The description Sri Aurobindo gives here of the possibility of a prolonged fast while maintaining all activities, is a description of his own experience. He is not speaking of a possibility but of something he has done. But it would be a great mistake to believe that it is an experience that can be imitated in its outer appearance; and even if one managed to do it by an effort of will, it would be perfectly useless from the spiritual point of view, if the experience has not been preceded by a change of consciousness which would be a preliminary liberation.

It is not by abstaining from food that you can make a spiritual progress. It is by being free, not only from all attachment and all desire and preoccupation with food, but even from all need for it; by being in the state in which all these things are so foreign to your consciousness that they have no place there. Only then, as a spontaneous, natural result, can one usefully stop eating. It could be said that the essential condition is to forget to eat — forget, because all the energies of the being and all its concentration are turned towards a more total, more true inner realisation, towards this constant, imperative preoccupation with the union of the whole being, including the bodily cells, with the vibration of the divine forces, with the supramental force which is manifesting, so that this may be the true life: not only the purpose of life, but the essence of life, not only an imperative need of life, but all its joy and all its raison d’être.

When that is there, when this realisation is attained, then to eat or not to eat, to sleep or not sleep, all this has no longer any importance. It is an outer rhythm left to the play of the universal forces as a whole, finding expression through the circumstances and people around you; and then the body, united, totally united with the inner truth, has a suppleness, a constant adaptability: if food is there, it takes it; if it isn’t there, it doesn’t think about it. And so too with all things.... This is not life! They are modes of existing to which one adapts oneself without giving it any thought. This gives you the feeling of a kind of blossoming, as a flower opens on a plant, a sort of activity which does not come from a concentrated will but is in harmony with all the forces around you, a way of being which is adapted to the circumstances you live in, which have absolutely no importance in themselves.

There comes a moment when, free from everything, one needs practically nothing, and one can use anything, do anything without this having any real influence on the state of consciousness one is in. This is what really matters. To try through outer gestures or arbitrary decisions which come from a mental consciousness aspiring for a higher life can be a means, not a very effective one but still a sort of reminder to the being that it ought to be something other than what it is in its animality — but it’s not that, it’s not that at all! A person who could be entirely absorbed in his inner aspiration, to the point of not giving any thought or care to these external things, who would take what comes and not think about it when it doesn’t, would be infinitely farther on the path than someone who undertakes ascetic practices with the idea that this will lead him to realisation.

The only thing that is truly effective is the change of consciousness; it is the inner liberation through an intimate, constant union, absolute and inevitable, with the vibration of the supramental forces. The preoccupation of every second, the will of all the elements of the being, the aspiration of the entire being, including all the cells of the body, is this union with the supramental forces, the divine forces. And there is no longer any need at all to be preoccupied with what the consequences will be. What has to be in the play of the universal forces and their manifestation will be, quite naturally, spontaneously, automatically, there is no need to be preoccupied with it. The only thing that matters is the constant, total, complete contact — constant, yes, constant — with the Force, the Light, the Truth, the Power, and that ineffable delight of the supramental consciousness.

That is sincerity. All the rest is an imitation; it is almost a part one plays for oneself. Perfect purity is to be, to be ever more and more, in a self-perfecting becoming. One must never pretend that one is: one must be, spontaneously. This is sincerity.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, June 12, 1957**  
**MOTHER**

**Sri Aurobindo came upon earth to teach this truth to men. He told them that man is only a transitional being living in a mental consciousness, but with the possibility of acquiring a new consciousness, the Truth-consciousness, and capable of living a life perfectly harmonious, good and beautiful, happy and fully conscious. During the whole of his life upon earth, Sri Aurobindo gave all his time to establish in himself this consciousness he called supramental, and to help those gathered around him to realise it.**

The Mother  
from *Volume 12*, On Education, p.116 (24 July 1951)
L’avenir d’Auroville / Town Development Council (iTDC) - September-October 2017 report

Reminder: This report is a synopsis of key topics discussed in regular meetings. It does not include any communication that has been published in the News & Notes or on the Aurovite website of L’avenir d’Auroville / Town Development Council, such as community announcements, financial reports and site or building permissions.

Regular members: iTDC: Cristo, Divya, Fabian is TOS, Jacqueline is TOS, Pino, Sauro, Tejaswini, Tom is TOS Interface Team (from October 24th): Anita/ Anu/ Aurovicl/ Divya/ Inge/ Pino/ Sindhuja/ Tejaswini

Punctual attendees: ABC (Sundar), AV Bakery (Arumugam & Elumalai), AVEI (Satprem), Bertrand & AVES (Manikandan), David Stein, FAMC (Amy, Bindu, Ulli), Giulio, HS (Ole & Sonja) & Sumark (Kevin & Peter), Joy of Impermanence (Eugenie, Ion, Kavitha, Michael, Mira), KCC (Gillian, Hari & Selva), LB (Andy), Mona, RS (AGC, Jacques Z, Jacques Blue), Security team (Peter), Vadivel, Venki

I. TDC-RELATED TOPICS
A. Site and Building Applications
Approximately 75 site and building applications were studied in September and October, whether for feedback, discussion, follow-up, survey, etc.

B. SA and BA procedures
Site permission is always required when a place is not developed. In case of a developed site, if there is an approval layout, then site application is not needed if the layout is followed. If a development is taking place in an existing compound, site and building application can be combined.

C. Maintenance for the new team
A letter requesting maintenance for the new TDC team was sent out to the BCC.

D. Flash cards - register of buildings in Auroville
The work that has been accomplished until now was presented to the iTDC.

E. L’avenir d’Auroville - Interface Team
Following the 3-day selection process, all incoming members (Anita, Anu, AuroVICl, Divya, Inge, Pino, Sindhuja and Tejaswini) held their first meeting with the interim team on October 24th. It was decided to organize the hand-over/transition of tasks, information and work for 1 month with “mixed” meetings as well as meetings among only incoming TDC members.

F. Technical Team
The first step is to set which actual tasks/DDPs are needed, then the process and objective for these DDPs, before selecting the Technical Team members. The Interim team was requested for a summary/report on the teams they have already worked with for information sharing and as a possible basis for discussion on future teams.

The immediate need is the running processes (for example application processing).

II. GROUPS, ZONES, SERVICES
A. Collaboration between groups
During the months of September and October, the iTDC worked in collaboration with AVC, AVEI, FAMC, Housing Board, Housing Service, Land Board, LAS, Road Service and WCom on various projects, whether for information request/sharing, land issues, application requests, etc.

III. ROADS
A. Road from Solar Kitchen to Visitors’ Center
For the visit of the PM, this entire stretch needs to be redone with repairs and pavers, removing all speed breakers too.

B. Courage access
Numerous points were discussed, such as the design and work capacity of AVEI, as well as other points that would need to be addressed by other engineers/experts, such as the survey, clearing of trees, leveling of the land and preparation of the kerbs.

For the PM, this entire stretch needs to be redone. In November, it was decided that this access road won’t be executed for the 50th anniversary but at a later stage. More details in the next report.

IV. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
A. Irumbai Solar Village - Corrigendum
The Irumbai Solar Village is a project by the Government of Tamil Nadu and is being implemented as a joint field research project between Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency (TEDA) and Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO). Auroville Consulting had conceived and prepared the project proposal and is presently providing project management services to TEDA for the project. L’avenir d’Auroville has been providing village liaison services for the project to Auroville Consulting and this is ongoing.

B. Greenbelt land use plan
A group will be composed to redefine the scope of work, with a brief, preliminary study, tender, and DDP for the Master Plan area. The estimated timeframe for this is 2 years.

V. OTHER TOPICS
A. Activities, units and services
Many security/access issues/questions coming up with regard to: sign boards (meeting held with the AVC), road safety, parking, eateries, mixed use in the Residential Zone, commercial outlets, AV units, and office spaces. The iTDC feels that this is a discussion that needs to be had on the community level.

B. 3D map of Auroville
The iTDC has prepared a job description to be sent out to working groups for support letters and maintenance.

Auroville Council Report for August, September And October 2017

Dear Community members, Below our report for the past three months:

Council Internal functioning
The Auroville Council went through a process of self-assessment as a group and individually as members; we provided feedback to each other with sincerity, love and care for growth and progress. We learned a lot and our bonding keeps on strengthening. We all feel a deep sense of fulfillment and joy to serve Auroville through the Council’s work.

All our meetings are facilitated internally by one of our members. We invite silence at times when needed and as we see clearly the benefit of this “breathing space/pause”, the quality and atmosphere in the room have greatly improved through this practice.

Our connection to other Working Groups and Activities
We have a common weekly meeting with the Working Committee on Fridays, and with the FAMC we connect mainly through a liaison (Presently Yuval and Amy from the FAMC). Our connection to L’avenir needs to be established with the new team. Koodam is joining our meeting weekly for about an hour. RAS join our meeting on Mondays according to need.

Representatives of Auroville Security are joining our meeting once a month. Renuka is representing us in BCC (needs to be replaced), and Mita in the Housing Board. Sandhya is representing us in COALA (Coordination of Auroville Learning Activities)

GROWTH
Entry Service:
The New Entry Policy was ratified by the community through an RAD (Residence Assembly Decision Process) in September -- please check the results of the RAD website: www.auroville.org.in/article/64985. The community agreed on a fast track process to select the Entry Board members for 1 year -- for details please look at www.auroville.org.in/article/65279. The process of selecting the Entry Board members is ongoing and the new Entry Board will be in place in December.
This 1-year phase will help to assess the functioning of the new Entry Policy and the new Entry board and to prepare amendments if necessary.

The first Mentor pool meeting happened on Oct. 14th, and a mentor core group emerged out of the meeting. More mentors’ meetings are programmed. Welcome talks and Pre-Newcomer Yuca Programs are prepared, scheduled and planned for the coming months.

All the necessary preparation for a fully functioning Entry Service is handled together with the Working Committee. A few members of the Auroville Council and the Working Committee have been assisting with the ongoing tasks of the Entry Service to ensure its functioning.

**TOWN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**New L’avenir d’ Auroville:**

Following the three-day selection process (20th, 21st, 22nd Oct), a new Interface team emerged composed by: Anita, Anu, Aurovici, Divya, Inge, Pino, Sindhuja and Tejaswini.

We wholeheartedly welcome the new team and sincerely thank the previous iTDC team for their commitment and work done.

We look forward to working with them in the future.

**Youth Hive:** Opposition from residents of the Pumphouse community to a proposed development by Youthlink highlights the difficulties in accommodating existing residents in the growth of the city, and highlights the need for new and more sensitive processes throughout our planning and development.

The members of the Auroville Council have been involved in attempts to find harmonious solutions to the problem.

**GOVERNANCE**

**Selection Processes:** The Auroville Council thanks everyone for their participation in the 2 selection processes. We are happy to welcome the new team for L’avenir d’ Auroville and the new additional members for the Fund and Asset Management Committee (FAMC), the Working Committee and the Auroville Council.

Along with the facilitators, the RAS and the Study Group we will collect all feedback given on the processes. A sub-group is being set up to work on amendments to the process which is evolving. We appreciate the collective effort to improve it every year.

At this point we would like to express our deep gratitude for the huge effort and collaboration of many people to make it happen.

Special thanks goes to the team of the Temporary Feedback Review Committee (TFRRC) who faced a very difficult job.

**Pool of Silent Listeners (Silent Presence Keeper - SPK):**

The AV Council continues to support and develop the integration of Silent Listeners/SPK in the meetings of the working groups operating under the Participatory Working Groups Process in the course of the past 3 months. The Pool of SPK has undergone a phase of training and learning of what is needed to create a supportive atmosphere for working group members, helping them to stay more easily centered, to keep the connection with the Spirit of Auroville while engaging in the dynamics of complex matters and avoid being drained/exhausted at the end of the meetings.

The SPK have also been present during the two 3-day Selection Process events and are regularly attending general meetings. It is planned to extend this service in the future to other working groups and meetings happening in AV that would like to benefit from it.

Vikram (Gaya) has served as Silent Presence Keeper (Silent Listener) at the Council’s table for two years and we are very grateful for his continued commitment, support and presence. He is now serving as SPK at the FAMC. Rena, Suzie and Juan have now joined us from the SPK pool. We are very grateful for their presence.

**POLICIES AND MANDATES**

**Auroville Council Mandate:**

The Auroville Council is working to re-vision its mandate, to update it to the present reality, and its aspiration towards the future. This is being done in a spirit of experiment and enquiry into the true role and purpose of the Council and how it can contribute in practical terms towards the materialisation of the vision and dream of Auroville. A focus-group consisting of some members of the Council and some members of the community are meeting regularly to look into this.

**BCC Mandate:**

The amended BCC mandate was shared with the AV residents for feedback. Most of the feedback received was on the role of the FAMC and its mandate. The Auroville Council will look into the FAMC mandate and publish the BCC mandate with feedback incorporated soon. It is necessary that the BCC mandate, true to its present reality becomes functional soon to keep the integrity and smooth functioning of our financial processes.

**Land Board SELECTION Process:**

Presently the Land Board (LB) is functioning with two active members and one resource person. The selection of the LB first involves the constitution of a selection committee to select the Land Board and then the nomination of members of the LB for selection. All candidates have to pass through the Temporary Feedback Review Committee for eligibility.

To shorten the process, it was suggested to have the working groups as the selection committee to form the LB but the community’s feedback received raised some objections and a new process is now being designed which will address these concerns.

**FOLLOW UP**

**Matrimandir:**

The new Matrimandir executives have now had some time to explore their roles, areas of work and understanding on how they will work together in the future. The Auroville Council and the Working Committee met the Executives and Coordinators, and will follow up and support any processes as required.

**School bus safety and Sign Board:**

A new bus route has become operational this school year towards Angiras garden, Celebration, and Swaram, for the convenience of our children. SAIER has approved the budget for the new school-bus stops. Road Service has put up the new school-bus stop signs and will bring this project to completion in the next few weeks. The Auroville Council has been supporting this collaborative process of installing the school bus-stop signs.

**PEACE & JUSTICE**

**Arbitrations and Appeals processes:**

The Auroville Council receives many issues needing its care and help for resolution. We are still in a learning process, reflecting and gaining insights. We will get back to you with an update on the process and possible needed improvements.

We thank all the arbiters, Koodam and resource persons for their time and commitment given during these processes.

**Arbitrations**

- Aspiration sport ground arbitration:
  - Implementation is in process.

- Housing and Ganesh Sport Ground arbitration:
  - Implementation is in process.

- Windarra arbitration:
  - The IMG has completed its work and now 2 Council members are working to bring this process to a closure.

**Appeals:** Bernard and Kripa/Shranga request for an Appeal process - Since the facilitation process had come to an agreement on the issue between the parties, the appeal body will not be needed. The Auroville Council warmly thanks the facilitators and all the persons/parties involved for their good will and openness.

**SECURITY - SAFETY**

**Auroville Safety and Security Team (AVSST):** The council has regular monthly meetings with AVSST: The shared topics along with the Working Committee are the security in regard to the 50th anniversary, impact of apps promoting Auroville, different aspects of signboards, ensure mental support if needed and more. We would like to acknowledge the dedicated work of the team which aims to ensure the safety and security of Aurovilians, guests and visitors 24/7.

**Data backup:** In regard to data security and backup for the working groups, Sysop has tested programs and offers now a solution for our internal data security. The project is about to be finalized

Warmly,

For the Auroville Council (Elisa, Enrica, Martin, Marc, Matriprasad, Mita, Renuka, Sandyra and Sundar)
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Land Board - revised proposal for Selection Process of new members

Dear Resident, on 7th October, 2017, the Auroville Council, the Working Committee and the FAMC had made a proposal to the community for the selection of new members of the Land Board. In this proposal the three working groups proposed that they would be the Selection Committee that will be responsible to select members of the Land Board (Details of this proposal may be found in the News and Notes #718). This proposal was put to the Community for feedback. Significant feedback was received from 6 members of the community disagreeing with the proposed process. To read the feedback received, please visit this link: https://goo.gl/4sPBxNR. It has therefore been considered necessary to propose a revised process which integrates the majority of the feedback received. The revised proposal is, therefore, now being put to the community for approval:

How to send us your choice of YES or NO:
1) Visit this link to know about the revised proposal https://goo.gl/ZUv46L and write to the AVC with your choice.
2) Wait till you receive an email from the RAS on Saturday, 2nd Dec. and share your choice online, latest by Saturday, 16th Dec. 2017.

With regards, The AVC, WCom, FAMC, and L'avvenir D’Auroville

Entry Board - selection process by the AVC/WCom

Dear Resident, the Auroville Council and the Working Committee are to select an Entry Board to be in place for one year. We have received, from the Residents' Assembly Service, the community feedback on each candidate. We would like to inform you of the process that will be followed. Both groups have designed and agreed on the selection process for this Entry Board, as such:

1. The set of criteria for selection of candidates;
2. The internal selection process itself;
3. The integration and Support plan for the Entry Service by the AVC;
4. Report from the Entry Board at the end of their one-year term.

For details, please use the link: https://goo.gl/wQTLPoD

With warm regards,
The Auroville Council and the Working Committee

Time to review the Conflict Resolution policy and the Appeal Process!

Dear Community, it is time to review the Conflict Resolution policy and the Appeal Process! The Auroville Council would like to collect feedback from you on these documents until December 16th. We are creating a subgroup along with Koondam to review these processes and integrate your feedback as needed. Please find the links to the documents:
drive.google.com/drive/folders/1P0N1DHcGcmfj09-4Af4wqz1Vs3qD1.UK

Send your feedback to avcouncil@auroville.org.in.

Warmly, The Auroville Council

Welcome Celebration

Dear Residents of Auroville, your Residents Assembly Service is happy to invite you to a “Thank You” Celebration for the outgoing members and the Welcoming for the new members of our 4 Participatory Working Groups.

Monday the 18th of December at 5 pm, at Unity Pavilion.

Note it in your Calendar - do not miss it!

After the “Thank You” for the outgoing members, we will enjoy presentations of the AVCouncil, Working Committee, Funds and Assets Management Committee and the newly formed L'avvenir d'Auroville. The Welcoming will be followed by refreshments and light snacks and let's dance afterwards! More info will be shared later.... save the date! You are most welcome!

Much Love, Your Residents Assembly Service Team

From the Entry Service - N&N # 726

Dated: 02-12-2017

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

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:

Cristian GONI ESCUDEERO (Spanish) Staying in Matireye and Working at Blue Light.

Thamizhsevi SOMASUNDARAM (Indian) Staying in Courage and Working at Alkiyam School.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

Celine PERRAUD (Swiss) Shang Chuan CHIANG (Spanish)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

Chelsea JANI (Australian) Staying in Swayam and Working at Matrimandir.

Emiko KINOSHITA (Japanese) Staying in Grace and Working at Avitra and Art Service.

Kannan KRISHNAN (Indian) Staying in Petite Ferme and Working at Visitors Centre Cafeteria.

Sugar NATAJAN (Indian) Staying in Saylam and Working at Financial Service.

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

Auromira PARKS (USA) Carmen PALINCKX (Belgian)

Palani MUTHUGANAPATHY (Indian) Vani VINAYAGAM (Indian) Katarzyna (Shakti) WEIRZBICKA (Polish)

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

New Site and Building Applications - 2nd Dec 2017

The following projects are recommended by L’avenir d’Auroville and feedback is now invited from the larger community.

The last date for this is 16th Dec. 2017

BUILDING APPLICATIONS

Residential Zone:

1. Extension of Aurovelo (Toilet, Store room and Verandah) - Sukrit @ Aurovelo, Revel, on plot no. IR 209/5. Built-up area: 70 sq.m.

International Zone:

2. Dormitory and Toilet - Tahir and Clapton @ African Pavilion (near the Secretary’s house) on plot no.IR 226/0 - Built-up area: 71 sq.m.(dorm.) / 51 sq.m. (toilet)

3. Temporary Composting Facilities - Matrimandir ® Visitors Center / Kottakarai tar road (east of the road) on plot no. IR 242/1 - Total area: 1,892 sq.m.

Outside Master Plan:

4. Multipurpose Indoor Stadium _ Jothi and Frederick for AVSRC @ New Creation Sport Ground on plot no. BO 139/4. Built-up area: 1,305 sq.m.

5. Temporary Roofing for dormitory, store room and water harvesting tank on the existing building of AVSRC-Jothi for AVSRC @ New Creation Sport Ground on plot no. BO 139/4 - Total area covered: 295 sq.m.

6. Renovation and Extension of the existing Big Boys Boarding @ Devara and Gomathi @ Fraternity on plot no. BO 139/2,4 - Total extension area: 10 sq.m.

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7. Renovation and Extension of the existing Big Boys Boarding - Devanathan and Nagavalli @ Fraternity on plot no. BO 139/2, 4 - Total extension area: 10 sq.m.

**NOC issued in the last week**
1. Jonah, Eternity for first floor extension of residence

Please note:
- An NOC (No Objection Certificate) is issued only after evaluation and processing of the community feedback received during the two-week period.
- Any work on the site/building should start only with an NOC.
- Site permission is valid for two years. For fencing and clearing of the site, special permission of L’avenir d’Auroville is needed.

For additional information, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 0413-2622-170 or come directly to L’avenir d’Auroville office in the Town Hall. The maps relevant to these announcements can be found on the Auroonet page of L’avenir d’Auroville.

### 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 who help maintain its quality, atmosphere and assure a harmonious mix of people.

3. **Windarra Farm- TerraSoul- Sandhya House:** Plinth Area: 204.53 Sq.m. Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Brick walls plastered in cement mortar, RCC flat roof and first floor metal sheet roofing consisting of open verandah, living cum Kitchen 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.

5. **Promesse - Velu & Suguna House:** Plinth Area 72.33 Sqm. Single standing house residential building with inner and outer plaster brick wall, RCC roofing with covered for front verandah, living cum Kitchen Bed room & Toilet. Suitable for Family.

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 for visit and more information

For more information, contact: Housing Service (Town Hall) / Phone; (0413) 2622658 / e-mail: housing@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 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

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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### SAIER bus to Pondy on Darshan days

**December 5th**

For those using the Auroville bus to have darshan in Sri Aurobindo’s room on December 5th, Sri Aurobindo’ mahasamadhi 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 SAIER 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

#### Auroville Sangamam Celebration for the Auroville’s 50th Anniversary

Dear Auroville Community,

Vanakkam. “Sangamam” in Tamil means a group of people coming together (Confluence, Togetherness).

Around fifty people have been meeting regularly over the last three months as part of the Auro Sangamam team. Our first outcome was the Auroville community celebration of Deepawali in front of the Solar Kitchen. The Deepawali celebration was very well attended and enjoyed by the community.

Since then, we have been focusing on organising an Auroville Sangamam Celebration for the Auroville’s 50th Anniversary, in collaboration with Bharat Nivas and the Auroville’s 50th Anniversary team. We plan to come together with all Auroville Workers and Aurovilians on February 4th 2018, as a full day program. We expect 56000 people participating.

We would like to honour those who have helped in building Auroville, particularly the workers and Aurovian pioneers. We truly hope for this event to bring people together by sharing a cultural program with space for games, food, entertainment and education. We hope to create a space for lively discussion on the early days, recent achievements and future dreams for this Auroville’s region. We hope this event will help the bioregion to understand Auroville, and for Aurovilians to understand our neighbours. It would be a space for both communities to honour and embrace one another, celebrating the unity in diversity within our community. Overall, we believe this event will further strengthen our relationship with our neighbouring villages.

We would like to invite anyone, from Auroville and from the bioregion, to join us in organising this Sangamam Celebration for the Auroville’s 50th Anniversary. Our team will be contacting Auroville units and activities to invite people to join the celebration and we kindly request you all for your cooperation and support.

We meet every Tuesday at 5:00pm at the White Hall, at Bharat Nivas. All those interested to help organise this event, please join us to make this a memorable day for all who have been striving to building Auroville.

Looking forward to unite and celebrate Auroville’s progress together,

Vanakkam,

Auro Sangamam Team [aurosangamam@auroville.org.in]

Contact Core Team: Rathinam -9943644490, Selvaraj-9443459067, Selvam-9443911149, Elumalai-9443388854, Manimaran-9443535237, Grace-9443627117, Gajendran-9442126230, Meera-9443536547, Jayavel-9443716134, Ganesh-9843926775, Kaila-4849500500, Balu-9943644757

#### ICITI Project Cost Sharing by Community

Dear Residents, the ICITI project has been funded and supported from many contributing sources, one of the sizable one being the Government of India grant to Auroville. The GOI grant supports the capital expenditures of the project (cap-ex) to offset costs in the laying of the infrastructure of the intranet backbone, the systems and equipment to setup the networking and computing servers to allow for the management of the data and traffic infrastructure. The GOI grant is not usable against the operating expenses (op-ex) for deploying and maintaining
the intranet, nor for the data pipes that will be necessary for the residential and commercial part of the community data needs. There are many expenses related to setting and maintaining the network that have to be raised through various other means. The overarching goal is to set up the optical fiber infrastructure and transition the communication backbone to internal resources allowing for a rollout of myriad range of community services in this digitally connected societies.

From the get go the project has been envisaged to be funded from several sources. The fiber cable to the community premises or to a public campus will be provided by the ICITI rollout team. It has been our view that the internal wiring or equipment necessary to augment the data and network use at premises will need to be supported by stewards of the premises in order to connect to the community resources and services that will be rolled out over the next year and more. This allows a portion of the project sustainability cost to come from within the community on a piece meal basis as we grow. Only together we can rollout this project and make it self-sustaining. We need continued support from the community at large.

**Education - 3-month training offer**

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology (AIAT), the Auroville centre of vocational training in Irumbai and Aurobrindavan, is offering a free 3-month full time training in Arc Welding and in Fitter Mechanical Assembly at our Aurobrindavan Campus for dropouts or unemployed youth from Tamil Nadu above 16 and below 30 of age. We conduct training on real life projects. The candidates are required to work for at least for 6 to 12 months. AIAT would support you to find a placement either in the local area or in Chennai. These free courses are sponsored by Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation. The training is conducted by experienced staff. We have few vacancies left.

Eligibility for Welder:

**The training is beginning from 27.Nov., but candidates can be admitted till 4th Dec. 2017.**

Candidates who have failed 10th standard are eligible to join this training.

Eligibility for Fitter: Candidates must have passed 10th

Following documents are required:

-Aadhaar card
-TC from the school
-Community certificate
-8th or 10th pass mark sheet and certificate from the school
-Bank Account passbook copy of the 1st page
-4 pass photos.

For more information, pl. contact: Anbu - Phone: 0412 2671758

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology-ITI (a unit of Auroville Foundation under Auroville Village Action Trust)

**Join the Auro WIKI tribe**

**Are you interested in Auroville?**

Would you like an easy access portal full of lessons learned, insights gained and knowledge collected in the journey of Auroville's becoming?

Ever wonder what happened to all those initiatives that well-meaning residents started over the past 50 years? Where is the collective memory? How to avoid reinventing the wheel?

The Auroville wiki exists as a common reference, and is constantly expanding - just like Wikipedia. It is open source and co-created by its users.

We invite you to join the growing community of users, interacting and collaborating on the content. We need writers, editors and proof readers like you!


Or send any of us a mail and we'll invite you to the upcoming AuroWiki event (in true hackathon style with lots of Wi-Fi, screens, and pages of code flying through the ether).

Thanks!

PS: due to a server error you can’t make immediate edits so please contact us first to avoid loss of data

Gij (gij@auroville.org.in) - Matthieu (matthieu@auroville.org.in)

John (johnz@auroville.org.in) - Kristen (kristen@auroville.org.in)

**POSTINGS**

**Birth Announcement:** We are so happy to share that our daughter, Alba Mango Thapa, was born on November 6th. We are over the moon! We also have so much gratitude to express…To Auroville forests for their nourishment. To women who shared their birth stories. To countless individuals who helped in their own special ways, particularly Nicole for her whimsical mural. To the Free Store, for maternity clothes, and to UTS, which promised a taxi day or night. To the Mom’s Group. To HRT for maternity leave. To Maitreyee, for providing a safe, beautiful home for our little one. And finally, to our midwives, Hilde and Auradha, for their unwavering love and support, and absolutely non-judgemental approach to our parenting choices. We are so grateful! With love, Ing-Marie, Anvesh, and Alba

**Chi running:** Anyone interested in ‘chi running’? A chi running instructor from Bangalore is happy to come share some training in Auroville if we have at least 15 participants. So, this is a preliminary survey of interest if such a workshop should interest you, please drop me a line at: josephinejoy@yahoo.com and we can shape one up accordingly. For more info on chi running, check out: [www.chirunning.com](http://www.chirunning.com) - Submitted by Josephine

**Project X&Y:** Dear community, Project X&Y (names to be given by the residents) are nearing completion and Housing Service is looking for donations in kind for landscaping, furniture, house hold materials etc. If you have any trees, plants, herbs and shrubs, also any material that can be utilized for landscaping, any furniture (in good shape) any utensils etc., please write to: housing@auroville.org.in with subject ‘Attention Ole for X&Y’. Thanking all in advance!

**The Housing Service**

**Reach your Highest Health Potential Through Nutrition:** I’m happy to share that my new book Reversing Diabetes in 21 Days has been published by Penguin India and is now available on Amazon or on our website [www.sharan-india.org](http://www.sharan-india.org) and will soon be available at the Visitors Centre bookshop too. As many of you know I have been working in the field of health and nutrition since 2005 and my work is mainly related to reversing lifestyle diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure, autoimmune diseases, thyroid, PCOD et cetera. I was recently asked by Eric Chacra to share some insights into health and nutrition especially related to local climates here in Auroville. Although I do specific consultations, I really appreciate this opportunity to speak to a group and answer questions since it would save time and be beneficial for many. My idea is to do a 10-minute basic talk on what I suggest, and why it helps reverse diseases followed by a question answer session. I will be answering questions of a general nature that could help the group rather than very specific individual questions. This would be held on Monday Dec.4th from 5-6.30pm in the Savitri Bhavan Reading Room. All are invited please come with your questions.

Dr Nandita Shah

**Dear lovers of Classical Indian Music and Dance:** We would like to create a mailing list in order to share information and travel to nearby performances and festivals, facilitate workshops and talks with local and visiting artists - generally to meet, listen and participate as a group where we can share our passion for Indian classical arts. Join us for our first trip, this Sunday at 5:30 pm, to a Carnatic vocal concert in Pondicherry. Please write to: musicanddance@auroville.org.in - or to me: jonathan@auroville.org.in - to join our mailing list.

**Savitri in the morning:** On Tuesday mornings from 6:45 to 7:45 am at Maitreyee II, Newcomer house, there is a group who come together with Savitri in English. It is a collective experience, enriched by each one attending. There are floor cushions and 10 chairs. Please bring your Savitri book or text download. **NOTE:** When a special event such as ashram darshan is on Tuesday, we meet on Thursday of that week. For more information, contact: pat@auroville.org.in, alena@auroville.org.in - Patricia
THANK YOU

Thanks to AVES
One of these days I realized only in the afternoon that our house was the only one which had no electricity for around 16 hours. It was already 4 pm and raining, but the AVES sent immediately somebody to do the repair. With gratitude, Lisa, Invocation

HEALTH

Integral Health... Classical homeopathy... hypnotherapy... midwifery... child care... coaching

Sigrid is starting clinic on 18th Dec. Peter and Malar are available now too.

Peter and Sigrid give consultations in Classical homeopathy, Sensation Method. They trained with Dr. Sankaran, Mumbai for 20 years. (www.theothersong.com)

In this approach a “constitutional remedy” is identified, which then works like a “personal tonic” for holistic health, and can be repeatedly used over decades.

Camille is providing “psychomotricity for children” and Sigrid gives sessions in transpersonal regression therapy, inner child work, trauma therapy.

Angelika, a German psychologist and psychotherapist (psychoanalysis, body centered therapy and gestalt therapy) is available for consulting German speaking community members, guests and volunteers. Phone 2622806 or email anilka@auroville.org.in

Malar has done several trainings in homeopathy and provides homeopathic consultations, homeopathic First Aid, providing follow up remedies etc.

Intro to homeopathy in Tamil: Malar can come to your women’s group, service unit etc. and present the homeopathic first aid and PC remedies.

First Aid Kits with 32 remedies are available, description available in your choice of language: English, French, German and NOW TAMIL.

PC Shock, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Blood pressure etc. are available in our remedy box, along with Harmony and Samata. Just come and take them anytime. Benefits are well established - no side effects.

Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, and Tamil.

Malar manages the office, mailing of remedies, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12 am.

You are welcome to contact us at: integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue. Integral Health, Pratyatna: 2623669

APPEAL

Making Auroville Beautiful Together

Auroville Cleanup Group, has the following material needs for December 2017:

* 5 trash picker devices (to reach ‘unreachable’ garbage) cost approx. Rs. 500 each = Total Rs. 2,500
* 20 pairs of washable reusable gloves cost approx. Rs. 95 each = Total Rs. 1,900
* 100 Heavy duty Garbage bags to collect recyclable & non-recyclable waste cost approx. Rs. 10 each = Total Rs. 1,000
* 5 bottles of Anti-Mosquito Spray cost for 100 ml bottle approx. Rs 80-160 depending on herbal or artificial: Total Rs.400-800

TOTAL monetary value: Rs. 5,800-6,200
Every rupee will help!
The AV Cleanup Account number is 102331
Contributions in Kind of the above items (including juice for volunteers) is most welcome!
Excess items will be used over the subsequent months.
Volunteers most welcome!
AV Cleanup Group meets every Sunday from 4 pm onwards, for whatever job needed to be done to make Auroville beautiful Together.
Email: avcleanupgroup@auroville.org.in

NOTE

Nature’s Wisdom

“Don’t hurry, be happy!” (the snail’s motto).

Once I saw a bandage on a young lady’s head in Aspiration community. I asked: “What happened?” and she replied: “I was riding a motorbike and suddenly a cow appeared on the road and I fell from the motorbike”. Of course the cow walked more slowly than the motorbike, it didn’t fall and had no bandage on its head.

At Santé I met a lady with bandages on her legs. She said: “It was a result of my stupidity. I was doing “good” speed on my motorbike but I had an accident”. I know one Aurovilian who could have a new fast motorbike but he prefers using an old and slow motorbike. I think he is wise like the snail, cow and Nature.

The first Aurovilians, the pioneers of our city had no motorbikes but they had a strong will to transform the semi-desert landscape into a green oasis. It needed work in collaboration with nature, at a natural rhythm, natural tempo. They had much success. When Auroville started, there were sandy storms like in...
the Sahara: it was hurtful to the faces. After some strong rains, the ocean near the Auroville’s shore was reddish brown: the ground upper layer moved into the ocean - the erosion was very intense. One Frenchman arrived from Paris in 1969 and lived in Aspiration community (he had another name for the first time); he wrote that it wasn’t possible to hear any bird singing in those first years. Now there is a great chorus of singing birds in Aspiration and they sing: “Glory, glory to the first Aurovilians, the pioneers!”

Jean in Two Banyans told me: “I tried some agriculture and noticed that if a tomato plant had its roots in water then the hot wind killed the green part of the plant. It needed a windbreaker - the forest. Now my wife and I have been caring for the forest for more than forty years and we have created a good windbreaker”. Glory, glory!

Never too late, if we are all together

The more you look inside and the more the outside becomes the opposite. It reveals that nothing comes near to the Truth, on the contrary. Even though the outside may try to manifest its best and even if it is associated with Sri Aurobindo’s and The Mother’s name, it remains an illusion - not alive.

The Truth above is waiting for our call and if this is done a new Consciousness will manifest in response to our call.

All the outside contains the possibilities to change by receiving the influence from inside in order for a new life to be born.

The body was manifested here on earth so as to fulfill the true reason of being i.e. to unify the whole of the being to a Higher Truth, made of Harmony, peace and true Love.

Let’s simply make an introspection so that we may feel that we are not wasting our incarnation on earth in useless activities.

One remark: We cannot build Auroville if we do not build ourselves.

With love, André T.

GREEN MATTERS

PROBIOTICS HOUSE TIP #17
Reducing Bacteria in Household Sponges

It’s known that during the cleaning process of equipment, utensils, sinks, etc. in kitchens, the pre-washing and washing steps are done with the use of sponges to eliminate food residues. As a consequence of this procedure, part of the food residues adheres to the sponge surfaces. These food residues together with the moisture retained in the sponges offer a favourable environment for bacterial growth.

Dishtowels and sponges are recognized as a potential source for spreading microorganisms and it was observed that bacteria persisted in these vehicles for at least weeks.

Household cleaning products containing antibacterial ingredients or without antibacterial ingredients are widely available and popular. Although manufacturers use claims of health benefits to market these products, evidence linking the use of antibacterial products to health outcomes has been lacking.

Reusable sponges should be dried after use or immersed for five (5) minutes in a solution of boiled water and Probiotics. Keep in mind, that other products such as hydrogen peroxide, isopropyl alcohol, ammonia, and vinegar are effective in reducing the bacterial load in laboratory-inoculated sponges but not in consumer-used sponges, which contained a higher concentration of bacteria.

Probiotics House - Margarita & Guidelma
[wwww.probiotishouse.com] / Reve - Auroville / Phone: +91 413 2623774] (Open Tuesday to Saturday: 9:30 - 11:30 am & 2:00 to 4:30 pm).

EATING OUT

For all AUROVILLE EATERIES listing: see [www.auroville.org/categories/178]
**A biogas producing installation:** Annapurna Farm is looking for a biogas producing installation, floating drum type, which is not used anymore. Please contact: andrebmom@gmail.com or by phone: 9486024626. Thank you, Andre

**Earth Balls:** Some years back Auroville got gifted, five or more, big blow up Earth /Globe Balloons (the Original Reality Globe of our Home Planet , made by: www.earthball.com - WA USA.) We would need some Earth balls for a project; they are probably all leaking, as is ours, but I will attempt to fix them. Please let me know, schools! whether you have one laying around. Thanks! Lisbeth: lisbeth@auroville.org.in

**The French Pavilion announces French Theater:** The company SDF 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 casting. This play is full of humor and our rehearsals are done in joy and good humor. Beginners or confirmed comedians, join us for good collective and creative moments. If you are interested, please contact Célène at +91 888 46 079 or sdf@auroville.org.in.

**lost & found**

**Items for our new home:** Bicycle for 2yr old / Fishes for Ant canal / Garden furniture / Hammocks / Wooden high stools - Contact Manisha: 9999995321

**Iron box:** Dear community, we at the Free Store are in need for an iron box. In order to repair certain materials, we sometimes need to iron it beforehand. If you have an iron box at home which is not being used, could you please bring it to our tailoring section? Much gratitude and love, The Free Store Team

**Tamil Nadu guide book:** I'm searching for a book or a good tourist guide about Tamil Nadu: just to read it (after that, I can than give it back!) Thanks for sharing! Chiara: 919487049867

**House items:** We just moved into another home and we need all sorts of kitchen items, 2 chairs, one sofa or single bed (with or without mattress); a wardrobe and/or a bar to hang the clothes; and everything you can imagine is needed in a quite empty house - bed sheets and covers, if in good conditions! Thanks if you can help! Chiara & Jan, ph: 919487049867

**Work tree fire wood:** Mandala Pottery is often in need of work tree fire wood for the firings of our ceramic pieces. It should be enough heat and then we do not reach the temperature in which the glazes melt. If you have anything for us you can contact us at: mandalapottery@gmail.com or phone 0413 2622685 during working hours. Thank you, Anamika

**lost & found**

**White bag with scissors (Lost):** On Tuesday evening November the 21st after 7 pm, I forgot a white bag with two pairs of scissors inside at the Town Hall stage in front of Morgan café. If you find it, please call me at +91 8300433050. Thanks a lot - Romain

**Samsung smart phone in Hebrew (lost):** It was lost on 24 or 25.11. Happy to give financial reward to the returner. Call: 8300127182

**My water bottle (Lost):** It is a nice glass bottle with a cork cover, and on the glass it is written FLÄSKA, the name of the bottle. If you find it or saw it somewhere... please contact me! Chiara: 9487049867

**TAXI SHARING**

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

**November 30th:** A taxi will leave Auroville empty to be at Chennai Airport at 9 - 9.30 am and come back to Auroville with one person. Sharing both ways. Contact bettasal@gmail.com or 852 495 3770

**December 1st:** Share Taxi on Friday evening December 1. Taxi pick-up at 8:15 pm from Chennai Airport. Share both ways possible. Taxi will need to leave AV by 5:15 pm." Contact Penny: penny@auroville.org.in

**December 5th:** taxi going to Chennai airport on December 5th to pick up one person arriving at 2pm. Taxi leaving Auroville at around 11am. If interested please contact Manohar 9486416179 - manohar@auroville.org.in

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**TAXI SHARING**

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**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!

**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

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**Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies**

India and the World - Bharat Nivas

**Our Auroville Experience...**

We will meet on:

Friday, December 1st 2017 at 4 pm in the Resource Library, to continue our reading / study of “Savitri”.

Till then...Love, Aster

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**“UPASANA Market”**

An experiment in giving, sharing and being.

Saturday 2nd December, 2017

3 pm onwards.

At Upasana

Upasana presents special pieces of clothing from its collection over time.

Come and find beauty of unique pieces over Tea, Snacks and Music.

The generated contribution will be directed to a Social project.

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**Celebration of light at DEEPAK**

Saturday 2.12.2017 at 6 pm at Aspiration Campus/Kuilapalayam

Once again we will light more than a thousand oil-lamps which create a warm atmosphere. Karthigai Deepam has for centuries been celebrated. It originates from the legend of Lord Shiva who had transformed himself into a divine flame. A big fire is lit in this night on top of the holy mountain in Tiruvannamalai.

At Deepam we work with children and youth with special needs from the surrounding villages.

Deepam means light - we chose this name for our project, because we want to bring light into the lives of children who are disadvantaged.

Kindly be on time

as there will be a short program by our children.
THE AUROVILLE THEATRE GROUP
PRESENTS

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S

KING LEAR

7, 8 AND 9 DECEMBER 2017 7:00 PM

AT ADISHAKTI THEATRE

ADISHAKTI LABORATORY FOR THEATRE, ARTS & RESEARCH, EDAYANCHAVADY ROAD, AUROVILLE

ENTRANCE IS FREE ALL ARE WELCOME

www.adishaktitheatrearts.com
Bridging the Gaps community event
December 3rd between 3-6pm
Adventure ground

Dear friends,

We are organising a community event this Sunday with children and their parents from Auroville and outreach schools. For this event, the venue will be the Adventure ground (near Udavi school), as it is close both to Auroville and the village. There will be a parade, a photo exhibition, all kinds of games and frisbee matches... with children from all the schools.

We will begin at 3pm in front of the temple in the center of Edyanchavadi.

All the students who have participated and their parents are invited to come for this event.

We would also like to invite you and your friends...

Please join us in celebrating this event and the Spirit of the Game day of Ultimate Frisbee,

Thank you for your interest and support.

Bridging the Gaps team
Bhavya, Kalai, Sagu, Siva, Smiti

Let’s Talk Trash Week 10
This Sunday (3/12) we will be meeting in Certitude at 6 am.

We will start from Solar Kitchen - Kindergarten - Town Hall - Arka - Back to Solar Kitchen

Thank you. All are welcome!
Gloves will be provided.
Breakfast will be provided at the end. See you all

Aha! Kindergarten
would like to invite you to our Annual Open House
Saturday, 9th December 2017 from 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm.
Aha! Kindergarten (at Center Field corner).

A host of fun activities for 3 to 6 year olds - Balloons, bubbles, face painting, henna, puppet-show, craft-corner, sand-pit, play-dough, music session...

Also, delicious snacks to fuel you along.
Looking forward to seeing you there!

TALKS

The French Pavilion presents
“The Library of Alexandria”
Centuries of Light and fire

A Dialogue in French with Nadir Benmatti
Former Algerian minister, economist and author of several publications
Saturday 2nd December 2017 at 5pm
Town Hall - Cinéma Paradiso
in French only, length: 90min

The Library of Alexandria has radiated on a part of the Mediterranean from the 3rd century BC and for more than seven centuries. Its story is fascinating.

In memory of its illustrious “ancestor” a new library was built; it was inaugurated in Alexandria in 2002.

This dialogue will be followed by another one the following week, same day, same time, on the following subject: “Challenges and stakes in the Mediterranean today”

CULTURAL EVENTS

Piano Concert
By
Hartmut von Lieres

Impressionistic Jazz
Saturday 2nd December 2017
At CRIPA - 8 pm

Experience Ragas and Veena
A Meditative Full Moon Evening
With Bruno
on SUNDAY 3rd of December 2017
at The Pavilion of Tibetan Culture at 8 pm
All are invited

OTHER EVENTS

Savitri in the morning
On Tuesday mornings from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. at Maitreye II, Newcomer house, there is a group who comes together with Savitri in English. It is a collective experience, enriched by each one attending. There are floor cushions and 10 chairs. Please bring your Savitri book or text download. NOTE - When a special event such as ashram darshan is on a Tuesday, we meet on the Thursday of that week instead. For more information, contact pat@auroville.org.in, alenaauroville@gmail.com

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
5th December (Tuesday). This week on: ‘The Synthesis of Yoga’
Savitri Bhavan - 9 am to 12 Noon
(For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.)
- Overview with multimedia presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books
These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises.
Led by 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

News&Notes 2nd December 2017 [726]
Experience Auroville Program
December 7th to 10th, 7.45 am to 5 pm
A four-day intensive program to experience Unity and Diversity in the context of everyday life in Auroville, for people who are interested in joining or volunteering in Auroville or for those who seek to deepen their understanding of the community.

During this time, you will have the chance to explore different aspects of the Auroville reality:
- Day one you will learn about the roots and history of Auroville.
- Day two we will become familiarized with some of its current activities.
- Day three will focus on the potentialities of the community with emphasis on youth and education.
- Day four we will try to bring it all together in synthesis with the Dream.

Here we will answer your questions and doubts. This experience will help you clarify your impressions and insights. It is an opportunity to better understand your inner calling.

Advance registration is required. NO DROP-IN. On donation basis for long-term volunteers; contribution expected from guests, 50% discount for people under 30.

For additional information and a detailed program please find it listed under the activities of the Joy Community website: www.joyauroville.org.in or in our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/joycommunityguesthouse or contact us via email at: joycommunity@auroville.org.in or by phone at 9442328120.

We are always available in Joy Community Guesthouse in Center Field for further clarifications regarding the community at large and to help you discover Auroville.

VEIL: TWO SISTERS - Workshop
A creative workshop meets Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30, based on the performance project VEIL: TWO SISTERS by New York choreographer Cynthia Berkshire. Including a warm-up, improvisation and writing, we will be exploring forgiveness. The VEIL workshop incorporates walking a labyrinth, and is founded on her previous program first taught at the Institute of Contemporary Art, USA. Group choreography for participants will also be explored, with the possibility of an informal show. Please join us!

Held at CRIPA, Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30. Please note time change, and write/phone with any questions: cberkshire@nyc.rr.com / 9498066479

Creative Writing for Beginners (and NOT)
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.

1st 2nd 3rd of DECEMBER from 5 to 7 pm
Contact: francescaaauroville.org.in / 0413 2623987

Bharat Nivas in collaboration with Japanese Pavilion
Invites you to participate in: “Let's enjoy ORIGAMI”
Friday 8th December - 2:30 to 4 pm
At Annam Kitchen (behind Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas)
In case of rain we will have a different venue, so please come anyway!

Xmas is around the corner! Let’s make 2 different Santa Claus together (Star shaped Santa and Santa with gift sack). Booking not needed, all are welcome!

Contact Tomoko or Emiko on: letsenjoyorigami@gmail.com

Kala Kendra is happy to offer two half-day workshops for Adults and Children:
By: Siddharth Pathak (From India), Artist in Residence (10th November to 22nd December 2017) at Bharat Nivas
Both Workshops Venue: Gallery Square Circle, Bharat Nivas

- WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS - Age Group: 20+
Saturday 9 December 2017 - 2 to 5pm
Theme: Lines & Colours
What we will do: The workshop will include several sessions on understanding and practicing the many ways in which we can work with lines - On how to capture a thought with lines and use aids such as music, physical exercises and open discussions to arrive at the creation of a visual that encompasses the thought/feeling/emotion we had in the beginning of our exercise. NOTE: Wear Old Clothes

- WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN - Age Group: 10 +
December 16, 2017: 2 to 5 pm
Theme: creating art from waste Materials
What we will do: Art & Crafts - We will create art from regular household/urban waste materials - plastic wrappers, paper, plastic bottles, bottle caps, straws, old cloth, strings, cardboard boxes, dry leaves, small branches etc. We will also incorporate paints into the works of art we will create. (Participants must get their own dry household waste, as mentioned above)

NOTE: Wear Old Clothes

PLEASE NOTE: Kindly book your seat for the workshops by mail or phone, at least 3 days in advance. If you have spots open, we will take walk-ins.

Venue: Gallery Square Circle, Bharat Nivas

For additional information and a detailed program please find it on our website:
www.facebook.com/joycommunityguesthouse

Kalakendra@auroville.org.in / siddharthink@outlook.com

Yoga body with Olesya
Aasnas and Pranayama in B.K.S.Iyengar Tradition
Iyengar Yoga is a form of Hatha Yoga, where balanced mind and right intellect are developed through mobility, strength, stability and alignment of body in asana.

Every Thursday and Saturday in Sharnga Yoga Hall: 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

Contribution is required. For more information, please call or what's up Olesya: +91-915-905-2743

Shakti Somatics
A 4-evening workshop, women only
From Wednesday 6th to Saturday 9th December 2017, 4.30 to 7 pm. 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 crayons.

Venue: Grace community, follow signposts to the venue
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 'Orikalanki', an organisation that is changing the narrative around menstruation and other aspects of feminine life.

Wheel of the Year
Have you listened to the earth? Have you noticed the shift?
What would it be like if you found out that your body and psychic matched the energy of the earth? This one-day workshop helps you learn about energy of the cyclical earth and
cyclical psychic. We will take a look at the year and prepare for the next. We will make a physical representation of the wheel, so please bring your notebook, crayons, crystals or cowries.

Sunday 10th December, 10 am-4 pm
Venue: Grace community, follow signs to the venue
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Nonviolent Communication Practice Group for December
With Laura Joy, NVC Trainer
Dec 6, 13, 20, 27 (4 Wednesdays)
4.30-6.30 pm
Theme of the month: "Surrendering to what is..." 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**
Fri, Dec 15 - Sun, Nov 17 (3 days)
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 L’aura for more information and to register: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016. [Other upcoming RC events: joylivinglearning.org]

NVC Introduction session IN FRENCH ONLY
Vendredi 01 Décembre de 9h à 17h00 à Creativity Hall of light
Inscriptions 948754454 - Hamsini
Dans le cadre de ma certification de formatrice en communication non violente, Hamsini propose une journée d'introduction à ce processus EN FRANçAIS. Cette journée sera suivie d'un groupe de pratique hebdomadaire.

- December 2017

Exhibitions, Main Building and Office open Monday to Saturday 9-5
Everyone is welcome

SCHEDULES

**Exhibition**
Portraits, Dreams and Visions
Of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
by Prabhat Kumar Rautray till 16.12.2017

**Films**
Mondays 6.30 pm
December 4: The Mother on Sri Aurobindo
Followed by Our Gratitude - a Musical offering
December 11: The Yoga after Sri Aurobindo’s and Mother’s Passing. Duration: 30min.
December 18: Pictures of Sri Aurobindo’s Poems Part Two.
Duration: 41min.
December 25: HOME - the Earth: our home is a miracle and a beauty. Duration: 94min.

**Full Moon Gathering**
Sunday Dec. 3, 7.15-8.15 pm in front of Sri Aurobindo’s statue

- La Communication Non Violente, c’est la combinaison d’un langage, d’une façon de penser, d’un savoir-faire en communication et de moyens d’influence qui servent mon désir de faire trois choses:
  1. - me libérer du conditionnement culturel qui est en discordance avec la manière dont je veux vivre ma vie;
  2. - acquérir le pouvoir de me mettre en lien avec moi-même et autrui d’une façon qui me permette de donner naturellement à partir de mon cœur
  3. - acquérir le pouvoir de créer des structures qui soutiennent cette façon de donner. – Marshall Rosenberg; fondateur de ce processus.

Open Capoeira Class
The group Ginga Saroba proposes an Open Capoeira Class, for beginners of all fitness level, on Thursday 7th of December at 6 pm - Deepanam School Amphitheater.
The art of Capoeira is meant to free individuals and empower them. Mixing martial-arts, dance, music, tradition, theater, philosophy and much more, it connects body and soul, nourishing them in a societal environment in which each individual learns to face himself, grow, rise and progress as well as create possibilities for others. More than just a martial art, Capoeira is a tool for personal development, a game that can be played by each participant in accordance with his own abilities without any judgment from others.

Join the circle!
Group Ginga Saroba / Prof. Samuka da India & students 9488328435

Short course on Basic Hands-On Electronics
A two-week hands-on workshop on basic electronics circuits that will help you build circuits for electronics products for e.g. LED lights, mobile chargers, a small inverter, a music synthesizer. 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm
From 7th December to 21st December on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
Location: iSMART classroom, STEM land, Udavi School
Course Charge: None
Attendance: You can miss 1 of the 7 classes. You drop the course when you miss the second class.
If interested contact Poovizhi: Poovizhi@aurauro.com by 5th Dec for application form.
A new Anti-Gymnastic course is starting January with Francesca. Previous students as well as new students can join the course. It will last from 16th December to the end of January. For more information, please contact our office.

All other classes as per the schedule (next page)
NEW SCHEDULE of Auroville Language Lab CLASSES - December - 2017

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LEARNING ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Shiatsu Massage
with Sara
On Appointment only
Shiatsu evolved from thousands of years of Oriental medical history. Shiatsu or acupressure is a technique that helps to boost your body’s self-healing energy, improves cardio fitness; the energy released during an acupressure treatment opens up your mind body connection.

Traditional Mantra Chanting
By Sonia
Beginners: Thursday 6:15 p.m to 7:15
Regular students: Friday 6: 15 p.m. to 7:15 pm
Chanting Sanskrit Mantras is performing an ancient prayer. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition, and participation in the chant, the mind gains clarity, the ability to concentrate increases and a person becomes more tranquil. Through daily chanting the mind gains qualities which are essential for students of Yoga and Spiritual Scriptures. The specific pitches and rules of intonation and syllabic length will be learned in the classes in the traditional way.

Sanskrit Classes
By Appointment with Sonia
Sanskrit is the key to enter into the wide world of Indian Traditional Culture. The Sacred Scriptures as well the Secular Scriptures are found to be written in Sanskrit language, thus a fundamental knowledge for students of Yoga and Spiritual Scriptures.

Reiki
with Marcia
On Appointment
Reiki is a form of alternative medicine developed in 1922 by Japanese Buddhist Mikao Usui. Since then, Reiki has been adopted into varying cultural tradition across the world. Reiki practitioners use a technique called palm-on-healing through which a “universal energy” is transferred through the palms of the practitioner to the patient to encourage emotional & physical healing.

Hatha Flow
with Tara
Monday and Friday: 4:15 to 5:45 pm (drop in)
Monday to Friday: 7 to 8:30 am on prior notice (call Tara at: 7738 73 29 21)
A Dynamic flow practice with gentle stretching and breath alignment.

Experience Auroville Program
December 7th to 10th
A four-day intensive program to experience Unity and Diversity in the context of everyday life in Auroville, for people who are interested in joining or volunteering in Auroville or for those who seek to deepen their understanding of the community. Advance registration is required. NO DROP-IN; contact us via email at joycommunity@auroville.org.in or by phone at 9442328120.

50% discount for Savi registered Volunteers. Multiple classes discount available. On donation basis for Aurovilians and New Comers.

Joy Community is located in Center Field, after Nandanam School, next to Center Guest House
For info and reservations, please contact us at: 9487272393
Email: joycommunity@auroville.org.in / https://www.facebook.com/joycommunityguesthouse
## Yoga Iyengar

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Note: For Iyengar classes, please come to a drop in class first and talk to the teacher about appropriate level.

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## Dance

| Odissi Dance (*)           | Regular practitioners | Tues | 16.00-17.15 | Rekha       |

## Health Care at Pitanga

For the following therapies & treatments please book your appointment on phone, 2622403/2622994

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Note: (*) Denotes classes for those willing to commit for a minimum of 3 months

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, (0413) 262 2403/2622994 - pitanga@auroville.org.in.

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## Centre for Research, Education and Experience in the Visual Arts

**Special December session at Creeva:**

**Paint with Plants!**

Natural Pigment Workshop by Lee/Li

**December 10th, 10am-12pm. Creativity.**

Learn how to make your own sustainable pigments, that cause minimal harm to the environment, especially compared to store-bought paints. Engage with these new environmentally-friendly colors and take home finished works made by you.

Lee/Li is an international interdisciplinary artist, graduated from University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. lee/li is also a trained yoga instructor employing intentional living as an art practice, while currently traveling around India and Europe.

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**News&Notes 2nd December 2017 [726]**
Welcome, Visual Explorers!

For none of the creative explorations, do you need experience.

CREEVA is a platform for people to experience art first hand and overcome their fears, doubts, and myths. It is a place where art enthusiasts can experiment with mediums, form, themes, etc. and hone their skills. CREEVA lets you explore deeper and find your language and comfort. It helps you practice your yoga of art regularly and peacefully.

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<td>Work with different paint mediums to use in your own expression. Gauche/Watercolors/Pencil/Charcoal/etc.</td>
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<td>Figure Drawing. Classic way to understand the form, anatomy, perspective, etc. Support is available.</td>
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<td>Marco 2623188, Tom 8940566639</td>
<td>Every other Wed. Marco will answer questions about using your camera to take fine pictures. Alternative Wed. Tom will help you turn your ideas into stop-motion animation.</td>
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<td>Your body only knows your own unique way of drawing. There are five doors to enter.</td>
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<td>Come, experience and enjoy the colours. An engaging and meditative process to make you express yourselves more freely.</td>
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Pls. BE ON TIME. It's a cooperative, pls. feel free to use the studio's art materials. It's free for Aurovillians and Newcomers. The base contribution for Volunteers is Rs.100 and Guests is Rs.200 per session. Its a non-profit, donate more generously for art to flourish. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email.

Centre for Research, Education and Experience in the Visual Arts
Atelier, Creativity, Auroville. Ph.: 04132622641, email: creeva@auroville.org.in
www.creeva.org
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### Therapies

- **Andres**: Traditional Thai Yoga Massage
- **Ananda**: Foot Reflexology - until 20 Dec
  Holistic Rebalancing: Deep tissue massage with Energy work - until 20 Dec
- **Chetna**: Neurofeedback Therapy
- **Mila**: Craniosacral Therapy (from 18 Dec onward)

**Please note**: To support the work of the presenters and staff, we ask all participants to please come in time for all sessions and intensives. Volunteer reduction by advance application only.

## SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES

- **Auroville Ambulance**: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
- **Auroville Safety & Security Team**: Call us 24/7 for emergency or assistance on 944 30 90 107 (save the number in your phone). Contact us on the same number until 10.30PM for booking an escort (latest escort at 11PM). Visit our office (Service Area – Near Gas Bottle service / Telephone Service) from Monday to Friday (9.30AM to 12.30PM, 2.30PM to 4.30PM) and Saturday (9.30AM to 12.30PM). Office: 0413 2623 400 (office hours only), email: security@auroville.org.in
- **AvHC**: The Pharmacy is open 8.30 to 5 pm daily including Saturdays. The doctor’s consultation is the same with a lunch break from 1-2pm, except Saturday up to 1pm only. Phone no 0413-2622123 and 0413-2622018. Email: avhealth@auroville.org.in

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**Auroville Library**: Crown Road: opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday. email: avlib@auroville.org.in, tel: 0413-2622894

**Bike/Car repair & servicing**: ★ Painting ★ Modification ★ General service ★ Bike renting. Please contact Satya: 9443438287

At Abri workshop (old puncture service) Auroville. We accept Auroville PT account.

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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 Asiapromele 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. Email: visitorscentre@auroville.org.in - Please note that it is not a taxi that can be ordered in advance for an exact time, but will normally reach you with 10/15 minutes, and will not wait for you for onward or return trips - if needed it will come back to pick you up again when called.

Cycle Kiosk: We remind you that we have several inexpensive and restored cycles available, as well as a few Art Bikes too. Come and see! From 9.30 am to 4 pm - Monday to Saturday. Opposite PTDC/Foodlink/Solar Kitchen. Repair and maintenance of all types of bicycles.

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

EcoService, Kottakara: Palani 9443551572 or Kali 9443090114. eco@aurowville.org.in

Entry Service, Multimedia Centre: 1st floor, Town hall Complex: We are open to the public MORNINGS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 09:30AM-12:30PM and AFTERNOONS (by appointment only): Monday to Friday: 14:30 PM-16:30PM. B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only. For more information on joining Auroville: +91 (0413) 262 2707 / email: entrieservice@aurowville.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: Summer timings (May and June): Mornings: Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12.30 pm. Afternoons: Tuesday and Thursday: 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Telephone: 0413-2623680 email: freestore@aurowville.org.in

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

Auroville Bottle Gas Service, Service Area: Near Telephone Service and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm. Telephone: (0413)2622452 / email: avgasservice@aurowville.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 at 3 locations: Visitors Centre - at the far end of the Expo Hall (big white building on the left), opposite Dreamer’s Café - 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@aurowville.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@aurowville.org.in

Integral Health, Prayatna: classical homeopathy, transpersonal regression therapy, Gestalt therapy, psychomotricity for children and adults, trauma remedies, child & women health, hypnotherapy. integralhealth@aurowville.org.in - +91 413 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’ Aryadeep, Mandakini LB, Sophie, Sigrid, and secretary Jothi. Welcome: Warnings from 9.30 to 12.30 at Town Hall, 1st floor. LFAU 0413 2622657, lfau@aurowville.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@aurowville.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 and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you. The petals are open for Aurovilians daily: 4.30pm to 6pm. To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.40 am on the day of the visit. Please remain with your guests throughout the visit. Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday. Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 and 11 am.

Music library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9 to 12.30 and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2 to 5:30pm.

Nandini: Email: nandini@aurowville.org.in. Open to the Participants - Distribution: (PTDC area): Ph: 0413-2622033: Tuesday to Saturday 9 am to 12.30 pm / Tuesday & Thursday 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm / Tailor: (Aurosurjan): Ph 0413-2622527 Tuesday , Thursday & Saturday 9 am to 12.30 pm / Tuesday & Saturday 12.30 pm to 4 pm / To avoid plastic bag please bring your own cloth 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-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment. outreachmedia@aurowville.org.in

Picture service, service area: next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4 30pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891235.

Auroville Residents Service timings: SUMMER TIMINGS: open from Monday to Friday morning from 9:30 am to 12.30 pm. We will be closed in the afternoons starting from May 1st. We will come back to our regular timings from July onwards. Telephone: (0143) 2622191 / email: resservice@aurowville.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. Our email: raservice@aurowville.org.in, 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. Sat'ayaj: 853 103 35 45

Shared Transport Service (STS): Taxi sharing +91 413 263 200 | +91 413 263 201 | +91 8270512508

http://sharedtransport.aurovill.org.in

treecareindia.com / email: office@treecareindia.com

Treetecare: Pruning, removing, cabling, bracing and transplanting of trees. Hedge and grass maintenance also available. Call: Jones: 9159843579 / Anadi: 9655477329 or go to: treecareindia.com / email: office@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@aurowville.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.
AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, 4th December 2017 at 6:30 pm
THE MOTHER ON SRI AUROBINDO
Followed by “OUR GRATITUDE”: A Musical offering specially composed for the Centenary of Sri Aurobindo’s and The Mother’s first meeting in 1914 by Shoba-di-Mitra and performed by Ashram students in the Savitri Bhavan Amphitheatre on 30 March 2014. With aspiration for the Divine’s love and work the Ashramites are singing prayers, songs, mantras and the text of gratitude which The Mother had put on the Samadhi. At the end of the film there is a message from THE MOTHER spoken by Her in French with English subtitles: “My children, we are united towards the same goal and for the same accomplishment—for a work unique and new, that the divine Grace has given us to accomplish. I hope that more and more you will understand the exceptional importance of this work and that you will sense in yourselves the sublime joy that the accomplishment will give you. The divine force is with you—feel its presence more and more and be careful never to betray it. Feel, wish, act, that you may be new beings for the realisation of a new world and for this my blessings shall always be with you.”- 24 April 1961
The film is done by Manohar. Duration: 35min.

KINO AUROVILLE
Saturday 2nd December to watch the short films made the previous month. If you have a film you would like to screen, please arrive some minutes earlier.

CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 4 to 10 December 2017
Indian - Monday 4 December, 8:00 pm:
• BAREILLY KI BARFI (Candy from Bareilly)
India, 2017, Dir. Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari w/Rajkumar Roa, Ayushmann Khurrana, Kriti Saron, and others, Drama-Comedy, 122mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)
Amidst the clutter of homes in the small town called Bareilly resides the unusual Mishra family with their daughter Bitti. Bitti has a job, she smoker, drinks, watches English movies and loves to breakdance. Her free spiritedness does not help finding a groom - for which Bitti is bummed. She stumbles upon a novel called ‘Bareilly Ki Barfi’ at a railway book stall as she was attempting to run away. Surprisingly the female protagonist of the novel seems to be exactly like her. Is there someone in the closeted town who really understands her? A good watch.

Potpourri - Tuesday 5 December, 8:00 pm:
• SIERRANEVADA
Romania-France-Bosnia and Herzegovina-Croatia-Republic of Macedonia, 2016, Writer-Dir. Cristi Puiu w/ Mimi Branescu, Judith State, 173 mins, Comedy-Drama, Romanian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G
Centered around a family gathering on the anniversary of a patriarch’s recent death, through the character of Larry reveals how every single person belongs to several groups or affiliations based on sex, age, family, behavior, moral or religious views, interests, nationality, politics and more. Every one of them is either willing or forced to compromise parts of who they are to continue belonging to all these groups. A demanding movie that reveals something about who we all are and how we function as individuals within the groups that make up our identities. Interesting - Wednesday 6 December, 8:00 pm:
• EVEN WHEN I FALL

CINEMA - VISITOR’S CENTRE – VIDEO ROOM
Reminder: Friday 1ST DECEMBER “LAMB” by Yared ZELEKE, Ethiopia, 2015
Friday 8 DECEMBER, 7.45 pm
“THE PEARL BUTTON”-“EL BOTON DE NACAR” (original title)
Director: Patricio GUZMAN, CHILE, 2015
Synopsis: The ocean contains the history of all humanity. The sea holds all the voices of the earth and those that come from outer space. Water receives impetus from the stars and transmits it to living creatures. Water, the longest border in Chile, also holds the secret of two mysterious buttons which were found on its ocean floor. Chile, with its 2,670 miles of coastline and the largest archipelago in the world, presents a supernatural landscape. In it are volcanoes, mountains and glaciers. In it are the voices of the Patagonian Indigenous people, the first English sailors and also those of its political prisoners. Some say that water has memory. This film shows that it also has a voice. This documentary won in the 65th Berlin International Film Festival for Best Script, and also won in the Lumière’s Award for Best Documentary... Beautiful and very moving.
Original Spanish version with English Subtitles, Duration: 1h.22’
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!

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, December 8th, 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 RISE OF SUSTAINABILITY
42 Minutes / English / 2017 / Directed by Complexity Labs
The film explores the rise of the concept of sustainability as it has gone from the fringes to the mainstream within just a few short decades, driven by an environmental crisis on a global scale. We explore this new environmental context of the Anthropocene and the key structural transformations in our economy required to achieve sustainability in the age of globalisation.

WEB SITES:
sadhanaforest.org
facebook.com/sadhanaforest
This is a heartwarming and life-affirming story of the triumph of the human spirit. The film follows young Nepalese girls, trafficked to India as children to work in circuses, as they return home, only to discover that they can no longer integrate into the society they were taken from. So they create their own circus - and by extension, a family and community of their own, which transcends the hardships they have endured. Screening of this inspiring film is made possible by the director who will be present for a brief Q&A at the end of the screening.

Favorites - Thursday 7 December, 8:00 pm:
- PATISSERIE COIN DE RUE (The Corner Pastry Shop)
  Japan, 2011, Dir. Yoshihiro Fukagawa w/ Yosuke Eguchi, Yū Aoi, Urara Awata, and others, Drama, 115mins, Japanese-French-English w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (G)

In the film, Tomura is a legendary patissier, but some 8 years ago he inexplicably left the field. Since the he has lectured at culinary schools and wrote a guidebook for pastry critics. Natsume is a young woman who travels from her village to Tokyo to find her boyfriend. She finds a job at the neighborhood pastry shop run by husband & wife team Yuriko and Julian. At the shop Natsume works with talented patissier Mariko. Meanwhile, Tomura is now a regular at the pastry store and his encounters with Natsume brings about changes in both of their lives.

International - Saturday 9 December, 8:00 pm:
- THIS BEAUTIFUL FANTASTIC
  UK, 2016, Dir. Simon Aboud, w/ Jessica Findley, Andrew Scott, Tom Wilkinson, 100 min., Comedy-Drama, Fantasy, English-Irish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A contemporary fairy tale revolving around the unlikely of friendship between a recluse young woman, Bella Brown with dreams of being a children's book author and a cantankerous widower, set against the backdrop of a beautiful garden in the heart of London. When Bella is forced by her landlord to deal with her neglected garden or face eviction, she meets Alfie Stephenson, a grumpy, loveless, rich old man who lives next door and happens to be an amazing horticulturalist.

Children’s Film - Sunday 10 December, 4:30 pm:
- SHIPWRECKED
  Norway, 1990, Dir: Nils Gaup, w/ Stian Smestad, Gabriel Byrne, Louisa Millward-Haigh, and others, Adventure, 92mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

A young Norwegian boy in 1850s England goes to work as a cabin boy and discovers some of his shipmates are actually pirates.

ROBERTO ROSSELLI FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club
Ciné-Club - Sunday 10 December, 8:00 pm:
- STROMBOLI
  Italy-USA,1950, Dir. Roberto Rossellini w/Ingrid Bergman, Mario Vitale, Renzo Cesana, and others, Drama, 81mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

Living in an Italian refugee camp in 1948, the beautiful Karen meets Antonio, a resident of the men's camp. Karen marries him and they soon set off for his village, Stromboli. The village is on a remote island at the foot of an active volcano. She despairs at what she finds when she arrives. She doesn't speak the local dialect and is treated with disdain by some of the locals who see her as an exotic foreigner and a loose woman. Despite her efforts to fit in, the locals reject her and soon she comes to regard the island as a bigger prison than the one she just left.

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

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How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent in (in English only) to the NHN 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.

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