The phenomenon of which you speak is normal to human nature. People are drawn together or one is drawn to another by a certain feeling of affinity, of agreement or of attraction between some part of one's own nature and some part of the other's nature. At first this only is felt; one sees all that is good or pleasant to one in the other's nature and even attributes, perhaps, qualities to him that are not there or not so much there as one thinks. But with closer acquaintance other parts of the nature are felt with which one is not in affinity - perhaps there is a clash of ideas or opposition of feelings or conflict of two egos. If there is a strong love or friendship of a lasting character, then one may overcome these difficulties of contact and arrive at a harmonising or accommodation; but very often this is not there or the disagreement is so acute as to counteract the tendency of accommodation or else the ego gets so hurt as to recoil. Then it is quite possible for one to begin to see too much and exaggerate the faults of the other or to attribute things to him of a bad or unpleasant character that are not there. The whole view can change, the good feeling change into ill-feeling, alienation, even enmity or antipathy. This is always happening in human life. The opposite also happens, but less easily - i.e. the change from ill-feeling to good feeling, from opposition to harmony. But of course ill-opinion or ill-feeling towards a person need not arise from this cause alone. It happens from many causes, instinctive dislike, jealousy, conflicting interests, etc. One must try to look calmly on others, not over-stress either virtues or defects, without ill-feeling or misunderstanding or injustice, with a calm mind and vision.

All that of course is not love, but self-love. Jealousy is only an ugly form of self-love. That is what people do not understand - they even think that demands and jealousy and wounded vanity are signs of love or at least natural attendants of it.

There are a number of women who can love with the mind, the psychic, the vital (heart), but they shrink from a touch on the body and even when that goes, the physical act remains abhorrent to them. They may yield under pressure, but it does not reconcile them to the act which always seems to them animal and degrading. Women know this, but men seem to find it hard to believe; but it is perfectly true. Abnormal is a word which you can stick on anything that is not quite cheap and ordinary. In that way genius is abnormal, so is spirituality, so is the attempt to live by high ideals. The tendency to physical chastity in women is not abnormal, it is fairly common and includes a very high feminine type.

The mind is the seat of thought and perception, the heart is the seat of love, the vital of desire — but how does that prevent the existence of mental love? As the mind can be invaded by the feelings of the emotional or the vital, so the heart too can be dominated by the mind and moved by mental forces. There is a vital love, a physical love. It is possible for the vital to desire a woman for various vital reasons without love — in order to satisfy the instinct of domination or possession, in order to draw in the vital forces of a woman so as to feed one's own vital, for the exchange of vital forces, to satisfy vanity, the hunter's instinct of the chase, etc., etc. (This is from man's viewpoint — but the woman also has her vital motives.) This is often called love, but it is only vital desire, a kind of lust. If, however, the emotions of the heart are awakened, then it becomes vital love — a mixed affair with any or all of these vital motives, strong, but still vital love.

There may too be a physical love, the attraction of beauty, the physical sex-appeal or anything else of the kind awakening the emotions of the heart. If that does not happen, then the physical need is all and that is sheer lust, nothing more; but physical love is possible. In the same way there can be a mental love. It arises from the attempt to find one's ideal in another or from some strong mental passion of admiration and wonder or from the mind's seeking for a comrade, a complement and fulfiller of one's nature, a sahadharmi, a guide and helper, a leader and master or from a hundred other mental motives. By itself that does not amount to love, though often it is so ardent as to be hardly distinguishable from it and may even push to sacrifice of life, entire self-giving, etc., etc. But when it awakes the emotions of the heart, then it may lead to a very powerful love which is yet mental in its root and dominant character. Ordinarily, however, it is the mind and vital together which combine; but this combination can exist along with a disinclination or positive dislike for the physical act and its accompaniments. No doubt, if the man presses, the woman is likely to yield, but it is contre cœur, as they say, against her feelings and their deepest instincts. It is an ignorant psychology that reduces everything to the sex-motive and the sex-impulse.

Happiness is as contagious as gloom - and nothing can be more useful than to pass on to people the contagion of a true and deep happiness.

The Mother
ref. Works of the Mother, vol. 14, p.193
## Auroville 50th Anniversary
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS
#### 23-30 DECEMBER 2017

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More details at: www.outreachmedia.auroville.org
Photos of Events: www.flickr.com/photos/128238309@N07/
Art for Land Exhibition 2018
At Unity Pavilion
1 January to 15 February 2018

Unity Pavilion is privileged to host the Art for Land exhibition which is into its third year. More than 70 artists from all over the world are participating in this cycle of generosity and gratitude: All the artists are offering their priceless creations towards fundraising for the purchase of land for completing the Masterplan of Auroville. The visitors on their part make a land donation and receive an artwork as a gift. Simultaneously, there will be an exhibition of rare photos of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and some artworks created by Ashram artists and blessed by the Mother. The exhibition shall be open on all working days from 9.30 am to 4 pm.

Opening Ceremony of the exhibition
On 1 January at 4 pm
ALL Are Welcome

**Auroville Artists**
- if you have not brought in your artworks, but would like to participate, please contact devasmita@auroville.org.in

**We need volunteers**
- to help with framing and hanging the paintings and also with presence in the hall during the exhibition days.

Please contact unitypavilion@auroville.org.in / 0413 262 3576

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Golden Sunbeams is a series of four curated exhibitions of sculptural works in various media by Auroville artists. These will be exhibited in four installments over our golden year, in celebration of 50 years of Auroville. Works will be set up at the Matrimandir’s Boulder Garden and will be on view from the path to the Matrimandir viewpoint.

The first edition of this exhibition will be inaugurated on Saturday, the 23rd of December 2017 at 4pm. All are invited. This show will be on view till the 3rd of January 2018 and will also be open to public on the 1st of January 2018 during the events at the Amphitheatre.
From Regional Planning

Dear Auroville Community,

Nearing the end of the year we not only see a new challenging year rising in front of us, we also see that the Auroville Community has achieved the Next Step Forward in the Development of the Auroville Township.

Two months ago L’aventir started to function differently. A new Team was formed “The Interface Team”.

TDC, (Town Development Council) Technical Team for Auroville Regional Planning, brings a heartfelt thank you to all the Groups and Individuals, who positively contributed and supported this team in the past 5 years to its efforts at addressing the needs for improved infrastructure of the villages situated within Auroville Township area.

TDC Technical Team for Auroville Regional Planning, wishes The Interface Team a very successful Term. The Team is looking forward with renewed energies, to proceed its work in Regional Planning. We humbly ask all who helped us achieve some of our success stories, to keep supporting our efforts in the coming years. It is by bringing our individual energies together and in working as a collective “body” that we will achieve the Mutual Goals, as set by The Mother.

The TDC Regional Planning Team
(Cristo, Juergen, Loes, Gillian, Balamurugan, Priya & Laure)

Golden Jubilee and Security

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 Aurovilians and visitors / students / guests is increasing. More and more Aurovilians 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 lost 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 AVSS 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 visiting traffic is also asked to use the Visitor Centre entrance, to avoid traffic on the busy and dangerous Certitude road.

Please keep in mind that this access will be closed for road repairs for a few weeks. Traffic can go through Certitude until completion of the work.

The community is encouraged to contact SAIER 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

Outcome of the Entry Board Selection Process as a RAS observer (Isha)

Dear Residents of Auroville,

The Resident Assembly Service participated at the selection process of the Entry Board as a silent observer.

The 1st morning the nominees presented themselves to the AVCouncil/WCom team. This was done under the facilitation of Mandakini and Elisa.

I found the facilitation was excellent and I appreciated the way the interaction between the nominees and the AVCouncil/WCom members was done.

The 2nd morning 16 members of both groups had to select 9 members for the Entry Board. Before the start of the selection it was agreed that the selection will be for 9 members to give the best opportunity for the Entry Board to function in its full capacity during this trial year.

I appreciated that everybody was aware from the beginning what was the direction to follow.

The selection was done in 2 rounds. During the 1st round 8 members were selected in consensus after having listen to everyone. For the 2nd round there was a choice between 3 nominees. There I felt the time taken for it was too short. I missed the depth….and the perseverance shown during the 3 groups selection process.

Having said that I feel comfortable with the outcome of the selection and wish all the best for the new team.

I am very grateful for being part of this important process which was done in a constructive way. I did not feel a conflict of interest in the room.

After the selection a member withdrew and was replaced by a new one. I feel complete with the outcome and give my congratulations to the new team.

All the best, Isha for RAS

Information to the community on tourist visa

The following information has been issued by the Indian Government on permissible activities by tourist visa holders.

Activities permitted under Tourist Visa and e-Tourist Visa:
1. Tourist Visa: It has been decided by the Government to include “attending a short term yoga programme” in the list of permissible activities under Tourist Visa. Accordingly, the Tourist Visa can be granted to a foreigner whose sole objective of visiting India is recreation, sightseeing, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, attending a short term yoga programme etc. and no other purpose/activity.

2. e-Tourist Visa: It has been decided by the Government to include “attending a short term yoga programme” and “short duration medical treatment under Indian systems of medicine” in the list of permissible activities under e-Tourist Visa. Accordingly, e-Tourist Visa can be granted to a foreigner whose sole objective of visiting India is recreation, sightseeing, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, attending a short term yoga programme, short duration medical treatment including treatment under Indian systems of medicine or casual business visit etc. and no other purpose/activity.

In accordance with this information, tourist visa holders cannot give and/or attend conferences or workshops. For this purpose, a conference or business visa is required.

There is no explicit mention of attending or giving incidental talks or a concert and we understand falls under the category of recreational activities.

The Working Committee
International Zone's Sharing with the Community, Part 2
Tuesday, the 26th of December, from 4 to 5:30 pm, at Unity Pavilion

Dear Friends, our last sharing with the Community was a success, where the Pavilions were able to present their ongoing activities and projects. We presented successively the following Pavilions or Clusters, and we thank them very much for their commitment and work: The European, the Korean, the Hungarian, the Taiwanese, the Bharat Nivas, the Brotherhood, the Japanese, the Youth Hive, the French, the African, the Visitor Centre, the Latin American and the Tibetan.

However, we were definitively short of time to present the following topics to the Community:
- CIRHU
- IZCT overview 2017
- Savitri Bhavan
- Habitat in the IZ
- UNESCO’s exhibition report
- Unity Pavilion

And to propose the traditional Q & A.

Please come and join us for the second round of our sharing towards the Community, which will take place next Tuesday, the 26th of December, from 4 to 5:30 pm, at Unity Pavilion.

General Meeting (GM) on Line of Goodwill
The Line of Goodwill Team (Aryamani, Aurelio, Helena, Helmut, Jaya, Judith, Laila, Louis, Pierre, Srimoyi, Torkil, Utrios, Uma) calls a General Meeting to present: 'Line of Goodwill - next step towards Auroville’s Growth'.

You are cordially invited to join this event on:
Friday, December 22nd at 4:30 pm at the Unity Pavilion

The Line of Goodwill is a project to build the Line of Force 1, which extends from the outer ring road near to the Visitor Center main parking and arrives at the border of the Matrimandir Lake facing the West Gate entrance of the Matrimandir. This is the only Line of Force which marks Auroville’s full radius from the outer ring to the Soul of the city.

The profile of the Line of Goodwill, according to the Master Plan, is low and wide at the Matrimandir end and tall and narrow at the outer end. It can best be envisaged as a hill rising gradually across the landscape. This Line is already marked out on the ground with marker stones and no buildings have been built along it. All the land belongs to Auroville except for a plot facing the West Entrance to Matrimandir.

The RAS is not facilitating this General Meeting (GM) and offers only its technical assistance. For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Line of Goodwill Team at:
lof-1-list@auroville.org.in.

Details: https://goo.gl/mBxxwR
Relevant Information
The Line of Goodwill: https://goo.gl/efdzDP

Administrative Assistant needed for ABC
ABC is looking for a person to assist the ABC Office in its administrative tasks. Please contact Ananda at: abcoffice@auroville.org.in

Ananda (Coordinator) for ABC

New site and building applications - 23rd 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 6th Jan 2018.

BUILDING APPLICATIONS
1. Cultural Zone: Temporary Store room for Kalabhumi Art Studio_Nele @ Kalabhumi community. Built-up area: 18 sq.m
2. Residential Zone: Housing Project- Humanscape Phase 1B_Housing Service @ Sector 1, junction of Crown Road and Vikas Radial. Built-up area: 1504 sq.m

NOC issued in the last week:
1. Mac Leivessar, Fertile East

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 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 Auronet page of L’avenir d’Auroville.

L’avenir d’Auroville team (Anita, Anu, Aurovici, Divya, Inge, Pino, Sindhupa, Tejaswini)

From the Entry Service - N&N # 729
Dated: 23-12-2017

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:
- Fiona FRASER JEHU (British) Staying in Nilathangam and working at Auroville Today.
- Lakshmi VENUGOPAL (Indian) Staying in Fertile East and working at Eco Femme.
- Malcolm BOYER (US) Staying in Mitra YH and working at AV Diners.
- Srimulit KRISHNASAMY (Indian) Staying in Maitreye and working at Land Board.
- Sabrina SRINIVAS (Indian) Staying in Kalabhumi and working at Kalabhumi Art Centre.
- Sowmya VAN BAREN (Dutch) Staying in Transformation and working at University of Human Unity.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
- Hendrik PRODON (Dutch)
- Ramya VADIVEL (Indian)

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:
- Leah Rae JEHU (British) Staying at Deepanam.

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
- Ilangoavan RANGANATHAN (Indian) Staying in Promesse and working at Solar Service.
- Sudha VELU (Indian) Staying in Baraka and working at WELL Café.
- Stefan GEBERT (German) Staying in Realization and working at Deepanam.

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
- Narendra Kumar GUPTA (Indian)
- Rupavathi DHANASU (Indian)
- Krishna NAG (Kay) (Indian)
- Stefan THEUNISZ (Dutch)

STUDENT OF AUROVILLE:
- Ahilya BAMROO (Indian) Studying at Future School and Staying in Courage.

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 9:30AM-12:30PM
Monday to Friday (by appointment only) 2:30PM-4:30PM

Yours, The Entry Service
Houses available for transfer

1. **Apartment In Citadines**: 1st floor 100 M2 + terraces -2/3 BDK, 2 bathrooms, completely furnished along with individual fridge, gas, UPS, and other amenities 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.

2. **Windarra Farm- TerraSoul- Sandyra’s House**: Plinth Area: 204.53 Sq.m - Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Brick walls exposed and 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.)*

3. **Re-announced: Surrey’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 and first floor metal sheet roofing consisting of open 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

For more information contact: Immediately available

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**Housing Project under construction:**

1. **Kalpana**: The construction work is going on well. We are completing the first scope which is the structure, bricks, plastering and 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 [Sathyakam] is available in the model apartment on the site on Thursday: 3pm to 5.30 pm & on 1st and 3rd Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm and **Surya** is available the 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

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

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**Centre for Green Practices**

We are excited to announce that our new Centre for Green Practices website is now live! [www.cgpauroville.org](http://www.cgpauroville.org)

The Centre for Green Practices shall further enhance Auroville’s reputation as a global centre of excellence in regenerative development. Its facilities and personnel shall provide the perfect foundation for a full participation in national and international dialogues on policy and strategic planning. They shall also act as the inspiration for a holistic educational paradigm that includes personal transformation, system thinking and technical capacity building in fields such as regenerative development, sustainability and circular economy.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Suhasini Ayer (Auroville Design Consultants), Fabien Ostner (White Ant Studio), Lara Davis (Auroville Earth Institute), Omar Rabie (Unitary) and Shankar (Talam Research and Education) for their support.

For more information, send us an email at: info@cgpauroville.org.

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**Postings**

*Savi - Change of timings*: Please note the new timings for Savi: Monday to Friday from 10 till 12 pm, at the Unity Pavilion. For more information call (0413)2622121 or go to Savi website: www.auroville-learning.net.

Housing service closed from 25 December till the 2nd of January: Dear Community, the Housing service will close from the 25 of December till the 2nd of January. Any serious emergencies can be reported by email or phone 0413-2622371. We advise all contractors to take care of the advances and financial matters on Saturday 23rd of December.

Regards, the Housing service

**Entry Service Closed from 23/12 to 2/01**: Dear Friends, Entry Service office will be closed to public from 23 December to the 2nd of January, Included. During the closing time, the team will go on with the scheduled interviews. Happy Holidays! The Entry team

**About Notice boards**: Dear friends, since the busy season is starting and the notice boards are getting full, please do not use A4 sizes and do not post it on top of others announcements. Thanks, Coffee ideas team (for Dreamers' and Marc’s Café)

**Children Afternoon Activities / Co-Creating with Other Parents**: (For kids from 3.5 years and older). We are a group of 5 parents interested to get together with other parents who would like to organise activities for kids every day or at least some days every week from 1 pm till 5:30 pm after the school holidays but also now during the school break sessions during the day as well. The days and time can be flexible - Each parent will have a duty of 1 day a week offering session of some activity. We already have an art teacher “Celine” and myself “Irena” as a Dance teacher. We asked a few places around if we could use their venue but so far no success. Please any suggestion is welcome. In case you are interested let’s get together and make this idea into reality :) - please get in touch on: itaskovskig@gmail.com or 7395 865381 - Irena & Celine

**Exhibition and Sale**: Bags and Women’s Garments: We invite you to view our collection of shopping and sling bags, pouches, and women’s garments. Venue: Life Education Centre - Date: 23/12/2017 - Time: 10 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 4:30 pm - Life education centre is located past Celebration area and opposite Isai Ambalam School (Go past Colors of Nature, make a left at the T-junction at the end of the road and continue. Life Education Centre is just adjacent to the vacant land on the right and BEFORE Isai Ambalam School)

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**Health**

**Santé Alert: Zika Virus**

Zika Virus has been reported in Tamil Nadu as of July 2017. This is particularly important for pregnant women and their partners. Zika virus is a mosquito born virus carried by the same mosquito that carries dengue and chikungunya. It usually causes no symptoms or only minor ones such as fever; rash; joint pain; and red, itchy eyes. However, if a pregnant woman gets it her baby can be seriously affected. Mosquito bite prevention is very important. For more information, you may contact Paula, Midwife at Santé.

**Tibetan Doctor’s Visit**

Dear friends, this is to inform the community that the Tibetan Doctor and the team will visit us on Friday the 22nd full day and Saturday the 23rd half day. For your appointment call at: 0413 2622401 or 8489067332. The consultation will take place at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone. We wish everyone a nice year ahead.

Best regards, Pavilion of Tibetan Culture Team.

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**Sports**

**Darkali Fitness Track is reopened**

Starting 1st January Darkali Fitness Track welcomes you every day From 4.30 p.m. to 6.10 p.m. Please remember to come 30 minutes before closing time.

Please note, in case of rain, the Fitness Track will be closed until the path is dry. To be aware when the Fitness Track reopens after the rain please visit Auronet group –Darkali Fitness Track-

Way to the gate in Google Maps: goo.gl/dpdTgf

Darkali Team
GREEN MATTERS

Tending Our Land - A New Story
By M G Jackson and Nyla Coelho (2016)

Once in a while one comes across a book that speaks straight to the heart while being solidly sound and scientific. If in addition, it addresses some of the most crucial challenges facing humanity while offering a vision, a way forward, and an energising hope, we are in the presence of a jewel. ‘Tending our land - a new story’ is a fascinating, historical account of the great human enterprise of food production; it shows how farming has been intimately interwoven with the rise and fall of civilisations, and how the gradual - now critically accelerated - degradation of the land resulted from an incomplete understanding of the laws and ways of Nature.

“The old story of the imagined autonomy of human beings from their independence of Nature’s round, and their freedom to dominate and manipulate Her has run its course. We urgently need a new story.”

‘Tending our land’ tells a new story, bringing together geology, biology, history, socio-anthropology, and other sciences into a larger coherent picture. It is a simple and vivid narration that stays clear of specialists’ jargon and can be understood by anyone with an open mind and heart.

It’s a new story in its wide sweep from the beginning of our planet to the emergence of homo sapiens, the history of Indian civilisation through the millennia, the fallout of the green revolution, to the onslaught of globalisation and agri-business... concluding with the lessons learnt, recommendation for new policies for healing and restoring both the land and communities, and presenting examples of pioneering initiatives that justify hope.

A new approach can necessitate a new vocabulary, and thus the two authors - eminent authorities in the fields of food growing, environment, policy and education - have deliberately avoided speaking of ‘agriculture’, ‘farming’ and similar words that carry the baggage of a dominating approach to Nature, in favour of gentler expressions such as ‘plant and animal tending’ or ‘land tending communities’, even if these are sometimes a bit of a mouthful. It’s also refreshing that terms like ‘sustainability’ and ‘wellbeing’ are used more often as a case for words like ‘sustainability’ and ‘wellbeing’ are used much more often as a concept.

Towards the end of the book we find chapters titled ‘Fresh thinking, bold initiatives’, ‘Healing the Earth, healing ourselves’, ‘From local to global in tending our land’, and ‘There are no boundaries’. Even while identifying the physical and social conditions under which communities and land can begin to heal and recover their natural prosperity, it is the combination of down-to-earthness, solid referenced writing, with a wide spiritual outlook and a sparkling creativity that makes this ‘story’ so spell-binding. We in Auroville will recognise much that has been part of our own efforts, successes, and aspirations towards a place that treads softly on the Earth. But most importantly, for any of these measures to be effective, an inner healing and transformation needs to take place at the level of community. And here too, the authors invoke a spirit and core values which bear deep resonance with the ideals of Auroville.

A wonderful and stimulating read on a topic that closely concerns us all, this recently published book is available online, and a copy has been donated to our library. Enjoy!

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and New Year,
Auroville Green Center - Jasmin (writing), Lisbeth, Isabelle and Island [avgenecenter@auroville.org.in]

Xmas celebration at PROBIOTICS HOUSE Reminder
Dear Friends, this year PROBIOTICS’ HOUSE - MGEcoduties, wants to celebrate with you all in Auroville, the Xmas spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood. Then, as a special edition of Xmas Celebration, we have made for those that would like to come to our place located in Reve, or those who are in PTDC, to take the ‘CELEBRATION BEAUTY BATH MINI BARS’, as a gift ONLY on Saturday December 23rd, 2017. Please come on Saturday 23rd and take this Xmas Celebration with you. Thanking You, Margarita and Guidelma Phone: +91 413 2623774 - E: mgpecoduties@auroville.org.in - W: www.probioticshouse.com

EATING OUT

AUROVILLE FOOD FESTIVAL is on until the 23rd!
At Town Hall Plaza. Come and enjoy the food, the company, the music, the art installations and the movies of AVFF 2017! Special menus still to come:
- Thursday 21st: Vegan (Sadhana Forest)
- Friday 22nd: Middle East (Well Cafe & volunteers)
- Saturday 23rd: South Indian.

Ordering X-mas and New year food with Korean foods: Greeting from ‘Jolly Kimbap’, Korean take away & home delivery. If you are hosting a Christmas dinner for your friends and family, we believe that our delicious foods would be a nice gift for them. Our signature kimbaps for veg and non-veg and noodle salad, etc. For a special order, we have a Korean braised chicken: ‘Jjimdak’. It is a great dish to serve for your X-mas and new year celebration around the table. The detail is on Facebook: ‘Jolly Kimbap’ - Please order in advance, especially the new special dish ‘Jjimdak’. [Order: 97517 83912, Whatsapp] - Merry Christmas and Happy new year in advance!! - Jolly Kimbap

Le Zephyr closed 24/12 and 31/12: Dearest Zephyr fans, Le Zephyr will be closed on the 24th (Sunday) and 31st (Sunday) of December. We wish you a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Much love, Zephyr Team

AV Bakery and Café open on 24/12: AV Bakery and Café will open on Sunday 24.12.2017: From: 7:00 -13:00. With croissants and cakes. The Café will serve the usual menu.

Christmas dinner at WELL CAFÉ: on Sunday the 24/12/17 from 7.30 pm - Well serve vegetarian and vegan world food buffet. Dinner will be accompanied with live music by Sagi manor (Israeli musician, kamanche player and composer - Kamamche is an ancient Persian spike fiddle). Sagi combines traditional music of Persian kingdom with a touch of middle eastern contemporary music. Price for guests Rs 650 / for Av and NC Rs 430.

Book in advance at WELL CAFE SVE DAME opp. CSR 0413 2622219 / +91 8940873735 (whatsapp only) / wellcafe@auroville.org.in.

AUROVILLE RADIO

Dear friends,
AurovilleRadio has just turned 13 years old. Recently, a brand new project began: AurovilleRadioTV. In the very near future, the radio website (as we now know it) will become part of our past as our new video-capable website is preparing to launch. AurovilleRadioTV project is an open platform where research and experiment are at its core.

Along with the technical aspects associated with running a web-based communications platform much of our attention is dedicated to the meaning of media in the beginning of the third millennium with our shift to the internet. While the methods of communication are changing, the speed of technological advancements are evolving seeking a new global balance.

AurovilleRadioTV’s expanded team is hard at work preparing and publishing videos about our daily life in Auroville; some are already published in our Facebook page and will soon be on our new website. The developing website can be reached at www.aurovilleradio.org/newsite.
Please keep in mind that this is a "beta version" with bugs which our developer is working to fix. We hope to involve the local community of video makers in sharing their content and collaborate with us.

Here's a list of works done for the film festival so far:

**Last day of preparations before the Film Festival** 15th December 2017

Capturing the people getting busy with various works before the opening of the AVFFF2017.

Kino Kabaret has a meeting to welcome filmmakers and wannabes of different departments such as directors, actors, musicians and more meet today to realize film ideas.

**Two days to the Auroville Film Festival** 14th December 2017

Preparations, art installations, stage setup and more have started in order to prepare for the Two days to go to the opening of the 5th edition of the Auroville Film Festival!!

**Kino Kabaret is coming in Auroville!** 13th December 2017

As part of the 5th edition the Auroville Film Festival (AVFF) and MultimediaCenter/CinemaParadiso are organising another Kino Kabaret - Tom, one of the organizers, talks about it.

**Looking for Auroville Film Festival** 12th December 2017

Introduction to the 5th edition of the Auroville Film Festival. Interview with Marco, the founder of the festival, whom tells us about the artistic and cultural events besides the huge variety of movies.

Other works done during the previous weeks:

**Upasana 20th Anniversary** 9th December 2017

The video team of AurovilleRadioTV paid a visit to Upasana for its 20th birthday celebration and met the founder Uma who told us about her renowned conscious design unit of Auroville.

**Self-Governance informal meeting** 30th November 2017

an informational meeting took place to discuss the importance of the Auroville Foundation Act 1988. The main purpose of the meeting was to raise awareness of what the Act means to Auroville and the progress we must make to reach the possibility of Self Governance.

**Bharat Natyam Performance R.E.D. at Cripa** 18th November 2017

Two brothers, Suresh and Ram Krishna, (taught by a Bharatanatyam dance master named Kitappa Pillan) performed two dedications to Shiva Nataraj and others.

**The Mentor Pool Meeting** 18th November 2017

Information sharing meeting on the updated entry process. The main topic of the meeting was the importance of the involvement of mentors, and it was discussed that more Aurovilians are urged to step forward and offer themselves as mentors.

**Lail Arad & JF Robitaille at Adishakti** 17th November 2017

Brought to India by The Hindi newspaper, Lail Arad and JF Robitaille from London and Montreal gave a refreshing concert at Adishakti Theatre.

Please check out those additional announcements!

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

From our volunteers and interns we have:

- Zoe and Kartick share highlights of Open Mic Night at Solitude Farm. They recorded Working with communities on climate & food sovereignty.
- Zoe recorded Presentation on Green Belt Development by Queens University students.
- Zoe and Kartick did Vox Pop on upcoming AVFFF17. Sorry no hyperlinks due to slow internet.
- Kartick covered CAT on Progressive Economy. Sorry no hyperlinks due to slow internet.
- Rtm - coverage of AVFFF17 - Opening Ceremony, Swaha Blues Band, Yatra Arts Foundation with Desire...photo courtesy Zoe.
- Very short interview with Richa on her work.
- Past week Yuri, and Aneeta presented their contribution to AVFFF17. Sorry no hyperlinks due to slow internet.

**Within our regular programs:**

Gangalakshmi reads her Selections of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother’s texts in French - uncut version on the request of listeners!

Marlena continues with Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo. Sorry no hyperlinks due to slow internet.


Out of the regular programs are here the news of Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Monday. Sorry no hyperlinks due to slow internet.

Within the musical podcast we feature movie scores - Old Movie Scores, and Movie Scores from 70ies, and you can also listen to easy jazz + with This Could Be Real.

**Your AV Radio Team** [www.aurovilleradio.org]

**NOTES**

**Dear Hans**

Being with you in the last phase of your life, in your struggle, pains and desperation, still you were able to listen, you observed and you tried to find solution to our problems.

Still you were able to speak.

Your unforgettable passion for the F 1 Races and the GP Motorcycle Races you left with us.

How clear and true and free you looked in your passing to The New World,

Free of tension and obsession,

Who would win The F1 World championship this year - Hamilton or Sebastian Vettel.

The very last race of this season,

God kept you in your bed, preparing you for Your New World.

We all from your surroundings, we will never forget you,

Thanking you, for being such a good friend, a so, so different friend.

With all my Love - Ramu (Iisai Ambalam)[17 December 2017]

**Matrimandir - A Labour of Love**

This is the title of the photographic exhibition to be displayed at the Town Hall, in spite of all odds and adversities: true symbol of where we are, now. The exhibition was announced for December 20; but so far I could get only two panels, displayed in the only space available right now. I have been promised six more panels when the Film Festival is over, December 26th. Hoping in the miracle of ten new panels (rigid, at last; the flexible ones have to be checked daily, the photographs keep falling down), if the 50th anniversary group grants this last minute request.

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Whenever I feel it is all over I go to Matrimandir, watching the contagious joy of the brave ones cleaning the discs (in latest years, mainly girls and women). Then I find Auroville again, the Auroville for which I left everything, me too believing that we will make it. And we will, if the flame does not die: “willing servitors of the divine consciousness”, to whom I dedicate this new exhibition, with all its impossibilities. Victory is to the most resilient. My first panel, out of the two I got, is about those heroes cleaning discs. PAULIETTE

THANK YOU

Aha Kindergarten Open House

The Aha Kindergarten team would like to thank all the participants for a most wonderful Open House. We had a lot of beautiful energy filling the space. We would like to thank Auroville Bakery and Naturellement for the delicious snacks, Surendra from Udavi for the music exploration, Li Fang and Durga from Nandanam and Duan for the enchanting puppet show, Poonam for the Henna, and all the helpers - Jianghao, Maheshan, Hao, Ohad, Shoma, Amrita, Nitya, Urmila, Hollis, Yonghu, Lakshai, Ravindra. A special thank you to all our parents and kids, ammas, and support group members.

King Lear

KING LEAR was performed at ADISHAKTI THEATRE, Edayanchavadi Road, Auroville, on December 7, 8 and 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm, by The Auroville Theatre Group - a sub-unit of SAILER (Sri Aurobindo International Institute for Educational Research).

We would like to give a heartfelt “thank you” to all who participated in KING LEAR!

Cast and Crew:

Konglar Konchhamath - King Lear
Eurydice - Goneral, Duchess of Cornwall
Sugumar Shanumugam - Duke of Cornwall
Rohit Chaudhary - Duke of Albany
Pujasree Burman - Regan, Duchess of Albany
Gandhi - Oswald/Duke of Burgundy
Friederike Bruhns - Cordelia/Gentleman
Malcolm - Earl of Kent/Messenger
Satyendr Kumar - Earl of Kent/Messenger (Friday show)
Swar - Earl of Gloucester
Rayo Pregadra - the Fool
Saddam Hussain - Edgar, legitimate son of Gloucester
Nishant Saini - Edmund, bastard son of Gloucester
Yogesh Kumar - Curan/Knight/Servant/Gentleman
Nikhil Jayakrishnan - Bartender/Gentleman/Servant/Gentleman
Manogna Rajan - Manogna Rajan - Doctor
Christophe Benesse - King of France
Cynthia Berkshire - Choreography
Mahi - Lighting Design
Tanya - Costumes
Hartmut von Lieres - Composer, Original Music, the Storm
Jo Cuypers, Karen Teigte, Lore Dossche - Makeup and Hair Stylists
Kalou Achala/Eliucile Circus - Cloth Acrobatics
Raka Dutta - Poster/Photography
Thanajayan - Food and Transport
Franziska (Franzi) - Stage Manager/Sound Tech
Gokul - Asst. Stage Manager
Jill Navarre - Director

Special Thanks: ADISHAKTI THEATRE, Nimmy, Vinay, Arvind, Santhy for their kindness and generosity, offering the theatre for our performance. Parthasarathy, for opening his Neem Tree Restaurant to us for one desperate evening of rehearsal, when we had nowhere else to go! Free Store, Auroville for the tailoring and the many costumes we continually borrowed. Joy, Bharat Nivas Costume Shop for some more costumes and many shoes. CRIPA for our many rehearsals, and the cushions. Unity Pavilion for providing us with a beautiful rehearsal space. Outreach Media and AV Arts Service for the beautiful photos. AV Radio for their coverage and special interview.

Those others who helped us with their thoughts and prayers to make magic. With gratitude!

Jill Navarre, artistic director, The Auroville Theatre Group

AVAILABLE

Website Design: I am good website designer and developer, maybe I can help your work on internet by making a beautiful website for you. if you need me you can contact me at: geeksoccerboy@acm.org (+9461375905) - with thanks, Dheeraj (Savi Volunteer)

Juicy pink pomelo saplings? Hi, do you like juicy pink pomelo? Do you want to plant one in your garden? At Marc’s Café in Kulaappalamayam we have some to spare. Come prepared to take them away - Marc’s Café team

2. bikes: Rx -100 and RX - 132 - Contact Laxmanan, mobile: 9442070213 / email: laxmanan@aurowire.org.in

Various Items:

Cycle with 24 speed, good condition, children size / Sony Cyber shoot DSC-H100 Point & Shoot Camera, 3 year old in perfect condition / Sony HDR-PJ410 Full HD Video Recording Handycam Camcorder with Built-in Projector, 2 years old in good condition. Eden (7998394821)

Bed Frame and Tiles: Hello People; still available a Queen size wood bed frame, and...broken tiles. Give me a call for more info: 944 36 17 308

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

Does anyone need Pakamaran?: We have 4 bundles left, with 10 Pakamaran beams in each bundle, they are 3.75 mtrs long, width is 5 cm; please contact Tine or Toby, Aurogreen: 890 3938 649 or whatsapp: 944398 4181 or email: tine@aurowire.org.in

Two A/C; Brand “Daikin”; 2 years old, 5 stars, dehumidifier option - 1 is 1.5 ton and the second one is 1.5 ton. Contact Irene: 9159188603 / Irene.disez@yahoo.fr

LOOKING FOR...

Various items: wooden or bamboo table and chairs for the kitchen / single bed to use only for sitting so it can be narrow / motorbike TVS XL / bike women style but not lady bird - bigger one and also if possible with gear / music equipment - mixer in which I can plug my microphone and use it with DJ software Traktor and controller Z1 / buying monitor / flat screen to connect to MacBook Air - please contact me on 7395865381 & itaskovski@gmail.com - Irene

An enthusiastic volunteer: who is experienced in social media promotion, graphics design, organisation of culture events and classes to collaborate with me on the project offering dance classes, film screenings, and other interesting activities that we will develop. Irene (researcher in Laboratory of Evolution) - please email me on: itaskovski@gmail.com or call: 7395865381

Guitar: We are looking to borrow/buy an acoustic guitar, preferably small and with nylon strings but of course anything is welcome. Much thanks for your help! Love, Maren & Lukas at lukasmlhodr@gmail.com

Sharing a car to Kerala: Traveling to Kerala after the New Year and keen to share a car - anyone interested? Please contact Isso, WhatsApp: (+48)509133409 / bheartesence@gmail.com

Someone coming to Auroville from Germany: who could take a 5kg roll of fencing material for Discipline Farm. Some compensation possible. Thank you very much, Carla: carotenhoff@gmail.com

Bicycle for lady: A good conditioned bicycle preferably with gears. Please contact Shola at: 8351888630 or premshola@gmail.com

Is there someone, or someone you know, coming soon from the USA?: We have a small package, weighing about 1kg, to bring to Auroville, for Eliucile Circus. We need it as soon as possible for the 50th Anniversary performance in Matrimandir. Please contact Penny: penny@aurowire.org.in; 9442938514

“Purified Gold”: Looking for a Bauhinia acuminata, Mother’s name “Purified Gold”. Thanks, Samata: samata.meinhardt@gmail.com or 2622231

LOST & FOUND

Cycle lock (Found): I found a relatively new locked, black, cycle number lock on the path between Santé and Arka. If it is yours, you can reach me at: aloes@aurowire.org.in - Thank-you, Aloe

Ray Ban Sunglasses (Lost): on December 9th (Saturday) in the Auroville Visitors Center area (either in the shops or near the boards describing pavilions of various countries). Color: Black/Green Polarized - If found please call Tarun: +91398936722

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Aurocard. (Lost): Please contact me via WhatsApp at: (+48)509133409 - Issa

Dark aubergine color jacket (lost): Dear friends, my favorite jacket (dark violet, 3/4 sleeves, thick T-shirt material) got most probably incidentally mixed-up with the theatre fundus to the freestore. It would be a great Christmas and birthday present to get it back. Happy to hear from you. Please contact: sandrya@aurowille.org.in or sms: 944 3619 403. With gratitude, Sandrya

ACCOMMODATIONS

Needed 1: long term. We are family of 3 newcomers. We are responsible, very tidy people, easy going and would be very happy to take good care of your home as house-sitters or becoming stewards. We can also pay a contribution towards your house costs. Would be great to be part of a community that is interested in dance and creativity, as well as ecology and nature. We can offer evenings of great films and many other social activities if you are interested. We need a house from January, so please call us on: 7395 865381/itaskovsk@gmail.com

Needed 2: My second visit to Auroville has been extended, I am seeking house-sitting or work exchange in comfortable living situation! A New York City choreographer, designer, I came to work with the Auroville Theatre Group, and lead a creative movement. Recently invited by Hartmut to collaborate on a 50th Anniversary project, I am looking for extended accommodations. I am responsible and caring, and much appreciate hearing from you. Contact: cberkshireindia@gmail.com or 9498066479 - Thank you! Cynthia

Needed 3: Dear Aurovilians! We are a family - Dmitriy, Anastasia and our 6 y.o. daughter Vasillina. As newcomers we are looking for a house-sitting opportunity from 24th of December. We will take good care of your house, garden and animals. We are quiet and responsible. All suggestions are welcome. Please contact us at phone number 8270194875, e-mail aanastasia78@gmail.com. Thank you in advance.

EXHIBITIONS

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

Self-Governance: Auroville
As part of the Exploring Prosperity, we are focusing on the area of “Self-Governance”
We are scheduled to meet each week
at Le Morgan, on Thursdays at 3pm
We invite you to join us in a 2-part group discussion on the topic:
“the Residents’ Assembly of Auroville”
**Session 1** - Thursday 21/12 at 3 pm, at Le Morgan.
**Session 2** - Thursday 28/12 at 3 pm, at Le Morgan

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies - India and the World
Bharat Nivas
Our Auroville Experience...
Please Note that we do not come together this Friday 22/12. We will be meeting on next Friday 29/12, to continue our reading / study of “Savitri”. Till then...Love, Aster

Handicrafts-Market of the Deepam children & youth
On Saturday 23rd December
in front of the AV-Bakery in Kullapalayam
in the morning
We are in need for more candle-wax left-over. There is a bucket at the recycling section at PTDC - or drop it at Deepam. If you collect bigger amounts, please call us at: 2623254 and we will pick it up from your house or community.
(Though we teach our students how to make small floating-candles, we are not connected with Deepam-Candles which is a business-unit selling candles and incense.)
At Deepam we have 3 programmes: early intervention for babies and small children, day-care for education and vocational training for the older ones.
You are most welcome to visit us at Deepam.

Christmas Celebration at Unity Pavilion
Monday December 25th
2.30 - 5 pm, Star cutting and dancing around the tree
5 pm Singing and later dancing together
Special invitation to people who love to sing
At the Unity Pavilion Christmas Celebration, we would love to have many people singing with us, Chorales or other beautiful songs, songs of peace, happiness, joy and oneness, from all countries and cultures of the world; and therefore we invite all Aurovilians, newcomers and guests to come and join in with their voices. You also may bring a special song along to share and lead.
Monday 25th December at 5 pm.

Last days!

- The Grain of Thought: At Kala Kendra/Bharat Nivas: An Exploratory Exhibit – by Siddharth Pathak last day Thursday 21/12 - 10 am to 5pm
- Visible Invisible: At Centre d’Art Citadines - by Dominique Jacques - 9 to 23 December 2017 - 2:30 - 6 pm
- Watercolour Painting Exhibition: At Pitanga: By A.Sathya
  Until December 23rd 2017 - 8am -12.30pm and 2pm - 6.30pm

PASSION 54
An art installation by Orly
At the Archives Building 1st Floor
December 16 - 23
10am to 10.30pm

Straight out of a women and sisterhood story, Orly’s carpet (Passion 54) speaks about the greatest secret of all times: “It is only with heart that one can see rightly”. Orly’s life has revolved around recycled art and social work. At the age of 14, she began to sew dolls and, 10 years later, in her hometown of Herzlia (Israel), she combined both these loves into art therapy for mentally challenged children and their families. At the same time, she started art workshops and after school programs for kindergarten teachers. In 1992, she won a prize for opening the first social club for mentally challenged children.
In the same spirit of recycled art and social work, she and her husband created Well Paper when they moved to Auroville. The aim was to teach women living in villages in the bioregion the technique of papier mâché as well as the knowledge to run a small business. Well Paper started with 5 women and now has 100. This project succeeded in its objectives of empowering women, creating local livelihood, recycling waste and creating beautiful art. In addition to this, Orly started making enormous fantasy birds out of papier mâché, which looked like they had stepped out of an animation film.
The last two years have been a significant in her creative journey. This carpet, Passion 54, began as a healing project when, at the age of 54, Orly decided to make her heart whole again. Art is just like love, it requires vision and persistence, and this carpet speaks about the power to create something beautiful through patient trials and errors.

Orly went to thrift stores in South India to collect old, worn saris, tore them into long threads, and, with passion, re-assembled them into a beautiful art piece...a carpet made of 54 circles.

Much more than a carpet made of saris, this piece narrates the stories and life of hundreds of Indian women. Some saris are immaculate, some stained with blood, food and sweat, some torn into long threads and, with passion, reassembled them into a beautiful art piece...a carpet made of 54 circles. Each art piece has a story, especially in recycled art, and in this healing project it seems that when the body dies, the story does not, and when the heart breaks, it is rebuilt again.

Looking at those 54 round circles, close your eyes for one minute, get on Orly’s magical carpet made of colourful, passionate floating saris and fly to the land of 1001 tales of beautiful Indian women. - Chana Corinne for AVArtS (Photo by Marco S.)

Facing Mental Challenges on the Spiritual Path
Dr. Alok Pandey, Sri Aurobindo Ashram
Saturday 23rd December 9.30 to 11am
Savitri Bhavan, Sangam Hall

How can one deal with mental disorders on the spiritual path in the light of Mother and Sri Aurobindo’s teachings?

The spiritual energy surrounding Auroville is tremendous. What are its effects on our different bodies: mental, vital and physical? What are the effects of that force of revelation and transformation on each of us?

Loneliness, misunderstanding, confusion, relationship problems, are just some of the challenges a seeker faces on the spiritual path. Meanwhile, the ego could become inflated from spiritual experiences and develop distortions of perceptions. A family may reach Auroville together and find the variation in levels of progress and knowledge between individuals leads to conflicts within the family. This could be between parents or between parents and children.

Finally, what are these subtle forces that we don’t even notice or that we feel sometimes within us that could lead us in a particular direction? Are we always protected or is there danger on the spiritual path?

This presentation will start with a 20-minute talk by Dr. Alok Pandey followed by questions and answers.

Sponsored by Santé-Auroville Institute for Integral Health

For the first time in CRIPA! THE DHANI TRIO IN CONCERT

Dhani, aka Jukebox: Guitar and vocals
Amando: Bass and vocals
Suresh : Drums

CRIPA Saturday 23 December 7:30pm

Inside India presents a one-day introduction to ‘The Bhagavad Gita and its relevance to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo’.

The Seminar touches on the following topics:
- Yoga in daily life / The triple path of knowledge, work and surrender / Conflicts and difficulties as opportunities for inner growth / Living life from the innermost truth of our being

On 27th December 2017, Wednesday
Time: 08:45 to 12:00 - Lunch break - 14:00 to 17:00

Presented by: Ela Thole
Venue: Inside India building, Ground Floor, Auroshilpam (behind Auromode Guest-house).
Register in advance at 2622047 between 9 & 12:00 or 2 & 4:15
Or mail us at: insight@auroville.org.in
Aurovilians and Newcomers are welcome; contribution is required from Guests.

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

28th December 2017, Thursday
Time: 08:45 to 12:00 - Lunch break - 14:00 to 17:00
Presented by: Ela Thole
Venue: Inside India building, Ground Floor, Auroshilpam (behind Auromode Guest-house)
Register in advance at 2622047 between 9 & 12:00 or 2 & 4:15
Or mail us at: insight@auroville.org.in
Aurovilians and Newcomers are welcome; contribution is required from Guests.
Crystal Bowls / Japanese Folk & Acoustic Finger style / Singer-Songwriter

By

Ayumi Ueda + Bhrigu Sahni

Ayumi Ueda

Japanese vocalist and sound healer, Ayumi Ueda combines her angelic voice with the healing sounds of crystal singing bowls to create a blend of new age, ambient, and meditative music.

Bhrigu Sahni

Inspired by the minimalist music of Michael Hedges, the mystical traditions of Sufi music, Flamenco finger techniques and the ancient art of Indian Raga Music, Bhrigu Sahni’s performances are an immersive experience that draws the listener into the present moment.

Tuesday 26.12.17 at 19:30

Cripa Hall at Kalabhum
Cultural event at Aurosangamam

Dear all, Vanakam.

As a part of Auroville’s 50th anniversary, a mega Sangamam gathering in Auroville is going to be held on 4th February 2018 at the football ground behind the secretary’s official residence in Auroville. The word ‘Sangamam in Tamil means confluence or convergence or union. The event is planned and executed by Aurosangamam in collaboration with Bharat Nivas and AV 50th anniversary team.

If you want to join us and give any performance, please do get in touch with us.

Warm regards,
Meera (9443536547) / Grace (8940522975) aurosangamam@auroville.org.in (mention that it is meant for cultural activity)

On behalf of Aurosangamam cultural group

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**SCHEDULES**

**AT CREATIVITY HALL OF LIGHT**

- Introduction to the communication of the heart (also called NVC – or CNV in French)
  - In French only
  - Friday December 29th, 9 am to 5pm
  - (and next: January 12th and 16th)
  - Inscription: Hamsini 9487544184

- NADA YOGA Paused: Classes with Hamsini are stopped for a short break and will restart on Tuesday, 2nd January 2018.

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**QUIET**

- Watsu 1 (Transition Flow)
  - Tuesday 2 - Saturday 6 January 2018 (9.00 am - 6.00 pm)
  - Quiet Healing Center (2622329 / 9488084966)
  - In Watsu 1 (Transition Flow) you will connect the basic Watsu movements and positions you have been exposed to with long, gracefully flowing transitions and adapt this work to people of different sizes and shapes. You will also gain insight into your own body mechanics and how to move each person as effortlessly as possible.

- Liquid Flow Essence
  - Monday 8 – Sunday 14 January 2018 (9.00 am – 6.00 pm)
  - Quiet Healing Center (2622329 / 9488084966)
  - This high-level intensive with the main Liquid Flow sequence is for participants, who wish to dive deeper into the beauty of aquatic bodywork. You will expand your knowledge and focus on flow and continuity of movement. In combination with exercises on land, you will experience the profound, multilayered effects of this powerful, yet softening, bodywork.

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**VERITE INTENSIVES**

Please contact Vérité to register for the following intensives:
- 0413 2622045, 2622606, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in
- 24-hour advanced registration required. Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

- **FATE OR CHOICE? (FAMILY) CONSTELLATIONS** - with YUVAL
  - Saturday, 30 December - from 9 am to 4.45 pm
  - In our lives hidden dynamics can unconsciously create our fate. To become aware of them, we can bring back choice by applying (family) constellation techniques.

- **AN INTRODUCTION TO ANTIGYMNASTIQUE MOVEMENTS** - WHEN YOUR BODY EXPLORES NEW TERRITORIES - with Francesca
  - Saturday, 30 December - from 2 to 4:45 pm
  - Antigymnastique is a self-healing body work. The movements are simple, precise and suggested in such a way that nothing is imposed on, but offered to the body, so that it finds the best way to perform. In that way we learn how to use our muscles, how to hold the posture and in which way the body and its memory are carrying patterns throughout our life. The goal is to bring the body into a more natural balanced alignment.

Mind and Body are intertwined and the Antigymnastique method focuses on the entire being.

Francesca is a certified Yoga teacher with Bihar School of yoga and Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram, also a licensed Antigymnastique Practitioner and Ayurvedic massage therapist.

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**OTHER EVENTS**

**Inner-Work-Workshop**

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- 26th December (Tuesday) Focus this week on: 'Self-mastery' Place: Savitri Bhavan - Time: 9 am to 12 Noon
  - For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.
  - Overview with multimedia presentation
  - Questions and Answers
  - Practice in Daily Life
  - Complimentary Concentration Exercises
  - Creative Arts, Interactive Games
  - Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
  - Introduction to the Reference Books
  - 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: 9489147207, 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

**Women Visions**

A two-day journey within the intelligence of Women Circle and sisterhood: 23 & 24 December
- Saturday 10 am - 6 pm, Sunday 9 am - 5 pm with lunch break.
  - Welcome to register with Dariya: 9786658967
  - What Life, what Earth are we longing to be part of? The time around winter Solstice, Christmas & New Year is a wonderful opportunity to sink deep within and plant seeds for the abundant visions of the next cycle.
We are accessing the inherent wisdom within our bodies through movement/dance, nurturing touch, introspection, listening, expression & creating a Vision Board, a visual affirmation of our next cycle...

Creative Movement
A creative movement 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 with movement phrases, 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. Please join us!

 Held at CRIPA, Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30
 Contact Cynthia with questions: cberkshireindia@gmail.com / 9498066479

Awareness Through the Body.
ATB offers a space and a tool to know ourselves better and to increase our capacity to be present... allowing an inner shift ... exploring the observer within. It’s an opportunity to step out of the business of everyday life and go within... becoming aware of the different planes that form our being to allow the possibility for a wider deeper contact...

The schedule for the ATB training workshops with Amir:
all in the ATB hall at Transition school from 9am to 5pm.

ATB2: Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th December (3 days)
Deepening and integrating the basics of ATB, with exercises that open and refine the senses / Exploring emotions and their effects on the physical body / Collective Games & Awareness of conscious control over contraction and relaxation in the body.

B.T.: Sunday the 7th January (1 day)
Exploring the foundation tools of ATB. Introducing how to implement ATB with games and fun activities.

ATB3: Friday 27th to Sunday 29th January (3 days)
Exploring the principle of ATB and their practical application / Group activity / Depending the awareness of conscious control in the body & Partial exploration of the elements.
The workshops were designed by the founder Aloka and Joan, for teachers/educators and for anyone who is interested in inner growth... giving ourself a space to access and open... a fresh witness attitude towards life.

this workshop is open only to those who are acquainted with the ATB way.

Send a mail to join or to update that you are on the participants list and for which one. mail connect@atbwithamir.com.
For more information about the ATB practice... visit the web at awarenesssthroughthebody.wordpress.com

Looking forward to working with you, Amir

Holistic presents: Explore your mind - 3-day hypnotherapy
Fri 22 Dec 16-19 h Theory of the mind, Self-hypnosis
Sat 23 & Sun 24 Dec 9 - 17.30: hypnotherapy
Info Sigrid 962600961 / sigrid@aurolive-holistic.com / www.aurolive-holistic.com

Shakti somatics- 4 session intensive
Our bodies store memories and they serve a function beyond physiology. In these four sessions we will delve into and experience the deeper functions of the feminine body and help release/integrate cellular memories
26th Dec- 10-12 AM- Vagina- Warrior nature, boundaries, yielding
26th Dec 2-4 PM- Ovaries- Deep wisdom, births and death
27th Dec 10-12 AM- Womb- Transformation, connection
27th Dec 2-4 PM Breasts- Mother wound, nurturance, self-love.
Please wear loose comfortable clothes, bring your journal and crayons along.

2 evening shadow work intensive
The denied, repressed parts of ourselves constitute what we call the shadow. In these two evenings we will explore both the hidden and the obvious.
26th Dec 5-7 PM Shadow, introduction, excavation
27th Dec 5-7 PM Golden Shadow

Access Consciousness bars training and practice. Access consciousness bars are 32 points on your head which when gently touched release old stuck energies allowing ease and tremendous change. In this one-day workshop we will learn a few tools of access consciousness and have practicum session of running a 40-minute session of bars on each other twice.

About the facilitator: Dr Sneha Rooh is a palliative physician and body therapist. She has her training from California Institute of trauma studies, Tony Hamilton, CCDC (Theatre of the Oppressed) and Life University (family constellation). Her integrated model involves movement, art and dialogue and is held in a circle practice. She is the founder of Orikalankini- an organisation that is changing the narratives around menstruation.

Registration: Registration is mandatory for all events and should be sent via an email to taiwan@aurolive.org.in with the specific session on the subject line .Please email separately if you would like to participate in more than one of the above sessions.

Dream Craft workshop
Do you have a dream, a goal or a change you wish to make in life? You might want to make your dreams come true, but sometimes the gap between where you are now and where you want to be, just seems too huge to cross.
In this practice, you will discover the blockages that hold you back from pursuing your dreams, and learn ways to release these to turn your dreams into reality.
This is a journey that you will embark on to get what you REALLY want in life. Now at the ending of year, it is an opportunity to let go and learn from the passing year and embrace the new.

Date & time: 29 Dec, 2-6 pm.
Please register and get info about the venue: taiwan@aurolive.org.in

Connection as Life Energy
Introduction to Nonviolent Communication with L’aura Joy, NVC Certified Trainer
Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others?

Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want? Sat, Jan 6 - Sun, Jan 7
9.30am - 5pm, with lunch break
A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply rooted consciousness of oneness, as well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We’ll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to hear others’ true (and harmless) message, which in turn leads to more connection between us. When we’re connected as human beings, we’re in our natural state of wanting to give and collaborate with others.
More info & register (for venue info): contact L’aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016


SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224460 - 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@aurolive.org.in

Auroville Library - Crown Road: opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday. Email: avlib@aurolive.org.in, tel: 0413-2622 894

Auroville Library of Things (ALoT) is currently housed in a shipping container opposite PTDC. This space has been designed to facilitate...
sharing within the community. The current inventory comprises mainly of tools, toys, kitchenware, travelling and hiking gear. Although, eventually, we want to include all kinds of things that can be incorporated into a library system. Please drop in to donate or borrow things at your convenience or reach us at alo@auroville.org.in.

Bike/Car repair & servicing: ★ Painting ★ Modification ★ General service ★ Bike renting. Please contact Sotya: 9443438287
At Abri workstation (old puncture service) Auroville. We accept Auroville PT account.

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: avhchealth@auroville.org.in.

City Transport: Quick “Pick up and Drop” Shuttle Service in Marutii Omni 4-seater people carrier, free of charge for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests for trips within the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele and Repos/quiet chargeable with per passenger fares, from Rs.110/- for 1 person single trip. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 0413-262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50991. Daily 9.30 am-6.00 pm. E-mail: 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 within 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: (0413) 2622265 or 2622007 / email: aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in

EcoService, Kottakara: Palani 9443535172 or Kali 9443090114, ecoService@auroville.org.in

Entry Service, Multimedia Center: CLOSED 23/1 to 2/01. 1st floor, Town hall Complex: We are open to the public. MORNINGS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and AFTERNOON: daily 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: entryservice@auroville.org.in

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

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

Free Store: Mornings: Monday to Saturday 9 to 12.30 pm. Afternoons: Tuesday and Thursday: 2.30 to 4.30pm. Telephone: 0413-2623680 email: freestore@auroville.org.in

Free Store Tailoring Service: Repair work will be received only from 1st to 15th of every month. Timings 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: avagasservice@auroville.org.in

Guest Registration Service: ALL GUESTS in Auroville (including Indian nationals and foreigners as well as friends and family members of Aurovilians) are required by Indian law and Auroville regulations to register within 24 hours of their arrival. In addition, guests are required to register each time they move to a new destination in Auroville. The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates at 3 locations: Visitors Centre - at the far end of the Expo Hall (big white building on the left), opposite Dreamer’s Cafe - All days 9.30-12.30 and 2:00-5:00 / Town Hall - reception area - Monday-Saturday 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-4:30 / Aspiration - Financial Service office left side - Monday-Saturday 9:00-12:30

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

Housing Service, Town Hall: CLOSED 25/12 to 02/01. Public Hours: Monday morning from 11 to 12.30 and afternoon from 2.30 till 4.30 - Tuesday morning from 9.30 to 12.30 - Wednesday closed - Thursday 9.30 to 12.30 - Friday morning 9.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - Friday afternoon 2.30 to 4.30 - Saturday morning 10.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - All regular financial matters can also be taken care of on Friday morning. Phone: (0413) 2622658. Email: housing@auroville.org.in

Integral Health, Prayaatna: classical homeopathy, transpersonal regression therapy, Gestalt therapy, psychometrics for children and adults, trauma remedies, child & women health, hypnototherapy. integralhealth@auroville.org.in; 0413-2623669 - Mon to Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.

LFAU - Fundraising for Auroville’s land: with its two campaigns Auroville for Auroville & Greenacres Aryadeep, Mandakini LB, Sophie, Siriguid, and secretariat Jothi. Welcome: Mornings from 9:30 - 12.30 at Town Hall, 1st floor. LFAU 0413 2622657. lfau@auroville.org.in / www.colaap.org

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

Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily 6am to 8:45am, 11:30am to 12:30pm (2pm on Sunday)4:30pm to 8pm. Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat 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 11am.

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@auroville.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 to 4.30 pm / Talior: (Aurosarjan): Ph 0413-2622527 Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9 am to 12.30 pm / Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday3 pm to 5 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 and 2-4pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment. outreachmedia@auroville.org.in

Puncture service, service area: next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4:30 pm; phone 2627241, cell 9442891235.

Auroville Residents Service timings: open from Monday to Friday morning from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon (by online appointment only): 2:30 to 4:30pm. Telephone: (0413) 2622123 / email: residents@auroville.org.in

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


Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville, Auroville between Auroville residents 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 10 till 12 pm at the Unity Pavilion. For more information: @0413)2622121 or go to Savi website: www.auroville-learning.org

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

Shared Transport Service (STS): Taxi sharing +91 413 2623 200 | +91 413 2623 201 | +91 8270515208 | sharedtransport@auroville.org.in | sharedtransport@auroville.org

TreeCare: Pruning, removing, cabling, bracing and transplanting of trees. Hedge and grass maintenance also available. Call: Jonas: 9159843579 / Anand: 9655477329 or go to: treecareindia.com / email: office@treecareindia.com

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AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 25th of December 2017 at 6:30 pm

HOME - the Earth: our home is a miracle and a beauty

Two million years ago started Life on Earth and a subtle, fragile harmony of Life on Earth developed. All organisms are linked in a “delicate but crucial” natural balance with each other. Mankind has ‘only’ 200,000 years of existence and in the last 50 years mankind brought big changes and destroyed the equilibrium of life. Everything is going faster and faster. The film shows the beauty of the Earth from sky and likes to wake us up and to become more conscious and carefully with our beautiful blue home.

This film about life on Earth and Global warming by Europa Cooperation was created with dedication by 88,000 employes.

Duration: 94min.

Auroville Film Festival

Running Until 23rd

Don’t miss our awards ceremony on Saturday the 23rd at 5pm at the Town Hall Plaza!! There will be a lovely performance during and following.
To join the South Indian dinner from 6.30 pm onwards, be sure to buy your tokens the day before from Aneeta, or sms her on 9445100465.

On the 21st, Thursday there is a Skype discussion with the director following the screening of Tulasi Apa, at 18.30 at MMC/CP. Later on Thursday, both the films Stony Paths (Archive Bldg) and Me - Aadam (MMC/CP) are followed by discussions with makers of the films at 22.30.

For children, there are some good human unity films being screened on Friday the 22nd from 4 pm onwards at MMC/CP. And, of course, all the winning films of the festival will be screened on Saturday the 23rd from 8 pm onwards at all our 3 venues.

Please do come and enjoy some good music, good food and fantastic films.
To see the latest photos from all the festival look at: https://www.flickr.com/photos/128238309@N07/ and http://www.outreachmedia.auroville.org/gallery/aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in

THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, December 29th, 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 :)

Pushing Through the Pavement: A Permaculture Action Story

72 Minutes / English / 2015 / Directed by Zachary Fabian
Watch the inspiring story about the first Permaculture Action Tour, with music producer The Polish Ambassador, that covered over 9,000 miles through 33 cities and 19 states, from San Francisco to New York City, spreading funky beats and permaculture action.

(Reminder: Friday 22/12 - Chasing Ice)

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

You can find the schedule on filmfestival.auroville.org/screening-schedule-map, on Avnet, and with the soft edition of the News and Notes.
We will also leave a printed copy at AVDzines, so that you can photocopy it there. [aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in]
CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 24 December to 31 December 2017

Children’s Film - Sunday 24 December, 4:30pm
• WADJDA
Saudia Arabia-others, 2012, Dir: Haifaa Al-Mansour w/ Waad Mohammed, Reem Abdullah, Ab-dullrahman Al Gohani and others, Adventure, 98mins, Arabic w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
An enterprising girl signs on for her school’s Koran recitation competition as a way to raise the remaining funds she needs in order to buy the green bicycle that has captured her interest.

ROBERTO ROSSELLI FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club
Ciné-Club - Sunday 24 December, 8:00 pm:
• EUROPA 51(EUROPE 51)
Italy, 1952, Dir. Roberto Rossellini w/Ingrid Bergman, Alexander Knox, Ettore Gianni and others, Drama, 113mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: NR
The life of a wealthy American woman living in Rome is thrown into turmoil when her young son commits suicide over her lack of affection for him. The incident propels her to change her ways. As if on a spiritual quest, she begins devoting her life to helping the less fortunate – much to her husband’s chagrin. Ultimately her husband deems her mentally unbalanced and has her commits her to an asylum.

Indian - Monday 25 December, 8:00 pm:
• NEWTON
India, 2017, Writer-Dir Amit Masurkar w/ Rajkumar Rao, Pankaj Tripathi, Anjali Patil, and others, Comedy-Drama, 106mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: UA (PG-13)
In this critically acclaimed award winning black comedy, Newton Kumar is a rookie government clerk who finds himself entrusted with a task of conducting elections in a remote village in the jungles of central India. Unfazed with the cynicism Newton tries his best to conduct free and fair voting despite the apathy of security forces and the looming fear of guerrilla attacks by communist rebels. It’s a film you should not miss!

Italian - Tuesday 26 December, 8:00 pm:
• VELOCE COME IL VENTO (Italian Race)
Italy, 2016, Writer-Dir Matteo Rovere w/ Stefano Accorsi, Matilda de Angelis, Giuseppe Gaiani, Drama-Sport, 118 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G
The De Martino family have been racing cars for generations. Mario, the family head, is forced to make way for his young and exceptionally talented daughter Giulia. She with her 40yrs old brother Loris will have to get back and win, while escaping their demons and learning what it means to be a family.

Interesting - Wednesday 27 December, 8:00 pm:
• LOVING VINCENT
UK-Poland, 2017, Writer-Dir Dorota Kobiela & Hugh Welchman w/Douglas Booth, Jerome Flynn, Robert Gulaczyk, and others, Animation-Biography, 94mins, English(no subtitles), Rated: PG-13
Vincent van Gogh died in 1890 from a self-inflicted gun-shot wound when he was only 37yrs. Vincent had pained a portrait of post master Joseph Roulin. The story is told via Roulin’s son Armand being sent to deliver the final letter from Vincent to his brother Theo. As he comes to van Gogh’s hometown, Armand ends up investigating the artist’s life and final days. Out of >5000 applicants, a total of 125 painters were selected to create the animation. It is unique and outstanding!

French - Thursday 28 December, 8:00 pm:
• NOCES (A WEDDING)
Belgium-France-Pakistan, 2016, Dir. Stephan Stricker w/ Lina El Arabi, Sébastien Houbani, Babak Karimi, and others, Drama, 98 mins, French WITH ENGLISH subtitles, Rated: PG
In this award winning film, Zahira, 18, is close to her family until her parents ask her to follow Pakistani tradition to choose a husband. Torn between family customs and her western lifestyle, the young woman turns for help to her brother and confidant Amir.

MMC together with German Pavilion brings you...
International - Saturday 30 December, 8:00 pm:
• KLASSENFAHRT (School Trip)
Germany, 2002, Dir. Henner Winckler w/Steven Sperling, Sophie Kempe, Maxi Warwel & others, Drama/Romance, 116 min, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
The class of a normal German school travel to a small village in Poland near the sea where no action of any kind can take place. Due to this fact they focus on themselves. Especially one girl, Isa, has to choose between two boys who are fighting against each other. Then a final “test” is made to come to a decision... a test with final results. This screening is possible by the generous sharing by the director Henner Winckler - who will be present for a brief Q&A following the screening.

Holiday - Sunday 31 December
We appreciate your continued support.
Thanking You, MMC/CP Group

Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

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The archives are found at 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).

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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