and the power of illumination and purification that “There is a sacred fire that burns in the heart and envelops the whole being: it is Agni, who illuminates and purifies all. I kindle that fire in you each time that you ask me for some progress; but it destroys nothing except falsehood and obscurity.” Duration: 67min.

It will be helpful to read in advance the text “Agni and the Truth” in “The Secret of the Veda” by Sri Aurobindo. If you like to get the text, please write to: margritmala@auroville.org.in

MONTHLY KINO SCREENING
Saturday 10 am
@ SAIER conference room

Since Cinema Paradiso still undergoes construction work we are very grateful to the SAIER Team to provide us with an alternate screening venue for our next monthly Kino screening. Please come to SAIER conference room on Saturday, October 7 at 10 am to watch recently made short films, if you bring your own film along, please arrive 15 minutes early. kino@auroville.org.in

NEEM TREE *TUESDAY* MOVIE

Our Saturday movie night shifted to TUESDAY!

MONDAY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL
Venue: Neem Tree - border of Mahalakshmi Park, entrance near Solar Kitchen roundabout (Map click here)
Date: 10th (Tuesday)
Time: 7 pm
Pushpak (silent movie)
Pushpaka Vimana (alternatively titled: The Love Chariot) is a 1987 Indian black comedy film written, and directed by Singeetam Srinivasa Rao. The film, which notably has no dialogue, was produced by Singeetam Srinivasa Rao and Shringar Nagaraj. Upon release, the film garnered highly positive reviews, and remained a box office hit. The film had a 35-week theatrical run in Bangalore.

The film has received the National Film Award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment, and Filmfare Award South for Best Film. The film was premiered at the International Film Festival of India, 1988 Cannes Film Festival in the International Critics’ Week, and retrospective at the Shanghai Film Festival, and Whistling Woods International Institute.

EYE OPENING MOVIE SERIES
We apologize for the movie, Earth 2100, on Wednesday, September 27 being cancelled due to a miscommunication within our team. We will show the same movie this week.

Wednesday, October 11:
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 through 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.

- All are welcome - No contribution required

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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 email address (below).
- Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.
- The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday morning.
- Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday.
- We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays due to work pressure.

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

Extra Page requests: Have to reach us by Monday 5pm. A contribution is requested to cover the extra costs.

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

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- Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
- Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. reachable 24/7.