HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

Because “that” doesn’t permeate here....

It does permeate, but.... To be exact, we can say that it permeates with difficulty, but it does permeate. That’s what causes the impression that life is awful. Personally, I feel that life is downright ridiculous – grotesque. Grotesque. (silence) One must be thoroughly convinced of it before one can expect to receive that Consciousness. You know what I would say? It’s a good sign - it’s not pleasant, but it’s a good sign.

But, of course, at best - at the very best - we are transitional beings. And well, transitional beings.... But the consciousness of the inner being ultimately gets stronger, you follow? Stronger even than the consciousness of the material being. So the material being can be dissolved, but the inner consciousness remains stronger. It is of that consciousness that we can say, “This is me.”

Yes.

There you are. THAT is the important thing. The important thing.

As for me, the purpose of this body is now simply: the Command and the Will of the Lord, so I can do as much groundwork as possible. But it isn’t the Goal at all. You see, we don’t know, we don’t have the slightest knowledge of what the supramental life is. Therefore we don’t know if this (Mother pinches the skin of her hand) can change enough to adapt or not - and to tell the truth, I am not worried about it, it’s not a problem that preoccupies me too much; the problem I am preoccupied with is building that supramental consciousness so that it becomes the being. It’s that consciousness which must become the being. That’s what’s important. As for the rest, we’ll see (it’s the same as worrying over a change of clothing). But it must truly be IT, you see. And in order to do that, all the consciousness contained in these cells must aggregate, form and organize itself into an independent conscious entity - the consciousness in the cells must aggregate and form into a conscious entity capable of being conscious of Matter as well as conscious of the Supramental. That’s the thing. That’s what is being done. How far will we be able to go? I don’t know. You understand?

Yes, Mother, I understand very well.

How far we’ll go, I don’t know. I feel that if I last up to my hundredth birthday, that is, another six years, much will be accomplished - much. Something significant and decisive will be accomplished. I am not saying that the body will be able to get transformed.... I have no such signs, but the consciousness - the physical, material consciousness becoming... “supramentalized.” That’s it, that’s the work now in progress. And that’s what’s important. You too, you must be able, you must be destined to do that also, hence your disgust. But instead of dwelling on the disgust, you should dwell on the identification with the consciousness you are in when you are sitting still. You follow? That’s the important part.

That’s the important part.

(Satprem rests his forehead on Mother’s knees. Sujata approaches)

I am beginning to understand why Sri Aurobindo always said it was woman (Mother caresses Sujata’s cheek with her finger) that could build a bridge between the two. I am beginning to understand. One day, I’ll explain. I am beginning to understand. Sri Aurobindo used to say: it is woman that can build a bridge between the old world and the supramental world. Now I understand.

(Satprem:) Yes, I understand too.

Then it’s all right. We must have patience.

(Mother presses her index finger against Sujata’s chest.)

Will you remember what I said?

MOTHER’S AGENDA, 26 April 1972

How are you?

I don’t know, so-so.

Nothing particular?

No, Mother, nothing particular. And you? (silence. Mother sits gazing)

You are more conscious of what has to be demolished than of what is being built.

Yes, it’s true - yes, I am very conscious of that.

Yes, of what must be demolished, but it’s more interesting to be conscious of what’s being built.

But, Mother, when at every step you’re made to face all sorts of things that aren’t very... that you want to get rid of.

But that’s down there (gesture to the ground). You must look above. (silence)

But is it getting built in spite of all the resistance?

Fortunately! Fortunately - because those who ought to be helping aren’t helping. Thank God it’s happening in spite of everything! (silence)

It’s like asking me whether the divine Consciousness is stronger than the obscure little consciousness of humans. (Mother plunges in)

MOTHER’S AGENDA, 29 April 1972

Let the waves of the past flow far from you, carrying away with them all attachments and all weaknesses.

The luminous joy of the divine consciousness is waiting ready to take their place.

The Mother

ref. MCW, vol 15, Words Of The Mother III, p.72

The Ponder Corner

Cover: Cymatics phenomenon on a Chladni plate, making sound and vibration visible - submitted by Aurelio/Svaram

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**Update from the 50th Anniversary team**

10 Crores approved for 50th Anniversary Capital Expenses.

Good news for the project holders! The Working committee has informed the 50th Anniversary team that the Government of India (GOI) has sanctioned INR 10 crores for Capital expenses (Construction & equipment). We don’t know as yet if there will be a second installment in the following months for general expenses.

The 50th team has compiled all capital expenditures from the projects submitted in 2015-16 - A list of 28 projects in all. In order to organise the process of disbursement related to GOI funding, project holders have been invited to an information meeting on Monday 30th of October.

**Monsoon Update:** Dear Communities, Monsoon is here! During rainy season we kindly request you to have a Water Safe place ready to receive the paper copies in your Community. Mailboxes or PVC Constructions Pipes work fine. Our delivery team will not leave paper copies on your gate for example if there is no pipe or mailbox there, as they become waste under the rain. Also please note that last week already some communities in the greenbelt were hard to reach in the mud, so those in this case, please organize if possible to pick up your community copies at the Printers Office, at Town Hall, next to Vehicle service. You can call Jayamoorthy and Arumugam at 0413-2622997 who will happily assist you.

With a kind reminder that there are 3 ways you can read the News&Notes in PdF format:

- Open to all on Auroville website: www.auroville.org/news
- On Auronet: https://www.auroville.org.in/group/news-notes
- By email, weekly, if you join our mailing list (just ask! newsandnotes@auroville.org.in)

Enjoy the rain! Your News&Notes Team

(Sabine, Pascal, Jayamoorthy, Arumugam, and Pradeep)

**Housing shortage update**

Dear Community, an update from the Housing Service.

We are in the process to select candidates for youth housing out of the 65 applicants. The accommodations for them (Humanscape and A&Y Project) will be ready in a few months.

At the moment we have 70 people on our waiting list for housing options (singles and families). 13 persons on this list have sufficient funds for a transfer (between 12 till 35 lakhs).

The rest has between 5 to 10 lakhs available or no funds at all. Many of these people have been on the list for a long time, some have just become Aurovilians.

Of the 235 current Newcomers, 53 already have housing solutions as they are spouses of Aurovilians. This leaves another 182 new requests for housing this year, which brings us to a total of 250 new housing units that would be needed in 2018.

And of course more Newcomers are coming in.

Needless to say that the current average of 25 new apartments a year is not enough to provide enough housing for all these people.

Building projects take time for permissions and building. It is considered ‘fast’ if a building project is realized within 3 years.

We have received funding and are in the process to get building permission for 62 apartments and 18 ‘fast track’ (temporary) houses that will be ready in 2.5 years. This is not enough to provide housing for all of these people, however. More new projects are needed badly, especially for people with funds around 10-15 lakhs only.

The Housing Service is asking your kind attention to these urgent cases of at least house-sitting or any help out for these Aurovilians:

- **Aurovilians:**
  1. Clara M - Urgent
  2. Om & Julie - Urgent
  3. Stephanie - Urgent
  4. Naushen - needed as of Nov 2017
  5. Daniel Estis - needed as of mid-Dec 2017
  6. Mark - needed as of Dec 2017
  7. Kazue - needed as of Dec 2017
  8. Teresa and Manolo - needed as of end of Dec 2017
  9. Bogi Family and 2 kids - needed from Feb till end May 2017
  10. Jeff - mid Jan onwards
  11. Gabriella
  12. Sandrine
  13. Dingbawi (child of AV)
  14. Newcomers coming up for AV confirmation
  15. Krishna Nag (Kay) and son - urgent
  16. Valentina and son - urgent
  17. Marie-Pierre and daughter - urgent
  18. Tatiana - needed as of Nov 2017
  19. Jean Luc Guignard - needed as of Dec 2017

For Auroville Housing Service (Alexey,Karen,Ole,Savithri,Sonja,Sundar,Svenja,Venkatesh)
From the Entry Service - N&N # 722 -
Dated: 04-11-2017

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians and Newcomers. 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 CONFIRMED:

Selvi BAROT (Indian)
Navarathinam SEKAR (Indian)

AUROVILLAINS ANNOUNCED:

ANANDABASKARAN VEERAPPAN (Indian) Staying at Mohanam Campus and Working at Mohanam Cultural Centre,
Marco Tullio PROETTI (Italian) Staying at Nine Palms and Working at Nine Palms.
Radhika SONI (Indian) Staying at Utility and Working at Earth Institute.

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

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30AM-12:30PM
Monday to Friday (by appointment only) 02:30PM-04:30PM

Yours, the Entry Service

Houses available for transfer

1. Apartment in Citadines: 1st floor 100 M2 + terraces - 2/3 BDK, 2 bathrooms, completely furnished along with individual fridge, gas, UPS, and common facilities such as: cafeteria, laundry, workshop for maintenance of the flats, garage, 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.

2. Windarra Farm- TerraSoul- Sandhya’s 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 Room & Toilet with Open steel ladder. Community -Shared Parking lot.

3. Quiet - Andreas’ house: Plinth Area: 115.33 Sq.m. Single storied load bearing structure. Residential building with brick walls plastered in cement mortar, Bamboo roofing consisting of front veranda, living cum Kitchen & Toilet with open stair.


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

Housing Project under construction:

1. 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.

2. Auromodele Orchard - Several houses are still to be build. Will be ready in 2018. Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 8400220333

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Matrimandir Calendar 2018

Dear Friends,
The Matrimandir Calendar 2018 is available!
The theme of this year is “Beauty mirrors God’s Delight”

Here is the cover of the Matrimandir Calendar 2018. Please see the 12 Calendar images on the back cover.

For 2018, the 50th anniversary of Auroville, we have concentrated on the Matrimandir from the perspective of the Garden of Consciousness. The pool in the garden of Consciousness overflows with wealth and abundance signified by the lilies and supported by the Divine Consciousness of the lotuses. The transformative power of this energy is embodied here to nurture the supramental destiny of Auroville.

The 2018-Desk-Calendar is made with the usual sturdy A-stand. You see the photos on one side and the days and months on the other. The format is 21.5 cm x 14.7 cm.

Quotations from The Mother and Sri Aurobindo matching the flower theme of the photo are printed on the calendar page. The days and months are printed in 4 languages: English, French, (spoken) Sanskrit, and Tamil. Darshan days and other important days as well as moon days (full/new) are indicated. The calendar is printed in 4 colors on foreign art board. It is spiral bound (white). Each calendar is wrapped separately in a plastic cover. The price is Rs 170 per calendar; shops will add their sales commission and taxes to this price.

All profit from the sale of the calendar will be donated to the Matrimandir, as in previous years. If you intend to order a larger quantity, please discuss with us a discount.

Kindly place your mailing orders soon so that the Calendars will reach you in time for the New Year.

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Email: tine@auroworld.org.in or matrimandir@auroville.org.in

Auroville Planner 2018

Dear Friends,
I am happy to announce that the Auroville “Planner 2018” is distributed in shops in Auroville and Pondicherry.

Above you see the double cover of the Auroville Planner 2018 - front and back, with both protective flaps. The cover photo is a wall painting in the Auroville Youth Center: ‘Le Petit Prince’ or ‘The Little Prince’, the well-known tale by Antoine de Saint Exupéry. The ladder on the left is ‘real’ and leads to the 1st floor.

Inside you find 12 colorful photos depicting a variety of daily life in Auroville: Activities in the Youth Center, around the Matrimandir, play and festivities, an exhibition and the dance performance ‘Shambhavami Yuge Yuge’ - ‘I am born from age to age’, an interpretation of the Bhagavad Gita; children and animals, and Johnny’s play ‘Citizen One’. Under each photo is a short quote printed by either The Mother or Sri Aurobindo.

The double photo page appears after each full month without breaking the weekly lay-out. Darshan days, holidays and full/new moon days are indicated. The front and back cover is
printed in 4 colors on 300 gsm art card, laminated, with big flaps. At the end, extra pages are provided for notes. The inner pages are printed in a light brown earthy color. The format of the Auroville Planner 2018 is 11 x 16 cm; you can easily note down your appointments and have it handy in your pocket. The Auroville Planner 2018 has 174 thin pages - 90 gsm white, spine stitched, the 12 double page color prints are in 4 colors on 130 gsm matt art paper.

The price is Rs. 190 - excluding packing and postage; Shops will add their commission & taxes to this price. DTP work by Prisma, Auroville. Photos by Satyakam and Tine. Printed at Sudarsan Graphics, Chennai. The entire profit of the Auroville Planner 2018 will be donated to the Matrimandir. We hope you will enjoy your new Auroville Planner 2018 as always!

Published and distributed by Tine, Aurogreen, Auroville 605 101, TN, India; Email: tine@auroville.org.in / Mob *whatsapp: +91 984398 4181

Deepawali - community celebrations, income and expenditure in brief

Dear Auroville Community, this year Deepawali celebration took place at Solar Kitchen area on Tuesday the 17th October 2017, from 6 to 9.30 pm. Around 1,500 people participated and around 100 people helped with organising the Deepawali celebration gathering, which was much appreciated being in the open space.

Event:
- Kolam, Lighting of Oil Lamps.
- Dinner at Solar Kitchen and open area Dosa Corner.
- Cultural Program.

We enjoyed the evening together with our Auroville family gathering and friends.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with organising this wonderful evening event and our big thanks to all who generously financially contributed: in-kind donations, Auroville Security Team, Auroville Cleanup team, Solar Kitchen Team and the community as a whole for making this event a wonderful evening.

Please send us your feedback so that it will encourage and help us to do better next year. Please join us in the Auro Sangamam gathering every Tuesday at White Hall, Bharath Nivas from 5 pm to 6.30 pm to plan on many more activities for the community.

Brief Income and Expense

Donations received: 2,94,433.04

Expenses:
Dinner for Community: 82,115.00
Children performance expense: 46,660.00
Site clearing: 2,280.00
Stage setup, Chamina tent/Chairs/Stage Audio/Media/Lights rental, Flower, Fire crackers, Printing, Tea, Transport, Security: 86,242.87

Total Expenses: 2,15,017.87 - Balance amount: 79,415.17. This amount will be used for our next community celebration. For further details email: aurosangamam@auroville.org.in

Best Wishes,
Auro Sangamam Team

Delivery service from cafeteria visitors centre

On Friday 3rd of November the Cafeteria will start an evening delivery service.

When: Bookings 6 to 8 pm from cafeteria: 0413-2622248 or 7094689570 - Deliveries 7 to 8.30 pm
Minimum 30 mins for delivery
What: Pizzas and a selection from our menu (please see the list on Auronet)
Cost: Delivery charge Rs 25 per item.
Payment: This service will work at present only on accounts as we have no hand held Aurocard machine and the delivery man will not accept cash payments.

Guests accessing this service: Guests staying in Guest Houses can check with the guest house manager about booking their dinner through the guest house account. We encourage the guest houses to help guests avail of this service which was originally thought of for people arriving fresh without mode of transport and familiarity with Auroville its set up and its roads.

Deliveries: Deliveries will be for City Area up to Certitude / DNA / Isai Ambalam only. Kindly tie up your dogs.

Live light: There will be no trash generated by this activity. Pizzas will come in cardboard boxes (Rs 25 per box, you can recycle your box) and other items will be packed in stainless steel tiffin boxes. These will be automatically charged for and reimbursed upon returning them.

In service, your cafeteria team

Youth Centre annual Christmas Fair

The Youth Centre team is currently organizing its annual Christmas Fair which will be held in mid-December. It is an event consisting of various interactive activities such as abnormal games, delicious food, diverse stage performances as well as stalls. This year’s fair will like to promote stalls (units) producing handicrafts and home-made goods while incorporating an interactive aspect. This could include art and craft workshops, informative posters or any inspiring and creative ideas linked to your products. These types of stalls should encourage a non-commercial fun community atmosphere for the fair. If you would like to participate, please call Madda (8489042213) or Priya (8525002722 / priya.dunn@hotmail.com) to discuss further details. The food stalls will be organized by and for YC - if you are interested in participating contact lsa: 9787702497

NEW Legal consultant in Auroville

The community can now get legal consulting (registered under ASSA as “Sathyaseelan Legal consultation”). Queries and doubts can be brought forward in all legal related issues for advice / opinion, such as for example:
- Registration at Vanur, Puducherry or any other office regarding birth, Marriage, property
- Consumer Forums,
- Cheque bounces,
- Accident,
- Matrimony,
- Property,
- Labour related issues,
- Apostille follow ups at various levels
- Visa related questions etc.

In case of issues in a court, then it can be followed up as an advocate as I am also registered at Tamil Nadu & Puducherry Bar Council

H. Sathyaseelan, Advocate, Legal Consultant · Adventure community · For appointment: sathyanshraw@auroville.org.in
Emergency: Ph.No. 9443843190

What is COALA?

COALA is a group set up by the Auroville Council to coordinate all non-formal learning activities in Auroville. There are two main parts to the work of COALA: implementing the Guidelines for Auroville Learning Activities (ALA) and developing the ALA sector. The current members of COALA are Daniel, Dhanya, Dominique, Gijs, Lalit, Leena, Lisa, Manas, Sam and Sandhya. The members meet every Wednesday.

How can COALA help my learning activities?

COALA can support you by:
- Promoting your learning activities using multiple methods, such as the Web, a printed handbook and a consolidated calendar of events. These marketing channels are currently being developed.
- Helping you connect with resource persons and venues.
- Helping you register your learning activity as a part of an Auroville unit.

Coordination of Auroville Learning Activities

COALA@auroville.org.in
Helping you understand regulatory requirements, such as visa, GST and financial contribution.

How can I collaborate with COALA to develop the ALA sector? If you are passionate about developing the ALA sector, do write to us. We would like to involve many people with interest and experience in training, facilitation, logistics, event management, economy and other relevant areas.

Where can I find the ALA guidelines? The current set of ALA Guidelines is available at https://www.auroville.org.in/group/coala-coordination-auromode-learning-activities

If you are unable to download the document, please send us an email and we will send you the Guidelines.

How can I get in touch with COALA? Write to us at COALA@auroville.org.in

POSTINGS

Sharing design space @ upasana: Creative designer people working with textile and craft and looking for a place, welcome. Upasana is happy to share some space. Special attention for young founders from Auroville. Pls write to: Office@upasana.in

Space at Kalki Pondy: space available on the 1st floor for Auroville unit products to keep in the shop. Those interested please send an email to Maroma (maroma@maroma.com) explaining what they would like to display with Photographs of their products. Thanks. With Regards, Joshua for Maroma.

French Theater - participants needed: The “SDF” company is looking for participants to play in Albert Camus’ “State of siege”. The play will be presented in French late January or early February. We are looking for French speakers to complete the cast. This play is full of humor and our rehearsals are done in joy and good humor. Beginners or confirmed actors, join us for good collective and creative moments. If you are interested, please contact Céline at +91 80 988 46 079 or sdf@auroville.org.in.

Office Space at Auromode: Completely newly renovated office space (40-Sq mtr / 21 - Sq mtr) very quiet and green surrounding for rent at Auromode with the following facilities: 24 hours Security service, 24 hours Generator back-up, Aquadyne drinking water, Car & Bike parking. Best regards, Auromode Trust. Auroshilpa -TEL: 0413-2622193-161. Email: auromode@auroville.org.in

Auroville Food Festival - Call to participate: Come December, Auroville will have its first food festival celebrating the diverse cultures that coexist within the township. Organised by Anveshan centre for experiential learning, the event will be held at the Town Hall Area from December 16-23, coinciding with the Auroville Film Festival. Staying true to the spirit of Auroville, the festival aims to show the world that people from disparate cultures can live together in relative harmony, and giving Aurovilians a chance to showcase their native cuisine is one way of proving this. Each day of the festival will be devoted to the cuisine of a particular region - South Indian, North Indian, African, Mediterranean, South Asian, East European etc. And the event is non-commercial, which means the food will be made not at food outlets but at the homes of Aurovilians.

To make this event a grand success, we invite the participation of Aurovilians willing to put their culinary skills as well as their inner wideness for contact with The inner beeing and higher light. For appointments please contact 9443752847 or 0413 2632489, or mychello@auroville.org.in, or just pass by, in Madhuca . W.-Michael Ormelioh (Psychotherapist)

Psychotherapy by Michael: Since Michael is back in Auroville, psychotherapy is available again. Psychotherapy may help to open your heart and mind. You may find more easily quietness and inner wideness for contact with The inner beeing and higher light. For appointments please contact 9443752847 or 0413 2632489, or mychello@auroville.org.in, or just pass by, in Madhuca . W.-Michael Ormelioh (Psychotherapist)

SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES

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Accessible Auroville Bus: see schedule to Pondy and back at: https://www.auroville.org.in/contents/3988 / arbuses@auroville.org.in

City Transport: Quick "Pick up and Drop" Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater people carrier, free of charge for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests for trips within the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele and Repos/Quiet chargeable with per passenger fares, from Rs.110/- for 1 person single trip. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 0413-262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30 am-6.00 pm. E-mail: visitorscentre@auroville.org.in

Auroville Dental Centre: Protection / Telephone: (0143) 2622265 or 2622007 / email: aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in

EcoService, Kottakarai: Palani 9443535172 or Kali 9443090114. eco.service@auroville.org.in

Entry Service, Multimedia Center: 1st floor, Town hall Complex: We are open to the public Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30AM-12:30PM, and Monday to Friday (by appointment only) 02:30PM-04:30PM. B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only. For more information on joining Auroville: +91 (0)413 262 2707 email: entryservice@auroville.org.in

Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. This phone is reachable 24/7.

Financial Service, Town Hall and Aspiration: Mon to Sat, 9 to 12.30 and 3 to 4.30pm

Free Store: Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12:30 pm. Telephone: 0413-2623680 email: freestore@auroville.org.in

Free Store Tailoring Service: Repair work will be received only from 1st to 15th of every month. Timings will be same as Free Store.

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Auroville Gas Service, Service Area: Near Tele Service” and BSNL Telephone Exchange: Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm. Telephone: (0413) 2622452 / email: avgasservice@auroville.org.in

Guest Registration Service: ALL GUESTS in Auroville (including Indian nationals and foreigners as well as friends and family members of Aurovilians) are required by Indian law and Auroville regulations to register within 24 hours of their arrival. In addition, guests are required to register each time they move to a new destination in Auroville. The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates from 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

Guest Service above the Solar Kitchen: 1st floor. Opening times: from Monday to Saturday 9.30 to 12.30; and from Monday to Friday 13.00 to 16.00. avguestservice@auroville.org.in; contact no. 0413 2622675

Housing Service, Town Hall: Public Hours: Monday morning from 11 to 12.30 and afternoon from 2.30 till 4.30 - Tuesday morning from 9.30 to 12.30 - Wednesday closed - Thursday 9.30 to 12.30 - Friday morning 9.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - Friday afternoon 2.30 to 4.30 - Saturday morning 10.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - All regular financial matters can also be taken care of on Friday morning. Phone: (0413) 2622658. Email: housing@auroville.org.in

Integral Health, Prayatna: transpersonal regression therapy, classical homeopathy, counselling, vital remedies, child & women health, hypnotherapy. integralhealth@auroville.org.in - 2623669 - Mon to Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.

LFAU - Fundraising for Auroville's land: with its two campaigns 'Acres for Auroville' & 'GreenAcres' Arayadeep, Mandakini LB, Sophie, Sigrid, and secretary Jothi. Welcome: Mornings from 9:30 - 12.30 at Town Hall, 1st floor. LFAU 0413 2622657. lfau@auroville.org.in / www.colaap.org

LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas; LOE Library Open every morning Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12 am / Afternoon Monday to Friday: 2.30 to 4.30 pm. loechu@auroville.org.in

Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily 6am to 8.45am/11.30am to 12.30pm (2pm on Sunday)/4.30pm to 8pm. Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat before moving to a new destination in Auroville. The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates from 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

Music library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9 to 12.30 and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2 to 5:30pm. Nandini Distribution: (PTDC area): 0413-2622033 / Email nandinilibrary@auroville.org.in. Open to the Participants - Distribution: Tuesday to Saturday 9 am to 12.30 pm / Tuesday & Thursday 2.30 to 4.30 pm / Tailor: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9 am to 12.30 pm / Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday3 pm to 5 pm - To avoid plastic please bring your bag.

OutreachMedia Services: The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing, reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904 Multi-Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9:30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment. outreachmedia@auroville.org.in

Puncture service, service area: next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4.30pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891233.

Auroville Residents Service timings: open from Monday to Friday morning from 9:30 am to 12.30 pm. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 2.30 to 4:30 pm. Telephone: (0143) 2622191 / email: resservice@auroville.org.in

Residents Assembly Service: new landline number: 0413-2623701 (please note it in your agenda). The RAS office (located 1st floor at Town Hall) is open for public from 10 AM till 12 Noon from Monday till Friday. We are happy to welcome your questions, suggestions or information. We will do our best to help you in whatever way possible. Thank you for your appreciation. Your RAS team


Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville, a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months). We offer welcome information, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers’ stay. From Monday to Friday from 2 till 4 pm. at the Unity Pavilion. For more information call (0413)2622121 or go to Savi website: www.auroville-learning.net.

Skyworks: Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, power line cleaning. SatYayji: 853 103 35 45

Shared Transport Service (STS): Taxi sharing +91 413 2623 200 | +91 413 2623 201 | +91 8270512508 - sharedtransport@auroville.org.in | sharedtransport.auroville.org/

TreeCare: Pruning, removing, cabling, bracing and transplanting of trees. Hedge and grass maintenance also available. Call: Jonas: 9159843572 / Anadi: 9655473329 or go to: treecareindia.com.

Vehicle Service, Town Hall: Monday to Friday: 9am to 12.30pm, 2.30 to 4.30pm. Saturday: 9am to 12.30pm. Rental of bicycles and children car seats also available. avvehicle@auroville.org.in or phone 9843734825

Video library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 10am to 1pm and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 3 to 6pm.

AUROVILLE RADIO

Dear listeners! The monsoon has arrived... although we are happy about it, and nature badly needs it, the cultural life will go at a slower pace for the next few weeks, yet our work continues! Our live streaming can be heard on: http://radio.garden/live/villupuram/auroville-radio/ From our volunteers we have: Ray shares few glimpses of Deepawali Celebration at Solar Kitchen. Rtm - short interview with our volunteer of architecture Shipra on New Look of our Studio, and you can listen to interview with Serena Aurora's Eye. Within the regular programs: Gangalakshmi reads her Selections 8/8/56, and Savitri, B.Ill. C.III. Prt.1. And here the news of Thursday, and Monday. You can also listen to our musical editions from Felabration 2017, Jazz Loung – Body and Soul, amazing album Force as collaboration between Max Roach, and Archie Shepp, and free jazz of Five Twenty One Equals Eight. Happy listening! Your AV Radio Team [www.aurovilleradio.org]
The last Green Column reported on the alarming contamination of honey and the global loss of bees. But other flying insects too are in dramatic decline, according to reports by the Public Library of Science (Cambridge, UK) in collaboration with the University of Sussex. Research at more than 60 protected areas in Germany suggests that flying insects have declined by more than 75% since 1985! The loss is measured in ‘Biomass of Flying Insects’ caught per day in research traps; while the study doesn’t distinguish species, it means overall 75% less of insects pollinating the food for humans, birds and other animals. The study is all the more poignant because it was done in protected nature reserves. However many of these reserves are surrounded by farmlands, where crops are often doused with insecticides and herbicides in up to 20 applications per year, while monoculture and excess fertilizing with nitrogen contribute further to wiping out insect life. While we might appreciate getting rid of wasps, hairy caterpillars, rock bees, locusts or mosquitoes, the predators of those insects, as well as butterflies, honeybees and a host of other beneficial pollinators are seriously missed. Among bird populations, the loss of species that feed on insects is particularly steep. Such a massive loss of insects means the collapse of many biomes, insects, plants and animals; in short a catastrophe for life on Earth. The magazine Nature presents a global study (by Anthony Waldron of the University of Singapore) comparing how much each country spends on conserving its plants and animals. The IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) has produced a Red List of Threatened Species and shows correlations between conservation efforts / money spent and the actual conservation success. For instance, the last years globally 14 billion USD were spent on conservation of plant and animal species; without this, one third more species would have been lost. An accompanying commentary in Nature notes that halting the decline in global biodiversity would be ‘remarkably cheap’, amounting to less than 0.01 percent of global gross domestic product – especially when considering the inestimable damage resulting from ecosystem collapse. Obviously every country has to increase spending / efforts to mitigate the loss of biodiversity. Human population growth results in converting natural areas into agricultural land (overall farmland now covers 38% of the world’s land area!), urbanisation, industries and roads, all causing habitat loss for wildlife. Often it is directly, low on the food chain and the food for so many other species, the decline of insects is a most serious warning bell.

- COP 23 Bonn, Germany. The UNFCCC (United Nations Convention on Climate Change) is taking place right now, from 6 to 17 November. It is a crucial step for governments to implement the Paris Climate Change Agreement, to gauge the world’s progress and agree on appropriate rules, procedures and mechanisms to confront the many challenges posed by our warming planet, and to accelerate the transformation to a sustainable, resilient and climate-safe development. The call is to all governments at all levels, NGO’s, the scientific and business communities, labor organizations and all of civic society to join in one grand coalition to save our Earth and all the people and living beings that call it home.

- North East Monsoon

The South West Monsoon has subsided and the winds have turned north-easterly in the Gulf of Thailand, South China Sea and now in the Bay of Bengal. The North East monsoon has started with heavy rains; more are expected till next week, while the prospect of a brewing storm driven to the South-East Bay of Bengal is being watched...

For AV Green Center, Lisbeth

We welcome green news from Auroville, the Bioregion, India, and the world. To write us at: avgreencenter@auroville.org.in (Lisbeth, Jasmin, Isabelle, Island) * The title quotes a popular song in the early 60’s by Jewel Akens

**GREEN MATTERS**

*Let me tell you about the birds and the bees, and the flowers and the trees* --- Part 2

The Artistic Ecocompositions

“Tat Tvam asi” (Sanskrit) - that’s You (the Lord).

There are two remarkable pictures in the Aspiration community, a painting and a photo. The painting is on the kitchen wall (outside), a girl from Mumbai, our guest, created it. A jellyfish and a whale are on it - more real than reality. The ocean is strongly polluted nowadays but the part of ocean on the Aspiration’s wall is clean. This jellyfish and this whale are very beautiful and I always feel happy when seeing them. There was a time on our planet when all life concentrated in the ocean. In that period every Aurovillian had other image, no one used motorbikes or computers. The ocean was clean - no pollution, no garbage, no life. Another nice picture in the community is a big photo from Mexico: cactus flowers and a flying hummingbird before them. Sometimes America received the name “New World” and therefore Europe with Asia in this case is “Old World”. In the Old World for the hummingbird they use the word “colibri”. Some Aurovillians are sure that colibri-hummingbirds live in our city. It is a mistake; we have instead the sunbirds (Nectarinia for scientists). Only one colibri-hummingbird is in the Old World - in Aspiration’s kitchen, on the artistic photo together with the red cactus flowers.

We have at the present time a great biodiversity in Auroville. But the Lord also created jellyfishes, whales and hummingbirds for our joy and surprise before the fantastic treasures of the living nature. How many pearls on the bottom of the ocean, how much beauty on the lands! What do people use it for? On the Kurukshetra field for 18 days one could hear Arjuna’s and Krishna’s shells. They were the battle sounds for the killing of people. Mankind cannot use nature for goodness only.

**NOTES**

- Concerning Dr. Karan Singh and the announcement of his new book

I wanted to share this short anecdote about my first meeting with Dr. Karan Singh. Michael Gorbachev had invited 600 people from around the world to meet in Moscow for the declaration of the end of the Soviet Union and the advent of a new Russia in 1991. As destiny would have it, (for surely there were better candidates), Forrest and I were invited as representatives from India. As we stood among all these dignitaries with our books and pamphlets on Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, a rather tall Indian gentleman approached me with a deep determination in his eyes and confided that Sri Aurobindo has been a really important inspiration for his life. He then pulled out a photograph from his pocket of Sri Aurobindo and we stood staring at this tiny portrait of one of the largest figures in modern Indian history. At that time Dr. Karan Singh did not have a deep connection with Auroville and the Mother, but I found his commitment and dedication to Sri Aurobindo to be remarkable. Over the years and in different contexts, I have watched him as he began to understand the Mother’s role in Sri Aurobindo’s yoga and our mission in this chaotic anarchistic community.

Dr. Karan Singh has given Auroville his best and has been infinitely patient with us. We owe him our deepest gratitude.

- Active and passive way to conquer and possess the Truth-Consciousness

People like the Vedic Rishis or Sages or Saints belonging to different religions could pursue the active way to conquer and possess the Truth-Consciousness. “It is a difficult task and cannot be followed by all. It is like fighting the bull by holding its horn” says Ramana Maharshi. And he adds that Bhakti Yoga is there by which one can receive the Truth-Consciousness without much difficulty because the entire burden of delivering the disciple from the struggle and suffering in life is taken up by the Divine. We can cite many examples from the life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother to show that they
There are moments for sowing... in colour, entered easily into her supramentalised physical form, she had made arrangement for a meeting between Sri Aurobindo and Satprem. As Sri Aurobindo was not in his physical form, he could not reach Satprem directly. It is easy for Sri Aurobindo to get the Truth from the Truth-Consciousness but he could share it only with the consciousness of the soul. The physical, vital and mental form of Satprem would act as stumbling blocks and the consciousness of Sri Aurobindo could not pass through them to the soul of Satprem with which he had to share the Truth. The Mother has given an account of her experience about the entry of the consciousness of Sri Aurobindo into her body in “Mother’s Agenda,” Vol. 2, p.346. “The Consciousness of Sri Aurobindo, which is dark blue, has to wait for the right moment to share it with the person in crisis. Sri Aurobindo responds immediately to the call of anyone in crisis. He gets the Truth from the Truth-Consciousness in a fraction of a second, but he has to wait for the right moment to share it with the person in crisis. The Truth-Consciousness cannot pass through the unregenerated nature of the outer self. But during sleep the consciousness of the outer self is withdrawn and all the activities of the mind, vital and body are suspended. The consciousness of Sri Aurobindo easily enters into the consciousness of the inner self of the person in crisis and shares the Truth-Consciousness with it. The mind of the person in crisis is aware of the Truth and implements it in the outer life. He attains freedom from the crisis and enjoys happiness. During the initial stages the passive way to receive the Truth-Consciousness may come across some pitfalls, but they will disappear in due course.

◆ There are moments for sowing...

There are moments for sowing, moments for watering, moments for harvest and moments for fallow. The greatest forgetting is a form of knowledge. No falsehood can prevail against the true Truth, no darkness against the Light. That alone exists and all the rest is a play in which appear innumerable figures, ephemeral, passing, an illegible writing composing an epic searching for Divinity. Sri Aurobindo writes: In God’s providence there is no evil, but only good or its preparation. The whole universe is an act of God, mere living even is His movement. - Sri Aurobindo, Essays on the Gita.

We must conquer the evil which accuses us and of which we are accused ourselves. But the time of this apprenticeship is almost closed for this movement of Sri Aurobindo. The Ashram Playground, the Ashramites practice concentration and meditation during Darshan Days. Sri Aurobindo says “Whether I live or die, I am.” Now he has no physical body. But he lives in his soul, which is eternal. The Mother says that Sri Aurobindo has chosen to remain in the subtle physical plane of consciousness in the Universal Existence so that he could extend his help to the people immediately. The following illustration will make you understand how Sri Aurobindo helps his followers to receive the Truth-Consciousness. Satprem, who was writing a book on Sri Aurobindo, used to read some pages from his manuscript to the Mother. She had made arrangement for a meeting between Sri Aurobindo and Satprem. As Sri Aurobindo could not pass through them to the soul of Satprem with which he had to share the Truth. The Mother has given an account of her experience about the entry of the consciousness of Sri Aurobindo into her body in “Mother’s Agenda," Vol. 2, p.346. “The Consciousness of Sri Aurobindo, which is dark blue in colour, entered easily into her supramentalised physical form, which he was going to use to interact with Satprem.

The Mother says “If you are in a crisis, come here (Sri Aurobindo’s Ashram). We are here to help you. Whoever it may be, he will be saved from the crisis!” Sri Aurobindo responds immediately to the call of anyone in crisis. He gets the Truth from the Truth-Consciousness in a fraction of a second, but he has to wait for the right moment to share it with the person in crisis. The Truth-Consciousness cannot pass through the unregenerated nature of the outer self. But during sleep the consciousness of the outer self is withdrawn and all the activities of the mind, vital and body are suspended. The consciousness of Sri Aurobindo easily enters into the consciousness of the inner self of the person in crisis and shares the Truth-Consciousness with it. The mind of the person in crisis is aware of the Truth and implements it in the outer life. He attains freedom from the crisis and enjoys happiness. During the initial stages the passive way to receive the Truth-Consciousness may come across some pitfalls, but they will disappear in due course.

Submitted by Somasundaram A.

Dear Sunship Team,

The Housing congratulates you for all the effort that you have put in, to materialize this project. It is beautiful and the Presence was amazing at the opening. We wish you and the residents all the best to continue in your aspiration towards living this beautiful experience in this beautiful space created for it. Thanking the team again for all the work done to create Sunship. Warm regards - the Housing team and Board.

Kalabhumii Goes Live

Kalabhumii Music Studio team and musicians would like to thank everybody who made our October “Kalabhumii Goes Live” memorable. We especially thank Pitanga and all well-wishers who support us every month. We apologize to our cherished spectators for longer-than-expected program and some technical challenge met during live show, which we are working to resolve for next time. We urge anyone with video, and photos to get in touch with us as we are building a media archive of our activities (email: eddie.grassi@gmail.com).

Our tentative date for November KGL is set for 25/11. Stay tuned for more live vibes!

EATING OUT

For all AUROVILLE EATERIES listing: see www.auroville.org/categories/178

New opening times for Marc’s Cafe Roast and Taste

Dear community, we are pleased to inform you that from this month, November, we will be open on Sundays from 8:00 to 17:00. Along with our specialty coffees, we serve freshly baked croissants and pastries made with organic flour, as well as light lunches with our sourdough bread! Hoping to see you soon! The Marc’s Café Team

AVAILABLE

Table Fan: Bought in June 2017 - Usha Maxx Air Table fan w 1.5 years warranty. Contact Priya: priyal96@outlook.com

Furniture: Dear friends, a 32 boxes teak wood cupboard, with four doors, perfect for a workshop. Also available a two compartments laundry cupboard also teak wood. Both in excellent condition. Contact Eric, Swedame, 9442646250.

2 puppies: found crying, abandoned in a box along the road. Right now they are being fostered by Ragu in Pondicherry, but he is unable to keep them because it’s not allowed in his rented flat. He urgently hopes to find a forever home for them. If you would like to see them and perhaps give them a home, please call Ragu: 8973404092. Submitted by Nandita Shah.

Aloe Vera Plants: I have small Aloe Vera plants for the taking about two dozen or so. Anyone interested in having some of them please give me a call. Thanking you, Francis: 9486536586

Four adorable cats (two male/two female): whose people are returning to Europe, are looking for new, affectionate people with whom to live. The mother is 7 and the three offspring 6 years old. They have all been sterilised. All four cats are very communicative. They like being outdoors as well as in the house. The two females would be happy to live individually with their new people, while the males would be happiest if they could stay together. They are gentle and are tolerant of human foibles. For photographs and more details, please refer to the Auroville Intranet - “Cats Seeking People”.
Call me at: 9489066787 (at lunchtime please). Thanks,
Could someone help me please? I learn fast, promise! Please

LOOKING FOR...

Someone traveling to Germany soon: and willing to take some
Matrimandir Calendars in his/her suitcase. The Matrimandir Calendars are destined for the AVI-Center in Berlin. If you travel to any other German destination, postage fees will be reimbursed. Please email tine@aurowire.org.in or phone Tine 890 3938 649. Thank you so much! Tine

Going to Belgium? Anyone going to Belgium in November? I have some calendars to give to an NGO there, would it be possible to take them with you? I can reimburse you for your expenses. Please call me on +91 - 8248 560 908. Aurelie

Math/physics teacher: needed to help our students with their Homework. Tuition class from 5 to 7 pm every day. Students from 8th to 12th standard. With Love, New Creation School. Contact Beber: aurochild@aurowire.org.in or 7339163758

Work for an amma: She is a person totally trustworthy, honest, faithful, responsible, strong and committed. After many years of experience with me and other Aurovilians, my amma needs 3 days a week of work: Monday, Thursday and Saturday. For more information call: 9489600787 (at lunchtime please). Submitted by Ana. M

Help with photo composition: Dear friends, I need to learn the bases of digital programming, photo composition including text and how to cut and compose small films in order to enter clips on YouTube as well as create a simple website. Could someone help me please? I learn fast, promise! Please call me at: 9489066787 (at lunchtime please). Thanks, Ana.M

Harmonium: for a short or long term. If anyone has one and is willing to lend it for some time, please let me know. Contact Meer: 9442066836

Glass jars: Dear readers, I would like to know if anyone can lend me glass jars of capacity 2 liters to 5 liters (whichever capacity in-between). I would like to have them for a few weeks for a small experiment of mine (with organic herbs and flowers). Would be most obliged. Thank You, Sitharth E [email: esitharth@gmail.com / Mob: 7845726955

A woolen cap (found): with Che Guevara image on it, black and grey color, left behind at Kalabhamu studio after show. Please contact Edo: 9843893652.

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri

read by Mother to Sunil's music

Every THURSDAY - 5.30 to 6.00 pm

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all:
The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work, and is to be used only as such.

We request everyone: please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 pm.

Please be seated by 5.25 pm.

Thank you, Amphitheatre Team

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

Our Auroville Experience...

We will meet on Friday, November 3rd, 2017, at 4 pm in the Resource Library

To continue our reading / study of “Savitri”.

Till then...love, Aster

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

November 6th: Monday, one person leaving for Chennai airport around 10:30 am. Coming back empty. Sharing both ways possible. Contact: arpanaa@aurowire.org.in c/o Mona, 0413-2622900.

November 8th: I’m going to Chennai Airport, leaving between 8 and 9 pm, taxi is available to share on both way, please contact Beber - 7339163758

November 10th: I’m staying in Auroville right now and go to Chennai Airport by taxi on 12.11. I’d love to find someone to share the taxi. Contact Sebastian: +91 7094692064, mail: sebastians.postfach@gmail.com

November 12th: I would like to share a taxi coming for pickup (Luftansa flight) at midnight Nov 12 to 13 at Chennai airport, sharing both ways. Namaste, Sigrid: sigrid@aurowire.org.in

November 15th: Thursday - Taxi sharing both ways (1 person goes, returns empty) - From Auroville Centre Guest House to Chennai Airport. Leaving at 6 pm. Contact: Danielle 9159818106

INVITATIONS

Auroville Ambassador Program

The aim of the Youth Ambassador program is to assist the young generation into becoming Ambassadors of Auroville. It shall help the Youth reflect on the deeper meaning of Auroville whilst staying in touch with the outward and practical manifestation of the city so that they may share positively and honestly what the Auroville project is about with integrity and integrality.

Applications: Receiving guests and visitors for our 50th birthday and beyond, learning how to hold group sessions, to present Auroville at conferences and writing about Auroville from a young and open perspective. The program will also offer experiences in guiding guest and tourist groups. There are possibilities to work later as guides.

How to bring this about? A group of dedicated Aurovilians that have experience in the field of guest reception, tourism, group

ACCOMMODATIONS

House available: From 1st of November, a small house for eco-friendly Newcomers or Long term Guests is available. A few hours per week of participation in the forest work is required. Contact Ambre: ambre@aurowire.org.in (corrected email)

House-sitting: Dear Aurovilians, we are a couple looking for a house-sitting opportunity from end of November onwards. We are long-term volunteers since January and we are applying to become Newcomers. We can take care of your house, garden and animals. Please contact us at: damandanparisa@yahoo.com - Parisa & Soheil

TAXI SHARING

Week’s Happenings

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**Nonviolent Communication Practice Group for November**

With **Laura Joy**, NVC Trainer

**Dates:** Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (5 Wednesdays)

**Time:** 4:30-6:30 pm

Theme of the month: “Choosing Love…”

Advance registration and contribution requested.

Full commitment (4 sessions) and prior NVC experience.

For more info and to register, contact **Laura joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016.** [Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

**Restorative Circles Learning Community**

**Building a Compassionate Justice System**

With **Laura Joy**

**Fri, Nov 10 & Sat, Nov 11**

9.30 am - 5 pm, with lunch break

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

Contact: **Laura** for more information and to register; joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016. [Other upcoming RC events: joylivinglearning.org]

**Full Training (with diploma) in Holoenergetic® by Marie Claire**

- **5 week-ends + a 5-day retreat**

Leonard Laskow is a Stanford-trained physician who has studied, researched, and taught about the healing power of Love and self-awareness for over 30 years. He is best known for “Holoenergetic® Healing”, the powerful process he’s developed for accessing and using the “energy of the whole” to facilitate physical, emotional or spiritual healing and personal transformation.

The principles of Holoenergetic® Healing are presented in Dr. Laskow’s breakthrough book *Healing with Love*, available in Auroville at the Laboratory of Evolution. It was highly recommended by Deepak Chopra, Larry Dossey, and Dolores Krieger when published.

Described as “A Breakthrough Mind/Body Medical Program for Healing Yourself and Others” (Wholeness Press, 1992), Dr. Laskow has been teaching this process to health and healing professionals and lay people alike. Holoenergetic® uses ancient and cutting-edge healing techniques, self-awareness, energy work, and practical exercises in a modified state of consciousness to help people directly experience love as a healing force.

**Marie Claire** was his translator during his seminars in French speaking countries from 2004 to 2009 and teaches his Holoenergetic® method in France since 2009.

She has been experimenting with success on its adaptation for educational environment in Oli school and through Thamarai with Muthukumari in the bioregion for the past 5 years.

She is now proposing this technique in India as a full training for practitioners to be, for therapists who want to give an extra dimension to their practice, or for seekers who want to explore the path of Love as an opening to Oneness.

For more information, see [www.laskow.net](http://www.laskow.net).

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**2017-2018 HOLOENERGETIC® TRAINING SCHEDULE:**

- **Introduction conference:** 11th of November from 9 to 12 in Vérité hall. (see Vérité schedule below).

  **Level 1:**
  - **Part 1:** energy work, balancing breaths and “Forgiveness Process”: Dec 9th and 10th - from 9 to 6 at Unity pavilion
  - **Part 2:** “Tracing Process” - Dec 16th and 17th - from 9 to 6 at Unity Pavilion

  **Level 2, Level 3, level 4, and Retreat will be held one per month, in the following months, date and place to be decided with the participants who are willing to go on this adventure!**

For more info [marieclaire@auroville.org.in](mailto:marieclaire@auroville.org.in) or [https://www.marieclairebarsotti.com/conference-seminars](https://www.marieclairebarsotti.com/conference-seminars)

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**TALKS, SEMINARS**

**4th and 5th of November**

**This Saturday and Sunday @ AHHA School**

From Sat: 9-15 to 4:30 pm and Sunday 9:15 to lunch.

Lunch will be offered at the seminar on both days. Open to everyone who wants to explore education.

**COMMUNITY SCHOOLING**

**Being inclusive of adults, children and all stakeholders in the schooling of the child.**

When we talk about holistic education, we are also talking about children’s inherent capacity to learn by themselves. But should children be left alone completely or is adult guidance a must for their growth? If guidance is important, how much facilitation and in what way should the right kind of facilitation happen?

The adult’s role therefore becomes 3-fold - of being an Observer, a Participant and a Facilitator. This leads to discussions and carrying out activities.

The weekend is being facilitated by Arun and Poornima friends of Auroville who run the Marudam Farm School in Tiruvanamalai.

Any questions please phone **Krishna (9843319260)**

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**CLASSES, WORKSHOPS**

**NEW Zumba Class Back By Popular Demand!**

Weekly Zumba class with Satish.

Where: New Creation dance studio.

When: **MONDAYS from 6-7pm. Starting Monday November 6th.**

*Don't forget your water bottle!*
Transformational Yoga

Every Wednesday and Friday from 9.00 am to 10.30 am - At Africa Pavilion

Transformational Yoga gives you the tools you need in order to make a difference in your everyday life. In depth focus of asanas, the chakras, mantras and breathing and meditation techniques gives you the knowledge you need to purify your body, stabilise your emotions, focus your mind, and increase your spiritual well-being.

Transformational Yoga aims to awaken all five bodies and seven chakras in order to experience a continuous state of physical health and stamina, emotional balance higher mental guidance, unconditional love and faith, and spiritual bliss consciousness.

Elementерtere - the scientific secrets of earth architecture

A one-hour demonstration for all audiences
Tuesday 7th November at 2pm, in Auroville Earth Institute courtyard, CSR

Through intriguing science experiments, we’ll discover the hidden physics behind this ecological construction material, which has been used in widely across vernacular cultures. Showcasing the role of soil, air and water, this demonstration is based on a scientific hands-on approach, and breaks down the key principles of building with earth.

For more information:
www.earth-auroville.com/elementerre_en.php
Contact: isisrouxpages@gmail.com

SCHEDULES

VERITE

Please contact Vérité to register (24 hour advanced registration required) for the following intensives: 0413 2622045, 2622606, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in

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

INTENSIVES IN VERITE:

♦ 3 DAY INTRODUCTION TO PALLIATIVE CARE
(For Aurovillians, Newcomers & Savi Volunteers only)
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8, 9 & 10 November: 10 am to 4.30 pm

In these 3 days, you will learn the basic skill set of caring for people and families with incurable and degenerative illnesses. The topics covered will range from empathy, communication skills, psychological concerns of the dying, caregiver stress, breaking bad news, terminal phase. The teaching methodology will be lectures, group discussions, role plays and a lot of reflective work on our concepts about life, death, helping and being there. Please note that participants are required to attend all three days.

♦ AUGUSTO BOAL’S IMAGE THEATER (OPEN TO ALL)
Saturday, 11 November: 9.30 am to 4.30 pm

Image theatre involves the use of body to create shapes in response to a subject/concept through technique of sculpting and moulding. It is an efficient process to bypass the thinking mind and become intimate with the body’s intelligence.

DR. SNEHA is a medical doctor certified in Palliative Care. She also has an extensive background in Augusto Boal’s work and Family Constellations. She is currently traveling throughout India with a mission to offer Palliative Care trainings “pro bono” at hospitals and health centres.

♦ INTRODUCTION TO HOLOENERGETICS
Saturday, 11 November: 9 am to 12.30 pm

In English, the word “cure” (healing) has the same etymological root as “completeness” (wholeness): a feeling of reliance to be one with oneself, others and the world around us. This introduction allows us to go beyond simply relieving symptoms and becoming aware of the fundamental source of separation.

MARIE CLAIRE lives in Auroville, an artist, sculpturist, life coach & believes to connect to Oneness, nourishing with this joy inside, loosing sense of time and space by trying to translate Life into matter.

Shakti Somatics

A 4-evening workshop, women only - by Dr Sneha
At the LOE-HU Research Office (Luminosity): From Monday 13th to Thursday 16th November 2017, 4.30 to 7 pm. (Rs 300 contribution, optional)

Each evening we will explore one part of the feminine body (yoni, ovary, womb, breasts). We will reclaim, release traumatic memories and remember our true Health by listening to the deeper wisdom of our cells, through movement, touch, art and visualization. Please wear comfortable clothes, bring your journal and your crayons.

Dr Sneha is a palliative physician and a body therapist, She has trained in Integral Somatic Psychology with Dr Raja Selvam of California Institute, USA. Dr Sneha is the founder of ‘Orikalankini’, an organisation that is changing the narrative around menstruation and other aspects of feminine life).

-Submitted by Bhoga

Indian Calligraphy Workshop

4 & 5 NOVEMBER 2017 (SAT & SUN)
9:30 - 12:30; 2:30 - 5:30pm
Venue: Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas

Full attendance necessary. Open to Aurovillians, Newcomers and Guests of Auroville. Contribution of Rs 500 is expected. Most materials will be provided. Limited to 20 participants. Still some seats available.

Organised by: ARPANAA, Geeta (Creativity) and Mona (Yantra), a service under City Service.

About the artist conducting the workshop:

Rajeev Kumar - A contemporary Calligraphy Artist, TEDx speaker & Engineer, currently based in Delhi. He has held various solo exhibitions and participated in group exhibitions in India and abroad. Rajeev Kumar has created calligraphy artworks in 14 Indian languages and English. He works both in small & large format. Some of his Calligraphy artworks showcased the richness of Indian Culture and Ethos from the Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagwad Gita and the thoughts of some eminent leaders. His works have been exhibited at various national and international galleries like, India Habitat Center, Apparaao Art Galleries, UNESCO headquarters in Paris, etc.

Those interested please send a mail to arpanaa@auroville.org.in.

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

7th November (Tuesday) Focus this week on: ‘Self-mastery’
• Overview with multimedia presentation
• Questions and Answers
• Practice in Daily Life
• Complimentary Concentration Exercises
• Creative Arts, Interactive Games
• Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
• Introduction to the Reference Books

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises.

Place: Savitri Bhavan - Time: 9 am to 12 Noon
(For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.)
Led by Dr. Larry Seidlitz (Contact: 0413 2622922)
No Registration required (except for groups)
Fees: Voluntary Contribution.

For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit www.integralyoga-auroville.com

Happiness Workshop

We’re all seeking happiness but have we found a way?

Come explore possibilities with us on Sunday November 5 from 9 am to 6 pm at Bhumika, Bharat Nivas.

Contribution: Rs.400. We request you to register yourself on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/earthushishe) or on +91-9486750671

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**STOOD STILL”**

“LAMB” - Forest films

18:30 Eco Film Club begins with “previews” of short Sadhana

21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

**TEKA**

**C I N E M A – VISITOR’S CENTRE – VIDEO ROOM**

AUROFILM PRESENTS

**SAVITRI**

Director: Nandan, India – Monday 6 November, 8:00 pm:

**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

Sadhana Forest, November 10th, Friday

Schedule of Events:

16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour

16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest

18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club

18:30 Eco Film Club begins with “previews” of short Sadhana Forest films

20:00 Dinner is served

21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film, you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!

**THE DARK SIDE OF CHOCOLATE**


In the cocoa plantations of Ghana and the Ivory Coast, children aged from 7 to 15 years old, with the promise of paid work; they are forced into slave labour. Does the world know about the dark side of chocolate?

(remind: Friday 03/11 Wasteland Warriors)

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

**AUFROILM PRESENTS**

**C IN E M A – VISITOR’S CENTRE – VIDEO ROOM**

- Remind: Friday 3 NOVEMBER “THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL” by Robert Wise, usa, 1951

- Friday 10 NOVEMBER, 7.45 pm

“LAMB” - Director: Yared ZELEKE, Ethiopia, 2015

With: Kidist Siyum, Rediat Amare, Rahel Teshome, Surafel Teka

Synopsis: The film tells the story of young Ephraim, a half-Jewish, Ethiopian boy who is sent by his father to live among distant relatives after his mother’s death. Ephraim uses his cooking skills to carve out a place among his cousins, but when his uncle decides that his beloved sheep must be sacrificed for the next religious feast, he will do anything to save the animal and return home... Drawing amazing performances from his cast of professional and non-professional actors, first time filmmaker Yared Zeleke tells his deceptively simple story with a refreshing honesty and naturalness. Beautifully shot against the majestic backdrop of Ethiopia’s southern mountains, Lamb is the first film from Ethiopia, highly praised in Cannes and Toronto. Original Amharic version with English Subtitles. Duration: 1h 34’

- Take note: Temporary venue at Visitors’ Center. Please bring one or two cushions for your comfort.

**KINO Auroville**

Please join us for the November Kino Auroville screening on Saturday 4th November at 10 am in Multimedia Centre / Cinema Paradiso.

If you have a film to show, please come some minutes earlier. November will mark 1 year of monthly Kino screenings, thanks to the support of the MMC/CP. Over a hundred films have been shown, some of which you can see here: https://vimeo.com/groups/kinokurolleweekly

**The FRENCH PAVILION presents**

Interview of Serge

Documentary directed by Doris & Francis

Saturday 4th November 2017 at 5pm

Town Hall - Cinéma Paradiso in English subtitled in French.

Length: 50min

This week we are presenting a 100% Aurovilian film: Serge’s interview conducted by Doris and Francis on February 18, 2008.

Serge arrived in Auroville in 1979. Shortly after his arrival, he opened a graphic design studio in Fraternité, “Saraswati”, which works on books and exhibitions on Auroville. With his companion Luisa, he returned to France in 1980 for his military service. Luisa and Serge returned to Auroville after 6 years and took over the Auroville Press that Claude Arpy had created in Fraternité. They transferred this Press to the building originally occupied by AuroPress near Aspiration. In addition to his printing and publishing activities, Serge has always been very involved in the collective life of Auroville. That Auroville remained faithful to its founding principles was a matter of passion, haunting, and sometimes even despairing him. Until 2006, he was responsible for the French Pavilion. Serge has left us in July 2008 after a long illness.

**EYE–OPENING MOVIE SERIES**

Wednesday, November 8th - 8pm - Unity Pavilion

FOOD, INC. - 2006 • Documentary • 1h 34m

Director Robert Kenner’s provocative, Oscar-nominated documentary looks at the food industry’s harmful effects on human health and the environment. The film examines how mammoth corporations have taken over all aspects of the food chain in the United States, from the farms where our food is grown to the chain restaurants and supermarkets where it’s sold.

Every Wednesday, 8 pm- At the Unity Pavilion

All are welcome – No contribution required

**CINEMA PARADISO**

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 6 to 12 November 2017

Indian • Monday 6 November, 8:00 pm:

**NAAM SHABANA (The Name is Shabana)**

India, 2017, Dir. Shivam Nair w/ Tapsee Pannu, Akshay Kumar, Manoj Bajpayee, and others, Action-Thriller, 147mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

Shabana a college student and a Kudo fighter who lives with her mother in Mumbai. When she was young she had killed her father trying to save her mother and was sent to children remand home. She falls in love with Jai who gets killed when he tries to save Shabana from the abuse of some spoilt brats. No arrests were made as the police tried to shelter the culprits. Shabana then gets an anonymous call from somebody who tells her that he can provide details on Jai’s killers provided she works for a secret mission at the National Defense Force.
Potpourri - Thursday 7 November, 8:00 pm:

- **HUNDRAÆRINGEN SOM KLEV UT GENOM FÖNSTRET OCH FÖRSVANN - (The 100yrs Old Man Who Climbed out of Window and Disappeared)**

Sweden, 2013, Writer-Dir. Felix Herngren w/ Robert Gustafsson, IvarWiklander, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 114 mins, Swedish-German-English-Spanish-French-Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

It is Allan Karlsson’s 100th birthday and a gala celebration is planned. While quietly waiting for the party - Alan climbs out of his bedroom window, and makes a getaway. Thus begins his extraordinary journey involving criminals, murders, a suitcase full of cash, and incompetent police. As his escapades unfold, we learn about Alan’s past where – he helped to make the atom bomb, became friends with American presidents, Russian tyrants, and Chinese leaders, and was a participant behind the scenes in many key events of the twentieth century. A must see!

Cultural - Wednesday 8 November, 8:00 pm:

- **KAGUYAHIME - The moon princess**

Nederland, 1994, Dir. Hans Hulscher, Jiri Kylian’s ballet w/ dancers from Nederland dans Theater, music from Japanese composer Makiko Ishii, 70 mins, Rated: NR

It is based on Japanese legend about the descent of the moon-princes Kaguya on earth among people who worship her. While people celebrated, her exceptional beauty create jealousy and rivalries among the noble suitors that included the emperor himself. Kaguya however, refuses them all and returns to her lunar world, a metaphor for the purity of spiritual essence that slips away from all those who attempt to grasp or fight for it.

Favorites - Thursday 9 November, 8:00 pm:

- **EAST SIDE SUSHI**

USA, Writer-Dir. Anthony Lucero w/ Diana Elizabeth Torres, Yutaka Takeuchi, Rodrigo Duarte Clark, and others, Drama, 106mins, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated PG

Single mom Juana can slice and dice anything with great speed and precision. After working at a fruit-vending cart for years, Winfried pays a surprise visit to his daughter living in Germany-Austria, 2016, Dir. Maren Ade, w/ Sandra Hüller, Peter Simonischek, 162 mins, Comedy-Drama, German-English-French-Spanish-Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Winfried doesn’t hold back. Ines begins to see that her daughter reach an impasse, and Winfried agrees back toiteDatabase to achieve affluence by himself. He happens to visit the famed Koskiwawa clinic for the indigent run by the autocratic Dr. Kyoji Niide, alias Red Beard. To his intense displeasure, he finds himself assigned to the clinic for his internship. But as time passes, he gains an intimate knowledge of the kind of suffering that is endemic to the impoverished and starts appreciating this seemingly dictatorial physician, who heals with gentleness and humility as much as with medicines.

Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available. For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in.

>This is the final issue of **News & Notes** for the year. Please continue to support the Ciné-Club by watching movies, local and international, and attending the events. Please also support the Auroville Emergency Contact Numbers:

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEWS & NOTES**

(Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm)

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

The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News is given to the printers on Wednesday. Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before deadline.

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

Articles for the Notes section should not be more than 500 words. All articles and reports need to reach us by Tuesday noon.

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

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