(Continued)
Here even the highest rapture Time can give
Is a mimicry of ungrasped beatitudes,
A mutilated statue of ecstasy,
A wounded happiness that cannot live,
A brief felicity of mind or sense
Thrown by the World-Power to her body-slave,
Or a simulacrum of enforced delight
In the seraglios of Ignorance.

For all we have acquired soon loses worth,
An old disvalued credit in Time's bank,
Imperfection's cheque drawn on the Inconscient.
An inconsequence dogs every effort made,
And chaos waits on every cosmos formed:
In each success a seed of failure lurks.

He saw the doubtfulness of all things here,
The incertitude of man's proud confident thought,
The transience of the achievements of his force.

A thinking being in an unthinking world,
An island in the sea of the Unknown,
He is a smallness trying to be great,
An animal with some instincts of a god,
His life a story too common to be told,
His deeds a number summing up to nought,
His hope a star above a cradle and grave.

And yet a greater destiny may be his,
For the eternal Spirit is his truth.
He can re-create himself and all around
And fashion new the world in which he lives:

He, ignorant, is the Knower beyond Time,
He is the Self above Nature, above Fate.
His soul retired from all that he had done.
Hushed was the futile din of human toil,
Forsaken wheeled the circle of the days;
In distance sank the crowded tramp of life.
The Silence was his sole companion left.
Impassive he lived immune from earthly hopes,
A figure in the ineffable Witness' shrine
Pacing the vast cathedral of his thoughts
Under its arches dim with infinity
And heavenward brooding of invisible wings.

A call was on him from intangible heights;
Indifferent to the little outpost Mind,
He dwelt in the wideness of the Eternal's reign.
His being now exceeded thinkable Space,
His boundless thought was neighbour to cosmic sight:

A universal light was in his eyes,
A golden influx flowed through heart and brain;
A Force came down into his mortal limbs,
A current from eternal seas of Bliss;
He felt the invasion and the nameless joy.

(To be continued)

SAVITRI, Book I, Canto V: The Yoga of the King:
The Yoga of the Spirit's Freedom and Greatness

SRI AUROBINDO

There is a kind of quiet sweet sadness of yearning
which it [psychic] feels when things go against the Divine,
when the obscurity and obstacles are too heavy,
when the mind, vital and physical follow after other things...

Sri Aurobindo

The Ponder Corner

Cover: pen&ink drawing, capturing the Life in Auroville (here at the Visitors’ Center) by Lakshay.

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Table 2 gives a breakdown of cost (total does not tally exactly due to rounding of decimals) for the department of Human Resources. Annex 1 gives further details of the scope of work that was carried out under Human Resources and other annual or monthly costs.

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The details of the staff are given in the annexure below.

ANNEXURE: HUMAN RESOURCE L’AVENIR/TDC

1. Maintenance of Aurovilians
a. Committee Members: The TDC is a committee presently composed of 8 people. The following committee members are receiving a maintenance:
   - Mr. Cristo (April’17- September ’17) regional development
   - Mr. Tom (April’17- September ’17) water and infrastructure
   - Ms. Divya Lieser, communication and office coordination. April’17 to June’17 full maintenance and half maintenance from July’17 to September’17.
   - Mr. Pino (April’17 - September ’17) urban design and building permission
   - Mr. Fabian (April’17-May ’17) planning and urban design
   - Ms. Tejaswini (April’17 - May ’17) planning and urban design
b. Auroville Technical Staff:
   - The following members have received a full-time maintenance for the following functions:
     - Mr. Vinayagamurthy, GIS and Mapping (April’17-September ‘17)
     - Mr. Anbu, Survey and Mapping (April’17-September ’17)
     - Mr. Ramesh, Water monitoring project (April’17-September ‘17)
     - Mr. Boobalan, Site supervision, land protection, asset survey (April’17- September’17)
     - Mr. Paul Vincent, Land protection (April’17-September ‘17)
     - Mr. Dheena, Accounting and reporting (April’17-September ‘17)
   - Ms. Vallideivanai @ Meera, WAT Consultancy & Engineering (April’17-September ‘17)
   - Ms. Govind Ranjan, TDC WAT Member (April’17-September ’17)
   - Ms. Mamata, TDC reorganization work with the Council (April’17-June’17)
   - Ms. Priya, secretary, administration and regional development (April’17-September ’17)
   - Ms. Ing Marie, communication coordinator for the water group (April’17-September’17)
   - The following staff has received a part-time maintenance:
     - Ms. Gillian, Coordinator for Regional Solid Waste Management (April’17-September ’17)
   - All maintenances are running according to the guidelines and policies of the BCC and the HRT. It has to be noted that on request of the FAMC and Working Committee, the TDC has absorbed in 2012 all GIS and mapping experts in the other service units of Auroville in order to provide a unified city service.

2. External Staff:
The following are the external staff employed from April 2017 to March 2018 with related assignments:
   - Mrs. Vijayavalli, part-time secretary and building application, 9,200/- per month including school allowance + social security’s and social benefits (April’17-September ’17).

3. Consultants:

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

TDC/AVENIR Financial Report 1st April-30th September 2017

The total expenses incurred by L’avenir d’Auroville/TDC from April 2017 to 30th September 2017 corresponds to Rs. 25,59,343/- (25.59 lakhs). The income received in this period is the following: 3.88 lakhs from City Services, 1.30 lakhs from project contributions, 0.12 lakhs from other donations & 29.36 lakhs is the reserve from the previous years.

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4) REMINDER TO ALL: **FINAL** DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS TUESDAY 5PM - NO VISITORS ON WEDNESDAYS, thanks.
The following units/consultants have been employed during 2017-18:

External Consultants:
- Mr. Balamurugan consulting fees amount paid 1.87 lakh for regional planning, liaison with panchayat, local authorities, bioregion and land protection
- Mr. David Stein amount paid 0.42 lakh for Green Belt Master Plan related work
- Mr. Andrea Cammarata (Politecnico Milan) amount paid 0.97 lakh for Detailed Development Plan for International Zone
- Mr. Sumit amount paid 0.21 lakh for TDC consultancy, to improve the architectural study on the International Zone and Crown Road system
- Mr. Suchindran (Lawshire) amount paid 0.45 lakh for legal advisory retainers fees for the month May-June-July 2017

4. ACUR costs:
The TDC occupies 202 square meters in the Town Hall, one full wing on the second floor and shares part of the other wing and the library. The cost for the maintenance of this space is 38,500/- per month covers the following:
- Security 24 hrs
- Maintenance, repair and cleaning of the office
- Maintenance of office furniture and equipment, hardware and software
- Electricity & generator (diesel and maintenance) & UPS maintenance.
- Water
- Internet access and hardware/software assistance
- Waste disposal

In addition, the TDC has contributed to ACUR a one-time amount of 5,000/- for the annual tour of Town Hall staffs & workers.

5. Miscellaneous Costs
- Travel and visits are mainly cost for:
  - June 2017 (24,020 Rs). Local trips, especially to Chennai, Vanur and Villupuram to meet government officers, Taxis for WAT meeting and other allowances etc. amount to Rs 47,377/-
  - Other major office expenses are
    - Computer maintenance & stationeries (46,125/-)
    - Telephone, Email & internet (61,171/- x 4 lines).
  - Capital expenses: No capital expenses incurred during the month of April’17 -September ‘17.

For further information concerning this report, please contact avenir@auroville.org.in

II Forest Group Meeting Notes
- Siddharta Forest - 06 October, 2017


- Anan House Extension (Eternity): Anan presented plans for an extension of his house in Eternity. There were no objections.

- Contribution policy for Homestays/Guest houses in the Greenbelt: Ambre (Nilatangam) proposed to contribute 10% of turnover from Nilatangam’s guest facilities to the Forest Fund, instead of 20% to City Services as is the current policy for all homestays and guesthouses in Auroville. The Forest Group felt that there should be a uniform contribution policy across Greenbelt guest facilities. The suggestion was made that, given the additional expenses of maintaining Greenbelt areas, the contribution of its guest facilities be reduced from 20% to 10%, and that, given that the City Services budget supports the Forest, this percentage would continue to be contributed to City Services. All Forest stewards with guest facilities will be invited to meet, discuss, and come to a final proposal.

- Ritam house application: Ritam community withdrew their application for an additional house in Ritam.

- Guidelines for Stewardship + Zoning management plans for Forest areas: Several people expressed their interest in continuing to explore two proposals from the last FG meeting; to reformulate guidelines for stewardship, and for stewards to develop zoning management plans for their areas of stewardship (to be followed up by a subgroup).

- Sharnaga house application: Aurora came to the Forest Group a second time, to ask for its feedback on and approval for building a house in Sharnaga for her daughter Chandana. A member of the FG will visit Sharnaga to determine a location with minimal additional impact on the forest. In the meantime Aurora has been advised to begin the formal application process with the TDC.

- New FG representative for Evergreen: Natasha from Evergreen introduced Amos, living and working in Evergreen Forest, as the new Evergreen FG representative.

- New Steward for Existence: Stewardship of Existence will be transferred from Jeremy to Ana.

- Abri land-use plans: Forest Group requests members to propose suitable land-use plans for Abri service facilities and surrounding land. Forest Group suggests that the target date for the submission and consideration of proposals is mid-December.

- Bliss Forest: Forest Group approves the shared stewardship of Bliss Forest by Irumalai, Manolo and Christoph.

- Land-use maps: There is a need to re-establish land-use maps with GPS to reduce discrepancies. Forest Group proposes to begin this task after the monsoon in the Northern AV forest areas.

- Véronique (Anusuya) - replacement of roof: Forest Group approves Véronique’s proposal to replace her now defunct keet roof with a metal roof.

- Auro Sangamam Group Divali function at Solar Kitchen: Request by Auro Sangamam Group to prune trees opposite Solar Kitchen for a Divali function was redirected to the Land Board, as the appropriate body to oversee such work in this location.

Next meeting: Evergreen, Friday 3 November at 3 pm.

II Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) Monthly Report - September 2017

As mandated by the community, the FAMC gave a presentation of its work to the Resident’s Assembly on 26th September. The presentation included an introduction to the FAMC’s work, progress on the annual Work Plan, lessons learnt by the group and a brief look towards the future. It was also clarified at the meeting that the revisions to the BCC mandate had been made in collaboration with the BCC to resolve conflicting mandates, streamline work, and to reflect the actual reality of BCC’s work for the past decade. A brief report of the FAMC meeting with the Resident’s Assembly can be requested from the Residents’ Assembly Service.

We are also sorry to report that Amy has submitted her resignation this month as FAMC member. Amy has served in the FAMC for 7 years now; as a member for 6 years and as a secretary for 1 year. In her tenure as a secretary, she helped shape FAMC to be a functional, efficient body, and as a member she played a key role in ensuring institutional continuity for the new group. At the team’s request, Amy has agreed to serve until three new members are selected in early November to join FAMC. We are sorry to see Amy leave the team as a member and glad that she will continue to be available as a resource person to FAMC.

COMPLETED ISSUES
Units and Trusts
- Mitra Auroville, executive reappointment: The FAMC approved the reappointment of Mr. Viacheslav Astafyev (aka Slava) upon the recommendation of the Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC).

- La Maison, executive reappointments: ABC endorsed the reappointment of the two executives of this unit, Mr. Balaji Sunderrivayagam, and Mr. Sundar Rajamani. After some discussion about the unit’s contribution and future plans with the ABC support group, FAMC approved the reappointment.

- Tapasya Design Studio executive changes: ABC endorsed the appointment of S. Madhulakshmi and degradation of Mr. Aleksejs Golubeus. The other executives are Mr. Eugen Eigenmann and Mr. G.R. Sreevatsa. FAMC approved the changes.

- Auroville Unity Fund executive changes: After consulting with the Working Committee, the Auroville Council, and current Auroville Unity Fund executives, the FAMC passed a Resolution approving the following executive changes to the Auroville Unity Fund: Reappointment of Lyle, Michael Tait, Otto, and Rathinam; new appointment of Ms. Christine Besson; and resignation of Divya Kapoor, Torkil and Kuman K.. The current executives will serve a term of five years and FAMC will periodically review their work.

- Interim Town Development Council (iTDC) aka L'avenir d’Auroville) related:
  - Site applications in the Industrial Zone: ABC requests that its feedback be sought for all site applications in this zone. Their request was agreed to by iTDC and FAMC. It was mentioned that this request had been approved earlier but not implemented.

- Land related:
  - Land for the Auroville landfill: Eco Service was given temporary caretakership of the plots TH 164/1 (2.42 acres) and TH 165/8 (2.40 acres) to be used as a landfill. As these plots are situated outside the Master Plan area, in the vicinity of Aurobrindavan, are on the land exchange list a Temporary Land Caretaker Agreement was drawn up between the FAMC and the Eco Service executives. This agreement is extendable for another two years, after the initial three year period and, upon review of the needs and situation in September 2020.
  - Land stewardship: Fertile Field (Jana & Jan) request for stewardship of newly acquired plots NA 301/1 (3.06 acres) & BO 3/1B (1 acre) was approved by FAMC, upon recommendations by both the iTDC, and the Green Group.

- Loans:
  - Sunship construction loan: FAMC has very exceptionally granted a short-term bridging loan of Rs. 1 crore to Sunship, a residential project, to help with the flow of funds at the final stage. Louis Cohen, the project coordinator, stands as a guarantor to ensure that the loan will be repaid back in full by end of January 2018.

- Miscellaneous issues:
  - Comptroller Auditor General (CAG) issues: Noting difficulties recently encountered in carrying out the last CAG Audit, the FAMC, in collaboration with the Auroville Foundation, would like to improve the system in place for managing the audits. In this context, the FAMC plans to create an Auroville Audit team to coordinate and manage the CAG audits and the issues that come up from them. The next CAG audit will be the Transaction Audit in December, 2017.
  - Venkatessh building without an NOC: iTDC and FAMC have been discussing the best way to deal with this proposed guest house, which was built without an NoC in the Industrial Zone, and which is now occupying a land use permit area. Venkatessh (aka Venki) now wants to have the guest house included under the Guest House Trust. A Memorandum of Agreement is sought to be drawn between FAMC and Venki to settle this issue.

In community,
- FAMC (Amy, Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Lyle, Prabhu, Ulli, Yuval)
Dear Community Members,

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All the following names have gone through the feedback process conducted by the Temporary Feedback Review Committee (TFRC).

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Cristo Mabilat, Revelation
Daniel Emdin, Sri MA
Deooyani Sarkhot, Courage
Dhruv, Adventure
Divya Lieser, Kalabhumii
Diego Zecchinii, Samrdhii
Fabian Ostner, Pitchandikulam Forest

The Working Committee

Announcement Regarding Tourist Visas and Workshops
Dear Aurovilians,

We have received a letter from the Regional Registration Officer, Pondicherry, objecting to a person holding a tourist visa attending a workshop in Auroville and others holding tourist visa attending that workshop. The RRO stated that these activities are in contravention of their visa status. The matter has been taken up with the Secretary, Auroville Foundation.

We request all Aurovilians and Auroville units not to allow anyone holding a tourist visa to give or attend workshops. The Working Committee

Notice to all Aurovilians about hosting Guests
Aurovilians hosting guests or volunteers in any residence, and receiving payments or contributions for that, need to be properly set up as a Home Stay. Please contact gfcg@auroville.org.in for more information and an application form.

Aurovilians hosting only personal guests (i.e. friends, family members) who DO NOT make any financial payment/contribution to the host, do NOT need to become a Home Stay. For personal guests, a rate of Rs 150 /day is suggested as a contribution to Auroville’s City Services, which should be arranged through Financial Services.

ALL GUESTS in Auroville (including friends and family members, Indian nationals as well as foreigners) must register within 24 hours of their arrival. In addition, guests are required to register each time they move to a new destination in Auroville. Please note that Auroville is responsible to the RRO, police, etc. to maintain accurate registration information for all people staying in Auroville.

The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates at 3 locations:

Visitors Centre - at the far end of the Expo Hall (big white building on the left), opposite Dreamer’s Cafe. - All days 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-5:00
Town Hall - reception area - Monday-Saturday 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-4:30
Aspiration - Financial Service office left side - Monday-Saturday 9:00-12:30

The Guest Facilities Coordination Group

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Gerhard, Petite Ferme
Gilles B., Harmony
Giorgio, Surrender
Ingeborg Rieck, Angiras Garden
Ingrid, Arati
Iris, Surya Nivas
Jan Imhoff, Akashva (Auromodele)
Jana H. Dreikhausen, Sukhavati
Joseba, Progress
Jothi Prasad, Surrender
Juergen Puetz, Aurobrindavan
Louis Cohen, Citadines
Luca, Gaia
Manohar Fedele, Realization
Michael, Aurodam
Natasha, Creativity
Nicola, Transformation
Nicole, Gaia
Patricia Henry, Creativity
Paul Vincent, Courage
Philipp, NewLands
Pino, Creativity
Rajendran, WDK
Rama Narayana, Courage
Ranjit Kumar, Mangalam
Rene Janssen, Gaia’s Garden
Satyakam, New Creation
Sauro Mezzetti, Grace
Selvam Saminathan, Simplicity (Matrimandir)
Selvaraj A., Surya Nivas
Sindhuja Jagadeesh, Aurodam
Sonja, Aurodam
Suhasin Ayer, Prarthna
Suryamayi, Gaia
Susmita Ferrero, Arati3B
Tejaswini, Prarthna
Ulrich, Fraternity
Venkatesh, Matrreya
Veronique, Svedam
Vikram, Gaia
Vladimir Ivanov, Grace
Zsolti Erdelyi, International House

Much love,
The Residents’ Assembly Service

L’avenir d’Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 21st Oct 2017
The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks from the date of publication.

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

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

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS
- Site Applications: No New SA
- Building Applications: No New BA

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS
- Site Applications: No New BA
- Building Applications: 1- Youth Link Service, International Zone - between Pumphouse and future Crown on plot no. IR 301/2 for 1800sqm (approx. 400sqm each phase)
Project Title: Golden Jubilee Hostel
Proposed Site Location: International Zone - between Pumphouse and future Crown
Project Holder & Client Body: Kathiva (YouthLink Service)
Advisory Project Holder: Louis & Alok
Architects: IMAGO: Sindhuja & Michael
Contractors: Eternal Builders & Sumark: Anan, Peter & Kevin
Contact Persons: Michael & Kathiva - imago@auroville.org.in, youthlink@auroville.org.in

Description: The project aspires to be a multifunctional, sustainable, futuristic and integral space for the youth of Auroville and of the world. To address some of our key issues faced by youth in their 20s being primarily linked to Housing, Employment and Higher Education - this hub is envisioned to be a mélange of administration, offices, living spaces, as well as spaces for social interactions and creative stimuli. The visioning process, building process and utility following its construction, will engage a large amount of youth in the actual implementation of a physical space; thus engaging a large number of youth in the building of Auroville itself, today, and in the years to come.

Goals/Objectives:
1) An easily accessible eatery that uses only local organic food for their work in managing the building and activities.
2) Food link, AV food link building, Foodlink - Demo farm / Southern Service Node area on Plot No: IR 424/1 for total Area GC 627sqm + outdoor dining area for total build up Area: 898 sqm + covered terraces.
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Project write up given by the project holder:
Project Title: Auroville Foodlink building
Proposed Site Location: Foodlink - Demo farm / Southern Service Node area
Project Holder: Foodlink - / Farm Group, Vivek Mishra, Vivek@auroville.org.in
Contact Persons: Vivek Mishra, Vivek@auroville.org.in, Dharmesh@aurowe.org.in

Description: Plot No: IR 424/1
Total Area of the project: GC 627sqm + outdoor dining area
Build up Area: 898 sqm + covered terraces
Target Group: Aurovilians and general public, farmers and educational institutions.

Background: This current project for which a building / site application is sought is part of a larger vision of the Farm Group to develop Foodlink as an educational institution and demonstration center for organic agriculture, a demonstration farm, and an eatery serving local food. This larger vision, which is dependent on the availability of funds, will be implemented in phases.

Foodlink was developed as a result of an in-depth study on the situation of the Auroville Farms, which took place in 2005. The aim of Foodlink is to be the link between growers and consumers by distributing milk as well as the fruits, vegetables, rice and grains produced by the Auroville farms, orchards and forest. Developing Foodlink as an educational institution is part of the 5 years plan for AV Sustainable Agriculture Plan (ASAP). It was decided by the Farm Group and other stakeholders to start with the building of a eatery for multiple reasons: (see goals and objectives)

Goals/Objectives: At present, Foodlink is located in a temporary building near the new Pour-Tous building where the space is very limited, with no possibilities to expand. In the context of its further development according to the 5-Year-Plan, Foodlink needs an adequate building for storage, food processing, office space, etc. As also mentioned in the concept note, it was decided by the Farm Group and other stakeholders to start with the building of a eatery for multiple reasons:

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For additional information, please write to averin@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.
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- **GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)**

  Representatives of the Working Committee and the FAMC are studying the impact of GST on Auroville and how best to meet Auroville's GST obligations. A specialist from Chennai gave a presentation at Auroville on August 10; on September 27, a delegation of 9, including Mr Srinivasmurthy, the Under Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, and Chartered Accountant Mr. Manel Thomas, visited him in Chennai. The specialist and his team are scheduled to come to Auroville later this month to further discuss the matter.

  The matter is complicated due to the structure of the Auroville Foundation which has only one PAN number but has many trusts, units under these trusts and units that are not part of any trust. So far, many (but not all) trusts have registered for GST; also quite a few units have done so. But what has not been sufficiently studied is:

  a) the position of individual Aurovilians (end-users) and their (commercial) relations with Auroville trusts and units. We strive to achieve a situation where interactions between Auroville units and individual Aurovilians are not subject to GST; also quite a few units have done so. But what has not been sufficiently studied is:

  b) to what extent units that mainly pay GST can be clubbed together with units that mainly receive GST; c) the position of the Auroville Foundation and its liability for GST not paid by the trusts or units; d) if an exemption can be obtained from GST, and if so, to what extent. The matter is not only complicated for Auroville, but also for many other institutions and businesses in the country. The answers to some of our questions are still pending as GST has only recently been introduced, adjustments to the policy continue being made by the Government, and many government officials and accountants are yet unfamiliar with all of its aspects.

  Pending the outcome of these discussions, we kindly request individual units who are considering registering for GST to contact us before proceeding with registration. To prepare for the meeting with the GST experts we ask all concerned Auroville units to send us the questions they may have regarding GST and their unit. If those questions have already been sent to the ABC, there is no need to send them as ABC representatives will be invited to be part of the team of Aurovilians that are studying the matter. We will send updates as soon as we have more clarity.

  Carel, Chali, Chandresh, Hemant, Lyle, Prabhu, Ulli.

- **NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED**

  Alena DEMIDENKO (Russian)
  Maria Carmen DEL CARRO (Spanish)
  Selvarani DHANASU (Indian)

  - **AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED**

  Laure CEBRON (French) Staying at Citadines and Working at Auro Orchard.
  Renana REICHER (Isreali) Staying at Caurage and Working at New Colors.
  Stella PEREZ (Spanish) Staying at Terramata and Working at Kindergarten.

  - **AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED**

  Marc LEVASSEUR (French)

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  Yours, The Entry Service

_**Houses available for transfer**_

- **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. Covered Therapy Room with attached toilet (Available in August 2018).

- **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 with Open Stair.

- **Apartment in Arati III - Mallika's House:** Plinth Area: 156.62 Sq.m. Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Brick walls plastered in cement mortar and RCC flat roofing consisting of front verandah, living cum Kitchen, two Bedrooms & Toilet with common stair. Opposite to RCC Roof covered Therapy Room with attached toilet (Available in August 2018).

- **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.

- **Windarra Farm - TerraSoul - Sandyra 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, two Bedrooms & Toilet with common stair. Opposite to RCC Roof consisting of front verandah, living cum Kitchen Bedroom & Toilet with Open Stair.

- **Apartment in Arati III - Mallika's House:** 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. Ground floor apartment of the triple storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Brick walls plastered in cement mortar and RCC flat roofing consisting of front verandah, living cum kitchen, Single Bedroom & Toilet with Open stair.

- **Apartment in Vikas:** Plinth Area: 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.

- **Windaarra Farm - TerraSoul - Sandyra 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 Stair. Community-Shared Parking lot. (Active participation and involvement in the Farm Community Project is required. Available in August 2018)

- **Kottakarai: Surya and Vasanthi’s 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.

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_**Housing Projects Under Construction**_

- **Kalpana:** The construction work is going on well. We are completing the first scope which is the structure, bricks, plastering and tiles on the roof and terraces. We will start soon the finishing. Out of 42 apartments some are still available in all the categories, Studio, 1 BHK, 2 BHK and 3 BHK. Will be ready 30th June 2018. Contact Person: satyakam@auroville.org.in [Satyakam is available in the model apartment on the site on: Thursday: 3pm to 5.30 pm & on 1st and 3rd Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm.][Surya is available the 2nd and 4th Saturday.]

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

_**From the Entry Service - N&N # 720**_

_**DATED: 21-10-2017**_

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

**NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:**

Marie Christine POISOT (French) Staying at Certitude and Working at Botanical Garden.
Richard PEREZ (French) Staying at Certitude and Working at Botanical Garden.
Shankar VEERARAGAVAN (Indian) Staying at Sangamam and Working at Matrimandir.

_**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**_

_**NEWS**_

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50th: Update following the Workshop

Some emerging answers

Why?
Because it is now just over 4 months until Auroville’s 50th birthday!

Who?
Following a very positive response from participants in the meeting, many of the tasks leading up to the 50th now have drivers. In addition, a number of people have offered ‘general help’, which will be very welcome as specific needs arise.

However, the 50th team still urgently needs the skills of a more or less full time Event Coordinator. In addition, as time progresses, the team will need the help of many more volunteers for specific events, especially during February 2018. Please do not hesitate to contact the 50th team if you would like to offer some time, energy or expertise.

What, Where and When?
Although the schedule remains dynamic, the main events that the team has planned are beginning to come together nicely. You will find details as far as they are until date, at the 50th team desk. See contact details below.

For the moment, we will start with 50th events planned for November as follows:

- **Auroville Expo – Conference**: Indira Gandhi Centre for Arts - Delhi - 22nd Nov
- **Auroville Expo – Conference**: UNESCO Building - Delhi - 24th Nov
- **Auroville Expo – Exhibition**: Sri Aurobindo Ashram - Delhi - 26th Nov (Ongoing)
- **Cité de l’Architecture et du Patrimoine**: 1 Place du Trocadéro, Paris (France) - from 11th Nov until 11th March

Good news

The 50th team is happy to announce that last week the Auroville Foundation received a letter sanctioning 10 Crores for Auroville to spend on construction and equipment. This is a very welcome development! Based on the grant proposal submitted by the Working Committee in May 2016 (https://www.auroville.org.in/article/57629), as well as developments during the last year and a half, decisions are being finalised about the details of the grant allocations.

In spite of the good news however, we are still urgently looking for funds for non-Capital budget items such as events and other activities, as well as general operating needs.

Contact details: You will find the 50th Anniversary team desk on the second floor of the SAIIER building. Please feel free to Email 50thgeneral@auroville.org.in for general inquiries. We will try to get back to you as soon as we can.

Sincere thanks from the expanded 50th team!

Pala, Fabienne, Nadia, Nilen, Chali, Dave, Inge, Ulrike, Claudine, Möel, Lijun, Jürgen, Michael and Frederick.

New name: Mukti Complex - former Health Center Staff Quarters, next to old Pour Tous

About 20 years ago, the Health Center Staff quarters were built for, not surprisingly, the staff of the Auroville Health Center. As the rooms were used less and less, the Health Center decided to hand over the management of the building to Housing Service at the beginning of this year.

Housing Service has fully renovated the building, situated just next door to old Pour Tous and since June 2017 we can use it to offer ‘bridge-housing’ for 2 families, 1 couple and 3 singles. ‘Bridge housing’ is temporary solution (with a maximum of 2 years) for Aurovilians, who find themselves in urgent need of a house. As all this called for a name change, we would like to inform you that the new name is Mukti Complex - Mukti meaning Freedom in Sanskrit!

Housing Service

Youth Housing: Humanscape and X&Y Project, an update.

For years Auroville has been concerned about its aging population and the fact that it was very difficult to find housing options for young adults willing to join Auroville and for our second generation. The price of construction has limited many to build houses or get apartments and settle in. Only persons over 50, if they had enough savings, could afford to obtain a stewardship of a housing unit. Only 3 Youth housing options were available, with a total 11 rooms.

Now, with the gracious help of Government funding, we are in the favorable position to offer youth housing for 65 young adults from age 20 to 40 in two different projects: Humanscape and X&Y Project. The Youth projects have collective facilities and a concentration on a sustainable lifestyle. The units consist of single rooms with shared bathrooms, and living rooms/kitchens for singles, one bedroom units for couples and two bedroom units for families.

We received 65 applications and will start the selection process next week. Priority for allocations will be given to Aurovilians that have already worked in an Auroville unit/service for at least 9 months and have no personal or family finances to finance a housing solution. If there are enough places available we will also consider Newcomers and some long-term volunteers.

The Housing Service has funds available and is in the process of getting building permissions - for a number of housing units for people aged 40 and up, with the same financial restraints. These will hopefully be ready in 2, 3 or 5 years. The idea is that as the residents’ life situations change, the house allocation can be adjusted.

For more information about the guidelines for the allocation (created by the Housing Board, Working Committee and FAMC) and the selection group, please check the Housing Service page on Auronet.

Housing Service

The School of Design- Auroville (SoDA)

Thanks for everyone who showed interest to our announcement of our first program - Sound Engineering Basics.

We have diverse participants from various knowledge backgrounds coming on Sundays to learn Sound engineering. Few topics covered are - Sound basics and Ear, Microphone - Types and its usages. The following week will have equalisation techniques with live recording, Pro tools demo and Mixing.

To know more about our program, write to us at the email sivakumar@aurouville.org.in or Whatsapp: 09655513101 / Call: 09486340513, assetcentre@gmail.com.

Who we are - SoDA is an initiative to share knowledge from experts to learning aspirants, educating interested people especially youth on relevant open source engineering design. It can support many experiments carried in the past and help new sustainable products being designed and developed inside Auroville.

At SoDA we are building a knowledge bank of Engineering & Design expertise. Our experts can be from Auroville/outsidemore happening coming together focusing on a selective program to knowledge transfer on particular time period.

We have planned few list of knowledge sharing activities. Our activities will be carried out at New Era Secondary School (NESS) Campus and Udhavi School STEM land initially.

Thanks and regards,

SoDA Team (Sivakumar, Anbu, Santhosh, Sanjeev.R)

Report on Women’s Solidarity Festival

AVAG and the Udhayam Women’s Federation celebrated the 21st edition of Auroville Women’s Solidarity Festival this year. The event was attended by over 5000 women from the Bio-region who financially contributed to bring to life this huge gathering of people, united in the celebration of the Female Spirit, the Mother energy. In addition, we were joined by over 500 children, guests from Auroville and volunteers from the Paalang group (Youth group in the Bio-region) and other village youths who helped in the colossal task of food distribution.

This year, lunch was cooked on the day of the festival for 5500
people on the AVAG grounds and distributed with a display of great organisation skills of the Federation and local youth in an effort to minimise waste.

The event is a wonderful opportunity for Aurovilians to interact freely with women from the Bio-region and get a glimpse of the richness of Tamil culture through the cultural performances. This year, AVAG invited some well-known Aurovilians to be a part of the event including Angela from the Working Committee, Mita and Renuka from the Auroville Council and Aster Patel, a member of the Governing board. David Stein, the Bio-regional planning consultant for L'Avenir shed much-needed light on the rising water issues in and around Auroville.

The Women’s festival is organised each year with the intention of celebrating the hidden talents of women from the villages. It is a colourful display of folk performances interspersed with engaging theatre acts that encourage dialogue among people about deep rooted social issues that plague the community at large. This year the crowd was addressed by Oviya, a reputed social activist in Tamil Nadu who highlighted the oppression of the caste system. She urged the women to be increasingly aware of the ways in which the caste system restricts their freedom and encouraged them to be more vocal and assertive among family and in the social sphere. We also had the pleasure of Shruti’s company who is a doctoral student at Tata Institute of Social Sciences and spoke about her experiences as a physically challenged person. In spite of being visually impaired, Shruti inspired the women with accounts of her independent life and travels. She also spoke about the untapped potential of physically challenged persons which is often lost because families keep such people hidden at home.

The Annual Women’s Solidarity festival is not only an opportunity to on-going liberation of the women of the Udhayam Federation, but a stage for them to be catalysts of social change within their community.

For further information or to support AVAG’s work by volunteering skills or to make a financial contribution contact: avagoffice@auroville.org.in or Financial services: #0226 Auroville Village Action Group,

Research on a smart irrigation system in Buddha garden

This is some information for all the people who have asked us about this research which has been mentioned on AVNet and a Youtube video (www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSAJUv8gN6I). This research is being carried out in association with Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh, Findhorn College, Scene Connect. This research is being carried out in association with Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh. Findhorn College, Scene Connect.

The aim of the research in Buddha Garden is to compare the working of a ‘smart’ watering system with our normal manually operated irrigation system. Comparisons will be made about water usage, plant growth, plant production, soil health and nutrient content in the harvested crops.

The solar system is an essential part of the hardware needed for this type of irrigation. Buddha Garden’s solar system has been the only source of power for Buddha Garden over the 17 years of its existence. To enable this research to take place, however, the original system was upgraded to produce uninterrupted electricity throughout 24 hours.

The amount of water being given to the plants via the smart water system is based on previous research carried out by Buddha Garden and understanding of irrigation in plant life. Over the years Buddha Garden has done extensive work to understand the role of irrigation in plant life, the amount of water needed by different sorts of vegetable plants, orchard that we grow for at different times of their growth. The smart water system has been set up according to this data and is also aware of other general variables that affect plant growth such as temperature and rainfall. As time goes on the computer will learn to control the irrigation more accurately in the context of all the relevant variables. As the system gets smarter the plants will receive the optimum irrigation they need for optimum production. The system will become more precisely aligned with the water needs of the growing plants.

Some of the data have started to come which is extremely positive, Buddha garden assumes that smart irrigation practice will reduce the compost requirement, have more resilience of the plant, stable fertility in the soil and much better disease management through irrigation.

We would like to say a big thank you to the team of Auroville Electrical Service, Sunlit Future, Coriolan, Akash and Selvam for their dedicated work in making this happen.

If you would like further information please contact Buddha garden (Buddhagardenav@gmail.com) for farming and AVC for other information regarding ITC, info@aurovilleconsulting.com

POSTINGS

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

Signboards and information panels for the Matrimandir: We invite artists and designers to help us create iconic sign boards and information panels to replace or redesign all the existing ones. Send us an email: matrimandir@auroville.org.in and let us know who you are with a couple of sample small size images of any past work or web-link. We will send you the guidelines and photos of locations, including Visitors Centre to Matrimandir pathway. The last date to send us email is 31st Oct.

A new coordinator for Savi team!: After many years of serving the Savi office, Dominique will step back from the position of coordinator. Working with volunteers for the last 3 years, Sara Sponza has accepted to take the coordination responsibility. Savi now needs to find someone to replace her in her post related to ‘Applicants communication’ and matching their requests with your offers (see Work Opportunities section). The community can count on the efficient dedication of the current Savi team: in spite of the difficulties in formalities and accommodation shortage, Pranshula, Carmen, Saranya, Boomi and Sara will continue providing the needed services you need, accompanying these valuable human resources from India and the world in their Auroville experience. Savi team

Nandini tailoring: Dear friends Nandini tailoring announcement for orders: no new order taken from Thursday 26 to Tuesday 30 October 2017. We start again on Thursday 2 of November 2017. Please, don’t forget your cloth bag when you give your order. Thanks for your constant patience and supports. Ira & Anne

Video assistance: OutreachMedia would like to assist with the coordination of documenting events and activities in Auroville and the bio-region. Kindly inform us if you have people filming your event. We encourage clips rather than long videos as we can post them on our website to share. If you are helped by volunteers, kindly get in contact with Serena at: serena_aurora@auroville.org.in - Reminder: Non-Aurovilian can film under the supervision/responsibility of a unit only and should carry a note from the unit if filming happens out of the limit of the event or activity. Film makers working for OutreachMedia carries a badge with a contact number. If you have any doubt, we can request to see the badge or inform Fabienne at 944360 2194. Thank you for your cooperation.
Dear listeners!
Thank You for your extreme patience in the time of transition, yet our work continues as the life in Auroville, and in the community goes on. We all wish you Happy Diwali!

Our live streaming can be heard on
http://radio.garden/live/villupuram/auroville-radio/

From our volunteers we have:
Vani recorded a conversation with Prof. Makarand Paranjapi. Romel has started Good News, which supposed to turn into a regular interaction between AV Radio members, and YOU...
Ray was super busy, and he captured a glimpse of Sunship Open House, recorded Baul singer Sanghamita Das, and was present at CAT on Restorative Circles.
Rtm - presentation of Lucas on Ecological Sanitation, and recording of information meeting of Auroville Safety & Security Team.

Within the regular programs:
Gangalakshmi reads her Selections of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother texts in French – uncut version on the request of listeners!
Marlena continues with Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo. Loretta is reading Mother's Q & A - 25/7/56, and she continues with Savitri, B. II, C. I.

Out of the regular programs are here the news of Thursday, and Monday.

Within the musical podcast you can listen to Jazz Masters - Coltrane, Rollins and to mixes of legends of Jazz – Misty, and Seven Steps to Heaven.

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

THANK YOU

Thanks for your care
Since I'm living here, Auroville took care of me through many people. I want to thank all the people who have been a channel for this caring, especially concerning housing. Shanti and her family, Mahi, and now all the Sunship team that provides me a place where to live, that is basically all I need to keep focusing on my service for Auroville. It’s a real privilege to live and work with people like you and this caring is strongly motivating. Love, Giacomo Colomba

AV security
Today I went to the information meeting (16th of October, at 5 pm) at SAWCHU (Bharat Nivas) [must be recorded on the radio because Miriam was there! :)] - I went because I value the work they do and I wanted to listen to the AV security Services and I would like to thank you again Srijita, Sam, Indra, Mathew, Carlos and Peter.
The concept of offering information to the residents and how and what they do was important to me. I would love to have seen more people, I guess the rain affected the attendance. Looking forward next time, with more questions and answers... Matilde Mir (Madhuca)

APPEAL

Accessible Auroville Public Bus
Accessible Auroville Public Bus has been running for more than one year offering a daily service. All those, who use it regularly, enjoy going to Pondy avoiding driving motorbikes or calling a taxi.
We warmly thanks all those who have supported us by offering donations (Rs 3,250), which however were not enough to meet certain fixed expenses. Therefore we contacted the BCC, but we did not receive any reply. Consequently we had to ask a loan of Rs.36,000 in regular monthly installments.
We would be very grateful to receive more donations to help us to keep on the bus running that can be transferred to the account number 251675 with the following description “Yearly Maintenance for Vehicle, Yearly Insurance and Fitness certificate”
The amount needed is Rs.78,000 and we have in our account only Rs.42,000.
Thanks for your cooperation - With Gratitude, AV Bus Team (Raju, Sauro, Susmita) [Ac. 251675/avbus@auroville.org.in]

The Divine Flowers
Dear Friends,
We are a team of six aspirants, endeavoring to offer an exhibition titled “The Divine Flowers” on the Significance of Flowers given by The Mother, during the upcoming 50th Anniversary of Auroville (21-28 Feb '18) at Savitri Bhavan. We are enthusiastically and sincerely working to manifest it beautifully and aesthetically, and are ourselves contributing financially. We invite your kind participation by:
- Enlargeable (to A3 size) digital pictures of the flowers (resolution more than 1754*2480 pixels)
- volunteering before and during the exhibition
- Flower arrangements at the venue and the suggestions for the same
- Generous funding - even a couple hundred rupees will go a long way (FS a/c # 252603)
- Spreading the word of the mouth for the venture

We thank you for your large-heartedness and will be happy to provide any other info at: divineflowers@auroville.org.in.
The Divine Flowers Group [Rabindra (Maitrey2) - 89033 63122, Ramamachandra (Celebration), Revathi (Inspiration), Samy (Kottakarai Plaza), Poonam (Maitrey2), Narendra (Verite) - 94873 41724, Mentors - Shradhavan (Savitri Bhavan), Richard (Pondi Ashram)]

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

At Delicious Bites
A new restaurant at Aurovelo cycle shop, is looking for waiters and a restaurant manager, for half or full-time job, Monday to Saturday, opening hours 09:00 to 17:00. English language is needed, including reading & writing. The person must be friendly, respectful, responsible, and attentive, enjoying working with people. For more details please contact us at: delicious-bites@auroville.org.in. Thanks!

Changes in Savi team
The Savi Team is looking for a new member 😊
Shredhavan (Savitri Bhavan) will take care of the communication with enquiring volunteers and interns (reception desk and through mails and website), matching their requests with Auroville units’ Opportunities offered, preparing the volunteering agreements with their mentors, and occasionally participating into our programs & events. It is a half-time position.
The ideal profile would be of an Aurovilian who has a good knowledge of the community's activities, computer literate, some understanding of activity and HR management, an interest for non-formal education practices and a welcome attitude.
The www.Auroville-learning.net website of Savi facilitates the monitoring of the whole admission and recruitment process of volunteers; the new team member will operate through its admin tool and will interact with Units’ teams to be trained in its use.
A half maintenance has been requested to BCC for this post. If interested please send a CV and motivation letter to: study@auroville.org.in.

Stained Glass Apprentice: Robert of Happy Art Glass Studio in Luminosity is looking for an apprentice in Stained Glass design and fabrication. Are you skilled in Art design and handicrafts, not afraid of hard work and motivated for a long term commitment? If so please contact Robert by sending a compact resume at happy@auroville.org.in or call 8098680467.
A full maintenance could be available upon need.
Dengue Fever Health camp at AVAG Auroville Village Action Group in association with JIPMER hospital will hold a health camp where doctors and medical staff will access people for dengue fever and offer referrals for free treatment at JIPMER hospital. All are welcome, no appointment necessary.

Saturday, Oct 21st from 9 am to 2 pm. Auroville Village Action Group, Irumbai Main Road - Irumbai 605111 (on left side between Pondi/Thindivanam highway and Koot road)

For further details: 0413 2678871 or 9367600940

Tibetan Doctor: This is to inform you that the Tibetan Doctor and the team is visiting us on Friday the 27th and Saturday the 28th of October 2017, To get your appointments call Tibetan Pavilion at 0413 2622401 or send an e mail to kalsang@auroville.org.in. Best regards, Kalsang.

Let me tell you about the birds and the bees... The Green Column has reported several times about the state of the bees worldwide. Now new research shows that 75% of the honey from across the world is contaminated with potent pesticides, known to harm bees, bugs, frogs, fish and birds, and of course ultimately humans.

Bees forage over many kilometers to collect nectar and pollen, making the honey they produce an excellent indicator of pesticide pollution in the local landscape. Bees and other pollinators are vital to three quarters of the world's food crops and have been seriously in decline in recent decades. Among causes are the destruction of wild habitats, and monocultures with pesticide use at industrial scale. Neonicotinoids, short 'neonics' or NNTs, act as nerve agents on insects, causing damages to their learning, behaviour and colony success. They also pose deadly risks to frogs, birds and, of course ultimately humans.

Rachel Carson, author of Silent Spring which famously rang the alarm bell on pesticide use fifty years ago, was urging already then: "It is high time we developed a global regulatory system for pesticides and these chemicals are heavily restricted or outright banned. Their widespread use puts the global food production at risk and consequences are far reaching and cannot be ignored any longer."

These days, the number of highly critical reports on pesticides is steadily growing, and official reports of the UN clearly denounce the myth that pesticides are necessary to feed the world. The European Union is considering widening its ban on these pesticides. Bans are also in place in large cities such as Montreal. And many big retailers have stopped selling neonics for home use. Presently agri-giants Syngenta and Bayer are fighting back trying to protect one of their biggest money-makers. They are going as far as suing the European Commission in an effort to overturn the partial ban on three widely used NNTs. It is to be hoped that common-sense and humanity's need of survival will see us through to a brighter and healthier future. We can all contribute through our daily choices and making our voices be counted...

Shared by Auroville Green Center - Lisbeth (writing), Jasmin, Isabelle, Island. We welcome green news from Auroville, the Bioregion, India and the world. Write to us at avgreencenter@auroville.org.in.

NOTES

The One is Four

The One is Four forever in his supramental quaternity of Being, Consciousness, Force and Ananda.

Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva, Krishna, these are the eternal Four, the quadruple Infinite. Brahma is the Eternal's Personality of Existence; from him all is created, by his presence, by his power, by his impulse. Vishnu is the Eternal's Personality of Consciousness; in him all is supported, in his wideness, in his stability, in his substance. Shiva is the Eternal's Personality of Force; through him all is created, through his passion, through his rhythm, through his concentration. Krishna is the Eternal's Personality of Ananda; because of him all creation is possible, because of his play, because of his delight, because of his sweetness.

Brahma is Immortality, Vishnu is Eternity, Shiva is Infinity; Krishna is the Supreme's eternal, infinite, immortal Self-play - self-issuing, self-manifestation, self-finding.

SRI AUROBINDO, The Hour of God (Centenary vol. 17)

Submitted by GangaLakshmi (House of Mother's Agenda, Savitri Bhavan)

The Conquest of Truth-Consciousness

The intention of the Mother to keep the twelve pillars in the chamber in Matrimandir is that, since these twelve pillars represent the thousand pillared chamber in the overmental plane of consciousness which houses the Truth-Consciousness and Ananda, Aurovilians would be inspired to ascend upward to conquer and possess the Truth-Consciousness. Presently the life in Auroville is governed by mental truth, resulting in struggle and suffering in the individual and collective life of Aurovilians. If the Truth-Consciousness is employed to organize the life in Auroville, it would usher in happiness in the individual and collective life of Auroville and Aurovilians would be able to express Right Consciousness, Right Action and, Right and Vast Happiness in the place of egoistic life with full of desires.

The path carved out by the Rishi towards the conquest of Truth-Consciousness is explained by Sri Aurobindo in many places in 'The Secret of the Veda'. The overmental gods who are the children of the Mother (Aditi) are there to help men in their endeavour to conquer and possess the Truth-Consciousness. Sri Aurobindo calls them the powers of the Supreme. The initiate or novice should practice concentration of consciousness. To come out from the activities of the
surface mind and live in one's self is the object of this concentration. The mind is closed for overmental consciousness. The soul released from its involvement in the mental consciousness, ascends higher and higher and, when it feels peace and happiness at any point of its ascension, the Rishi spreads out the seat of his sacrifice and performs his oblations to the gods. He seeks the help of two gods namely Varuna and Mitra. Varuna is the god of Purity and Vastness. He assists the Rishi to maintain purity of his soul and insists on him to keep the consciousness as vast as he could. Mitra is the god of Unity and Harmony. The Rishi knows from him that the Divine is one but lives in all manifested things. He is aware that he is one of the multiplicities of the Divine. This knowledge enables the Rishi to unite himself with the Divine or Self or Chit-Sakti.

The soul of Rishi is in the midst of Truth-Consciousness in the overmental plane of consciousness. He should be able to recognize the relevant truth related to his specific problem. Here, three goddesses help him. They are: Sarama, the goddess of intuition, Saraswathi, the goddess of inspiration, and ila, the goddess of revelation. Correspondingly the soul of Rishi has three different faculties (instruments) of knowledge. Dristi is to grasp the intuitive truth suggested by Sarama; Sruti is the power to hear the divine Word, coming from Saraswathi, which arises from the bottom of the soul of Rishi and speeds up towards the center the conscious revelation where it is formed on the basis of the content of intuition and inspiration. The Rishi is ready to grasp the Truth from the Truth-Consciousness. He starts his descending journey and enters into his mental consciousness. The soul of Rishi shares its truth with his mind, which ultimately has to express it outwardly.

A Sadhak from Sri Aurobindo Ashram said to Sri Aurobindo, “Sir, the Mother and you can do this Yoga. How can people like me do it? This is certainly impossible for me to become conscious of my soul, ascending upward to reach the Truth-Consciousness.” Sri Aurobindo became upset by his remarks and said, “Look, what is possible for any man in humanity implies that it is possible for anyone to do it; provided he is sincere and persistently continues his effort. Of course it is a difficult task; but it does not mean that it is an impossible one. We are not doing this Yoga for ourselves; we are doing it for the sake of others. It is a damaging criticism on us to say that we alone could do this Yoga while others could not.” The Mother did not make any remarks on Sri Aurobindo’s view. She remained quiet.

Submitted by Somasundaram

But they were spontaneous thoughts

First, Auroville, without the Presence in our heart of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother (representing the manifestation of the Supreme in life), will not blossom in the right direction.

From the beginning nobody should have stayed inside of the Auroville circles, except one or two guardians for the land, but in temporary structures.

Newly arrived newcomers should be sheltered in provisional structures and they would build their houses outside of the town circles, as much possible nearby the villages (This was the intention with Aspiration settled next Kulapatayam) to facilitate crucial relations with the previous owners of the Auroville land.

Drawings of the town showed to the Mother should have been followed, in order to prepare the ground for the next generation to come. The more the consciousness would develop the more knowledgeable of what to do and how to do it and it would be decided from a collective which would give more credit to its intuition and not to its head which just divide, argue, quarrel and then life gets stuck.

Inside of the town we should have started first with collective infrastructures, like the town-hall, restaurants, sport grounds, gymnasium, educational center, health services, access roads, trees and start residential buildings - if possible to locate near the beach a large hotel .(run by one of those chain of hotels with 50% for Auroville). All architects would come together to follow it up, to implement a collective, beautiful town called the cradle of a new world.

For the industrial Zone, the idea was that big businesses in the world could be invited to set up some small training or research (in their own field) as they would be involved and slowly caring for the population around in terms of training, employment and education.

Within Auroville, no schools, but programs of development of the different parts of the body, including spiritual awareness - the names of last school, future school, no school, were to emphasize that all Auroville would be the school - only for children, small and big, turned to the future to the unknown.

All small businesses should be relocated in villages and run by the most capable workers; and Aurovilians only give their know-how, marketing support; accounting and profit would be shared with Auroville. We should not forget that we are called Volunteers to dedicate this life to the ideal of Auroville, not to settle ourselves in comfort. No others activities, which are not linked with the town development should be encouraged. No other yoga then to unite our inner to change the outside. All the finance needed would come from all countries that would build first their pavilion, and not by the residents but by the people of the respective countries.

Coming to Auroville should be a total dedication and surrender of our own possession whether in India or abroad. Then it would be enough for the day to day need. Only fear makes us keep our valuables. Only our collective faith can be the channel for the finance needed to build the town, as slowly the world is getting more and more confused and will turn towards a new evolution, as widely written by Sri Aurobindo in numerous books.

Isn’t it quite crazy? It is not so crazy in fact; it could have been one of those right roads to follow. Too late?

Nothing is lost, the Eternity is showing the way......

Love,
André (New creation)

A Little Story

As a student in a Buenos Aires under military government, I came to know there was a Central American Country with NO military arm and that there they had decided to use that budget for Education and Papers in different Languages. What? Where? ... Costa Rica!

“One day”, I told to myself then, “I will go and stay there” ... But Mother decided something else for me, and I have found myself in Auroville, as some of this was also happening here... and much more.

In 2002, at the time when Argentina was collapsing, there was an AVI Meeting at Sequoia Wood, in U.S.A. My dearest brothers Constance, Julian, Nilauro, and Chandresh, made this journey possible for me, and I was going to talk about the AVI work in Latin America and my Experience in Education. More than happy, I went .But magic is always at work, and gave me a plus! My flight was stopping in Costa Rica, and I had been invited to give a talk on Auroville at the University of Peace there, founded by Robert Miller. An amazing experience, students and teachers from all over the World, all absolutely excited about Auroville. Because of that I got the title of "Honorary AVI Center from Rio Bravo down", given by dearest Constance.

And now, a few months ago, a new Ambassador for Costa Rica has come to India, a young woman, a Lawyer, a Yoga Teacher, a very interesting personality, Miss Mariela Cruz .She loves the ideals of Auroville, and is going to participate in our Auroville Presentation in Delhi for the 50th Anniversary. Possibly she will be visiting us soon.

I would like to close this with a comment of hers on Prosperity, just now that we are looking at that in Auroville: “Prosperity is to be understood as a Collective Attitude of Optimism”
**AVAILABLE**

**Backpack:** In good condition; 60 liters - Good deal. Contact Adirani at: 9626653620

**Bicycle Available:** White gearless Btwin Bicycle. Contact Mannmeet 8076779694 (phone number now corrected)

**Crocs and swimsuit:** A pair of dark blue Crocs Rainboots Site 8 W. Brought in Germany. Used 3x only / Swimsuit H&M size 36, new. It’s too small for me. Bikini size M. Blue and black. Full padded. Call Kay at: 9943368410.


**Vegan Essence Products:** Some of our products are now available in Pour Tous FTPS, Farm Fresh and Grindle’s in Pondy and of course directly from our office by order. Please note that dark discoloration on the top of the cashew cheeses is normal due to oxidation and not harmful to eat. More products are coming soon. Enjoy healthy, compassionate and cholesterol free foods. Nandita Shah

**A cat:** Sweet, loving and adorable male cat looking for a new home. 2 years old, black and white coloring, neutered, and ready for indoor/outdoor living. Looking for loving and present human companion. Please contact for questions or interest. Thanks for your love and care. 94897 30458 or tisamri@gmail.com - Jeremy

**Looking for...**

**Office files:** We are Wastepless are looking for some second hand big files / box files in decent condition. Instead of buying new ones, we wanted to approach the community to see if there were any files lying around unused! If you’ve got some files that need some TLC and a new life please call Ribhu +91 94 88 483871 or email us at wasteless@auroville.org.in Many thanks :)

**Furniture:** Dear friends, I am looking for a study table and a book shelf for my children. If you have any please contact me 9751075223. Thanks a lot. Raji

**Second hand computer:** LIGHT-FISH is looking for a second hand computer with the following basic requirements in configuration: 1) CORE i3 Processor 2) 4 GB-RAM 3) Mother board with in-built 25 Pin Parallel Port Please contact: simone@lightfish.com or: 2622979

**Keyboard:** I am looking for a (second hand) keyboard to practice my fingers while volunteering in AV for one year. Please contact me at: mira.gobel@gmx.de. Thank you, Mira

**Dehashaki Sports Office Request for a PC:** Dear Community, the Dehashaki office is in need of a Computer in working condition. Please let us know if you have one that is not being used and are willing to give it for our office. Thank you, please contact Rajeev (9443726223) or Veerapan (2622821) / email: dehashkisports@auroville.org.in

**Services of An Amma:** I am looking for an Amma for a part time work in my house at Realization. Please contact 9442365543. Thanks, Joyt

**Services of a Nepalese Amma:** If you know of a Nepalese amma looking for part-time work, please contact me. Thanks, Abha (Utility) 0413-2622003

**-lost & found**

**Dog (lost):** Dear Community, A friendly golden beige Labrador called “D.C.” has gone missing from forest near Sve Dame (Well Cafe) on Sunday at exactly 5 pm. He has a GPS tracker, although it was switched off before he disappeared. This makes us believe that he could’ve been stolen. Please let us know on any information on whereabouts of our loved one. Thank you! Vikram +91 82707 10313

A ‘Galaxy Samsung Note 4’ Phone (Lost): It has been lost somewhere on the path between Mitra hostel and Aurodam while riding. Will be great if I can get some help to find it. Name of the owner: Ar.suhail khuraisy, Imago architecture and design, Aurodam. Ph: 8129686884, 808929418, 9895011363

**Leg Ring (Lost):** Lost during Diwaly Function at Solar Kitchen on Tuesday 17/10/17 night, one Silver girl’s leg ring. Please call Padmashri 91599474544, thank you.

**accommodations**

**House-sitting 1:** Dear Aurovilians, I am looking for a house-sitting opportunity from November onwards. I am Ra, long-term volunteer in the Auroville theatre group and Newcomer to be. With enough experience in house-sitting to take perfect care of your house, garden and animals. With complete dedication to the environment and responsibly clean. All options and suggestions are welcome. Please contact me at: 9655177556 or potopteater@yahoo.com. All the best, Ra

**House-sitting 2:** Dear all, my name is Divyanshi. I have been working at Unity Pavilion with Jaya for the past one year and a few months. I am looking for a place to stay from the end of November / beginning of December, 2017. I am presently staying in La Maison des Jeunes & my stay gets over by the end of November. If there is any house-sitting opportunity or any place to stay, please contact me at: divyanshi.ote22@gmail.com. I am a quiet person who likes to keep the surroundings clean, simple and beautiful. Love, Divyanshi

**House-sitting 3:** Request for Housing from Philippe and Sabine - The temporary housing in Vérité (where we organize our retreats and classes) is not available anymore. We are still looking for a temporary accommodation between December 28th and February 24th. If you know anything available...would be fantastic...philippebhakta@yahoo.fr - Thanks in advance, Greetings from Hamburg, Philippe and Sabine

**Taxi sharing**

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

**October 19th:** Thursday, arriving at Chennai Airport at 7 am. Taxi can be shared, only 1 Person is going. Contact: ingridt@auroville.org.in. Thank you, Ingrid

**October 21:** Saturday Taxi to Aravind Eye Hospital (south of Pondy) leaving Auroville at 1:30 pm. Please contact B at 9943353289 or bgrful@auroville.org.in. The afternoon is less crowded and we will be home before dark. Thanks. B

**November 4th:** A taxi will be going empty from Auroville to Chennai on 4-11-17, Saturday, starting from Auroville around 6:00 am to reach Chennai Central by 9.30 am. Place available for onward journey only. Return full. Contact Varadharajan: 9442934306/ 9488085019 (landline or by email contact before 24/10/17 - varadharajan1936@gmail.com or 0413-2623082)

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CULTURAL EVENTS

INVITATIONS

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

Our Auroville Experience...
We will meet on Friday, October 20, 2017, at 4 pm in the Resource Library,
To continue our reading / study of “Savitri”.
Till then...Love, Aster

CULTURAL EVENTS

Kalarigram, Ritam/ Auroville
In partnership with Auroville Art Service and the French theatre company “Les Porteurs d’eau”, present

BHU | EARTH

26, 27, 28 of October at 8 pm at CRIPA KALABHUMI

A dance theatre show inspired by the oldest martial art of the world: Kalaripayattu.
The journey of a man looking for connection with himself and Nature.

"A theatrical tribute to Earth." The Hindu
“Thank you for this journey that will continue and take away all those who will contemplate it.” Jean Legrand, Auroville

"Put together by Phillipe Pelen and Moucazambo Thierry this is a powerful work that brings together kalari, aboriginal, tai chi and kathakali vocabularies with extraordinary grace, perfection and depth of experience. I hope it travels." Anu Majumdar, Auroville.

"A very soulful performance. Took me into a state of trance. Thankful for the performance, it is very important to have such art as it works as a transformation of the collective.” Sharanya Rao, Auroville

Direction and choreography: Philippe Pelen
Light design: Ashwin Ezhumalai
Sound design: Suresh Sauman
With: Thierry Moucazambo, Nikhil Varagiri, Swaroop Kanan, Suresh Kalyath, Madhu Jayamoorthi, Prakash Sathiya.

Special thanks to: Barbara and Ritam, Lakshmanji, Lavanya and Kalarigram, Aurelio and Swaram, Christophe JC and Cripa, Jean, Joy, Tapas and Bharat Nivas technical team, Claude and French Pavilion, Krishna, Nilen and Auroville art service, Orly and Well Paper, Miriam and Auroville Radio, Kali and Sebastien, Kalou and Eluciole Circus, Savitry and New Creation, Last School video students, French Alliance Pondicherry.”

Free entrance, donations are welcome, please support our work and help us to cover the expenses of the creation and performances, please donate to the account BHU RITAM: 252160

The Cripa team invites the audience to be on time for the performances as they will close the doors at 8 pm.

[bbxperience@gmail.com / www.bbxperience.com / fb:bbxuexperience]

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
24th October (Tuesday)
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.)
• Overview with multimedia presentation
• Questions and Answers
• Practice in Daily Life
• Complimentary Concentration Exercises
• Creative Arts, Interactive Games
• Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
• Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: 'The Soul and the Psychic Being'.
These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises.

Led by Dr. Larry Seidlitz (Contact: 0413 2622922)
No Registration required (except for groups)
Fees: Voluntary Contribution
All are welcome
For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit www.integralyoga-auroville.com

Introduction to Sri Aurobindo’s World Vision
A series of illustrated presentations delivered by Muriel
On Mondays from 11:00 am to 12 noon
At Savitri Bhavan (reading room)
Topic this week (Monday 23rd October - 11th session): The Subliminal and the Psychic being.
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
Registration is important. To sign up, please drop an email with your contact details (preferably with your number on which WhatsApp can be sent) at odissidanceclass@gmail.com.
If, however, you are seeing this email right before the class, just drop in and register later.

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Embroidery by Hand - Beginners Workshop
Learn how to ‘hand embroider’ with traditional Indian techniques to complement your designs, clothing or accessories.
27th October 2017
9:00 - 12:00
Horizon, Opp. Swedam, Auroshilpam, Auroville
Fixed Contribution includes embroidery kit and tea
REGISTER: Send email to: info@thecaringcotton.com
Call/SMS/Whatsapp at: +917639282889

Family Constellation Workshop
With Moghan
Saturday 28th of October in hall of light creativity
From 9 am to 6 pm
Please contact Moghan: 9751110486 / moghan@auroville.org.in

A Deep sharing on Relationship Based Communication
Time: Saturday Oct 21st, 28th and November 4th and 11th 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.
Sirish 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 SAVI volunteers contribute 50%; Aurovilians and Newcomers on donation basis.
For more information call 812 752 4550 or write to: sirishnew@gmail.com
Joy Team :) 

School of Refining/Purifying Voice
Specialists of this approach of opening to the ethic dimension of body and voice and their healing potential will be offering open singing sessions daily from 21st to 28th October 7.30-9.00pm in Vérité Hall.
This part of the research seminar on Cymatics and Anthropophonetics is publicly open. In the first part, exercises are carried out to provide training in this special type of singing, and then the planetary scales of ancient Greece are carried out to provide training in this special type of singing, and then the planetary scales of ancient Greece are

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?
• Fri, Oct 27 - Sat, Oct 28
9.30am - 5pm, with lunch break
A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply-rooted consciousness of oneness, as well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We’ll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to hear others’ true (and harmless) message, which in turn leads to more connection between us. When we’re connected as human beings, we’re in our natural state of wanting to give and collaborate with others.
More Info & register (and for venue info): contact L’aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com
Limited seats. Registration and contribution required. Full participation required (2 days).
[Other upcoming NVC Events and Practice Group: joylivinglearning.org]

SCHEDULES

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

WORKSHOP IN VERITE:
(24 hour advanced registration required)

PRANAYAMA - BREATHE OF LIFE ENERGY (for all levels) with Ananda
Thursday, Friday & Saturday 26, 27 & 28 October
From 9 am to 4:30 pm
Prana is the breath of universal life energy. Mostly breathing and energy flow happens unconsciously as part of survival process. By becoming conscious and attentive to prana – and enhancing and directing its flow through the pranayama practices—we can rejuvenate the body-mind-energy, enhance sensitivity and perception, expand inner awareness, and open the door to higher states of consciousness. In this Pranayama training, you will
• Learn the science of Energy - Prana, Nadis, Chakras, Vayus
• Learn and practice basic pranayama techniques suitable for all times for everyone
• Learn and practice advanced pranayama techniques with restrictions
• Learn and practice bandhas (breath and energy locks)
• Learn and practice therapeutic pranayama practices useful for specific treatments.

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

Centre for Research, Education and Experience in the Visual Arts

Weekly schedule:
- Every day from 9:30am to 12:30pm: open studio
- Weekdays 5pm-7pm @ Creativity Community Atelier, Near Solar Kitchen:
  - “Monday Mediums” with A. Sathya - Explore Watercolors
  - “Drawing Tuesdays” with Lakshay - Figure Drawing with Model
  - “Unique Wednesdays” with Marco - Art of photography
  - “Thursday Art Discoveries” with Audrey - Finding Forms
  - “Creative Fridays” with Helgard - Express yourself through colors
- And Saturdays @Visitor’s Center:
  - “Sketchy Saturdays” with Lakshay from 3-5pm (bring your own materials)
Pls. make an appointment before coming, and BE ON TIME. It’s a cooperative, pls. feel free to use the studio's art materials. And, DONATE generously for others to enjoy art as well. It's free for Aurovilians and Newcomers. Base contribution for Guests and reduced for Volunteers. Call Lakshay at 9810052574 or email to creeva@auroville.org.in

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Spoken Hindi classes: The class is open to students who are already familiar with Hindi but require polishing and need to practice more spontaneous Hindi speaking. We have already conducted two classes and the response has been encouraging. A film in which Hindi is spoken very clearly and slowly is the basis. Discussion of phrases and sentences which students could not catch are discussed for better, clearer understanding. It is imperative to feel some Indian cultural background while studying the spoken aspect of Hindi. Rohit is a Friend of Auroville who is happy to share his beautiful mother tongue with all those who need to practise their Hindi.

Are you interested in learning Hebrew? We are happy to welcome Nur, from Israel. She is a native speaker and a trained teacher (graduated from the Hebrew teacher’s course at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem). Classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 11:00 - 12:30. Or if you’re an Israeli and you want your children not to forget our beautiful and unique language, that class will be every Saturday from 11:00 - 12:30. Interested students can register for the class by sending an email to all@auroville.org.in or call us on 0413-2623661. We will start the course as soon as there is a group of interested students. Course starting date will be informed after the registration.

We are looking for an additional English teacher, preferably with experience teaching English as a second language, as well as a German teacher.

Tomatis programs: Please contact us for both therapeutic and language programs.

All other classes as per the above schedule.

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days with all those who need to practice their Hindi. Rohit is a Friend of Auroville who is happy to share his beautiful mother tongue with all those who need to practice their Hindi.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday 23rd of October 2017 at 6:30 pm

THE VISION AND THE BOON - SAVITRI AND KATHA UPANISHAD

The quest for Immortality and the mystery of the Beyond in Indian scriptures is the theme Dr. Ananda Reddy choose for the 7th Dr.M.V.Nadkarni Memorial Lecture; the talk was delivered in February this year at Savitri Bhavan. In the Upanishads and in Savitri the supreme revelation of Sri Aurobindo’s vision we find the pursuit for immortality and the conquering of death. The knowledge of immortality were given successfully to Nichiketas and Maitreyi, in the Mahabharata in the legend ‘Satyavan and Savitri’ and in Sri Aurobindo’s Savitri to Savitri, the daughter of the Sun, goddess of the supreme Truth who comes down and is born to save. All seekers for immortality are facing obstacles and temptations. Finally Yama, the God Death reveals to Nichiketas that the mystery of the Beyond lies with OM. To Maitreyi the Rishi reveals that only for the love of the Self (Atman) - and not for the love of the husband, wife or sons etc. - the Self (Atman), the Beyond can be realised. And the Vedic rishis put the quest in an immortal prayer to the Supreme:

Asato ma sadgamaya – Lead me from Unreality to Reality,
Tamaso ma jyotirgamaya – Darkness to Light,
Mrtyorma amritam gamaya – Death to Immortality.

In earlier time the quest aimed at individual immortality - and to seek Truth, Light and Immortality is also part of Sri Aurobindo’s vision. But Sri Aurobindo aims also at a total transformation and a collective immortality. In Savitri Sri Aurobindo reveals the path of the ascent to the Supramental Consciousness and its descent into the earth consciousness. Duration: 62min.

NEEM TREE CAFE
Tuesday movie night at Neem Tree café! Children delight!
24th Oct Tuesday! - Time: 6:30 pm
At Neem Tree
[Mahalaxmi park, near Solar Kitchen]

DESPICABLE ME 3 (stylized in marketing and onscreen as Despicable M3) is a 2017 American 3D computer-animated comedy film produced by Illumination Entertainment for Universal Pictures. It is the third main installment in the Despicable Me film series and the sequel to Despicable Me 2 (2013). The film is directed by Pierre Coffin and Kyle Balda, co-directed by Eric Guillon[6] and written by Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio.
Lives of many people and separated many families. This is the story of Shanty, left behind in turmoil, separated from her parents, her husband and her home. Pursued by some lumpen elements, she is saved by Abdul Rehman. He treats her as her sister. Years later, when she manages to reach Delhi and trace her family, they refuse to recognize her. Desperate, wanting to end her life, she is rescued by Chhalia, a poor man, who brings her to his hut. What about her family, her husband, her child? Will or can she ever unite with them once again?

The story is loosely based on the "White Nights" written by Fyodor Dostoyevsky. Chhalia was shot in black-and-white. Music by Kalyanjit-Anandji. Original Hindi version with English Subtitles; Duration: 2h

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Cinema Paradiso never closed its door for this long in its 12+ years of operation. Many of you told us how much you appreciate the cinema and missed the programs. We thank you for your love and good wishes. We hope to continue to bring you good films and look forward towards your support to keep the expenses manageable. Some construction / maintenance work may still continue at the front. Until that finishes we will use the back door for entrance. We are excited to reopen - and look forward to seeing you there!

Indian - Monday 23 October, 8:00 pm:

• ANGAMALY DIARIES
India, 2017, Dir. Lijo Jose Pellissery w/ Antony Varghese, Sarath Kumar, Tito Wilson, and others, Comedy-Thriller, 132mins, Malayalam w/English subtitles, Rated : UA (PG-13) Black comedy and slice-of-life cinema meet in to make this delightful, unexpectedly hilarious take on the squalid underbelly of Kerala's Angamaly town. At its core it is a rustic coming of age tale where the protagonist is Vincent Pepe, a quintessential good boy, gets involved in the world of crime. This film represents what the cinephile’s dictum “it is not the story but the treatment that makes a film”. If you think about it, the film - funny and insightful in equal measure - does not have a story in the conventional sense, yet that, among so many other reasons, is what makes it brilliant. Do not miss - if you are up to watching a PG-13 rated film!

German- Tuesday 24 October, 8:00 pm:

• HERBERT (A Heavy Heart)
Germany, 2015, Dir. Thomas Stuber w/ Reiner Schöne, Edin Hasanovic, Kida Khodr Ramadan, and others, Drama, 109mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR. A former East German boxing champion reduced to working as a bouncer and debt collector is forced to reflect on his life when he is diagnosed with a fatal disease.

Cultural – Wednesday 25 October, 8:00 pm:

• SYLVIA: ballet from John Neumeier
France, 2005, Dir.Thomas Grimm w/ Aurelie Dupont, MA Gillot, Emmanuel Legris, and dancers from the Opera Paris Ballet, 110mins, Rated: NR. The great choreographer John Neumeier recreated the classical ballet Sylvia in a completely renovated piece, refreshingly contemporary. Symbolically Sylvia could be seen as a poem depicting an Amazon or a young athlete at that fragile moment between adolescence and womanhood, torn between strength, success and vulnerability and finally finding true love with the awakening of her own sensuality. This is a stunningly beautiful production, choreographically, visually, and musically with the wonderful scores of Delibes and very moving moment.

Russian - Thursday 26 October, 8:00 pm:

• KUKUSHKA (The Cuckoo)
Russia, 2002, Writer-Dir. Alexandr Rogozhkin w/ Anni-Kristinna Juuso, Ville Haapasalo, Viktor Bychkov, and others, War-Comedy, 99mins, Saami-Finnish-Russian-German w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13. September of 1944, a few days before Finland went out of the Second World War, Finnish sniper-kamikadze Veikko and Ivan, a captain of the Soviet Army, both enemies, take refuge in the farm of a Saami (Lapp) woman. For her they are not enemies, just men. None of the three share a common language.

International - Saturday 28 October, 8:00 pm:

• SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD
USA-UK, 2010, Dir. Edgar Wright w/ Michael Cera, Alison Pill, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, and others, 113 mins, Adventure-Comedy, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG. Scott Pilgrim, 22yrs old - may not have a job, but rocking the bass for his band, Sex Bob-omb. When Scott locks eyes with Ramona Flowers he knows she's the girl he wants to grow old with. But Ramona has some serious baggage; her supercharged exes rue the thought of her being with another man, and they'll crush any guy who gives her a second glance. Now, in order to win Ramona's heart, Scott will do battle with everyone from vegan-powered rock gods to sinister skateboarders, never losing sight of his gorgeous goal as he pummels his way to victory.

Children’s Film - Sunday 29 October, 4:30 pm:

• BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
USA, 2017, Dir. Bill Condon w/ Emma Watson, Dan Stevens, Luke Evans and others, Fantasy, 129mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG. An adaptation of the fairy tale about a monstrous-looking prince and a young woman who fall in love.

AKIRA KUROSAWA Movies @ Ciné-Club
Ciné-Club - Sunday 29 October, 8:00 pm:

• IKIMONO NO KIROKU (I Live in Fear)
Japan,1955, Dir. Akira Kurosawa w/Toshiro Mifune, Takashi Shimura, Minoru Chiaki and others, Drama,103mins, Japanese w/English subtitles, Rated: NR. Kiichi Nakajima, an elderly foundry owner, is so frightened and obsessed with the idea of nuclear extermination that his family decides to have him ruled incompetent. Nakajima wishes to escape Japan along with this family to the relatively safe South America. Harada, a civil volunteer in the case, sympathizes with Nakajima's conviction, but the old man's irrational behavior prevents the court from taking his fears seriously.

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