“It is here that the emergence of the secret psychic being in us as the leader of the sacrifice is of the utmost importance; for this inmost being alone can bring with it the full power of the spirit in the act, the soul in the symbol. It alone can assure, even while the spiritual consciousness is incomplete, the perennial freshness and sincerity and beauty of the symbol and prevent it from being a dead form or a corrupted and corrupting magic; it alone can preserve for the act its power with its significance. All the other members of our being, mind, life-force, physical or body consciousness are too much under the control of the Ignorance to be a sure instrumentation and much less can they be a guide or the source of an unerring impulse. Always the greater part of the motive and action of these powers clings to the old law, the deceiving tablets, the cherished inferior movements of Nature and they meet with reluctance, alarm or revolt or obstructing inertia the voices and the forces that call and impel us to exceed and transform ourselves into a greater being and a wider Nature. In their major part the response is either a resistance or a qualified or temporising acquiescence; for even if they follow the call, they yet tend — when not consciously, then by automatic habit — to bring into the spiritual action their own natural disabilities and errors. At every moment they are moved to take egoistic advantage of the psychic and spiritual influences and can be detected using the power, joy or light these bring into us for a lower life-motive. Afterwards too, even when the seeker has opened to the Divine Love transcendental, universal or immanent, yet if he tries to pour it into life, he meets the power of obscuration and perversion of these lower Nature-forces. Always they draw away towards pitfalls, pour into that higher intensity their diminishing elements, seek to capture the descending Power for themselves and their interests and degrade it into an aggrandised mental, vital or physical instrumentation for desire and ego. Instead of a Divine Love creator of a new heaven and a new earth of Truth and Light, they would hold it here prisoner as a tremendous sanction and glorifying force of sublimation to gild the mud of the old earth and colour with its rose and sapphire the old turbid unreal skies of sentimentalising vital imagination and mental idealised chimera. If that falsification is permitted, the higher Light and Power and Bliss withdraw, there is a fall back to a lower status; or else the realisation remains tied to an insecure half-way and mixture or is covered and even submerged by an inferior exaltation that is not the true Ananda. It is for this reason that the Divine Love which is at the heart of all creation and the most powerful of all redeeming and creative forces has yet been the least frontally present in earthly life, the least successfully redemptive, the least creative. Human nature has been unable to bear it in its purity for the very reason that it is the most powerful, pure, rare and intense of all the divine energies; what little could be seized has been corrupted at once into a vital pietistic ardour, a defenceless religious or ethical sentimentalism, a sensuous or even sensual erotic mysticism of the roseate coloured mind or passionately turbid life-impulse and with these simulations compensated its inability to house the Mystic Flame that could rebuild the world with its tongues of sacrifice. It is only the inmost psychic being unveiled and emerging in its full power that can lead the pilgrim sacrifice unscathed through these ambushes and pitfalls; at each moment it catches, exposes, repels the mind’s and the life’s falsehoods, seizes hold on the truth of the Divine Love and Ananda and separates it from the excitement of the mind’s arduors and the blind enthusiasm of the misleading life-force. But all things that are true at their core in mind and life and the physical being it extricates and takes with it in the journey till they stand on the heights, new in spirit and sublime in figure.”

The Synthesis of Yoga, p. 155-57

This is the most powerful, the most complete and true answer to all the questions which so many people have in their heads but do not dare to ask.

So many people doubt the effectiveness of the Protection, the safety of the Path, because others go astray. And in their egoism they tremble with fear instead of telling themselves what I have just been reading to you this evening, what is the cause of all catastrophes, small or great, which threaten those who follow the path of yoga without having taken the necessary care to be sufficiently pure and sincere.

No protection, no Grace can save those who refuse the indispensable purification.

And I would add this: that fear is an impurity, one of the greatest impurities, one of those which come most directly from the anti-divine forces which want to destroy the divine action on earth; and the first duty of those who really want to do yoga is to eliminate from their consciousness, with all the might, all the sincerity, all the endurance of which they are capable, even the shadow of a fear. To walk on the path, one must be dauntless, and never indulge in that petty, small, feeble, nasty shrinking back upon oneself, which is fear.

An indomitable courage, a perfect sincerity and a sincere self-giving, so that one does not calculate or bargain, does not give with the idea of receiving, does not trust with the idea of being protected, does not have a faith which asks for proofs — it is this that is indispensable in order to walk on the path, and it is this alone which can truly shelter you from all danger.

MOTHER - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 15 August 1956

It is well not to be too loosely playful in one's games or too grimly serious in one's life and works.

We seek in both a playful freedom and a serious order.

Sri Aurobindo

ref. MCW, vol 10, On Thoughts and Aphorisms, p.320

The Ponder Corner

Cover: Matrimandir Amphitheatre... A soul gets free (Photo by Helgward)
**Forest Group meeting notes - Pitchandikulam Forest, 1 December 2017**

**Present:** Hans, Guy (notes), Fabian (chair), Rita, Ambre, Joss, Michael, Kanyappan, Cristo, Jonathan, Petar, P. Elumalai, V. Boobalan, Mani, Vinny, Vengadesh, T. Saga, D. Segar, Amos, Christoph, Achille, Glenn, Jan, Richa, Rivu (both Pitchandikulam), David, Edzard.

**Supply of chains and basic parts for F.G. Stihl chain-saws**

Forest Group approves of Glenn’s proposal to procure chains and some regularly needed spares for Forest Group chain-saws in bulk. Previously, this work was done by Dominik.

**Employees city service register**

Glenn has nearly completed the work of collecting all data on Forest Group employees and would like to send it back to BCC by next week. If you haven’t completed this update, please pass info to Glenn asap.

**Contributions of members of communities in forested areas to their communities**

Forest Group reiterated the general protocol for how members of communities in forested areas contribute to their communities. There is an understanding that the parameters for contribution are set by the steward. Such parameters customarily include work in the forest and in the community, and the sharing of costs according to the capacity of the members.

**Abri - old electrical service building, update**

The proposal set out by three members from Newlands, Gaia and Forecomers for the conversion of the old electrical service building in Abri into an environmental education center, with a woodcraft workshop and vocational community space (as reported in the Evergreen meeting notes) is currently with the Green Group. The Green Group will meet on the location to assess the buildings, and initiate more dialogue with potential stakeholders and the steward of Abri Forest. It will then write to the FAMC to discuss next steps.

**Green Group - the official body for communication between the Forest Group and FAMC / TDC**

The point was underscored again that the Green Group is the officially recognized body and channel for communications between the Forest and Farm Groups and the FAMC / TDC. Forest Group urges its members to stick to the protocol of sending official communications destined for the FAMC / TDC through the Green Group.

**Forest Group representative to the Housing Board**

Forest Group supports Yuval in his next stint as representative of the Forest Group to the Housing Board. Forest Group reiterates the need for their representative to report housing related concerns back to the Forest Group.

**Budget for fencing**

There was an enquiry about sources for funding for fencing. Forest Group clarifies that for cases of encroachment, members should direct their requests to the Land Board. For general fencing needs, members may approach the FAMC. The Forest Group as such does not allocate funds for fencing, but it may support requests to other bodies in AV.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The new team for the Entry Board has been selected**

Dear Residents of Auroville,

The Auroville Council and the Working Committee have completed the selection process of the Entry Board and a new team has been formed. A report will be shared with you very soon.

The new team consists of (in alphabetical order):

1. Alain (Invocation)
2. Dheena (Aspiration)
3. Jean-Francois (Sharnga)
4. Joel (Surrender)
5. Mauna (Grace)
6. N. Rajendra (WDC)
7. Susmita (Arati JB)
8. Ulli (Fraternity)
9. Veronique J. (Svedam)

A big thank you for your participation and patience during this process. With gratitude, Isha for RAS

**Edayanachavadi-Visitor’s Centre road closure**

Dear community, the work on the road from Visitors’ Centre to the Edayanachavadi / KottakaraI tar road has started on Saturday 9th of December, as was informed via Auronet and mass bulletin. The road will be closed for a couple of weeks for making the base and taking care of the rain water drain. The road will reopen after that for a couple of weeks and close again at the time of laying the pavers in January.

We will try to ensure that a lane remains open for 2 wheelers traffic, but it is not certain this will happen. The work will start at the tar road junction so the access from Bharat Nivas to Visitors Centre will not be affected for the time being.

We apologize for the late announcement and regret the inconvenience it may cause.

Thanking you for your patience,

Working Committee, L’avvenir d’Auroville

**AVSST on the New Year**

Dear community,

As the year comes to an end we wish to inform you that we would like to take the same precautions for New Year Eve as we did last year. We encourage you to have festive gatherings to usher in the New Year in a spirit of Harmony and Peace. However loud parties would attract unwanted elements and behaviour and therefore should be avoided. We count on your cooperation to make Auroville safe and peaceful as we step into the New Year! Auroville Safety and Security Team (AVSST)

**Traffic management**

Dear Community,

As the Golden Jubilee approaches and the number of visitors increases week after week, we would like to remind you of the arrangements made to enter Auroville and the roads.

Many of us know the road traffic created by Aurovillians and visitors / students / guests is increasing. More and more Aurovillians own a car, more and more guests come with a car inside Auroville. There is also an increasing number of units receiving large groups of students / guests in large vehicles. The following arrangement, used in the past years, allows to properly welcome people inside Auroville, discourages most of the roaming, avoids too many people getting unnecessarily in our forests, makes our roads safer, and reduces the dust / noise / traffic pollution:

- **Large buses (35+ seaters):** Two years ago, seeing large buses travelling in Auroville, our groups decided to limit access to Auroville to vehicles smaller than the Suraj Mazda (35 seaters or less). Large buses inside Auroville, driving as they do outside, often use the whole road and block traffic. Our roads are simply not made for these vehicles.

- **Small buses (Suraj Mazda type, less than 35 seaters) & Tempo Travellers:** Are welcome if the AVSST is informed through email a minimum of 24 hours ahead, and is supervised all along by an Aurovillian or Auroville unit. The responsibility of the vehicle and its behaviour is held by the Aurovillian or Auroville entity.

- **Visiting cars:** Are welcome on spot and time of arrival. The Aurovillian / unit will be called by the security team for confirmation, unless you are present at the entrance to receive your guests. We encourage you to use the minimum number of vehicles possible inside Auroville. For example, instead of a convoy of 3+ cars, use a Tempo Traveller.
The community is encouraged to contact SAILER Transport (0413 2622 235) for the transport of large groups in Auroville. Their drivers know our roads, know our safety guidelines and are more responsible than outside drivers.

While those arrangements might not be ideal, we ask you to observe them to avoid unnecessary complications. As well, keep in mind the busy season will bring an increasing load of work for all of us, including the team managing the entrances and safety of Auroville.

Warm Regards, Auroville Council, Auroville Safety & Security Team, Working Committee

Houses available for transfer


2. Apartment in Citadines: 1st floor 100 M2 + terraces of the Newcomer process where the status transition is ongoing.

3. Windarra Farm- TerraSoul – Sandya’s House: Plinth Area: 204.53 Sqm. 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. Re announced: Surrender - Surya’s House: Area 88.53 Sq.m. Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Brick walls exposed and plastered in cement mortar, RCC flat roof consisting of front verandah, living cum Kitchen Bed room & Toilet with inner wooden stair. Community Sharing for Parking lot. Suitable for Single or Couple. Available in July 2018

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

From Sunship: Immediately available: One single unit of 42 Sqm 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.

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 completing the first scope which is the structure, bricks, plastering and tiles on the roof and terraces. We will start on the site/ building should start only with an NOC. While those arrangements might not be ideal, we ask you to observe them to avoid unnecessary complications. As well, keep in mind the busy season will bring an increasing load of work for all of us, including the team managing the entrances and safety of Auroville.

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

New Site and Building Applications: 16/12/2017

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 30th Dec 2017.

- Building Applications
  1. Industrial Zone: EcoService Shed Extension_Kali, Palani EcoService existing campus. Built-up area: 72 sq.m
  2. Green Belt: Individual removable house - Chandana @ Sharanga community. Built-up area: 61 sq.m

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’avener d’Auroville is needed.

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

From the Entry Service - N&N # 728

Dated: 16-12-2017 - Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Returning Aurovilians 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:

Andrewne NOUGRIGAT (French) Staying in Hermitage and Working at Botanical Garden.

Elisa INCHISCIANO (Italian) Staying in Vikas and Working at Deepam.

Prabakar KOLLI (Indian) Staying in Courage and Working at Auroville Consulting.

Sri KOLARI (Indian) Staying in Baraka and Working at Baraka.

Selvam NADESAN (Indian) Staying in Promesse and Working at Frederic.

Tracy SKOLES (Indian) Staying in Eternity and Working at Sound Wizard.

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

Girija PUTHAMPURI (Indian)

Krishnamoorthi ELUMALAI (Indian)

Parisa DAMANDAN (Iranian)

Soheil NAFISI (Iranian)

Umberto CERASOLI (Brazilian)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

Anitha VELMURUGAN (Indian) Staying in Promesse and Working at Savitri Bhavan.

Claude De WARREN (French) Staying in Sanjana and Working at Savitri Bhavan.

Frederic CEBRON (French) Staying in Citadines and Working at Outreach Media.

Kannan DURAI (Indian) Staying in Fraternity and Working at NESS.

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

Alice Rebecca WATSON (USA)

Nadja AKCADURACK (Austrian)

Madhu JAYAMURTHY (Indian)

Kalvikarasi KARUNANITHY (Indian)

Egle BORCHARDT (Lithuania)

RETURNING AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

Lili DREIKHAUSEN (German) Staying in Sukhavati and Working at Tree House Community.

Errata: In N&N #727, Stefan GEBERT (German) was announced as Aurovillian too early. Presently he is out of Auroville and will only be announced once he is back.

NOTE: Individuals are entered into the Register of Residents (maintained by the Auroville Foundation) shortly after filling the B-FORA 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
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Auroville Becoming 50

Dear friends, the Auroville OutreachMedia team is pleased to announce that you can follow the events and activities related to the 50th Anniversary on the calendar available on our website - OutreachMedia website:

www.outreachmedia.auroville.org

Photographs: www.flickr.com/photos/128238309@N07/albums
Facebook: www.facebook.com/auroville.outreachmedia
The OutreachMedia Team

Dear Organizers of Events related to Auroville’s 50th Anniversary:
In the coming months many events and activities will be taking place related to the 50th Anniversary. Please contact OutreachMedia to obtain the 50th Anniversary logo for posters, leaflets or announcements related to what is happening. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

The OutreachMedia Team

Health Fund office closed 26/12 and 02/01

This is to inform that the Health Fund office will be closed on 26th Dec. and 2nd of Jan. We apologize for the inconvenience this might create.
Health Fund Team

Invitation for Auroville Artists: Hibiscus Art Village and Chittorgarh Art Society are happy to invite artists from Auroville to join the 6th Chittorgarh Art Festival in Rajasthan. Please contact hibiscusav@gmail.com, Louis, Elena

Attention Auroville Poets: The monthly journal Sri Aurobindo’s Action will be doing a special February-March issue on Auroville. The editors would like to include some poetry by Aurovilians, so if you have anything you would like to be considered for inclusion, please send as soon as possible to: manjubonke@yahoo.com - Tim

Chittorgarh Art Festival: Hibiscus Art Village and Chittorgarh Art Society are happy to invite artists from Auroville to join the 6th Chittorgarh Art Festival in Rajasthan. Please contact us: hibiscusav@gmail.com - Louis, Elena

The Auroville Trashion Show 2018 needs YOU! A shout out to all interested individuals, units and schools to take part in this community event with your creations made from waste. The third edition of the Auroville Trashion Show will take place on February 23rd. If you would like to participate please register with us by January 15th. If you want to help us with the organization, we’d love to hear from you. Please contact Ok (9344.002972 or okjeonglee@gmail.com) or Mukta (9443620174 or mila@auroville.org.in)

Vegan Essence: Our Vegan Essence kitchen at Aurelec is free now. We are looking for someone to independently take over to either do our products or any other production using our kitchen. This could be done under our name since we already have all permissions or a separate entity altogether and all of this can be discussed. We have a nice kitchen. If you are interested, please write to: nandita@sharan-india.org or call 0413 2622637 during working hours, and then come and have a look! Dr Nandita Shah

Baby born: We are happy to share with you the arrival of our baby girl “Durga”. Thank you for your support and positive energy! Archana and Boobalan (Siddhartha Forest)

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Unity Pavilion needs volunteers for Christmas Celebration

Unity Pavilion is looking for volunteers to help with preparations for Christmas celebration. The celebration is on 25th December 2017 2.30 pm onwards. We need volunteers on 23, 24 December (9 am to 4.30 pm) for decorating the hall, putting up the tree etc. On 25th we need help with preparation of food in the morning (9.30 am to 12 noon) and in the afternoon to coordinate the events (cutting stars with children, helping with refreshments etc). We invite Aurovilians, Newcomers and volunteers to join us. Please call us on 0413 262 3576 or write to unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

Unity Pavilion needs volunteers for Art for Land Exhibition

From 1 January to 15 February 2017 we will have the third exhibition of Art for Land. During this period rare photos of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and other special artefacts will also be exhibited. We urgently need volunteers to help us with framing of the artworks, and from 26th to 31st December help is needed for hanging the exhibition. During the period of 1st January till 15 February help is much needed for presence in the hall, to help and guide visitors, and for managing the display table of photos. Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers and long-term volunteers, if this opportunity speaks to you kindly get in touch with Unity Pavilion ASAP (ph: 0413 262 3576; e-mail: unitypavilion@auroville.org.in)

WELLPaper in need of volunteers

Hi, we at WELLPaper are in the process of revising, categorising and describing our products to update in our website. For our different categories of products on our website, we need volunteers to help with writing product descriptions based on a guideline of description parameters. We invite interested volunteers to help us out in this process. Those interested in volunteering part time/short term are also welcome. If interested, please contact wellpaper@auroville.org.in or 9626055586 (on whatsapp) for further details.
Thanks, WELLPaper Team

GREEN MATTERS

Probiotics House: Xmas Spirit at Probiotics House on 23/12
Dear Friends, this year PROBIOTICS HOUSE - MGECoduties, wants to take the ‘CELEBRATION BEAUTY BATH MINI BARS’, as a gift ONLY on Saturday December 23rd, 2017.

CELEBRATION BEAUTY BATH MINI BAR ingredients are: vodka, organic walnut shell powder, edible coconut oil, certified May Chang (Exotic Verbena) essential oil, purified and structure water with Probiotic Ceramic Rings.

CELEBRATION BEAUTY BATH MINI BAR is special for skins with acne, but also has antibacterial and antifungal properties, as vodka and May Chang essential oil are inside. Also helps with the Oily Skin.

Please come on Saturday 23rd and take the Xmas Celebration with you. Thanking You, Margarita and Guidelma

Voices & Notes

AUROVILLE RADIO

Dear listeners! We are almost ready to shift to a new, exciting, upgraded webpage. Otherwise the city is buzzing with the anticipation of the Auroville Film Festival 17, which will start as the first event in the series of events of 50th anniversary of Auroville, and the 5th edition of AVFF.

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

From our volunteers and Interns, we have: Intern Ira bids farewell, and we deeply appreciate her sweet, and valuable contribution and support. For the end she produced her friend Ayushi poem Finding Home. In her series of interview
with pioneers of Auroville we can still listen to the one with
Frederick and with Marlenka. Along with D she covered Bridging
the Gap.
Ray captured Ragas and Veena with Bruno.
Steve recorded talk on the Highest Health Through Nutrician.
Rtm - you can listen to an interview with Marco and Tialoc on
upcoming AVFT17.
We have a full recording of King Lear (photo courtesy of Ira
Gopal).
Full recording of Sacred Message of Koqui Indians from Colombia.
Here you can listen to General Meeting of International Zone.
Within healing frequencies you can listen to healing mix of Ut
Queant Laxis Resonare Fibris.

Within the regular programs:
Gangalakshmi reads her Selections of Sri Aurobindo and The
Mother texts in French - uncut version on the request of
listeners!
Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo.
Loretta is reading Mother’s Q&A - 3/9/56, and Savitri, B. IV, C. I,
Part 2.
Out of regular programs are here news of Thursday and Monday.
Within our musical podcast we feature Cumbia with Somos
Pacifico, and Sunday Blues.
yours AV Radio Team

NOTES

Dear Hans...
Sitting in the MM Amphitheater, I am trying to understand that
Hans has left his body. This morning at Farewell, during my duty,
I enjoyed his fine, smooth face, where no anger, no fear, no
stress, no fight is expressed any more... So peaceful! And so
youthful!
I’m missing him in everyday life... No sharing, no discussion, no
coffee together any more...
He was never hiding his opinion, even if it was not mainstream.
He was a rich source of information.... and of deeper
knowledge.
A good listener, he was always ready to help with loving advice.
He could be stubborn, edgy, independent, but always respectful
and tolerant of others. He was a faithful comrade, always true
to himself. His deep honesty is something I always greatly
appreciated...
His love for technical challenges; his gift for technology and
electronics led him to do a lot of experimenting; he was great
at repairing things, and developed many handy and helpful
gadgets, for companies as well as private people.
It was impossible to manipulate him. He couldn’t tolerate
injustice, and would stand up for his rights... This brought him
some very tough times in Silence and made him often feel
lonely. He bore and bore, working on himself, aspiring to
transformation...
In Buddhist monasteries overseas he found spaces to recover,
gather new energies, and find the strength to carry on in
Auroville. I could well understand his thoughts of looking for a
home somewhere else on the planet. But in Auroville too, he had
people whom he could trust, who appreciated him, giving him a
feeling of acceptance, safety and belonging.
Now he has gone home... May his soul merge in peace with the
Light of the Divine.
As for me, I am happy to have met this passionate soul.

Helgard

“From my little hut in the forest”
In the spirit of Gift Economy, Yorit’s book is available for free electronic download
in both PDF and printable version at sadhanaforest.org/from-my-little-hut-in-
the-forest-by-yorit-rozin/
May all enjoy these glimpses into the life of an Aurovilian family and the forest that
has grown along with them!

Thank you so much,
Yorit

A Review of Yorit Rozin’s Book:
The fairy tale is a genre that has captured the imagination of people in all walks of life throughout the world, and for a good
reason: it gives one the belief that dreams could come true. And in this case, they really do!

“From My Little Hut in the Forest” is not a fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm. But it very well could be as it is a magical and
extremely happy story that first time author Yorit Rozin tells about her settling in Sadhana Forest in Auroville. In this book
where Yorit is both author and illustrator, the characters are neither primitive nor archetypal, it is Yorit own story which
radiates.

In a collection of poetic narratives, personal histories, illustrations and penetrating commentary, the author bares her
soul and challenges learned wisdom while writing about her dream to live in a forest and the joyful realisation of this
aspiration.

It all started in 1998 when, travelling from Israel with her husband Aviram, they ended up in a small and remote village in
Nepal with no road, electricity, running water or communication. They quickly became involved in all aspects of
village life. She realised then that Mother Nature is huge and that she (Yorit) was very small and had to become very humble.
There started her dream of wanting to become a “daughter of the forest”.

In 2003, in search of a community and spirituality, they settled in Auroville and started the challenging forest and land
restoration of Sadhana forest.

The book is full of short stories which are refreshing in their writing style and beautiful illustrations. It travels through time
with stories of her first 12 years in Sadhana Forest, with adventures of a cyclone, experiencing living with no doors, the
birth of a baby, a dream about Sri Aurobindo and much more.

“From My Little Hut in the Forest” is not only about the accomplishment of a family co-creating an authentic life or the
success of unity and happiness, it is also about challenges and very hard work involving the raising of two daughters in the
forest.

The book starts with the very moving picture of Yorit’s family, reminding one of pioneers building a Shangri-La, and travels on
a journey with the last page going into the deep metaphysical question of the meaning of “what is my own promised land”.

Does it resonate like some kind of faraway land? Is it simply living your deepest dream or just a meaningful life? Could it also be
the nostalgia of lost paradise?

Reading “From My Little Hut in the Forest” you will be convinced that you can turn ideas into concrete results, that you should
never stop searching for “your” promised land, you should keep on working hard towards it and that your own fairy tale can come
true. Then when it’ll happen, you’ll know that you’ve come home.

Chana Corinne Devor for AVArtservice

Against all odds New world encroaches on the old world (why this is the new world)
Because permission is not granted
NOC needed
Encroaching the OLD WORLD
Only entrance is the Doorway to Beyond, but
Easy Access to the old world
No Financial help
No Economical benefit whatsoever
No security posts on Earth, Water or Air
No Signature anywhere
It is for One and All
Re-Re-Re cycling
Not mind boggling
New Form out of the Old form
Ever building up
Never to be ended
Friend of the five elements and
Sun, Rain, Wind, any other only enhances it
Blessed by the Mystical Being and
The Presence is sure to be Felt. Celestine 2/12/17

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Hymn To Auroville

An Aurovilian proposes a song dedicated to Auroville for its 50th anniversary. The lyrics are in French (except for one line) and the melody is simple and evocative. We believe it would sound beautiful sung in chorus so we hope many people will be inspired and will want to sing it. If so please contact Joy (0413 2622372 / joy@auroville.org.in).

Here is the original text in French followed by a translation:

Hymne à Auroville

Auroville...la cité de l'Aurore, the city of Dawn, the city of Sri Aurobindo, cité de son monde nouveau....
Auroville, cité pour la vraie Terre, cité pour l'univers, première cité universelle, premier lieu du monde réel....
Auroville... cité qui es une flamme, cité qui as une âme, ton âme a nom 'Matrimandir', l'Oratoire de la Mère Divine....
Auroville... lieu où naître sans pleur, et où grandir sans peur, où tous les humains sont admis, pourvu qu'ils veuillent être amis....
Auroville... cité du vrai bonheur, du bonheur intérieur, c'est vrai tu es une Utopie, mais ici le Rêve prend vie....
Auroville... berceau pour le surhomme, l'être vrai que nous sommes, l'être intérieur qui illumine, et qui rendra la vie, divine....
Auroville, nous te chantons, Auroville!...

Auroville, nous te saluons, et qui rendra la vie, divine...

l'être vrai que nous sommes, Auroville...

du bonheur intérieur, Auroville...

pourvu qu'ils veuillent être amis....

et où grandir sans peur, Auroville...

l'Oratoire de la Mère Divine...

cité qui as une âme, Auroville...

Auroville, we salute you...

translated: Hymn to Auroville

Auroville, the city of Dawn, the city of Sri Aurobindo, the city of his new world.
Auroville, city of the true earth city for the universe the first universal city first place of the real world.
Auroville, city who are a flame city who have a soul your soul's name is Matrimandir the Shrine of the Divine Mother. Auroville, a place to be born without tears a place to grow without fear where all human beings are admitted so long as they want to be friends.
Auroville, city of true happiness the inner happiness it's true that you are a Utopia but here the dream comes alive.
Auroville, the cradle of the superman the true being we are the inner being which shines forth and will make life divine. Auroville, we salute you, Auroville. We sing to you Auroville.

Submitted by Joy

UPASANA Market

Thank You All for making “UPASANA Market” so beautiful. Your presence added so much to it. We generated a revenue of 1.5 lakhs; This has been offered to “the gateway” project.

Upasana team

AVAILABLE

Please note: tools, toys, kitchenware, travelling and hiking gear can be borrowed at your convenience from Auroville Library of Things (ALoT) - at container opposite PTDC. alothauroville.org.in

New microwave oven: never used, not even once. Contact: 9487062855 / 2623162 - Neeti

Office space available @ UPASANA: Creative people, designers, writers - looking for a place to work from. Welcome! Upasana is happy to host you on a monthly basis. Open to Guests, Newcomers and Volunteers. Pls write to: Office@upasana.in

Auroville Bakery: A variety of brand new Christmas cakes are available at the Auroville bakery. The additions are Christmas cake, classical Panettone and German Stollen cake. Our vegan customers will be happy to find that the Christmas cake and Panettone have been added to their ever growing list of options. Hope to see you enjoying our delights. The Auroville Bakery team.


A 2-year old Suzuki Gixxer 155 cc: The bike is in excellent condition and has been serviced recently. Interested buyers can call Patrick on 9655471380

Gas cooker: Well used, yet functioning 2-burner gas cooker available. For exchange in kind, or donation. Contact Dariya: Dariya@auroliv.org.in

Repairing and construction jobs: To the community - this is the Lotus construction: we can take care of building and repairing houses, painting, carpentry, metal work, gardening like water dropping system, electricity work and electronic work. If there is a need please don’t hesitate to call the Lotus Construction. My mobile number is 9499214020 or send sms - Sundaramoorthy (Auromodele)

A dog: A smart and very sweet little female dog (no barking or eating chappals) is around our houses in Dana. She is about 8 months old, black long hairs, with a red and white collar. We can’t keep her because we have already too many dogs around. Please call Anne for info 9480846694.

LOOKING FOR...

Editorial work: I would like to offer my services to any Auroville Unit/Service which may need help to perfect the English of any small publication or written communication. (I am a native English speaker with some editorial experience.) Please contact: fionafraserjehu@hotmail.com - with thanks, Fiona

Sales Ladies Required: Kalki Boutique at Auroville Visitor’s Center and Kalki Pondy are looking for Sales Ladies to work in the Maroma Section. The position is available to start immediately. Training for the products will be provided and assistance will be given throughout to learn and develop. Good communication and interaction skills are very important. If you are interested please contact: maroma@maroma.com or 0413-2622126. Thanks.

Furniture: Dear all, my name is Marcia and I am a Newcomer. I am looking for a small table and chairs for my kitchen. If you have any of these items available for lending, for a contribution, or as a donation, please contact me: 7598260379 oromaro@maroma.com, Love, Marcia.

Guitar teacher: Two little boys got a nice new guitar but do not know how to tune and to play it. Would be great if somebody can guide them the first steps! Please phone Henk: 2623665 or 770853665 - Thank you!

Massage table: Do you have one available for a contribution, or to give, or even to lend for a while? Please let me know. You can text me at 90476 51166 and I’ll call you back! Thanks! Laura White (Aspiration)

Second-hand solar fridge: (will give contribution). Contact Karuna: karuna@auroliv.org.in, 2623 024

Household items: Dear all, I am searching for a single bed or sofa, usable for sleeping; a bed cover; some kind of furniture for clothes, and a water dispenser or water can. Please, if you have something to lend or simply give, or for a contribution, please contact me at merlanichiarra@gmail.com or 9487049867. Thanks from the heart! Chiara

Someone coming from the UK: Before the end of January to bring my guitar to Auroville. You will be compensated for the effort. Paul: pijhealthy@hotmail.com / 7094378492

Stuff: We are a family of 4, just moved in and we are looking for an electric oven, a coconut grater and re-usable nappies (size 4 for a toddler). We can give a contribution towards all items. Please contact Elise: 7094378405 or 7094378492
LOST & FOUND

Swipe black mobile with broken screen: missed on the 5th of December. I would like to get it back as my contacts are there and I need it. If you had found it please call Blue light or pass by the office at town hall. Blue light 0413 2622500 | My email: chrisgonies@gmail.com - Thanks, Christian

Mobile (Lost): Samsung Galaxy J7 lost on Monday, Dec. 11th on the road between Town Hall and Courage/Telephone Service. Important information in it and I would really like to get it back. Please contact Janaka at 0413-2622699 (daytime)

Tripod (Lost): I lost my tripod at Upasana Market last Sat. If anyone found it please contact me @ aureliefischer1985@gmail.com | 7094366389

ACCOMMODATIONS

Available1: My house in Quiet is available for housesitting from 4th January to approximately 29th Jan. I am looking for somebody who likes animals. I have a cat and dog that need to be fed and looked after. Please keep in mind that Quiet is on the beach, a little bit far from the centre of Auroville. Please email nandita@sharan2622047 or SMS 9488483286. Or Nandita Shah

Needed1: House sitting or stowing - long term; we are family of 3 Newcomers. We are responsible, very tidy people with a great sense of humour and would be very happy to take good care of your home. We can also pay a contribution towards your house costs. Would be great to be part of a community interested in dance and creativity as well ecology and nature. We can offer evenings of great films and many other social activities if you are interested. We need a place from January, so please call us on: 7395 865381 | itaskovsky@gmail.com - Irena

TAXI SHARING

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

December 21st: From Auroville to Chennai Airport, on 21 of December from 16:30; mail: isiauroville@gmail.com - Isora

December 22nd: Looking for taxi sharing on 27.12 afternoon from Auroville to Chennai airport, departing from there on 28.12, 1:30 am. 704887102@qq.com - Chenhao Zhou

December: Friends coming from Chennai Airport on: 24/12 at 3.15 pm; 25/12 at 0.15 am; 25/12 at 3.15 pm; 26/12 at 0.15 am; 26/12 at 3.15 pm; 29/12 at 0.15 am - If anyone wants to share a taxi on-going, please call or sms Jean Paul: 91 8270067413 / or mail: resisfer@gmail.com

TRAVEL

Latest News from the Travel Shop - Inside India located in Auroshilpam - open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00

Latest offers from Airlines:
- Oman Airways has special offers to Europe
- Jet Airways has promotional fares to international sectors
- Emirates has special offers to Europe and USA
- Gulf Airways has special fares to London / Paris / Frankfurt / Moscow
- Qatar Airways has promotional offers to Europe and USA

To many destinations to the east Malaysian, Thai and Air Asia are having new attractive fares

If you send us your query we will let you know the best available dates & fares for your travel plans.

Hotels: International and Domestic Hotel bookings can also be done at discounted rates through us.

Please check with us in advance regarding flight schedules & baggage policies of airlines.

International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - 0413 - 2620278, travelshop@auroville.org.in, Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 - 2623030, domestic@inside-india.com, Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622947, insideindia@auroville.org.in

EATING OUT

Neem Tree Eatery is now open from 12 pm to 9 pm.

Come visit us at Neem Tree Eatery, Mahalakshmi Park, Near Solar Kitchen Roundabout. Sundays closed

Opening of a “SAKURA SUSHI” Bar,

For sushi lovers we will offer a variety of makis and nigris in our small bar on the Auroville main road, which goes down to the beach, opposite the new Era secondary school.

The opening menu and for take away you will find besides the sushi some fermented dishes and some delicacies only to be found at our place.

We know there are lots of eateries in Auroville, but we love sushi and feel that it is a nice enrichment for Auroville. We would also like to make it a meeting and sharing place, with a small library of good books and Wi-Fi.

The official opening will be on Friday, the 22nd of December starting from 4 pm. But we will already be there starting from this weekend. Not with full menu yet, but sushi will be available. Our normal opening hours will be at lunch and dinner and home delivery at dinnertime. Tel: 94880-47368

With greetings, Ađele, Ravi & Egle.

At Well Café: Reminder: Friday 15th Dec., “Tea at Sahara” dinner & slideshow at 7 pm, and world dance 8:30 to midnight!

Christmas dinner at WELL CAFÉ:

On Sunday the 24/12/17, we’ll serve vegetarian and vegan world food buffet. Price for guests Rs 550. AV and NC - Rs 430

Please book in advance at: WELL CAFÉ SVE DAME OPP CSR 0413-262221 + /919840873735 (whatsapp only)

wellcafe@auroville.org.in

Christmas Buffet at Visitors Centre Cafeteria on Sunday 24th December

Dear friends and fellow Aurovilians, this year there is a change of style in our Christmas celebration. We will have a Christmas Eve buffet dinner with both vegetarian and non veg traditional food on Sunday 24th. L Zephyr will be closed on that evening.

Week’s Happenings

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

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies

India and the World - Bharat Nivas

OUR AUROVILLE EXPERIENCE...

We will meet on Friday, December 15th, 2017, at 4 pm in the Resource Library, to continue our reading / study of “Savitri”.

Till then...love, Aster

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## Auroville 50th Anniversary
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS
#### 23-30 December 2017

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<td>Auroville Food Festival</td>
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<td>Art Exhibition “GOLDEN SUNBEAMS” curated by Adil Series of mixed media exhibitions to be held at the Matrimandir’s Boulder Garden over four separate weeks into the coming golden year. An eclectic group of artists and architects working in various media will be participating in this event.</td>
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More details at: [www.outreachmedia.auroville.org](http://www.outreachmedia.auroville.org)
Auroville food festival
brings you diverse delicious cuisines from around the world!

16th December - African cuisine (African Pavilion)
17th December - East Asian cuisine (Korean Pavilion, Chinese & Japanese Aurovilians)
18th December - North Indian
19th December - European (Hungarian and other community members)
20th December - Raw vegan (Anandi KOFPU along with other members)
21st December - Vegan (Sadhana Forest)
22nd December - Middle East (by Well Cafe and other community volunteers)
23rd December - South Indian.

Dinners by Pre Booking.
We will give out the dinner tokens on:
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at Solar kitchen from 12.00 to 2.00 pm.

Come one come all and celebrate with us!
The 5th Auroville Film Festival is here! Dec 16-23

Highlights of the Auroville Film Festival 2017

- Opening of AVFF on Saturday the 16th at 5pm at the Town Hall Plaza
- Visible-Invisible: Exhibition by Dominique Jacques running at Centre d’Art Citadines
- Anveshan organises the first Auroville Food Festival with the cuisine of Africa (16th), East Asia (Korea, China, Japan) (17th), North India (18th), Europe (19th), Raw Vegan (20th), Vegan (21st), Middle East (22nd) and South India (23rd).
- Daily evening performances including Swaha Blues Band, Yatra Art Foundation, International Film Festival 4tet, Duo Shalini & Friends, Paul’s Funky Project with Gino and Smile, Predrag, Hartmut, Vera and group, Ray’s Electric Veena Project, Nu Jass Trio and more
- Art Installations by Marco, Okjeong, Orly and Richa & Rrivu
- The Auroville Film Festival Carbon Neutral Fund collected Rs. 7000/- towards the planting of trees in Auroville
- Kino Kabaret from Friday 4pm until Sunday 6pm with all the films made screened at the Outdoor Venue at 7pm on Sunday the 17th. Register at kino@auroville.org.in
- Discussions with filmmakers/producer whose films are being screened in the category of films that develop the theme of human unity: 16th at 22:30 at MMC/CP Skype with Pascal Gelinas (A Bridge Between Two Worlds); 17th at 18:40 at MMC/CP with Jamila Brown (GoFish); 17th at 22:30 at MMC/CP with Eugenie Dumont (Heritage Fight); 18th at 22:30 at MMC/CP with Richa Hushing (Nicobar, a Long Way...); 19th at 18:20 at MMC/CP Skype with Mattie Porte/Lorenz Gramann (An Enquiry Into a New Story for Humanity: Change the Story, Change the World); 20th at 18:20 at MMC/CP Skype with Oliver Dickinson (Where the Hills are Greener); 21st at 18:30 at MMC/CP Skype with Amiya Patnaik (Tulasi Alpa); 21st at 22:30 at the Outdoor Venue with Magali Chirouze (Stony Paths)
- Films made by students of Auroville will be screened from 16:10 to 18:30 at MMC/CP on the 17th Sunday
- Films that children will especially enjoy will be screened on Friday 22nd at MMC/CP from 16:00 to 17:20pm
- Most of the films made by the monthly Kino group can be seen on Monday the 18th at MMC/CP from 16:00 onwards
- Most of the short films made by Aurovilians can be seen on Sunday the 17th at the Archive Bldg from 14:30 onwards
- There are two films we do not recommend for children: Forgotten Sex Slaves - Comfort Women in the Philippines 17:50 Wednesday the 20th at Archive Bldg; and Stopping Traffic: The Movement to End Sex-Trafficking 20:00 Wednesday the 20th at Archive Bldg
- Awards Ceremony of AVFF on Saturday the 23rd at 5pm at the Town Hall Plaza followed by screenings of the winners

Find the Screening Schedule at filmfestival.auroville.org/screening-schedule-map/ and on https://www.auroville.org.in/article/66254 and you can make a photocopy for yourself from the sample available at AVdzines/Town Hall.

Participate in the Kino Kabaret December 15 - 17, 2017 during the 5th Auroville Film Festival December 16 - 23, 2017
THE TOWNHALL AREA

16th - 23rd December

http://filmfestival.auroville.org

Also featuring:
Food Festival
Music
Performances
Art exhibitions
Live Q&A with directors
Kino Kabaret
Awards
LET'S TALK TRASH WEEK- 11
This Sunday (17th December 2017) we will be meeting in Certitude at 6 am. We will start from Certitude - Acceptance - till the Pitchandikulam Bridge. Thank you. All are welcome! Gloves will be provided and Breakfast will be provided at the end. See you all.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR THE PLASTIC FREE WORLD
Dear friends, Greetings from Kulilappalam Cultural Centre! We are cordially inviting you all for participating in our rally programme on “AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR THE PLASTIC FREE WORLD” in the villages. As a first phase, we wish to make this happen in our Kulilappalam village. Please show your kind participation and hold hands with us. Thank you so much for your kind cooperation and support! Please call Selvaraj (9843195290) or Tamillanthi (9843382806) for further clarification on this event. Also, please confirm with us earlier if you can, and wish to participate:

Meeting Place: Kulilappalam Cultural Centre (Next to Auroville Bakery)
Date: 17.12.2017 - Time: 9:30 am to 11:00 am
See you at our KCCI!!
Volunteers are welcome!
KCC TEAM.
(Selvaraj, Hari, Alain Bernard, Suryagandhi, Gillian and Tamillanthi)

WELCOME CELEBRATION FOR THE PARTICIPATORY WORKING GROUPS NEW MEMBERS
Monday the 18th of December at Unity Pavilion at 5 pm
Note it in your Calendar - do not miss it!!!
Dear Residents of Auroville,
your Residents Assembly Service is happy to remind you that you are invited to a “Thank You” Celebration for the outgoing members and the Welcoming for the new members of our 4 Participatory Working Groups. After the “Thank You” for the outgoing members, we will enjoy presentations of the AV Council, Working Committee, Funds and Assets Management Committee and the newly formed L’avenir d’Auroville.
The introduction and presentation will start at 5 pm. There will be a lot of time for the residents to interact with the groups and we encourage you to share during this time your expectations and/or your questions regarding the functioning of the participatory working groups.
What does it mean for you?
The Welcoming/ presentation will be followed by refreshments and a light dinner around 7 pm (with the generosity of Tanto, Well Cafe, Visitor Center Cafeteria and Naturellement). And then “Soirée Dansante” - let’s dance afterwards.
Save the date!
You are all welcome.
Much Love,
Your Residents Assembly Service team

NANDANAM KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE
Nandanam Kindergarten invites you to join us for our Open House on
Monday 18th of December
Between 11.00 am to 2.00 pm
& on Tuesday the 19th of December between 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
Come and be part of our ever growing family and explore the wonders of our world!!!
The Nandanam Kindergarten Team

ALCHEMY, MUTATION AND GRACE
BY ROGER HARRIS
Roger Harris has written so movingly and so well about Auroville over the years. Now Auroville Press is bringing out a compilation of some of his best articles and poems.
The book, Alchemy, Mutation and Grace, will be launched on Wednesday, 20th December at 7 pm in the Tibetan Pavilion, when extracts will also be read. Everybody is warmly invited to attend.

DANCES AND OPEN HOUSE AT KINDERGARTEN (Center Field)
The Kindergarten at Center Field is happy to invite you to:
- a small performance of Indian folk dances by the children on Thursday 21st of December at 9.30 am sharp!
- their Open House on Friday 22nd afternoon from 1.30 to 4.00 and Saturday 23rd morning from 9 to 12.
Come and see the beautiful works of the children!

SINGING FROM THE HEART
On Friday, 22 December, 5.30 - 7.30 pm
In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn,
Come let’s sing in celebration of life & joyful connection with divinity, through heart songs and mantras... Thank you for parking at the Sve-dame community gate.

Mohanam Youth Space
December to Remember 2017
Dear Parents and Teachers! We invite you to send your children to participate in this camp.
Mohanam is organizing a one-day camp for reflecting on the past year and dreaming for the future.
We invite children (12 – 16 age group) to take part in this camp from Auroville and Bioregion.
Date: 23rd December 2017
Timing: 09:00 am to 04:30 pm
Place: Mohanam Youth Space (opposite Imagination)
For free registration contact Anand: 9159468946

Christmas Celebration at Unity Pavilion
25 December 2017, 2.30 pm onwards
2:30 to 4:30 pm: Cutting Christmas stars to decorate the hall; gold paper will be there in plenty, please bring a scissor if you can.
4:30 and 5 pm: Dancing around the Christmas tree
5 pm: Sharing Christmas songs together with Paula, Carla and Antoine; followed by music and dancing
As always there will be Christmas rice pudding, vegetarian sandwiches and Christmas punch. We invite you to bring cakes, cookies or sweets to share.
ALL ARE WELCOME

EXPLORING PROSPERITY*
Dear Community,
We would like to share the progress of ‘Exploring Prosperity’ initiative.
We have formulated 4 focus teams, who meet and work on a weekly basis, to explore the possibilities and scope in their area of work.
The 4 focus teams are:
1) Services
2) Income generating units
3) Fixed Assets & H.R.
4) Self Governance

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We invite all the community members who have been curious to know more and wish to participate in this movement, to come meet with the core team and the coordinators of the focus teams at the Round Table, Unity Pavilion.

at 10 am, last Saturday of every month.

You are welcome to join, observe or share your opinions regarding ‘Exploring Prosperity’ for Auroville.

This month join us, on Saturday 30th December, at 10 am at the Round Table:UNITY PAVILION

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**WALK OF HOPE in Auroville and bioregion: let’s walk together for Peace and Human Unity**


Let's spread the message of oneness, inclusion and respect and (re-)connect as Aurovilians, and with our neighbours in the surrounding villages.

We invited Sri M, an eminent spiritual guide, educationist and social activist, to lead the walk. Sri M became known for his WALK OF HOPE from Ranyakumari to Kashmir, over 7000 km through India in 2015/16.

On Sunday Jan 28th, we will walk from Irumbai Temple through Kottakarai/Bharatiapuram, Auroville/Tibetan Pavilion, Edyanchavadi, and Kuilapalayam, where we end at Alkiyam School (10km). Sri M will give a short talk in Tamil and plant a tree at each stop at village/outreach schools.

Simple meals, breakfast at Tibetan Pavilion and lunch at Alkiyam School, will be offered. After lunch, a bus shuttle will bring back the participants to their respective village.

Already about 500 people from the villages are expected, and our dream is that also hundreds of Aurovilians and friends will join.

On Monday Jan 29th, we will walk from Auroville through Alankuppam, ending at the Mosque in Rayapettai (3.5 km).

If you would like-- to know more about the project and Sri M, please visit our website [www.walkofhopeauroville.org](http://www.walkofhopeauroville.org)

-- to volunteer on the days of the walk, please contact us: [support@walkofhopeauroville.org](mailto:support@walkofhopeauroville.org)

-- to contribute financially, please donate to FS # 252235 (Joy Living Projects).

We are grateful to an Aurovillian who wrote why she gave a donation:

"This will be an outstanding event. Small steps towards inner and outer unity. I believe as long as we are separated from our soul, we experience separation and will project this into our outer life. But we have to start at both ends, inside and in our environment!! So let’s walk together and make a move (in both directions)."

The WALK OF HOPE is the co-creation of the hosting team, “Restorative Auroville” (L’aura, Kati, Helene, Shanti and Janet), with Franz of Prisma, Moris of AVAG, Shankar of Alkiyam School, many other Aurovilians and volunteers.

“Restorative Auroville” works in parallel with Koodam, and offers Restorative Circles as part of Auroville’s Conflict Resolution Policy.

The idea for a peace walk emerged from our projects like the FilmFest “restoring connection” and the Cross-Cultural Dialogue, where many shared a real longing to feel more unity among Aurovilians, and between Auroville and the bioregion. Several also expressed a real fear and concern that if we do not work on our relationship and collaboration with the neighbouring villages, we are risking our future. The spark for the WALK OF HOPE was inspired by the experiences of fellow Aurovilians who walked with Sri M to Kashmir.

We invite you all to joyfully join this activity that can appeal to all backgrounds, and where language is not a barrier - hence, walking instead of talking - together and towards each other!

Kati Hoetger [+91 8489265342]

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**TALKS**

You are invited to join the Presentation on ‘GROWTH MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR SETTLEMENTS IN AUROVILLE GREEN BELT’

15th Dec, Friday, 4:30 pm, @ SAILER Conference Hall
4:30 pm - light refreshments
4:45 pm - 5:45 pm - Presentation & Q&A

The Green belt of Auroville Master Plan has 6 villages which all together have 6 times more population that of Auroville & have relatively higher growth rate due to wide ranging work opportunities, primarily created & stimulated by Auroville activities. There is also a good chance, as the image in attached poster shows that the most of western Green Belt turns into a continuous “developed belt” in near future. It is high time that Auroville works more proactively & inclusively, to have a roadmap towards ‘harmonious co-existing model’ & acts on it.

This work offering, done in collaboration with many diverse stakeholders in Auroville & around, is part of learning exchange between Auroville & post graduate planning students from Queens University, Canada on a topic of critical importance to Auroville.

Looking forward to your presence.

Thanks and Regards
Lalit - Host & Studio Coordinator
Auroville Integral Sustainability Institute

**BIRTHING THE NEW HUMANITY**

Tues, December 19th from 5 to 6 pm at Unity Pavilion.

Speakers include:

Krishna with a report from the recent Birthing the New Humanity Conference,
Paula - on Newborn and Microbiome,
Ravi & Prem Shakti - on Conscious Conception and Auroville’s Morning Star Birth Centre Team to speak about the future of birth in Auroville.

All are invited. Tea and biscuits served.

Inside India presents a one-day introduction to ‘INTEGRAL YOGA AND AUROVILLE’

An insight into the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and its significance for Auroville. It’s a structured overview that can serve as a basis for further personal studies and explorations.

The highlights are:

- Vision and Aims of Auroville
- Evolution of Consciousness
- Yoga of Matter
- Auroville’s role in the evolutionary process
- Aspects of individual and collective practice

on 20th December 2017, Wednesday

Time: 08:45 am to 12 noon (Lunch break) - 2 pm to 5 pm.

Presented by: Ela Thole
Venue: Inside India building, Ground Floor, Auroshilpam (behind Auromode).

Register in advance at 2622047 between 9 am & 12 noon or 14 pm & 16.15 pm. Or mail us at: [insight@auroville.org.in](mailto:insight@auroville.org.in)

Aurovilians and Newcomers are welcome; contribution is required from guests.

Inside India presents a one-day Introduction on ‘SHAKTI’

- Creative Power, Consciousness Force and Divine Mother.

on 21st December 2017, Thursday

Time: 08:45 am to 12 - Lunch break - 2 pm to 5 pm

Presented by: Ela Thole

SHAKTI is the female creative energy recognised in some Hindu traditions as the transformative energy leading to the highest realisation. In Integral Yoga she is an evolutionary force that accompanies the growth of the new consciousness.

In the presentation and talk we explore the Shakti in her traditional aspects and her central role in Integral Yoga.
Remote Antarctica!!

affecting our lives??

Presentation and Slide show by Arun
on Thursday 21 December,
5 pm - at Unity Pavilion

Antarctica was discovered in the 1820s and has no native population. It is also the windiest (with blizzards up to 300 km per hour) and the coldest (with temperatures up to -90 deg Celsius) place on earth. The continent is covered with an enormous ice-cap, which is up to 4 km thick.

Global Warming has started melting this huge ice-cap. If it melts completely, it can raise the global sea-levels by 70 meters! Scientists of many countries are working in Antarctica and they have compiled irrefutable evidences of Climate Change.

This slide-show first gives glimpses of Antarctica, its natural beauty, amazing weather phenomena, its unique flora-fauna and a view of Indian Antarctic stations. Next it shows the scientific evidences of Global Warming and the future trends, which affect our human civilization.

The speaker is a (retired) glaciologist; he has worked in Antarctica for two decades and in the Himalayas & Arctic for 5 years.

All Are Welcome

Don’t miss this unique opportunity to interact with a scientist who has had first-hand experience of the life and work in Antarctica braving all challenges.

CULTURAL EVENTS

NIGHT OF JAZZ

Nuria and the Auroville Jazz Quartet
FRIDAY 15th December
8:00 pm at CRIPA

Vocals: Nuria / Piano: Matt
Guitar: Shank K / Bass: Holger / Drums: Sreenath

Jazz Standards
All are Welcome

“SOIREE MUSICALE”

IN CRIPA

Monday 18th December
7:30 pm, at CRIPA, AUROVILLE

Salmi Elahi, mezzosoprano, Pushkar, piano, ...

Salmi Elahi made her career début at a very young age as a choir member in the Tehran Opera, and later pursued her career in France as a Soloist. She completed her higher studies of music in Paris. She has taken up numerous roles at the Opera of Paris and has given baroque and contemporary music recitals.

Pushkar Carlotto; Composer and pianist, graduated from Obezlin College (USA). He has given concerts internationally both as a composer and pianist.

SCHEDULES

QUIET

Couples in Flow with Dariya & Daniel
Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 December 2017 (9.00 am - 6.00 pm)
Quiet Healing Center (2622397 / 948084966)

A 2-day journey for couples to relax, connect and celebrate. We offer a safe space and simple possibilities on land and in warm water, where you can rediscover one another in new ways of togetherness. You will also explore easily applicable skills to hold space for each other, fun ways to be together, and connect with others in the group. This exploration is inspired by aquatic bodywork (Watsu, Liquid Flow etc.), Tantsu (simple ways of holding and massaging on land), free dance, deep listening... and our innate longing to connect and simply be. Space is limited to 6 couples. No previous experience required; also no need to know how to swim!

Watsu & OBA Basic with Dariya & Daniel
Monday 25 -- Saturday 30 December 2017 (1.30 -- 6.00 pm)
Quiet Healing Center (2622397 / 948084966)

Watsu & OBA are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool. Watsu Basic introduces movements and body mechanics to float someone on the surface; OBA Basic introduces and offers a unique underwater experience (with nose clip). Practicing basic techniques and qualities, you will experience floating people and being floated, on the surface and under water, creating a space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit. No previous experience required!

VERITE

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

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

SOMATICs- AN INTRODUCTION FOR EVERY BODY! with Maggie
Monday, 18 December: 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements (mind-body training) in the tradition of Thomas Hanna. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.

Maggie is a professionally trained Somatic Movement Educator and offers workshops, classes and clinical sessions in highly effective technique.

AN INTRODUCTION TO TRADITIONAL THAI YOGA MASSAGE with Andres
Saturday 23 December: 9 am to 4.45 pm

Traditional Thai Yoga Massage Is an ancient technique used to unblock energy stagnation and awaken our inner healer, using pressure along the energy lines (Nadis) and movements based on Yoga Asanas. In this introductory intensive, you will learn a short practical sequence, plus its foundational theory/spiritual background.

Andres is certified in Yoga Thai Massage by the Sunshine Massage School. Meditation is part of his practice, and he has completed courses in Vipassana meditation, Pranic Consciousness, and Vision Quest of the Native Americans

ARKA

Introduction and Experience of Hormonal Dance
AVIVA’S METHOD for Woman, Naturally and easily regulate your hormones and change your life!

In a half day long program learn a 30 minutes long “Hormonal Dance” that was created and researched by Hungarian women since the 70’s. Dancing the precise form twice a week stimulates and harmonizes the hormonal system. This can help to regulate and schedule the period, eliminate difficulties of menstruation, pre-menstruation and the symptoms of menopause, be used as a contraceptive method, help conception in case of infertility, to result or stop lactation, to cure cysts, fibromas, endometriosis, to preserve youth and to
lose weight, to protect from osteoporosis and many more benefits. Dress as for yoga, Aviva Method is an internationally acknowledged and protected method. For more information, please check our website: www.avivamethod.in

Venue: Arka, 23rd December 2017
Time: 10-12 pm - Introduction and 1.30-3.30pm Experience (only for those who had done the introduction already)

AT JOY COMMUNITY

Yoga Classes
The Yoga Classes with Tara at Joy GH will continue till Friday 22nd. We'll offer Yoga Classes again in January… the schedule will be published beginning of January ;)

Heart Beats - Intuitive Dance with Julie
Wednesdays 5-6.30pm at Joy Guest House
(Starting 20th December)

Heart Beats is continuing this year at Joy Guest House so join us to tap into your inner mystery and move to the beat of your heart.

Letting go of dancing to impress, instead dance to express yourself.

Improvising dance and movement, you will experience a deep sense of connection, to the core of your being. You'll be full of energy, eager to celebrate life.

No dance experience needed.

Julie is a certified movement therapist with the International Dance Council and life coach with the Coaches Training Institute London.

Awareness Through the Body exploration with Stefania
Every Tuesday 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm at Joy Community Guest House

Based on the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, Awareness Through the Body is a comprehensive curriculum of exercises that offer practical tools for personal growth, introspection and self-knowledge, giving participants the opportunity to discover and explore more about themselves. Stefania has been working in ATB since 9 years and she is currently finishing her training.

Yoga Nidra with Stefania
Every Thursday 5.00pm to 6.00pm at Joy Community Guest House

Yoga Nidra is a systematic method of inducing complete physical, mental and emotional relaxation. During this practice the consciousness is functioning at a deeper level of awareness, it becomes very powerful and can be apply in many ways: to develop the memory, increase knowledge and creativity, or transform one’s nature.

Counselling
This exploration offers a flexible and safe framework for introspection and self-discovery, which aims at personal and spiritual growth. The main focus is on developing consciousness-based attitudes and skills that together with the assistance of Bach Flowers, help an individual to face particular moments of challenge or change in life.

This work is based on a synthesis of several disciplines (General Western Psychology, Psychosynthesis, Indian and Integral Psychology) and techniques (Awareness Through the Body, Bach Flowers, Focusing and Life Coaching), in which Stefania has an academic and professional background.

On appointment - Stefania: 9486363442

Qi Gong with Andres at Joy GH
Tuesday and Saturday from 7:45 am to 8:45 am (staring on the 19th December)

The closest translation of Qi - Gong into English would be“ Power Management”.

Qi-Gong exercises are very useful in modern life, where the popular life style is: “more = better”, More work, money, things, power, pleasure, success, action etc. All that pressure can create notable dis-balance in life and attract disease.

But this tendency can be avoided by harmonizing inner flow of Qi.

“Swinging” Qi Gong for beginners, is one of the ways to resolve old patterns of psycho-corporal movement into new experience. It increases general wellbeing, especially if done as a regular practice with right attitude and joy to learn something new for yourself from the experience practicing in the group.

No prior experience required; Drop in class.

Andres is a Practicing Traditional Acupuncturist for 18 years, will show some exercises that are oriented to harmonize flow Qi and reduce stress and increase vitality.

Dancing with Demons
1-day intensive life coaching & creative dance workshop
Saturday 23rd Dec, 10am-3.30pm at Joy Guest House
Explore your inner saboteurs in this energizing and profound workshop.

Often we hear their voices most strongly when we set out to achieve our dreams. They can make us shrink and hide rather than expand and shine. So let’s invite our demons for a dance.

Let’s explore what they need to live in peace, to transform from shadow into light. You’ll feel more empowered and supported to manifest your life purpose.

Facilitated by Julie, a certified life coach with the Coaches Training Institute in London and accredited movement therapist with the International Dance Council.

Registration required - contact Julie, also for more information at julie@maitreecoaching.com and 9988091609.

Joy Community Guesthouse - Center Field, Auroville
Ph: +91 (0)9487272393 / https://www.joyaurowl.org / https://www.facebook.com/joyaurowl

NEW! Auromode Yoga Space
Dear friends, we are open and inviting everyone to join us for Yoga, Meditation and Body Therapies. Come and feel the difference! New classes are being added up, please check our website for details and schedules:

www.auromodeyoga.space.

Please book your body therapies and individual yoga sessions in advance as we do not take same day appointments. You can sign in at our website or contact us at auromodeyoga@gmail.com or +91 413 2622224.

Warmly, Auromode GH, Auroshilpam

OTHER EVENTS

Inner-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother 19th December (Tuesday)- Focus this week on: ‘Self-realisation’

- Overview with multimedia presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books
- These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises.

Place: Savitri Bhavan - Time: 9 am to 12 Noon

(For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.)

Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9491472002, 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-aurowl.com

NEW! 5 Rhythms waves class:
Fridays from 7.30 till 9.00 am - At CRIPA / KALAHUMI
Joy comes in the morning. - Come and start your day with dancing. Everyone who is interested to dance is welcome. Come to practice being perfect in your imperfection. All you need to do is to breathe, move each part of your body and smile will arise on your face.

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About 5 Rhythms dance & movement meditation: Created by Gabrielle Roth and practiced by tens of thousands worldwide - 5 Rhythms is philosophy, perspective, performance art and dynamic movement practice rooted in the principle that if you put the psyche in motion it will heal itself. Movement is both the medicine and the metaphor, reaching across all languages, cultures and age groups to help us suffer through art into awareness, and awareness into action. Wherever the 5 Rhythms are practiced, a community is born to dance, to sweat, to change, to support, and to provide a safe space for each of us to shatter the ego's hold and awaken the juicy, unpredictable, fascinating, edge walking, rock star part of ourselves that yearns to be free. Creativity. Connection. Community. Offered by Irena (Newcomer) 5 Rhythms teacher in training.

My creative writing: a playground for inner writers, 22 - 23 December 4.30 to 6.30 pm and 24 December 4 to 6 pm. Info: Francines@auroville.org.in / Ph: 0413 262 3987

Dear aspiring and actual writer friends, this time we will play with Creative Writing in order to discover the different hidden parts of ourselves which we don’t know yet but have a so strong influence on our lives. We will also explore what is precious and valuable in us but not fully expressed. This playground's keywords:

- Discover of your own Creative Potential
- Show up on the page and let that “something” move through you
- What wants to be written is none of your business!
- Unblock Creativity
- Discover of your own poetic vision
- Write what you live, experience, feel
- Write mapping your interior world
- Rewrite your own life
- Discover your own poetic vision
- Unblock Creativity

I like this writing life! ❤️

The Inner Writer Playground is a protected, shared space where you will know yourself and may even come across unexpected sides and potentialities.

Please bring with you a pen and a notebook.

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

Wednesday 20th December, 9.30-12.30 at Pitchandikulam Forest (meet at the ‘Seed Room’ building opposite the parking) Please arrive by 9.20 to register so we can start the workshop at 9.30 am sharp. Registration required and no unregistered admission on the day. Fixed contribution to cover costs (contact us for details). To register email Daniela at: pitchandikulam.outreach@auroville.org.in

Connection as Life Energy

Introduction to Nonviolent Communication with L’aura Joy, NVC Certified Trainer
Fri, Dec 22 - Sat, Dec 23 9.30 am - 5 pm, with lunch break

Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others?
Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want?
A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply-rooted consciousness of oneness, as well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We’ll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to hear others’ true (and harmless) message, which in turn leads to more connection between us. When we’re connected as human beings, we’re in our natural state of wanting to give and collaborate with others.
More info & register (and for venue info): contact L’aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016

Limited seats. Registration and contribution required. Full participation required (2 days). [Other upcoming NVC Events and Practice Group: joylivinglearning.org]

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture offers a weekly meditation session:

On Thursdays from 5.15 pm to 6.15 pm.
We will follow a yogic method and begin with correct sitting postures, relaxation, awareness on a breath and move towards different dharanas (concentrations) and dhyanas (meditations). The practice is led by Max, an experienced Raja Yoga and Meditation practitioner.

All are welcome!
Please come 5-10 min earlier to get prepared and not to disturb an ongoing session. At 5.15 pm the door will be closed.

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone

Awareness Through the Body.

ATB2 - A three-day workshop with Amir & Tamar.
Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th December in the ATB hall, Transition school, Auroville.
From 9 am to 5 pm daily.

ATB offers a space and a tool to know ourselves better and to increase our capacity to be present... allowing an inner shift... while exploring the observer within. It’s an opportunity to step out of the business of everyday life where the individual can go within and become aware of the different planes that form our being and have the possibility to enter into a wider deeper contact...

This workshop is for teachers/educators who would like to implement ATB and for anyone who is interested in their inner growth. The workshop focuses on revisiting, deepening and integrating the basics of ATB, with exercises that open and refine the senses / Exploring emotions and their effects on the physical body to develop a witness attitude towards them / Collective Games: exploring the effects of a group on the individual and vice versa & Awareness of the Physical Structure: exercises to develop awareness and conscious control over contraction and relaxation in the body.

Note that this workshop is open only to those who are acquainted with the ATB practice.

For more information visit the ATB website awarenesssthroughthebody.com to sign up for this workshop: mail connect@atbwithamir.com or feel free to call me or Tamar at 9751257709/96.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 18th of December 2017 at 6:30 pm

PICTURES OF SRI AUROBINDO’S POEMS - Part Two

A film by Manohar illustrated with paintings by Huta. The poems are read by Huta and accompanied with music by Sunil. Huta said about the work that she did the paintings “according to Mother’s inspiration and instructions...and...from time to time she corrected my paintings and never forgot to explain to me in detail the colour scheme.”

The Mother saw all the paintings of Sri Aurobindo’s poems and approved also Huta’s recitations. From Sri Aurobindo’s poem “A God’s Labour” Huta is reciting: “I have gathered my dreams in a silver air / Between the gold and the blue / And wrapped them softly and left them there, / My jewelled dreams of you.” - Duration: 41min.

Reminder: FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER, “A Sunday in the Country” by Bertrand Tavernier, FRANCE, 1984

-- Friday 22 DECEMBER, 7.45 pm

ISHTI (SEARCH FOR SELF) - Director: Dr. G. PRABHA, INDIA, 2016. Synopsis: Ishti centres on a 71-year-old Ramavikraman Namboodiri, a Vedic scholar, his family members and Sreedevi, his young, third wife - in Kerala in the 40s. Sreedevi stands up against orthodoxy and manages to inspire her husband’s son from another marriage to read and write. The conflict between these characters and those who revolve around their lives is what the film is generally about. Highly esthetic, sort of
eductional and slow paced, this film is a first one in this beautiful language, bearing a social theme.

**Original Sanskrit version with English Subtitles, Dur.: 1h.48′
Take note: Nice temporary venue at Visitors’ Center. Screen is large, we use our own projector and sound system, and the Kalabhumi Music Studio lends us some good cushions for comfort. Welcome!

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, December 22nd, 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!

**Note: Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 19:00 ;)

CHASING ICE
75 Minutes / English / 2012 / Directed by Jeff Orlowski
Follow National Geographic photographer James Balog across the Arctic as he deploys time-lapse cameras designed for one purpose: to capture a multi-year record of the world’s changing glaciers.
(Reminder: Friday 15/12 - Edible Paradise - Growing the Food Forest Revolution)
The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at:
(0413) 2677682 or 2677683
sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org / facebook.com/sadhanaforest

CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
16 to 23 December 2017: See AVFF schedule

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http://www.auroville.org/contents/4186**
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http://www.auroville.org/contents/186

Important information about News & Notes
Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations:
**Tuesday 5pm**
The contents of News & Notes are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material:
Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the N&N email address (below).
Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.
The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News is given to the printers on Wednesday.
Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Tuesday 5pm.

We regret not being able to attend to visitors on

**Wednesdays**
due to work pressure.

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

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

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(Email: avsecurity@auroville.org.in)
→ Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
→ Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246, reachable 24/7

REMEMBER TO ALL GUESTS from The Guest Facilities Coordination Group
- Guest Registration Service-
ALL GUESTS in Auroville (including Indian nationals and foreigners as well as friends and family members of Aurovilians) are required by Indian law and Auroville regulations to register within 24 hours of their arrival.
In addition, guests are required to register each time they move to a new destination in Auroville.
The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates at 3 locations:
- Visitors Centre - at the far end of the Expo Hall (big white building on the left), opposite Dreamer’s 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

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