HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

(A conversation with R., an American disciple, then with Sujata. Mother speaks in English)

Since we have set aside all conventions, immediately everybody thinks, “Ah, nice place to fulfil our desires!” And they almost all come with that intention. And because I made a maternity clinic for the children of those people that I was obliged to send away from the Ashram, so that they could have a place to have their child, people think that the maternity clinic is established for all children born in an illegal way!

I don’t care for legality, I don’t care for law, I don’t care for convention. But what I want is a more divine life, not an animal life. And they use the liberty for license, for the satisfaction of desires, and all these things that we truly have worked all our life to master, they indulge in – dissipation.

I am absolutely disgusted.

We are here to give up all desires and to turn towards the Divine and to become conscious of the Divine. To realize and manifest the Divine in our life is the way, not to become animals, living like cats and dogs.

Sujata enters.

(In French) How I would like to be able to go and tell all of them, right to their faces, that they are wrong, that this is not the way. But I think it’s time to put it in writing. Because I say I am against the old conventions, it means we can live like animals.

But, Mother, your force is extremely active right now, you know.

Yes, I know. I know: when I am like now, I always see the Force – it isn’t “my” force, it is the Divine Force. I try – I only try to be like this (gesture like a channel). This body tries to be simply… simply a transmitter, as transparent as possible, as impersonal as possible. So the Divine can do whatever He wants. (silence)

It has become very transparent. For as soon as something is put before you, the action is done immediately. (silence)

Yesterday, it was fifty-eight years since I came here for the first time. For fifty-eight years I have been working FOR THAT, for the body to be as transparent and immaterial as possible, so that it doesn’t obstruct the descending Force.

Now – now it’s the body itself, the body wants this with all its cells. That is its only purpose in life.

To try, to try to create on earth one completely transparent, translucent element that would let the force pass through without any distortion. (silence)

Au revoir. You’ll tell Satprem. Satprem will see what he can do with all this.

Later, Mother added the following: “The Divine we seek is not far away and beyond reach: He lies at the very core of His creation and what He expects from us is to find Him and, through personal transformation, become capable of knowing Him, uniting with Him, and finally manifesting Him consciously. To this we must dedicate ourselves, it is our true raison d’etre. And our first step towards this sublime realization is the manifestation of the supramental consciousness.”

MOTHER’S AGENDA, March 30, 1972

MOTHER

"Transform the divided individual into the world-personality; let all thyself be the divine. This is thy goal. Transform the Animal into the Driver of the herds; let all thyself be Krishna. This is thy goal."

Sri Aurobindo

Thoughts and Glimpses (1916-17)

Cover: Lord Krishna. On 24th of November 1926, the Siddhi day or the Day of the Victory, Sri Aurobindo experienced the descent of Krishna into his body, rendering possible the descent of the Supermind into Matter.
**DARSHAN**

**Sri Aurobindo’s room Darshan**

- On November 24 - Sri Aurobindo Siddhi Day
  The room will be open from 5 am to 11 am
- On December 5 - Sri Aurobindo Samadhi Day
  The room will be open from 5 am to 10 am.

Tokens are not required. *Mallika*

**PONDY SAIIER BUS ON DARSHAN DAYS**

**NOVEMBER 24 and DECEMBER 5th**

For those using the Auroville bus to have darshan in Sri Aurobindo’s room on November 24 (Sri Aurobindo’s siddhi day), the bus will leave from Matrimandir at 9 am via the ordinary route and return from Pondy at 12 am.

No tokens are required.

The bus will be available on December 5th as well, Sri Aurobindo’ Mahasamadhi Day.

The SAIIER bus is reserved for Aurovilians and Newcomers going for Darshan. All others will have to use the ordinary Auroville bus, as per the daily schedule. *Paulette*

**50th SPECIAL**

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**We are building a birthday gift!**

The Acres for Auroville land campaign invites you to join us in building a special 50th birthday gift for the City of Dawn - the gift of land! Join the hundreds of donors whose donations have enabled Auroville’s Land Board to secure almost 30 acres so far - in the Matrimandir Circle, the City, and the Greenbelt. Please see our new November 24th A4A flier and LFAU letter in this issue.

In this special week, we are also happy to announce the arrival of the French version of our A4A 50th birthday land gift video, with our warm thanks to Rakhal, and to Nadaka for his music:

**ACRES for AUROVILLE** Campagne de collecte de fonds pour les terres manquantes de la Cité de l’Aurore
[https://vimeo.com/album/3521859/video/239854386](https://vimeo.com/album/3521859/video/239854386) or [https://youtu.be/5HKOIJ6e6Hw](https://youtu.be/5HKOIJ6e6Hw)

Please share it and its original English version widely:

**ACRES for AUROVILLE** Fundraising Campaign for the missing land needed for The City of Dawn

You can find these videos and all of our motivating AuroImage land films at:
[https://www.colaap.org/video-acres-auroville/](https://www.colaap.org/video-acres-auroville/)
[https://vimeo.com/album/3521859](https://vimeo.com/album/3521859)

Remember to keep up with all of our latest land and campaign news at: [https://www.colaap.org/](https://www.colaap.org/)

Join the “50th Birthday Land Gift” to protect & manifest the Auroville Dream!
The Mother established the City of Dawn in 1968 to anchor the new unity consciousness on Earth. Now turning 50 this February, Auroville is blooming - its once-barren land is a green and creative testimony to all the years of dedication, hope, hard work, and collaboration!

Radiating out from the Matrimandir, its golden soul, Auroville has 130 housing communities with 54 nationalities, 16 schools, 22 health and dental clinics, numerous bodywork centers, sports grounds, libraries, art galleries, theaters, an auditorium, and in the International Zone for peace, a Tamil Heritage Center & several national culture centers. The land now has 1,250 re-afforested acres planted with 3 million trees, 20 farms, over 40 water-catchment structures, 500 alternative energy installations, an indigenous wildlife preserve, a botanical garden, a rare-plant herbarium, and recognized technology and sustainability research & training institutes. 228 commercial & service units and workshops serve the community and provide 6,000 local jobs. 80 local villages are linked with Auroville through its many collaborative outreach actions.

Land is the basis for these and all future realizations. But the township’s physical unity is now threatened by commercial interests that are buying Auroville’s intended, yet still-missing, land.

The time to act is now, not later! Let’s give Auroville a special 50th birthday gift – its land!!

Let’s protect the Auroville Dream & its 50 years of realizations for us all!

Join the “50th Birthday Land Gift” for the City of Dawn’s missing land!!

Please specify your donations ‘ACRES FOR AUROVILLE’:
- via Auroville Unity Fund (checks & bank transfers)
- via www.auroville.com/donations/
- via your country’s Auroville International center www.auroville-international.org

More information & tax deductibility www.colaap.org


Acres for Auroville is a collaboration of Auroville International & Lands for Auroville Unified
“Solvitur ambulando”

“In the mass of things and the long course of Time, whatever may be the appearances of this or that epoch or moment, the growth of Light is there and the struggle towards better things does not cease.”

Sri Aurobindo, Collected Works Vol.29, p.178

50 years ago, Auroville was a dried and degraded plateau. There was a scarcity of human, technical and financial resources. But early settlers remained true to the Latin motto solvitur ambulando which says that problems are solved by trying, by practical experiments — and as a result, today we see a healthy, multi-pronged international community striving for a sunlit vision of the future. The story of Auroville can be understood from a broader perspective as 5 decades of solvitur ambulando for “the growth of light” and “the struggle towards better things”.

Since its inception, this growth story has been recorded in diaries, newsletters, magazines, films, research papers and books. About one dozen periodicals are published either from within Auroville or by Auroville International centres. About a year ago, an Auroville-grown youth wrote “Auroville – a Practical Experiment in Utopian Society” as her Bachelor’s degree thesis while studying at the University of California. Just this last quarter, two books have been published: a richly illustrated “The Inauguration of Auroville” published by PRISMA, and “Auroville – a City for the Future” written by Aurovilian Anu Majumdar and published by Harper Collins.

The cumulative impact of all this documentation is that those who are really looking for growth of light and better things in the world, for a new vision for humanity, for new horizons for life on earth, will find intellectual support and inspiration. Some may go a step further and join the journey of Auroville. Others may bring vital support from afar, like the many hundreds of individuals who have chosen to contribute to Acres for Auroville, thus enabling Auroville’s Land Board to secure almost 30 acres with A4A funds in the last 3 years. To celebrate the City of Dawn’s upcoming 50th birthday, join us in offering the gift of more of the township’s designated but still-missing land - so that Auroville may manifest fully and integrally!

In solidarity for the City of Dawn and with the firm belief in her bright future,

Aryadeep

Mandakini

Please specify “ACRES FOR AUROVILLE” (all Master Plan priority plots) or GreenAcres (exclusively Greenbelt plots) for all donations via Auroville Unity Fund (checks or bank transfers), Auroville Donation Gateway (credit or debit cards) www.auroville.com/donations/, Auroville International www.auroville-international.org. For tax deductibility: www.colaap.org

Validation and Evaluation (November, 2017)

Dear Community Members,

The RAS team and the facilitators from the selection process have been involved with the selection process along the way. We have, through our experience, discovered certain challenges and shortcomings implicit in the mandate. We have shared our feedback regarding the FAMC mandate with the Auroville Council. To help enable the best outcome in the selection process for new FAMC members in November, we also shared certain key issues with the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) and the facilitators for the selection process.

As of the last week of October, 3 members of FAMC were TOS (temporarily out of station). The month of November will therefore be a period of upheaval and transition with a few current members going out and three new members coming in. To help with this period of transition, we have, with the permission of Auroville Council, requested Ulli and Amy to continue to serve as FAMC members till Dec 9.

COMPLETED ISSUES

Units and Trusts

AuroMira Developers (Auromode Trust), new unit: ABC endorsed and FAMC approved the creation of the unit AuroMira Developers. The executives are: Mr. Jothi Prasad Rajan, Ms. Tomoko Suzuki, and Mr. Sasikanth Somu. AuroMira’s activities are: “Services: carpentry, metal works, plumbing, electrical, architecture, hardware depot; and Production: thermocrete & CLC (cellular lightweight cement).” Most of these activities were previously undertaken by Prasad as an executive of AuroCreation. He will be resigning from AuroCreation to focus on AuroMira Developers. The ABC support group has been asked to follow-up with the remaining executive of Aurocreation, as well as the trustees, to enlist an additional executive to replace Prasad.

Easy Procurement Solutions (Swagatam Trust), new unit: Easy Procurement was an activity, which due to expansion of its activity, is now structured as a unit. The executives are: Mr. Balu Kuppusamy, Mr. Jyagyan Jayamurthy, and Mr. Angelo Salerno. The activities undertaken by the unit are: “Procurement, storage and delivery of construction materials and household fixtures and appliances for all manner of construction, repair & renovation works in Auroville.” ABC endorsed and FAMC approved the creation of this unit.

For All Pour Tous Trust, trustee reappointments: ABC endorsed and FAMC approved the reappointment of trustees, Mr. Arjun Puri, Mr. Carel Thieme & Mr. Ulrich Blass. Varuna Auroville, the major unit under this trust, was asked to honour its initial agreement to monitor, with individual meters, all the units that are currently receiving free electrical subsidy through Varuna.

Auroville Online Store (ADPS Trust), executive reappointment: ABC endorsed and FAMC approved the reappointment without term of Mr. Stephan Himmer as an executive of this unit.

Foodlink (Auroville Service Trust), new unit: ABC endorsed and FAMC approved the creation of the unit, Foodlink. The executives are: Mr. Vivek Mishra, Ms. K. Sumathi, and Ms. Bindu Mohanty. The activities to be undertaken by the unit are: “To collect organic produce from Auroville farms and distribute the same to the community with minimum packaging; to process and distribute surplus produce to the Auroville community including offering meals, where the produce is sourced from the farms; to create awareness about local organic food production and consumption by offering educational activities and; to create awareness about “organic” produce and ensure products of the same.” Foodlink was previously operating as an unregistered service activity under the Farm Group. It was noted that if Foodlink were to expand its activities to include an eatery, it would apply for a separate registration of the eatery.

Auroville Road Service (Auroville Service Trust), executive resignation: The ABS asked if the FAMC would agree to the resignation of Mr. Alain Grancolas from Auroville Road Service. In the past the FAMC did not support his request to resign because of his financial skills that are important in the effective running of the unit. In July this year Mr. Jacques Rosier was appointed as an executive and the FAMC have now been assured that Alain will hand over the fiscal responsibility to Jacques Rosier. With this assurance, the FAMC replied to the ABS that it will support Alain’s resignation. The FAMC await the requisite documents from the unit, and Trust.

Cynergy (ADPS Trust), extension of activities: ABC endorsed and FAMC approved the extension of activities of Cynergy to include Software Development, Consultancy, Electronics Manufacturing & sale, and Graphic design and sticker manufacturing and sale.

Joy Guest House (Guest House Trust), executive reappointments: Re-appointment of the executives Mr. Giovanni Scrollo Abeti, Ms. Stefania Savardi, Ms. Sara Sponza had been delayed due to opposition from various parties regarding the operation of the eatery Dolce Vita, which is attached to this guest house, as well as largely unresolved conflicts with their closest neighbor, L’aura. The other current executive is Ms. Janet Fearn. After listening to the concerns of everyone involved, FAMC approved the reappointment of these three executives. It was agreed, however, that, barring special events, the eatery would cater only to guests staying at the guest house, and the mediation process begun earlier would be continued in a sincere attempt to resolve lingering disagreements.

Land related

Land Board (LB) new members’ selection proposal: FAMC members have been involved with the selection process along
with WC and RAS members. An announcement about this proposal that allowed for greater participation by the RA will be made by this sub-group.

Land purchase: Upon the recommendation of the Land Board, we approved the purchase of IR 295/2 (0.21 acres), IR 295/3 (0.045 acres), IR 255/1 (0.09 acres), which are 3 small plots past Ayurvedic Farm, bordering the International Zone. We also approved the purchase of BO 23/1A1 (1 acre) in the greenbelt near Dana.

Loans etc.
Anan housing loan: FAMC agreed to give Anan of Eternity a loan of Rs. 5 lakhs payable in 5 years towards completion of a house in Eternity that he’s been building for his use. Yuval, Anan’s father, is a guarantor for the loan.

Bank guarantee request by Buildaur: The architectural unit, Buildaur has been selected by the Indian Institute of Human Settlement to design a part of its first campus in Bangalore. As part of their contract, Buildaur needed a bank guarantee of one-year period for Rs. 9 lakhs. Buildaur asked FAMC to provide this guarantee, within a tight deadline for a response within 1 week.

While under certain circumstances, FAMC can provide such a guarantee, we noted that Buildaur has unresolved issues with BCC regarding its contributions to City Services. According to the BCC calculations, substantial contributions to City Services are due from Buildaur. Therefore, the FAMC postponed a decision regarding Buildaur’s request until the contribution issues are resolved.

Credit to Savitri Bhavan extended: We granted an extension until March 31, 2018 of the existing credit line of Rs. 10 lakhs to ensure completion of final phase of Savitri Bhavan master plan as Savitri Bhavan had no outstanding dues to the community.

Auroville Foundation related issues
Goods and Service Tax (GST): After a joint meeting with the Ashram accountants and lawyers, FAMC came to the conclusion that, at the present moment, it is of utmost importance to be GST compliant and ensure GST registration for all entities that fall under GST purview. All entities whether only involved with purchasing or those who have sales plus purchasing must be registered. At present, due to our complex organization with many small activities/units, it seems it would be best to have each Trust have their own individual GST number and to register all units under the Trust with this common GST number. Organizing all this will take time. GST registration for individual units can be considered under exceptional circumstances. FAMC may be contacted for guidance in such situations.

Tamil Heritage Centre construction update: A way forward has been proposed to complete the Tamil Heritage Center construction after many discussions between Bharat Nivas Trust trustees, Mr. Chunkath and Mr. Srinivasumarthy (Auroville Foundation), the WCom and FAMC. The FAMC and WCom will take primary responsibility to ensure completion of this building with the funds allocated from the Govt. of India to Bharat Nivas.

ONGOING ISSUES
Units and Trusts
Activities umbrella units’ executives joint meeting: Ananda (Auroville Food Activities), Palani & Hendrik (Auroville Activities), Claudine & Kumar (Auroville Small Scale Activities) met with FAMC to discuss the challenges related to the burgeoning growth of new activities. The executives of the umbrella units are stressed and over-worked, especially as the managers of the activities are not pro-active in following proper regulations. Many activities do not maintain proper accounts and many others do not make any profit, even to cover their minimum monthly contributions or administrative fees. It was decided that Kumar, Palani, and Hendrik along with FAMC representatives, will form a sub-group to do a detailed assessment of the situation and suggest improvements. Some activities managers may be asked to participate in this sub-group to include their perspectives as well.

Red Earth Riding School (RERS), Non-Compliance issue: It was brought to FAMC’s notice that RERS has built and is running a small guest unit without a building NOC (no objection certificate) from iTDC. Also the guest house is not registered with Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG) and is currently not contributing financially to City Services. FAMC has asked iTDC and GFCG to look into this issue and keep FAMC updated.

Housing
Stewards out of station: FAMC is collaborating with Housing to work out a proposal for addressing stewards of housing assets who are absent long-term as well as on a proposal to report on a regular basis to the community about housing needs.

Loans
Assessment of loan processes: Based on its experience, FAMC felt the need to assess current loan processes. To that end it invited the Loan Group for a meeting. The Loan Group was represented only by Otto and Rathinam, along with Amy as the FAMC representative, while Palani (ABC) and Prabhu (Housing Board) could not attend.

At present, all loan applications under Rs. 5 lakhs are reviewed by the ABC support group (for business loans) and the Housing Board (for housing loans). Otto and Rathinam then evaluate the financial viability of the loans that are brought from either Palani or Prabhu, but they noted that there does not appear to be a consistent and clear vetting process in place.

Loan applications over Rs. 5 lakhs are reviewed by FAMC while individual loan applications below Rs. 1 lakh are reviewed by Otto of Auroville Maintenance.

It was noted that a fairer and streamlined system of reviewing all loan requests was required using a standard set of criteria to evaluate all loan applications. The Loan Group agreed to be more diligent in applying accepted criteria in reviewing the loans. For loans over Rs. 5 lakhs, the Loan Group will additionally review the application and make their recommendations to FAMC for final approval. It was noted that to take up this additional work, 1-2 new members may be needed to join the Loan Group.

Follow-up is needed, so it was recommended to form a subgroup of 3 representatives each from ABC, Housing Board, FAMC, and Loan Group to assess and improved existing loan processes and criteria.

Auroville Foundation related issues
Govt. of India (Goi) grants: FAMC in collaboration with the Goi Grant Management Committee and 50th Anniversary Core Team is working out a structure to properly manage the Rs. 10 crores that have been granted by the Goi, specified for capital expenditures only, for this event.

Income Tax assessment: The Auroville Foundation Auditor needs detailed information in a template form from all the units and Trusts, in order to apply to the Income Tax Department for refund of TDS (Tax Deducted at Source). Trusts and units have been individually informed about this requirement.

Miscellaneous issues:
Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) mandate changes and feedback: FAMC representatives met with Auroville Council (AVC) to discuss the proposed changes to the mandate and feedback received from the community. AVC will respond to the feedback.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
NOTICE from Road Service: road diversion
Dear Community,
On Monday 27th November morning Road Service will have to close the existing and old roads between Roundabout and Kindergarten to 4 wheelers only. The 2wheelers will be able to use the existing cycle path.
Sorry for the inconvenience, Auroville Road Service
An appeal to architects, contractors and project holders

Dear Friends, currently besides the repairs of existing houses, the Housing Service has been requested to do many repairs even in newly constructed buildings.

Leaking walls with water going into electrical circuits creating a dangerous situation for the residents, no overhangs over windows, exposed stairwells with slippery staircases, wooden doors exposed to pouring rain, rotten metal railings (the ceiling above ends right over the railings so rain water keeps constantly dripping over them), thoughtless plumbing, leaking roofs, floors on terraces with inappropriate slope bringing water right into the living spaces are just some of the problems encountered to repair.

The Housing Service requests all to take care and learn not to repeat the earlier mistakes, design and build according to the climate of this region and especially for the new projects we request that you take financial and practical responsibility for at least 3 years to maintain and repair the Houses.

The Housing Service team

Reminder: Call for 2 Housing Board representatives from the Community at large

Dear Community members, the Auroville Council is looking for 2 community at large representatives for the Housing Board. Are you interested to actively resolve the Housing situation in Auroville? Do you want to be a part of the solution?

We are looking for community members who are willing to contribute by:
- attending regular meetings on Wednesday morning and taking up tasks required
- being engaged in housing matters with the wider Community (GM, communication, be attentive for emerging new trends, suggest and work on improvements,…..)
- Support ethical practices, have the responsibility and integrity to do the work to the best of one’s capacity and be a collaborative team member

Looking forward to hearing from you by latest December 2nd.

Please send your mails to: avcouncil@auroville.org.in

With gratitude,
For the Auroville Council
Elisa, Enrica, Martin, Marc, Matiriprasad, Mita, Renuka, Sandrya and Sundar

Houses available for transfer

1. Apartment in Arati: 3B: Plinth area of 161.0 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, Three Bed room & Toilet with common stair.

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

3. Windarra Farm - TerraSoul- Sandrya’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 Bed room & Toilet with Open steel ladder. Community-Shared Parking lot. (Active participation and involvement in the Farm Community Project is required.)

4. 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

From Sunship: Immediately available

One single unit of 42 Sq.m completely furnished and equipped: kitchen, bathroom and cupboard-with Collective cafeteria, Laundry, technical maintenance and management by Aurovilians!!
Contact: louis@auroville.org.in

Housing Projects 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: 3 pm 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 built. Will be ready in 2018.
Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220333

From The Entry Service - N&N # 725 - Dated: 25-11-2017

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

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

Marie Christine POISOT (French)
Richard PEREZ (French)
Shankar VEERARAGAVAN (Indian)

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

Laure CEBRON (French)
Renana REICHER (Israeli)
Stella PEREZ (Spanish)

AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18:

Amara Aura DEN HOLLANDER (Dutch) Staying in Certitude and studying at Last School.
Cameron Sarita NEGY STEWART (Swedish) Staying in Aurodam and studying at Future School.
Nahar EMET (Israeli) Staying in Djaima and studying at Last School.
Namo Malipu MORO (Italian) Staying in Aurodam and studying at Future School.

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

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS

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

Yours, The Entry Service

Pongal Celebration:

Dear all, we are happy to share with you the information about a Pongal celebration on January 14th, 2018. Pongal is one of the most popular harvest festivals of South India, mainly Tamil Nadu. Pongal falls in mid-January every year and marks the auspicious beginning of Uttarayan the sun's journey northwards. The Pongal festival lasts for four days. This four-day long festival of Tamil Nadu is celebrated so as to show gratitude...
to Nature. The literal meaning of Pongal is “spilling over” and it had been named so, because of the tradition of boiling rice in a pot till it starts overflowing. Other traditions of the celebration include drawing of Kolams and cooking of delicious Pongal. Our program includes demonstration of Pongal preparation, Tamil heritage dances and teaching Kolam drawing. Please come and enjoy the festival celebrations. Those interested to join with this team spirit please contact Madhi, Jayanthi, Kalaivan, Prema, Indra, Jayagandhi, Machegandhi, Grace. The place will be announced later. Thanking you, Mirra women’s group

Auroville Film Festival is COMING UP!!

- We need volunteers who can help us from the beginning of December
- We need to borrow a blackboard or a whiteboard from December 15 to December 24 to use for making announcements during the festival
- If you would like to participate in the Kino Kabaret, please register by emailing: kino@auroville.org.in with the subject line ‘registration for Kino Kabaret’ and stating what role you would like to play, what equipment you have to share, and your contact details. [aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in]

GREEN MATTERS

Probiotics house tip #16: are you aware of good practices in refilling?

At PROBIOTICS HOUSE, thanks everyone for choosing and promoting the refilling system in PROBIOTICS HOUSE and PTDC of our cleaning products. We are very proud to have assessed the GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) compliance from a USA body along with our Quality Assurance & Quality Control (QS/QC) program.

We are extending that pride to all of you, for taking real actions on Reduce - Re-use - Recycle plastic package when you buy our products. Manufacture and Purchase should be today very much part of everyone conscious contribution to a better environment.

The refilling system simply consist of, bringing your container and refill it either in PROBIOTICS HOUSE or in PTDC, but please remember that our products are All Natural only!! We are NOT using preservatives, additives, stabilizers, colorants or any chemical; therefore please to keep the unaltered quality of our products, it is extremely important that you nicely clean and dry your plastic cans and bottles before refilling.

We highly appreciate your contribution with this small step of Good Practices in Refilling.

PROBIOTICS HOUSE - Margarita & Guidelma
[www.probioticshouse.com] / Phone: +91 413 2623774
Open Tuesday to Saturday: 9:30 - 11:30 am & 2:00 to 4:30 pm.

POSTINGS

Brand New Wooden Toys at ALoT!! Auroville Library of Things (ALoT) now has newly purchased wooden toys! There is a plethora of exciting wooden cars, cycles, blocks and much more! Bring your kids to ALoT and feel free to borrow the toys! Come Experience the joy of sharing!

Vegan Essence kitchen: We are unable to continue running our Vegan Essence kitchen at Aurelec at present. In case anyone wishes to independently take over, or do any other production using our kitchen, please write to nandita@sharan-india.org or call 0413 2622637. This could be done under our name since we already have all permissions or a separate entity altogether and all of this can be discussed. We have a nice kitchen. Dr Nandita Shah

Quiet Healing Center: Dear All, the landlines of Quiet Healing Center are down and we don’t know when they will be repaired.

Please contact us on our cell: 9488084966. Thank you, the Quiet Team

Guest Service closed for 5 days: For Renovation and Painting Work, The Guest Service, above the Solar Kitchen will be closed from Monday November 27 to Friday December 1st. Sorry for the inconvenience, The Guest Service

Graphic novel: Hello, my name is Julie, and I’m writing a graphic novel on urban people who choose to move to the countryside, to be closer to nature, to cultivate and to create with their hands. It will be a collection of testimonials, inspiring and inclusive (I hope!). Would you like to share a part of your story? If yes, I’ll be glad to meet you :) You can contact me at: hello.julieleb@gmail.com or at 9499 019 378. See you soon!

If you still need an Aadhaar card: this is the easiest and most central place I’ve found to get one. (5 min walking from Nehru towards AV on the right side) South Indian Bank, No 113-127 (upstairs) Mission Street, (corner building to Chetty Street), Pondicherry-605001, Permanent Aadhaar Center open 10.30 - 16.30. Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Mani, 9087102906, will receive you at the counter next to the door. You don’t need an appointment. You need to bring your Passport, Stay Visa (= Residential Permit), driving license, (PAN card, if you have one) and everything as a photocopy too. It takes 15-20 min to finish it per person, and we did not at all have to wait. The card itself will be ready for pickup within 10-14 days and it is issued for free.

Love, Birgitta

Cast needed for French Theater Play: The company SDF is looking for participants to play in Albert Camus “State of siege”. The play will be introduced in French late January or early February. We are looking for French speakers to complete the casting. This piece is full of humor and our rehearsals are done with joy and good humor. Beginners or confirmed comedians, 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.

*Nandini tailoring*. No New Orders: Dear friends, no new order taken from Saturday 23 to Thursday 30 November 2017* - We start again on *Tuesday 5 of December 2017. Please, don’t forget your cloth bag when you give your order. Thanks for your constant patience and supports. Ira &Anne

OPPORTUNITIES OF SERVICE TO AUROVILLE

At Auromere: We are looking for an Aurovilian to work in Mira Boutique in Auromere section. Could be just for the next few months or longer. Please call 9843387755. Must be willing to work weekends. Bobby

Voices & Notes

AUROVILLE RADIO

Dear listeners!

City life goes on, and the season is just around the corner. This week Aurolive will present itself in the light of the 50th Anniversary in Delhi - Journey of Auroville.

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

From our volunteers and interns, we have:

Our new internship students Ira Gopal has started very actively with short VOX POP conversations.

 рынке recorded GM on Hive&Pump House.

Ray captured Adishakti’s first event of the season - concert We Got It Coming.

D shares with us his new short piece of prose - Eritrea.

Gino did VOX POP on Mentors Update Meeting.

Marlenka reads Noel’s children book Julia’s Smile.

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RTM- Within the podcasts on Healing Frequencies we started with 9 Solfeggio Frequencies, followed by featuring each frequency of ancient solfeggio scale separately Ut 396Hz, Re 471Hz, Mi 528Hz, Fa 639Hz; with which you can improve your health and life.

Within the regular programs: Gangalakshmi reads her Selections of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother texts in French -uncut version on the request of listeners! Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo. Loretta is reading Mother's Q & A - 15/8/56, part2 and Savitri B. III, C IV, Pt1.

Out of our regular programs are here the news of Thursday, and Monday. Jazz lovers can listen to Jazz, Jazz, Jazz series #5, #6, #7, and we have this year's The Soul Train. Ira shares her choice of first part of The Greatest Love Songs of All Times.

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

NOTES FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS

**Who I am…**

- Shaped by customs,
- Moulded by circumstances,
- Coloured by community,
- Still seeking Who I am,
- Limited by borders N walls,
- Whispered by religions,
- Desired by body,
- Bonded in fears,
- Still Seeking who I M”

Vivek Singh(Certificate)

**AVAILABLE**

**Seeds:** Hello people, planting season is here; we at Joy GH have some seedlings available; different variety of tomato and some basil. If you wish you can come and get some, but please bring your own plastic/paper cups and trey/bucket for transportation. From Monday to Friday from 9 to 11am. Kind Regards, Sara for Joy Community Guesthouse.

**Photo camera Canon 7D available:** Top class professional photo camera for action photography. 18 Mpx, Full HD video. Professional build quality, solid and reliable. Excellent image quality. You can see birds and butterflies photos captured with this camera on this photo site: www.ritam-art.com. It’s five years old, in excellent condition, single owner. Works flawlessly. Personal use, very accurate, carried only in a special photo bag. Charger, battery, new Canon strap. Plus CF card 4 Gb as a gift. Contact Kati: 9159830285

**Mosquito Net:** I have a beautiful, soft, mosquito net from Italy that we don’t use and Would like to offer it to someone who needs one… Please do contact us on 9619996080 (Romel) or 9920996080 (Mimansa)

**Fruit Trees available:** Out of our nursery from Discipline Farm there are now ready to pick up: Kodai Lemon (fruit 10 times bigger than normal Tree Lemon) 110, Bergamotto Lime 140, Kafir Lime 70, Sweet Lime 30, Giant Lime 20 (each Fruit between 1.5 - 5.5 kg, skin for special candy), Round Bush Lime 40, Grapefruit 60, Pomelo 80, 26, Orange 30, Tenjerin 15, Chicko 20, Withe Sapota 30, Ganesbhero (Syzgium cumini) 20, Avocado 80 (green, purple), Custard Apple 10, Atemoya 15, Pitanga Cherry 30 (numbers) and little amount of normal Lemon, Nartanga, Kumquat plus some others. All between 30-80 Rs each. Please come on Mon, Wed & Thur of the week between 9 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm. Thank you, Velmurugan

**Xerox machine:** For sale. It has facilities such as Xeroin, printing and scanning. Not much used and in good condition. If anyone needs it please contact me. Pavithra, Fraternity, Contact no: 9597792176, 9789756904. Thank you.

**Books in French and English of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother:** Plus various other books. All books are free. Please call: 262 2614 - Shino

**Two rosewood arm chairs:** With woven cane seats and backs. One rosewood chair with matching settee (long seat with back rest). Please call Shinso for more information: 262 2614

**LOOKING FOR…**

**Help with photo composition:** Dear friends, I need to learn the basics 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: 9489600787 (at lunchtime please). Thanks, Anu.M

**Functional Cassette player:** Mine just gave up and I inherited a good collection of Indian classics which I’d really like to hear and transfer onto CD as well. Cell not working but landline OK: 0413-2623038 - Schima, Transformation

**Cheap computer:** Urgent - We need a simple computer to go online. Our old computer broke down and we need to go online to keep track of our running business. We have no budget to buy a new one. Anything is welcome. Thank you, Mawite! mawite@auroville.org.in / 8523 915 031

**Household items 1:** looking for a fridge, a gas stove, and a table. Call Sirard 9751798408 or email: tara@auroville.org.in

**Households items 2:** Dear Community, as an applicant Newcomer who has moved recently to Maitreyee II, I would like to ask you for support to get some items. If you have any of them that you are not going to use anymore, or if you want to exchange them for Reiki or Kundalini sessions, please write me an email to: chrisgonies@gmail.com. The needed items are: Gas stove / Pillows and pillow cover / Blankets 6 inches 72 x 30 / Cutlery / Plates / Glasses / Cooking pans / Fast Cooker / Refrigerator / Anything that can be useful for starting up in Auroville - Thank you, Christian Gohi

**An electric oven:** Please call Tahir: 7867899203

**An Android/iOS developer:** We are a small team of developers making open source, privacy driven applications/solutions. We are inviting people with interest and skills to collaborate on our projects. If you work with technologies other than Android/iOS, and this interests you, don't hesitate to send me an email. Contact Aarnav to know more at: aarnavbos@gmail.com

**Some work:** Saryl is around 30y old and has a few years of house work experience in Auroville, but had to leave her job because of family circumstances. Now she is free. She comes to Joy Community Guesthouse. Please contact her only if you want to know more! Her number is: 91 8123330319 - Submitted by Aliyka

**High chair:** for a toddler and any other toys for a one-year-old boy. Please contact Paul: 7094378492 / p unhealthy@hotmail.com

**Part-time job:** Hi, I'm Suba and am looking for a part time job in the weekends as I'm a little free from college now. Would love to baby sit or any other job. Thank you! (9585627471)

**LOST & FOUND**

**Sunglasses. (Lost):** Brown Ray-Ban - Contact me if you have found them at: dinh-phat.nguyen@live.fr - Thanks, Dinh

**Moped keys. (Lost):** On Friday November the 17th between 2.45 pm and 2.55 pm the 2 keys of my TVS flew away between Marc’s Café and Town-Hall. If you found them, please call me at: +91 89 40 56 60 62. Thanks a lot. Shanta

**Spectacles with red and black frame. (Found):** on the main road between the SBI Bank and Marco coffee shop, last Wednesday. Call 9585176899 - Celestine

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Needed:** Dear all, my name is Elisa, I am an Italian long-term volunteer going for Newcomer process. I work at Deepam School and I’m looking for a long-term house-sitting starting from mid-December. If you know of any, please contact me: elisanki@yahoo.it. Thank you!

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**INVITATIONS**

**Sigrid**

Ingrid is going to Auroville to Chennai Airport. Taxi can be shared, only 1 person.

December 4th:

Please call around 1:00 pm at 9972456554 or mail me at kashyapmurali@autopilot.co.in. Thanks, Kashyap.

**Needed 3:** Family looking urgently for accommodation. Please contact Paul: 7094378492 / pjhealthy@hotmail.com

**Needed 4:** Dear community, we are in need of accommodation from 31 of January till 16 of March. And we heard a lot “Oh just if you go out.” We would love to be in Auroville, especially during the birthday, because our son Auroben was born on the 28th of February, and we wish to offer him the blessing of being in Auroville on his birthday. If by chance you would need to leave Auroville during those 6 weeks for any long period, please consider to let us stay in your home.

**TAXI SHARING**

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

**December 2nd:** Dear all, I’ll be arriving at Chennai Airport on 15:15, Air India, AI 142 - would be happy to share a taxi to Auroville - who would like to come along? Kind regards, Ulrike: ulrike.dietschy@gmail.com

**December 3rd:** A taxi going to Chennai Airport to be there around 1:00/1:30 pm on the 3rd of Dec. For sharing it both ways, pls call Silvana: 0413 2622943 / 9047654157.

**December 4th:** Monday at 12.05 am (midnight) leaving Auroville to Chennai Airport. Taxi can be shared, only 1 Person is going - 94483843976 / ingridt@auroville.org.in - Thank you, Ingrid

**December 13th:** I would like to return from Chennai domestic airport at 10:10 pm, and would like to share the taxi both ways, Sigrid sigrid@auroville.org.in

**International Garden**

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th of November - 3 - 5pm

Aryappani Farm

(Just follow the path between the European Tree and the Inuktsuk in the field opposite to Tibetan Pavilion)

Dear Community,

We are starting a little experiment in the International Zone, where we create a small food garden with seeds from all over the world. We believe that the land of the International Zone is sacred, and have the potential to guide the Souls of the Nations towards Human Unity. We would like to use this potential with our work on the International Garden. The garden-produce would be used for community events, and would be shared at Foolink. We would like to ask for your blessings, and seeds from your country.

We would need some empty plastic or paper cups for our seedlings. This week-end we will start preparing the beds, and we would love some support with the works.

Children are welcome in these activities.

We call forward all people: guests, volunteers, Aurovillians, who feel unhappy about the present state of the world and have faith in the mission of the International Zone of Auroville.

for more information please write to: hungarianpavilion@auroville.org.in

**Week’s Happenings**

**Invitations**

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

**Meditation with Savitri**

read by Mother to Sunil’s music

Every THURSDAY - 5.30 to 6.00 pm [Weather permitting]

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

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

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We have stories to share. Come, join us!

On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Auroville, Auroville Foundation has the pleasure of inviting you to

An Exhibition from 22nd to 25th Nov, 2017 at Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts C.V. Mes Building, Janpath, New Delhi

A Panel Discussion on Learning to Live Together on 24th Nov, 2017 from 4 pm to 6 pm at UNESCO Auditorium 1, San Martin Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi

An Exhibition from 26th Nov to 10th Dec, 2017 at Sri Aurobindo Ashram Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi

Auroville, Tamil Nadu 605101, India / Ph: 0413-262 2222 / avfoundation@auroville.org.in

www.auroville.org

See Facebook page: “Auroville Around India” / www.outreachmedia.auroville.org

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TALKS, SEMINARS

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

Our Auroville Experience...
We will meet on Friday, November 24, 2017, at 4 pm in the Resource Library, to continue our reading / study of “The Synthesis of Yoga”.
Till then… Love, Aster

SELF GOVERNANCE – AUROVILLE

As part of the Exploring Prosperity, we are focusing on the area of ’SELF GOVERNANCE.
We are scheduled to meet each week at Le Morgan, on Thursdays at 3 pm.
We invite you to join us in reading and discussion of "The Foundation Act.
For programme schedule please visit sacarstudycamps@gmail.com

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research (SACAR) & NAMAH: The Journal of Integral Health organise

"Living Within” Camp No. 37
On an Inner Approach to Health
From 27th&30th December 2017

Camp Fee: For Residents at SACAR Guest House: Rs. 4,200 (includes food, study and stay)
For Non-Residents: Rs. 2,800 (includes lunch, teas and study)
(Special Concession for Aurovilians)

Ten different speakers from across India would speak in four days
Venue: SACAR, 39, Vanniar Street, Puducherry

For Registration and other details please contact:
sacarstudycamps@gmail.com
7639920796, 99941910403

For programme schedule please visit: www.sacar.in
All are Welcome. Submitted by Anandi (Progress)

CULTURAL EVENTS

KALABHUMI

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<< November Edition >>

Saturday 25/11, at 8:00 pm

🎵 Kalabhum Studio 🎵

Divij ~ Singing Hindi traditional tunes on acoustic guitar
Jazz 4-tet ~ Joyful sharing of some less known jazz standards

EXHIBITIONS - reminders

Temple, A photo exhibition on the Land of Temples (Tamil Nadu) by Pierre F. until December 2nd 2018

Opening timings except Sunday 8am - 12pm and 2 - 6pm
Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti - (0413) 2622403 / 2622994 / Pitanga@auroville.org.in

Dreams on Wheels
Mr. Pukli's Jungle Museum in Assam
A new photo exhibition at the Aurelec Cafeteria.
Photos by Franz Fassbender
Aurelec Cafeteria - open from 8 am to 5 pm

Matter Matters
Ceramic exhibition by Nausheen Bari
In Centre d’Art, Citadine.
Exhibition up to 28th November.
Timings: 12 to 6 pm, Sunday closed.

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
28th November (Tuesday)
• Overview with multimedia presentation
• Questions and Answers
• Practice in Daily Life
• Complimentary Concentration Exercises
• Creative Arts, Interactive Games
• Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
• Introduction to the Reference Books

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

Place: Savitri Bhavan - Time: 9 am to 12 Noon
(For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.)
Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922)
No Registration required (except for groups)
Fees: Voluntary Contribution. All are welcome.
For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit: www.integralyoga-auroville.com

Psyche Being in Savitri
On Tuesday mornings from 6:45 to 7:45 am at Maitreyee 2, there is a group who come together with Savitri in English. Translation for French, Italian and Russian is available. We are taking the opportunity of this special time from now till February to be with Savitri passages related to the psychic being.

On Wednesday 29. November, 7 to 9pm
Open Capoeira Roda
Meet the Ginka Saroba Capoeira Group (adults & kids)
for its monthly circle at the Visitor Center!
Friday 1st of December from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.
Whether you are an experienced capoeirista or not, the roda is open to you!
Small, big, man, woman, everyone is welcome to watch or participate.

Additionally, join our trial class on Thursday 7th of December at 6 pm, Deepanam School Amphitheater.

Come as you are! Axé!!
Group Ginka Saroba - Prof. Samuka da India & students
Creative Writing for Beginners (and NOT)... 1st-2nd 3rd of DECEMBER from 5 to 7 pm

We are going to create a common experience where we will unleash the full potential of our creativity, explore our imagination, invite constant inspiration, discover our inner space, healing ourselves and at the same time use our personal life and inner world as a source for inventing stories, poetry, monologues, dialogues and whatever in order to be happier creative beings in this world. As we deserve to be. Rediscover your Inner Writer, rediscover the fun of writing creatively.

Contact: francesca@auroville.org.in / 9413 2623987

Herbs for Health Workshop

Pitchandikulam Forest welcomes you to our Herbs for Health workshop with our traditional health specialist, Mrs Parvati of Amirtha /Meera herdals. Join us to learn more about wild herbs and edible plants that are particularly beneficial in the monsoon/winter season. The workshop will include a forest walk and a visit to our medicinal herb garden and nursery, where we will identify forest plants, learn about their health benefits and easy ways we can use them in everyday life. We will end the workshop with preparation and tasting of herbal tea and a healthy snack. All welcome!

Wednesday 29th November, 9-12.30 am at Pitchandikulam Forest (meet at the ‘Seed Room’ building opposite the parking)

Please arrive by 8.50 to register so we can start the workshop at 9 am sharp. Registration required and no unregistered admission on the day - we need to have the right amount of ingredients prepared. Fixed contribution to cover costs (contact us for details). To register email Daniela at pitchandikulam.outreach@auroville.org.in

Earth, Energy and Farming Exploration

December 1-4 at Terrasoul Farm:

Come discover earthen construction and transform earth to adobe, cob and wattle and daub. See how solar and wind energy can inspire a sustainable livelihood for rural farms and hopefully find inspiration in our organic garden techniques. Come see for yourself what may pique your curiosity. Registration is required before you come. For more info contact Jorge at terrasoul@auroville.org.in, 9786296441.

Sustainable Habitats Workshop

10-13 December 2017 at Auroville

Organised by Auroville Green Practices, this 4-day workshop is aimed at deepening the understanding of a sustainably integrated approach to planning, designing and building of human habitats. A series of interactive workshops and site visits based on the broad themes of planning and design, green building material, energy management, integrated water management, waste management and landscaping will be offered. Concessional fees (to cover food expenses) for Aurovilians working in this field are being offered. Full program attendance is required. If you are interested to attend please send an email to: info@agpworkshops.com. For more details please visit: www.agpworkshops.com

Vedanta retreat

1st-2nd January 2018 - At Savitri Bhavan

This two-day retreat will guide participants through the main principles and practical applications of ‘Vedanta’. It will initiate the participants in a sustained self-inquiry to explore the nature of the Self (Atman), that which is without name and form (nirguna). With the means of question and answer session as well as guided meditations, Partho will lead the participants into a deep and sustained Vedantic self-inquiry. This retreat is open to all; it requires participants to be free of other commitments during the two days. As places are limited, we will give priority to community members who are coming for the first time. Seats will then be given on a first come first serve basis. A financial contribution of Rs 1,400 for Aurovilians and Rs 3,000 for guests is requested to cover expenses. Please lodge this at Auroville financial centre to account 251886 - Partho Retreats. Lunch is included and will be served at the venue. Support regarding contribution is available if required. For reservation and further details please contact: parthoretreat@gmail.com

About the Facilitator: Partho is closely associated with the Delhi ashram (Sri Aurobindo Ashram) and has conducted workshops and retreats on Vedanta, Savitri, Integral Education, as well as self-actualisation, personal excellence, leadership in India, Europe and the United States. He has written articles and books on the topics of education, Vedanta and Integral Yoga.

SCHEDULES

QUIET HEALING CENTER

Special time for babies, parents and parents to be:

Sessions in Quiet’s warm water pool, weather permitting!
- Tuesdays 9.30am for all babies with at least 1 parent.

A great possibility to connect with your baby to help them explore, reconnect with water and keep freedom of movement. Please bring a special swim-nappy/pant, your swim-gear and a big towel.

Info: Appie: 8903158065 preferably by SMS

Welcome and thank you for being on time***
- Fridays 9.30am

A special time for pregnant couples to connect as a(new)family and with your baby and partner.

A preparation for giving birth and being a parent. Please let me know if you are coming or are interested but can’t make it at this timing.

With love, Appie: 8903158065

ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS

We remind you that the bus is Accessible to All, it means that everybody will be able to use it. People who have no physical problems, wheelchair users, mothers with buggies, people with temporary or permanently reduced mobility included. The differently able residents and guests who want to use the bus must call us one day or one hour in advance and they will be picked up at their communities.

For those who would like to contribute more to support the Accessible Auroville Public Bus here is the account number 251675 - With Gratitude, AV Bus Team (- Email contact: avbus@auroville.org.in)

Pondy Trips (summary. See full schedule on Auronet)

The usual stops are served along the way: Matrimandir office gate, Solar kitchen, Certitude, Kullapalayam, New Creation Junction, Kullapalayam (SBI Bank), (Former) Last School, Quiet, Lotus Hotel

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**FILMS**

**CINEMA PARADISO Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium**

**Film program 27 November to 3 December 2017**

**Indian - Monday 27 November, 8:00 pm:**
- **TOILET: EK PREM KATHA (Toilet: A Love Story)**
  India, 2017, Dir. Shree Narayan Singh w/Akshay Kumar, Anupam Kher, Bhumi Pednekar, and others, Drama, 155mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: U/A (PG-13)

  Keshav and Jaya are from two villages near Mathura where at least 80% of households have no access to lavatories. However, Jaya comes from an educated well to do family where she always had a toilet at home. She falls in love and marries Keshav whose family consists of him and his brother - ruled by their elderly and very superstitious dad - who believes it is a travesty to have a toilet at home. Loosely based on true incidents in this film is worth a watch! Rescheduled due to technical issues.

**Italian - Tuesday 28 November, 8:00 pm:**
- **MOGLIE E MARITO (Wife and Husband)**
  Italy, 2015, Dir. Simone Godano w/ Pier Francesco Favino, Kasia Smutniak, and others, Comedy, 100 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

  Following an incredible experiment, Andrea, a brilliant neurosurgeon, and his wife Sofia, an ambitious TV host, suddenly find themselves in each other’s body, swapping their aspect and their whole lives. Forced to be in their partners’ shoes they are able to see their relationship from a completely different point of view eventually allowing them to face the issues that are causing their marital distress, making them fall in love again.

**Interesting - Wednesday 29 November, 8:00 pm:**
- **DAVID LYNCH: THE ART LIFE**
  USA-Denmark, 2016, Dir. Jon Nguyen-Rick Barnes, Documentary-Biography, 98 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

  This riveting film explores how the formative experiences of his youth led him to become the artist he is today. The film includes archival footage and home movies, as well as interviews with Lynch as he paints in his studio giving audiences a better understanding of the man and the artist. As Lynch states “I think every time you do something, like a painting or whatever, you go with ideas and sometimes the past can conjure those ideas and color them, even if they’re new ideas, the past colors them.”

**French - Thursday 30 November, 8:00 pm:**
- **VALLEY OF LOVE**
  France-Belgique, 2015, Dir. Guillaume Nicloux w/ Isabelle Huppert, Gérard Depardieu, Dan Warner, Drama, 93 mins, French WITH ENGLISH subtitles, Rated: G

  Isabelle and Gérard are going to an appointment in the valley of death in California. They have not seen each other in years and they are answering to an invitation from their son which they have received after his suicide 6 months ago. Despite the absurdity of this invitation, they decide to follow the initiative program imagined by Michel.

**International - Saturday 2 December, 8:00 pm:**
- **INTO THE FOREST**
  Canada, 2015, Dir. Patricia Rozema w/ Ellen Page, Evan Rachel Wood, 101mins, Drama-Sci-Fi-Thriller, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R (some disturbing violent content)

  In a world that is increasingly dependent on electricity, a power outage seems like an awful predicament. Mankind is using in such a difficult and dreary situation found themselves a father and his two daughters, after a seemingly normal power outage lingered on, changing the lives of everyone. What was the reason for this outage? Is it local or affect the whole country? No one really knows. As time passes, the family will have to put to the test its survival skills, adaptability and endurance, but most of all, the integrity of the familial bonds.

**Children’s Film - Sunday 3 December, 4:30 pm:**
- **RABBIT PROOF FENCE**
  Australia, 2003, Dir. Philip Noyce w/ Everlyn Sampi, Tianna Sansbury, Kenneth Branagh and others, Drama, 94mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

  In 1931, three aboriginal girls escape after being plucked from their homes to be trained as domestic staff and set off on a journey across the Outback.

**ROBERTO ROSELLI FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club**

**Roberto Rossellini (1906-77),** the Italian director who never stopped questioning the relationship between moving images and the world. Due to this his work can be summed into four different styles, with him reinventing himself each time. Rossellini along with filmmakers like Luchino Visconti and Vittorio De Sica were known as neorealists for getting out of the studio and rediscovering a sense of gritty, working-class authenticity.

**Ciné-Club - Sunday 3 December, 8:00 pm:**
- **ROMA CITTA APERTA (Rome, Open City)**
  Italy, 1945, Dir. Roberto Rossellini w/Anna Magnani, AldoFabrizi, Marcello Pagliero and others, Drama-War,103mins,Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

  This was a harrowing drama about the Nazi occupation of Rome and the brave few who struggled against it. The film is a shockingly authentic. It is the story of an underground agent who is cornered by the Germans in a certain quarter of Rome and who barely escapes them until he is informed upon by his own girlfriend. In the course of his flight he necessarily involves his resistance friends: a printer of an underground newspaper, his fiancée and her small son, and a neighborhood priest.

**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 . We appreciate your continued support.

Pl make a contribution to “Cinema Paradiso” account (#105106) at the Financial Service or set up for monthly contributions.

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group - Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

**Monday, 27th of November 2017 at 6:30 pm**

**PICTURES OF SRI AUROBINDO’S POEMS - Part One**

A film by Manohar illustrated with paintings by Huta. The poems are read by Huta and accompanied with music by Sunil. Huta did the paintings according to Mother’s inspiration and instructions and Mother also approved Huta’s reading. The poem “Who” was written by Sri Aurobindo between 1908-1909 in Alipore Jail. Huta is reading a part of the poem:

“It is He in the sun who is ageless and deathless, And into the midnight His shadow is thrown; When darkness was blind and engulfed within darkness, He was seated within it immense and alone.”

Duration of the film: 37min.
THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, December 1st, 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!

SEARCH FOR THE SUPER BATTERY
52 Minutes / English / 2017 / Directed by Daniel McCabe
Join host David Pogue as he explores the hidden world of energy storage, from the power—and danger—of the lithium-ion batteries we use today, to the bold innovations that could one day charge our world.

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@auriوبة.org.in or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org/facebook.com/sadhanaforest

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW
CINEMA - VISITOR’S CENTRE - VIDEO ROOM
Friday 1st DECEMBER, 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. We use our own projector and sound system and the Kalabhoomi Music Studio lends us some nice cushions for some more comfort!

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

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

How to submit material:
Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the N&N email address (below).

- Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.
- The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News is given to the printers on Wednesday.
- Any modifications of the submitted News Items have to be sent to the editors before Tuesday 5pm.

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

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

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm.

No visitors on Wednesday.

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REMINDER TO ALL GUESTS from The Guest Facilities Coordination Group - 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 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 2-5pm
- 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

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**Save them in your phone now!**

- Auroville Safety and Security Team: 9443090107
- Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
- Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246, reachable 24/7.

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