Sisters and brothers,

I think Auroville as it exists today is the most precious gift that the earth possesses. It has momentous potentialities and responsibilities. All of us who are here have to bear a new kind of torch that is still in the making. I think in the background of Auroville there is, what we may call a strategy. How to bring about a radical change in humanity as a whole and how to make the whole world a happy family? A family in which there is spontaneous sharing and a spontaneous move upwards.

It was in 1912 that Mother wrote for the first time of a place — in order the whole humanity may move upwards — she spoke of a place to be created. In the last chapter of The Life Divine Sri Aurobindo speaks of the arrival or the emergence of a new humanity and he speaks of the method by which a new humanity can be created. And he says that there are two possible ways: one is that human beings in different parts of the world prepare themselves while living in the world and developing very far and then later on combining together to make a nucleus of new humanity. Or else, a method by which people who aspire for truth and truth alone would come out of the old world, built a nucleus in a favourable climate where everything is turned to the truth, and then gradually growth. And he foresaw that it is perhaps this second method which nature will prefer.

But he has laid down there a very important warning: the warning is that people who would come together with an aspiration and who would have the favourable climate; by living together they will increase the force of the truth. But at the same time by living together in a concentrated circle each one will contribute to the incapacity that each one possesses. And therefore the force of incapacities also would be concentrated. Thereafter, he said, that in the past it is this concentration of incapacities which have not been able to meet the concentration of the Truth Force and as a result there is a break down and such groups have therefore not flourished to a very long extent and there has been a failure. Lastly, he said that this failure could be prevented only if the Divine Will has taken a decisive decision to protect it, to develop it, and that Will is maintained. We have seen that the Ashram, as Mother herself pointed out in her statement of the Dream, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram is a modest effort to build up that ideal place, of which she speaks in her Dream, and for such a long period this nucleus has been developing.

At one time Mother said to me, at a very important stage in my own life, that I have three steps of my work. The first step was the Centre of Education (she referred to the Ashram Centre of Education). My second step is Auroville, she told me this in 1971. And my third step is India and the world. This was the time when Sri Aurobindo’s birth centenary was being celebrated all over the country, and some of us in the Ashram were discussing the question of Sri Aurobindo’s solutions to the problems of the country. And a group of members of the Ashram were discussing various problems, studying Sri Aurobindo’s works and then writing down in brief the problem and the solution given by Sri Aurobindo. And I had the privilege of reading out to the Mother the solutions given by Sri Aurobindo and Mother was correcting the statements that we were making in regard to the solutions given by Sri Aurobindo. And then, she wanted afterwards that whatever final document we produced (it was a very short document), she wanted the country to know about this document and that it should be spread all over it. And I was to go around the country at that time.

It is this vision of the Mother that inspired me tremendously. First step was, according to the Mother, a Centre of Education; the second step was Auroville; the third India and the world. The ultimate goal is the whole humanity. How does humanity move upwards and arrive at solutions of the problems? When I try to understand this aspect I have always referred to the last prose writings of Sri Aurobindo. The Supramental Manifestation on the Earth. In these eight chapters which he wrote in 1949, he has put forward a vision. To us it is a vision, but when we read Sri Aurobindo we feel as if whatever he is writing is actually happening. For example he wrote in these chapters a chapter on the divine body. The divine body as an important or a crucial step for the manifestation of the supermind on the earth, and at that time the divine body was already being made ready in his own body.

Cover: “Transformation” - a Mixed Media Painting from the series “The Pink Thread”, by Iono. (see under “Exhibitions”)
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS
6-20 January 2018

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<td>Until March 20th</td>
<td>10:00 - 17:00</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>MATRIMANDIR - A LABOUR OF LOVE (a photographic exhibition by Paulette) Along with photographs of Matrimandir, from majestic to intimate, and its park, on display are archive photographs of the pioneers building the structure, as well as photographs of Aurovilians cleaning the discs taken the last few years.</td>
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<td>Make a donation to Auroville, and choose a work of art from 70 artists. <strong>Exhibition open to all, Monday to Saturday 9am to 12:30 and 2 to 5:30pm</strong> Also weekly concerts and performances (see N&amp;N).</td>
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<td>Jan 11th - 13th</td>
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<td>Mohanam village campus (opposite Imagination community)</td>
<td>As part of the Pongal festival, learn to make Mandalas with the neighbouring villages. Open to all, daily from the 11th to 13th Jan.</td>
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<td><strong>Musical Performance:</strong> Nuria and the Jazz Quartet</td>
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<td>A concert of Jazz Standards with Nuria on vocals, Matt on piano, Shanks on guitar, Holger on bass and Shrennath on drums. Open to all.</td>
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<td>African Pavilion</td>
<td>Celebrate Tamil harvest festival and give thanks to the Sun God in Auroville! All are welcome to join in the fun!</td>
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**More details at:** [www.outreachmedia.auroville.org](http://www.outreachmedia.auroville.org)

All new events related to the 50th celebrations can be sent to 50thgeneral@auroville.org.in in order to be included in the 50th calendar of events: [http://www.outreachmedia.auroville.org/events/month/](http://www.outreachmedia.auroville.org/events/month/)

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**REMINDER TO ALL GUESTS from The Guest Facilities Coordination Group**

- **Guest Registration Service**
  
  **ALL GUESTS in Auroville (including Indian nationals and foreigners as well as friends and family members of Aurovilians) are required by Indian law and Auroville regulations to register within 24 hours of their arrival.**

  In addition, guests are required to register each time they move to a new destination in Auroville.

  The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates at 3 locations:
  - **Visitors Centre** - at the far end of the Expo Hall (big white building on the left), opposite Dreamer's Cafe - All days 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-5:00
  - **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

**Auroville Emergency Contact Numbers**

- **Save them in your phone now!**
  - Auroville Safety and Security Team: 9443090107 (Email: avsecurity@auroville.org.in)
  - Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
  - Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246, reachable 24/7

**News&Notes 6th January 2018 [731]**
Land Board Report for December 2017
- Land Board has successfully managed to obtain the following land parcels through purchase:
  - 0.21 acres of land in IR 295/2 in the International zone funded by A4A
  - 0.57 acres of land in IR 218/2A2 and IR 218/5A close to Solar kitchen funded by A4A
The amount of lands acquired in the City area and Green Belt by the Land Board from December 2014 to December 2017 through purchase/exchange:
- Purchase/Exchange - 46.41 acres
- Gift - 2.82 acres
Total - 49.23 acres
- We have initiated the process of completing and updating the land records at Sub Registrar Office Vanur and more than 130 cases of patta transfers have been completed so far.
- There has been continuous representation at Villupuram for various Anti Land Grab cases and cases like Barakka has come to a closure.
- ₹78,697/- has been generated through timber and firewood in December. This amount is credited to the Unity Fund. Units and activities interested in buying firewood or timber please call 0413 262 2657 and fix an appointment.

Line of Goodwill General Meeting Report
(Please note: The Residents’ Assembly Service is communicating the content received)
The Line of Goodwill Team shares outcome of General Meeting held on 22nd December 2017:
“Over 100 persons were present.
The team of Line of Goodwill was introduced by: Aurelio, Helena, Helmut, Jaya, Judith, Lalit, Torkil, Ulrike, Uma.
The history and relevance - by Judith:
The Force is pushing us forward. It need to be coherent from end to end. Three parties came together: a group working towards Integral Economy, Habitat and Matrimandir and this kind of project requires all our Goodwill as a translation of the Charter in practical and concrete way. A collaboration is needed with India and the World and incorporate realizations in all fields technical, environment, ecological, economic, social and spiritual. It will be extraordinary and exemplary.
We are calling you to join in a big new adventure.
Work done so far - by Jaya:
Team of seventeen architects from India and Spain, led by Anupama did the urban design study • the outcome is a model, brochures and a lot of research material. There is a lot of work yet to be done. We have applied for site permission 3 weeks ago, we need to start raising funds and follow up with the further research in depts. Up till now we have shared the progress with the community on different levels: there was a meeting in Citadine, two CATs, meetings for the working groups and a presentation to L’Avenir.
We would like to lay the foundation stone for the first phase, the western end, for the Auroville’s 50th birthday.
Matrimandir’s needs and vision - by Judith:
Current model is not an architectural design; it is only a concept. Important part of the plan is to integrate the mobility in the residential area to meet the requirements of Matrimandir to have a reception area, a transport link and viewing points.
Habitat’s vision and plan - by Louis:
It is the biggest Line of Force that is planned and it is planned to host all together 8000 people. The first phase between Matrimandir and Crown Road 2500 people will live there - to be built in phases of 500 per year. We are experimenting in Citadine and Sunship to handle the challenges. This will be a town in the town - there will be all infrastructure needed for common life and the lower floors will be community spaces and only upper floors will be residential.
Gateway: a new way to welcome visitors - by Torkil:
Auroville should be a self-supporting economy at least for the running expenses. The future of Auroville economy lies in our strength as a melting pot of cultures and ideas and our interest in research. India’s development is going very fast and we have to keep up with it and we have the capacity to do it. But we have to shift from cottage industry to knowledge economy. We have to shift from simple products to products that incorporate design and knowledge also towards consultancy, training and education. The first need of the Gateway is to provide a space for these activities, that are presently drifting away and lacking space. The existing visitor centre has done a great work but has reached its full capacity and become overcrowded and cannot provide the visitors the experience that is needed. We have mixed feelings towards the visitors that are 700,000 now and will be soon over one million, but Auroville and Matrimandir is a public space, we cannot deny people we have an obligation to receive visitors and we have to do it in a respectful and decent manner. We have to give the visitors the idea and feeling what Auroville is about. We have to cater to the visitors’ different needs and screen and filter them intelligently. Gateway will be the place that will take care of that and will show the visitor all facets of Auroville its vision, its ideals, its history, its ideas / knowledge and products, its education / consultancy, health & healing... shops and restaurants and a meditative roof garden on top. All woven together with art and beauty. It should give an all-round experience and minimize the need of visitor to enter into Auroville’s inner spaces. It will generate the economy we need for growth of Auroville. It is time that money generating part of Auroville is becoming also part of integral yoga, without this change we will not grow and develop.
We all have the same dream but we are different parts of it - the Gateway is an invitation to all to come forward to share their dream.
Details from the urban design study and outlined scope of work - by Lalit:
Lalit presented work done by Anupama.
- The geographical location;
- Population study;
- From low to high;
- Data and analysis of urban design study Ratan Bataloi.
Huge homework needs to be done, mobility is the crucial challenge.
This project is a catalyst to address many issues that are present and it is imperative for Auroville’s development. Matrimandir energy is churning and pushing us to develop into a new direction. It is not a building - it is a planning exercise of a new nature to join our capacity to build our capacity. We have to figure out a model of collaboration. There is a possibility to align our forces.
Community interaction:
15 Aurovilians expressed views and concerns summarized as follow:
1. General gaps in Auroville present reality:
   - Scarcity of funds;
   - Not enough people;
   - Mobility issues;
   - Lack of trust / cooperation;
   - Incohesive economy;
   - Uncontrolled cancerous growth from outside;
   - Wish to live in a private homes surrounded by garden.
2. Concerns about the Line of Goodwill project in particular:
   - Its dimensions;
   - Its geographical location;
   - The need of visitors to connect with nature of Auroville;
   - Its orientation towards catering visitors becoming another commercial;
   - Enterprise like present Visitor Center;
Holidays List - 2018

Dear Friends, from the following list of paid holidays, you could choose a minimum of 10 DAYS in a year to suit your workers/Unit/Community. But please note that the National Holidays* are mandatory and see that they are included in the choice. Apart from these 10 days holidays we are recommending to give yearly 6 days leave (with pay) to the workers as casual leave for social and health reasons.

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For Annual wage increment for our workers SEWA suggests that up to the wages of Rs.250/= per day 10% increment and above Rs.251/= per day 8% increment, after Rs.400/= per day 5% increment.

We recommend that workers be insured against accidents. SEWA provides assistance in getting accident insurance for your workers.

Above are only our suggestions according to the prevailing conditions & norms. We are open to your suggestions & feedback.

For further details or enquiries please visit our office in Ilaignarkal School Campus, Saaram Community.

Phone: 262 2709. Email: sewa@auroville.org.in

Office Hour: Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm - Saturday closed

Wishing you all a “Happy and Prosperous New Year”

Klara, Meenakshi, Nolly, Saravanan and The SEWA Team

From The Entry Service - N&N # 731

Dated: 06-01-2018

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

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
Julie MOSMULLER (Dutch) Staying in Petite Ferme and Working at Quiet.
Nikethana VENKATESAN (Indian) Staying in Pitchandikulam and Working at Eco Femme.

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:
Thamizhveli SOMASUNDARAM (Indian)

AUROVILIANs ANNOUNCED:
Tamilanthi SELVARAJ (Indian) Staying in Suryanivas and Working at Deepam.
Chetna PUNIA (Indian) Staying in Verite and Working at Verite.

AUROVILIANs CONFIRMED:
Chelsea JANI (Australian)
Emiko KINOSHITA (Japanese)
Kannan KRISHNAN (Indian)
Suganya NATARAJAN (Indian)

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:
Patricia PRAALDER (Dutch)
Marcello SPINELLO (Italian)

ASSOCIATE OF AUROVILLE:
Srinivasan (YATRA) ELUMALAI (Indian)

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

This is the last step of the Newcomer process where the status of Newcomer Resident is switched to Aurovilian Resident.

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30AM-12:30PM
Monday to Friday (by appointment only) 02:30PM-04:30PM
Yours, The Entry Service

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your RAS team!

The RAS team is wishing all of you a very happy New Year:
‘May the Year 2018 bring to all of us the Joy and Love for each other without distinction. May the Centre of Auroville be in our hearts and give us the discernment that we need to walk through this coming year!’

See the Happy New Year Video: https://goo.gl/2EVL9T

Thank you for your full support.
Your RAS team (Isha, Jesse, Slava and Tatiana)
**Sangamam Celebration - Fill the forms!**

Fill your form for Sangamam gathering 4th February 2018 (Part of Auroville’s 50th Anniversary Celebrations)

Dear Friends, as a part of Auroville’s 50th Anniversary, a large Sangamam gathering in Auroville is going to be held on 4th February 2018 in Auroville. The word ‘Sangamam’ in Tamil means “confluence, convergence, union”. The event is planned and executed by Aurosangamam in collaboration with Bharat Nivas and Auroville’s 50th Anniversary team.

If Auroville could be called ‘the city the earth needs’, it is not an exaggeration to say that the bioregion is what Auroville needs for its growth and development. After almost 50 years of its existence, the bioregion’s participation is everywhere. It is estimated that more than five thousand people from the bioregion have been involved in Auroville’s progress.

We are hoping the Sangamam Gathering will be a moment to celebrate together, so we invite all Auroville Residents and all Unit/Service/Home Staff from the neighboring areas, to make this a whole Auroville Community Event.

Preparation for this event has started in November 2017. We now need to get data on the number of people working in individual houses, service units and commercial units in order to plan the event. For this we need you all to fill the Sangamam data forms as soon as possible.

The Sangamam data forms can be collected from Solar Kitchen, Town Hall reception, Pour Touz guest registration.

The form is also available on Auronet for download at this [link](http://www.auroville.org.in) and a paper copy will be inserted in this News&Notes.

This data forms need to be delivered to us on or before 13th January 2018 in boxes placed in one of the following places: Solar Kitchen, Town Hall reception, Financial Service (Aspiration).

You can also contact us at [aurosovangamam@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurosovangamam@auroville.org.in) to get the form or to send your completed form via email.

Thank you. At Her Service, Aurosangamam Team

**New Site and Building Applications 6/1/2018**

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 20th Jan 2018.

**BUILDING APPLICATIONS**

1. **City Center:** House Extension of the existing building - Balu R. at MM Nursery community. Built-up area: 61 sq.m.
2. **Green Belt:** Guard Shed for AV Safety & Security Team at Certitude Corner. Built-up area: 9 sq.m.
3. **International Zone:** Guard Shed for AV Safety & Security Team at Visitors Center Entrance. Built-up area: 9 sq.m.

NIOC issued in the last week:

1. Sudhir, Udavi School, Tinkering Workshop.
2. Kindergarten, Center Field, Parking
3. Suresh, Kalabhum, House
4. SAIER, Cultural Zone, Staff Quarters - Prosperity Phase 2
5. FoodLink, Service Area, Eatery/Café

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 after 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](mailto: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.

**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 LPG, and common facilities such as: cafeteria, laundry, workshop for maintenance of the flats, garage, generator.

Citadines is a collective housing experience, managed by a group who help maintain its quality, atmosphere and assure a harmonious mix of people. Contact [louis@auroville.org.in](mailto:louis@auroville.org.in) for visit and more information

2. Windarra Farm - TerraSoul - Sandhya’s House: Plinth Area: 204.53 Sq.m. Dwellers and 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.)


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

**Housing Projects under construction:**

1. **Kalpana:** The construction work is going on well. We are completing the first scope which is the structure, bricks, plastering and tiles on the roof and terraces. We will soon 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 by 30th June 2018. Contact Person: satyakam@auroville.org.in

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

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Information about exit visa:**

Recently the RRO has informed us that as they are updating their software and on line system, the visa extensions for 5 years can be granted only when the original visa is for five years. Therefore some Aurovilians have been requested to go abroad to apply for a new 5 years visa. We are following up the matter at different levels in collaboration with the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation. We hope that this situation can be resolved, and we will update you on the progress.

Until new information arises it is important that people who do not hold an original 5-years visa stamp in the passport contact the Resident Service at least six months before the expiry date, because they may eventually face a similar problem. This may apply to old-timers who have converted an original one year visa issued before 2005 into a five years residential permit or people who recently entered India with a visa of 2 to 4 years. Everyone who holds an original 5 years visa in the passport is not concerned by this communication. The Working Committee

**New Study Group on the Poem of Sri Aurobindo: Ilion**

- This poem of nearly 5,000 verses is almost unknown since Sri Aurobindo never gave the keys necessary for its comprehension. It is however of a great interest for the practitioners of yoga since it deals with the transition from the most advanced experiences and realisations of the old yoga - which must be abandoned with the fall of Troy - to the basis of the new yoga which do not separate matter from spirit.

Ilion is the ancient name of the city of Troy. The symbolic frame of the poem Ilion is the last days of the Trojan War, which was the subject of the Iliad written by the Greek Poet Homer during the 8th century B.C.

As I have been working on the interpretation of Greek mythology for more than twenty years and thus rediscovered its coding keys, I will provide all the symbolic elements linked to Greek mythology which Sri Aurobindo was aware of and understood.
perfectly. The work of the group shall be to come as close as possible to the true corresponding spiritual experience that Sri Aurobindo meant to transcribe in each verse of the poem. This study will also offer the opportunity to go through the main myths of Greek mythology which form the basis of the occidental civilisation and has its roots in Egyptian and Vedic knowledge. It shall therefore offer the opportunity to create a bridge between the occidental and the oriental tradition. A summary of the meaning of Greek myths is also available on the website greekmyths-interpretation.com.

This study is anticipated to last approximately two years and therefore requires some assiduity from its participants since the mythological elements shall not be repeated. The study group shall meet once a week, most probably on Saturday mornings and will start in February. Supporting preparatory documents for each session will be provided both in French and English, but the sessions will be held mainly in English. The result of the study will be published both in English and in French.

I will send by email to all those interested a document of 50 pages which explains the meaning of the Trojan War and indicates for the first fifty verses the way the study is to be conducted. Please contact me at: claudedewarren@gmail.com

A short meeting will be held on Saturday January 20th to present this study and answer questions, in Savitri Bhavan, House of Mother’s Agenda, at 10 am.

If after reading the document, you are interested in participating, please confirm your interest before the end of January. Claude W

Drills and Tools available at ALoT

We, at ALoT, have acquired brand new Bosch Professional Impact Drills and Toolkits:
1. Bosch GSB 10 RE Impact Drill
2. Bosch GSB 450 RE Drill with Kit
3. Bosch Assorted Tool Kit Sets

Feel free to borrow and use these tools whenever you need them!

You can visit us at the ALoT container, opposite Solar Kitchen from 9 AM to 12 PM and 1 PM to 4 PM on all days except Sunday.

Performers & Artists Wanted for the 2018 Youth Centre Fair: “What The Fair!”

Dear Friend, the upcoming 2018 Youth Centre Fair needs you! Aurovilians, guests, anybody!

Short Performances Wanted

Saturday Jan 13 - 1 pm - Late, at The Youth Centre

We’re looking for short (around five minutes) performances to present on stage throughout the day and the night: songs, poems, gymnastic routines, chainsaw-juggling, you name it! Just keep it punchy and fun. We’ll have microphones, lights, sound system, everything you need to make you look and sound great!

Register Your Performance Now! Places are limited Call 948 6623 749 to register your act now!

Places are limited. See you there!

THANK YOU

Christmas celebration at Unity Pavilion

Christmas celebration at Unity Pavilion on 25th December was a community event in every sense of the term. Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests from all countries participated with abundant enthusiasm and the atmosphere was truly festive. We thank all those who had participated to make it a memorable event for one and all.

We wish to thank all the volunteers who helped with decorating the hall (on the morning of 25th and earlier), food preparation and other arrangements. Carla, Paula and their team deserve a special word of thanks for holding the carol singing.

All in-kind contributions from Naturelement, Tanto, AV Bakery, La Ferme, Pierre (Buddha Garden), Foodlink, Hers and AVDzines are gratefully acknowledged. These generous contributions

make for a festive abundance for all. We also thank all those who brought cakes and cookies to share.

The extended team of Unity Pavilion, which includes family members of the team members and employees and also long-term volunteers, was in full attendance to see to it that everything went well. Thank you all.

With warm wishes for a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year The Unity Pavilion Team

THOUSANDS OF SOILS. ONE EARTH.
BRING US YOURS!
FROM YOUR CORNER OF THE WORLD

On the occasion of Auroville’s 50th anniversary in FEBRUARY 2018
Auroville Earth Institute and Unity Pavilion will celebrate this special event with the construction of a RAMMED EARTH WALL composed of SOILS coming from all over the WORLD. Can you contribute?

A reminder that the Earth Institute and Unity Pavilion are still collecting soil samples for the commemorative rammed earth wall for the 50th Anniversary. See details on the online poster here at the Earth Institute website, or contact communication@earth-auroville.com / 0413-262-3330

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Job offer from Blue Light

Blue Light is the Auroville Open Source Software Research Centre based in Town Hall. The project is building up Linux based networks in Auroville’s offices. The project is looking for Linux-savvy people - however sincerity, team-thinking and good communication skills are indispensable qualities to join the team. A maintenance is available. We require a clear commitment to regular working hours. Blue Light expects to be, in so many aspects, a challenging learning experience and lots of fun. This is a great opportunity to serve the community in a fast-transforming technical environment. If you are interested or know somebody who may be, please contact us at: BlueLight@auroville.org.in The Blue Light Team

Dear listeners/viewers!

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Towards a dynamic and green 2018

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Out of the regular programs are here the news of Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Monday.

Within musical podcasts you can listen to Sweet Light, Zouk En Avant, Touched a Dream, and Voices on Peace, Love, Light. Your AV Radio TV Team [www.aurovilleradio.org]

NOTES

◆ The City of Friends

“Under the blue sky there is the gold city. A garden is in it with grass, flowers and with very beautiful animals” (A Russian song).

I’m sure that this song is about Auroville. So many nice animals are present in the city! Once as I was riding through the cycling path between the Solar Kitchen and Pitanga and I came across a big cobra on the path, it was beautiful but dangerous. I spoke to it and soon after my way was free again. Dr. Veena in Aurelec told me: in the past she had six dogs. One day she saw that they were sitting in a semi-circle and were all looking towards one point - a cobra was there. Veena phoned Djaima community and an old Aurovilian arrived. He charmed the snake and the serpent left Veena’s place.

In the middle of December, I saw a cobra and I felt it was not really a reptilian but rather “rumba kashtam” (according to a Tamil expression) - a great problem. Who could help me? I turned to two of my friends who work in Aurelec: One is Italian “Nicola” and one is Russian “Tatyana” and they helped me; I also understood that many Aurovilians have the same problems and go to Nicola and Tatyana for help. Of course the friends in Aurelec (“Linea”) help them with kind smiles. Those are the golden chains linking Aurovilians throughout the city. Auroville is a place of brotherhood.

Sometimes I compare Auroville to other cities - for example Delhi. On the one hand the severe pollution in Delhi and on the other the green environment in Auroville - those are the different conditions for life and friendship between people.

Boris

◆ Twelve Petals’ Prayer for the 50th of Auroville

Mother, widen in me Sincerity
Mother, arouse in me Humility
Mother, make spring out in me Gratitude
Mother, strengthen in me Perseverance
Mother, light in me Aspiration
Mother, open in me Receptivity
Mother, kindle in me the thirst for Progress
Mother, raise in me Courage
Mother, move in me Goodness
Mother, awaken in me Generosity
Mother, broaden in me Equality
Mother, deepen in me Peace

Christian F.

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. ailot@auroville.org.in

Bicycle: One white Btwin Mybike, good condition, used only for 3 months. Call Nikhil at: 9488239687.

Wooden furniture: Hi, if you need 4 wooden chairs, 1 wooden stool, a low wooden chair with braided straw on the sitting part... or all together (in perfect conditions) call Luca on: 9443855653 or 2631723.

Wildcraft backpack: Black, with red details, 40L, in very good condition “I bought it last year, price negotiable, contact e-mail: theficklefish@gmail.com”. Love, Sam (Long-Term Volunteer)

Ladies Hairdresser: Hi my name is Ladina. I offer haircutting, hairstyling, highlights at my home salon Monday through Saturday. Home visits are also available. For appointments please contact: 9787337463. Happy New Year.

Hair cutting: Hey everyone, Happy New Year! As a new year is starting, I thought I would let you and all your friends know that I am back at work offering the services of hair cutting, Eyelash/ Eyebrow tinting, and some hair dying and high lighting (dye is not provided by me at this moment though). Customers are asked to bring it). So if you need to reshape your style because it’s getting a little too long, or your hair is starting to feel a little too dry and you need a health cut to get rid of those split end, or maybe you are just ready to make a change, a nice new look to go along with this new year, call/text or WhatsApp me at +91 9489664626 (I will be reachable

Green Matters


Within the regular programs:

Gangalakshmi reads her Selections of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother texts in French - uncut version on request of listeners! Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo. Loretta is reading Plans For Creating Auroville, and Savitri B.I.V. C.I.H.

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Closer to home, we invited to the National Seed Diversity Festival in Chennai, reviewed the seminal book ‘Fending our Land’, reported on the impact of last year’s severe drought on our Auroville farms, shared tips on treating mildew and molds naturally during high humidity, and Island offered professional advice and guidance on how to care for trees correctly.

2018 will no doubt bring innumerable subjects to share, and we call on you, our community, to actively contribute. While the Green Columns in N&N are limited to 500 words, articles published on Auronet can be more in-depth and interactive.

With best wishes for a luminous and green new year,
Auroville Green Center: Lisbeth, Jasmin, Isabelle, Island and Appie (newly joined! helping with logistics of the Sunday walks) Write to us at: avgeencenter@auroville.org.in
afternoons and evenings) and I’ll be happy to give you an appointment. I am looking forward to hearing from you. Have a nice day and see you soon, MiMi

LOOKING FOR...

My Macbook Pro 15” 2011 needs a new logic board; Has anyone one that they don’t need? I am happy to pay for it. Nandita, 9488483286 / nandita@sharan-india.org

Baby bicycle seat: Hi, I am looking for a baby seat to fit on a bicycle. If anyone has one that I could borrow (or buy) for the three weeks my son & I will be in Auroville in March that would be awesome. Thanks - Adriane: adriane.feldmann@gmail.com

2017 calendars: Transition school is looking for old (2017) calendars to use for their noticeboards and projects. if you have any to donate kindly inform Asha in the office tel (913)-2623292. Thank you! (lisbeth)

Tsampa: Dear brothers from Nepal, or anyone going there. You could kindly bring me a 2kg bag of Tsampa, that would help me very much in my diet! I still have to regain 6kg and this is so nourishing. there are also still some Nepali-rupees leftover which I want to give. Hoping to hear from you. my landline is now definitely cut. Contact Schima: schima-dorti@auroville.org.in, or cell 763-9540-624

A psychologist: I conduct relationship workshops at Joy community guesthouse every week. If you have counseling experience, I would like to involve you with some of the participants when deeper emotional wounds are emerging. Contact Sirish: sirishnew@gmail.com

LOST & FOUND

Black pull-over. (Lost): (Brice) -most likely in the Green-belt - Contact Gerard at: 9159373718

ACCOMMODATIONS

Needed: 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, 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. cberkshireindia@gmail.com or 9498066479 - Thank you! Cynthia

Available: Small cottage for long term guests. Single or couple. In a very quiet place - Contact Ambre: Ambre@aurouville.org.in or 9489325088

TAXI SHARING

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

January 5th: Taxi share both ways on 5th of January, arrival 3.15 pm at Chennai airport. Please email: sandhispispers@gmail.com

January 9th: Friend arrives at Chennai airport from Paris on Tuesday 9th January at 00:30 am. An empty taxi will leave Auroville around 9:30 pm on Monday 8th. To share the taxi both ways please, contact Silvana. Cell: 9047654157 or silvanaagrippe@gmail.com

January 10th or 11th: Taxi Share to Chennai City on the 10/1/17 (morning) OR on the 11/1/17 to Chennai Airport (Arrival Time@Airport at 10am) Contact: Lotto +919946654342.

January 11th: Hello, I’m looking for a taxi sharing to go from Chennai Airport to Auroville. My plane will land at 21:45 on January 11th. E-mail me at: perineualexia@gmail.com. Thanks! Alexia

January 11th: I will arrive at Chennai airport at 00:15 on Thursday January 11. For sharing please contact Patrick le Borgne <chank5@hotmail.com>

January 11th/12th: Looking to share a taxi leaving Auroville around midnight in the night of January 11th to January 12th, to reach the Chennai airport by 3:00am on January 12th. Sharing possible either way, one person going, coming back empty. Contact Pollina +9196320692969 (whatsapp ok)

January 15th: from Chennai Airport to Auroville (Arrival Time@Airport @10:25am). Contact: Lotto +919946654342.

INVITATIONS

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri
read by Mother to Sunil’s music
Every THURSDAY - 5.30 to 6.00 pm [weather permitting]
Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!
Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work, and is to be used only as such. We request everyone, please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.
Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 pm. Please be seated by 5.25 pm.
Thank you, Amphitheatre Team

Come sing & dance our first “Aurospirituals” at Africa House!

Now that, thanks to Sri Aurobindo and Mother’s evolutive work, the body too is becoming able to participate consciously in the evolutive transformation of our whole being, it is time for our bodies to start singing and dancing for the Divine even on those joyful, relaxed African or Creole rhythms that so many of us everywhere on Earth enjoy so much! The Spirituality of Evolution includes the joy of the body celebrating the Divine and its own secret divinity, that it is progressively discovering. Our spiritual inspiration in Auroville is spontaneously expressing itself already more and more through what could rightly be called our first ‘Aurospirituals’ (in English and French to begin with, African languages hopefully soon too), some of them with lyrics straight from texts by Sri Aurobindo or Mother.

Interested?
Come to Africa House
(opposite the entrance to Bharat Nivas)
on Sunday afternoons, from 4 to 5 pm.
Accompanying instruments are most welcome too!
(From Bhago, LOE-CHU Research)

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

Our Auroville Experience...

We will meet on Friday, January 05, 2018, at 4 pm at the Resource Library, to continue our reading / study of “Savitri". Till then... Love, Aster

SHCHEDRIJ VECHIR
(Evening of Abundance)

6th of January 2018 at 6 pm
At Unity Pavilion

Under the umbrella of Desh-Videsh Sanskriti, Unity Pavilion is hosting the second cultural event in association with Ukrainian Pavilion.

The program for the evening includes:
• A short presentation on Ukraine’s history and culture
• Small concert of Ukrainian folk songs
• Delicious Ukrainian dinner (on cost-sharing basis): borsch, varenky and many more delicacies
• Bonfire and Flower hair crown making
• Ukrainian pop music and dance

The day coincides with Ukrainian Orthodox Christmas. Don’t miss it!

Thanks, Adriane

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The celebration will continue with typical Pongal songs, dishes, jaggery, cinnamon and cashew nuts. Harvested rice will be cooked into a typical pot that will be covered for some time. Representatives of the women federation will pour their freshly cooked rice. The traditional wood fire in the traditional way with special wood and there will be the amazing cultural and artistic performances from local and visiting artists to dazzle, thrill and enchant you.

This spectacular event will bring together friends, family and guests in a fun day and night of music, performances, theatre, games, market stalls and much more!

Featuring Miraculous Productions Latest Play
Featuring Miraculous Productions’ Johnny & Jesse latest insane, risqué, unnecessarily-provocative theatre performance, starring the upcoming new young stars of the community.

The Epic Collective Eclectic Cabaret
the festival will also include an eclectic, epic, cabaret of short performances from local and visiting artists to dazzle thrill and entertain you!

Performers Wanted!
If you’d like to perform at What The Fair, we want YOU!
We’re looking for short (around five minutes), fun, punchy songs, poems, acrobatics, mime, interpretational dance, whatever!
To register your performance, call 948 6623 749 now!

Pongal Celebration
At Auroville Village Action Group - Irumbai
9th of January 2018
From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Come and celebrate with us!

Pongal is a harvest festival, a traditional occasion for giving thanks to nature, for celebrating the life cycles that give us grain. It is the beginning of Uttarayan - the beginning of the Sun’s long journey northwards. With this celebration, God shall give peace, happiness, prosperity, brightness and harmony in life.

Representatives of the women federation will pour their freshly harvested rice into a typical pot that will be cooked with jaggery, cinnamon and cashew nuts. The celebration will continue with typical Pongal songs, dances and games. Everyone is most welcome!

For more information please contact Auroville Village Action Group at: avag@auroville.org.in

Towards the 50th Anniversary of Auroville, The city of dawn
National Youth Day Celebration
12th January 2018 - 09 am to 05 pm
At the Palmyra Sports Ground
Reviving Traditional Games and Sports to inspire youth of Auroville and around Villages of Villupuram District
Auroville youth community are invited to explore learn and participate in traditional sports and Games of Tamilnadu. Organized by Mohanam and Palmyra

Towards the 50th Anniversary of Auroville, The city of dawn
All are our Habitats - All are our Kith & Kin

Pongal – Thanks giving agrarian festival
In collaboration with Auroville Tamil Nadu and Africa
Let us enjoy the music & dance, the flavour and colours of PONGAL Season.
Join us on the premises of AFRICAN PAVILION, Auroville on Saturday 13th January 2018 - 10:00 am to 03:00 pm
Greetings from
Mohanam Cultural Centre
Ilaignarkal Education Centre
African Pavilion Friends
(There will be an educational exhibition on Africa-Tamil relations)
plough the land. The cows and oxen are bathed, decorated with garlands and worshipped. It is time to thank family and friends who have helped in the farming season and the harvest.

All are welcome to participate and enjoy!

- Recommended Dress code - all day long: saree/long skirt and lungi/dhoti. (If you’d like to know where to buy these in Pondy, just ask us in advance.) Bring it along with you and we’ll teach you how to wear them!
- In order to prepare the right amount of food, we need to know how many people will come. We request a contribution of Rs. 100 for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Long-Term Volunteers and Rs. 200 for guests. Confirm before 7th JAN: info@aurowillclanguagelab.org / grace@aurowville.org.in; 0413-2623661 ; 6380-042388.

Experience Rural Tamil Nadu
Saturday 20th of January 2018

Let yourself be immersed in the deep-rooted culture of a typical Tamil village, experience the lifestyle and the warm hospitality.

Many of our villages are treasure troves of ancient wisdom, landscape and tradition. Auroville Village Action Group would like to invite you to a half day trip to Kachuparampakkam. During our visit we will be hosted by members of the women federation, we will visit the Lotus pond, stroll through the village, stop by the impressive bats tree and if we have time visit the beautiful Puthupet Forest.

After the visit we will have lunch at Auroville Village Action, followed by a short presentation on our work in the bioregion.

The bus will leave from Visitor Centre at 9:00 am and return around 2:30 pm.
For reservation and more information please contact Auroville Village Action Group at: avagoffice@aurowville.org.in
Note: There will be an individual contribution of Rs 750 which will include the transport and the lunch based on a minimum participation of 20 people.

EXHIBITIONS

Japanese Woodblock Prints
Exhibition of original Japanese Woodblock Prints

aurelec Cofeteria & Art gallery
Open from 8 am to 5 pm - until 31-01-2018

Art Exhibition by Auroville Artists
Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas
January 10 - 20, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Inauguration on January 10 at 4:30 PM

The Pink Thread - A review
“The Pink Thread” by Aurovillian Claire, alias Iono, is an exhibit that can be seen in Pitanga until the 13th of January. It aspires to be as crystalline as the name of its creator... Claire. Not only does the title evoke a link, it is also one of the most touching storytelling ever painted for one simple reason: through the inner journey of the artist, we see a reflection of the story of Auroville in its ultimate form.

What makes this story great? It is its inspiration. And for whoever is caught in desert land and had to learn to disbelieve, the ending will give them the faith that all is still possible. Because she had the grace to be trained in the south of France with what could be called a “Zen Bauhaus master”, Claire got used to working with only the finest of materials. Her art has a lot of Japanese influence in its form and style, combined with rigor, details and minimalism.

As the title suggests, most of the colors of the 12 paintings revolve around the tones of pink, orange, and red. Only the last two ones and a couple more are in the blues or greens. They are all set on Plexiglas bin squares of one or two, sometimes three per sheet.

All the squares have a title, some in French “les Ames errantes, Ici, Le portail”, some in English “Deep Wheezing, the Thread” … and unfold like the chapters of a book. One of them, called “Là-bas”, is the most striking one with its delicate and warm mixture of pink and orange. It shows happy shores unfolding themselves, dazzling in the flames of an unchanging sun, like in the famous poem “Parfum exotique” by Beaudelaire.

The end of the tale is a square of a diffused pastel blue color. It represents what could be the world and an embryo and its title has one of the most beautiful sentences that has ever been put into words and will resonate for the seeker as the ultimate truth. “Un monde nouveau c’est possible, parce ce que ça n’a jamais été” Mère. - “A new world is possible because it has never yet existed” The Mother.

Almost like in a narrative, we see the artist’s inner journey unfolding, and somehow it is more than that: it is actually the personal odyssey we are all longing for.

Everything in this “Pink Threads” painted storytelling has the texture of limpidity: the choice of delicate paper, the pastel colors, the purity of the inner journey, the beginner Zen mind influence and the sensitivity of the protagonist. It will win over your mind and heart, not only because it has the power to inspire, motivate and involve through its sincerity, but also because it is the dream of Auroville… your dream… completely transparent and unclouded.

Chana Corinne Devor for AVartservice

TALKS

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

It 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 10th January 2018, 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 / insight@aurowville.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

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CULTURAL EVENTS

Bharat Nivas
Pavilion of India, Auroville

presents

Indian Choral Music

Songs in Tamil, Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, Telugu, Sanskrit on the theme of Human Unity composed by Late Sri. MB Srinivasan and performed by

MADRAS YOUTH CHOIR

5.45 pm * Sunday * January 7, 2018
SAWCHU, Bharat Nivas

All are welcome!
Email: bharatnivas@auroville.org.in
REFRESHING VARIETY OF HARD BOP FUSION JAZZ
FRIDAY 5th JANUARY at 8 pm
CRIPA, Kalabhumi
Eddie - Trumpet
Suresh - Drums
Dhani - Bass
Yurri - Keys

GITANJALI
Saturday, 6th January 2018. At 7:30 pm at Bhoomika, behind KalaKendra, Bharat Nivas.
A bouquet of songs, primarily written by poet laureate Tagore, that are poetry and essentially spiritual, along with Sanskrit hymns from the Rig Veda.
By Damyanti Datta, working as an Executive Editor with India Today magazine in Delhi, who specialised in Rabindranath Tagore’s music from Gitabitan, the premier-most music school in Calcutta. Accompanied by:
Harmonium: Gayatri Datta
Tabla: Manosh Bardhan
Keyboard: Surendra Rout
Organised by ARPANAA - (a service under City Service) [arpанаа@auровиле.org.in]

SVARAM CAMPUS
For the Art, Craft and Science of Sound
presents
"Hidden Harmony Stronger than Obvious"
Friday, 12th of January 2018 - 5 to 7pm
At the Tibetan Pavilion
Aurelio & Colleagues will share an interactive exploration in Harmonic Science, including basics of Overtone Singing.

South Indian Classical (Carnatic) Music
Saturday, January 13, 2018 - 8:00 pm
Venue: Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas
Vocal Recital by
Dr. E. Mugundhan & Dr. K. Sivadhayan
Accompanied by
Mr. B. Srinivasan on the violin,
Sri. M. Angappan on the mridangam,
Dr. Sri. A.L. Ramasamy on the mugaMlanding

SCHEDULES
HALL OF LIGHT - Creativity
COMMUNICATION OF THE HEART (ALSO CALLED NVC / CNV)
A one-day Introduction In FRENCH ONLY.
On the following Fridays from 9 am to 5pm:
January 12th and 16th
Registration: Hamsini 9487544184

FAMILY CONSTELLATION
With Moghan
Saturday 6th of January: 9 am to 6 pm
Please contact: moghan@auровиле.org.in / 975110486

VERITE
Please contact Vérité to register for the following intensive:
0413 2622045, 2622606, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in
Contributions requested from guests/volunteers
(volunteer reduction by advance application only)

An Introduction to Antigymnastique Movements
-When Your Body Explores New Territories, with Francesca
Saturday 13 January - 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.
Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
Auroville Safety & Security Team: Call us 24/7 for emergency or assistance on 9443 30 00 107 (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@aueroville.org.in

Auroville Library, Crown Road: opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:30 to 17:00 Monday to Saturday. Afternoons: Tuesday and Thursday: 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Telephone: (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@aueroville.org.in.

Auroville Dental Centre: 09443622265
Bike/Car repair & servicing: ★ Painting ★ Modification ★ General service ★ Bike renting. Please contact Satyen: 9443438287
At Abri workshop (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: avhealth@aueroville.org.in.

City Transport: Quick ‘Pick up and Drop’ Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater people carrier, free of charge for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests for trips within the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromobe and Repos/Quit chargeable with per passenger fares Rs 110/- for a single trip. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 0413-262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30 am-6.00 pm. E-mail: visitorcentre@aueroville.org.in – Please note that it is not a taxi that can be ordered in advance for an exact time, but will normally reach you with 10/15 minutes, and will not wait for you for onward or return trips - if needed it will come back to pick you up again when called.

Cycle Kiosk: We remind you that we have several inexpensive and restored cycles available, as well as a few Art Bikes too. Come and see! From 9.30 am to 4 pm - Monday to Saturday. Opposite PTDC/Foodlink/Solar Kitchen. Repair and maintenance of all types of bicycles.
Auroville Dental Centre: Protection / Telephone: (0413) 2622265 or 2622007 / email: aurodentalcentre@aueroville.org.in

EcoService, Kottakara: Palani 9443531572 or Kali 9443090114, eco@service@aueroville.org.in

★★NEW★ Electric cycles rental, Kinisi e-Mobility: CSR, first floor of the yellow/blue building. We are open from 9am to 5pm (Monday to Saturday). Landline: 0413 262-2166 / 2748. Mobile: 93004-40679 / 60680. Email: kinisi@aueroville.org.in, http://www.kinisi.in

Entry Service, Multimed Center: 1st floor, Town hall Complex: We are open to the public MORNINGS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 09:30AM-12:30PM and AFTERNOONS (by appointment only): Monday to Friday: 14:30 PM-16:30PM. B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only. For more information on joining Auroville: +91 (0)413 262 2707 email: entryservice@aueroville.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@aueroville.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.

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**Some essential services**

**Auroville Bottle Gas Service, Service Area:** Near Telephone Service and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm. Telephone: (0413)2622452 / email: avgasservice@aueroville.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 Monday to Saturday: 9:30am to 12.30 and 2 to 5 pm. Closed on Thursdays and Saturdays afternoon. Phone: 0413 2622675

**Housing Service, Town Hall:** Public Hours: Monday morning from 11 to 12.30 and afternoons 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 12 - Saturday morning by 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@aueroville.org.in

**Integral Health, Prayatna:** classical homeopathy, transpersonal regression therapy, Gestalt therapy, psychomotorics for children and adults, trauma remedies, child & women health, hypnotherapy. integralhealth@aueroville.org.in - 0413-2623669 - Mon to Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.

**LFAU - Fundraising for Auroville’s land:** with its two campaigns ‘Acres for Auroville’ & ‘GreenAcres’ Arayadeep, Mandokini LB, Sophie, Stigrid, and secretary Jothi. Welcome: Mornings from 9.30 - 12.30 at Town Hall, 1st floor. LFAU 0413 2622657. lfau@aueroville.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@aurovile.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 your visit. Matrimandir is closed on Tuesday. Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 and 11 am.

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

**Nandini:** Email: nandini@aueroville.org.in, Open to the Participants - Distribution (PTDC area): Ph: 0413-2622033: Tuesday to Saturday 9 am to 12.30 pm / Tuesday & Thursday 2.30 pm to 4:30 pm / Tailor (Aurosanjan): Ph: 0413-2622927 Tuesday , Thursday & Saturday 9 am to 12.30 pm / Tuesday & Thursday 2.30 pm to 4:30 pm - To avoid plastic bag please bring your own cloth bag

**OutreachMedia Services:** The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904 Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment. outreachmedia@aueroville.org.in

**Puncture service, service area:** next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4:30 pm; phone 2622741, 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 4:30 pm. Phone: (0413) 2622191 / email: resservice@aueroville.org.in

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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, a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Auroville (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 call (0413)2622121 or go to Savi website: www.auroville-learning.net.

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER EVENTS

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

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises. Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922) - No Registration required (except for groups) - Fees: Voluntary Contribution. All are welcome For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit: www.integralyoga-auroville.org

CHANGE OF TIMINGS - Qi Gong with Andres at Joy GH
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7:30 am to 8:30 am
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. “Swinging” Qi Gong for beginners, is one of the ways to resolve old patterns of psycho- corporal movement into new experience. No prior experience required; Drop in class.
Joy Community Guesthouse - Center Field - +91 (0)9487272393

Bharat Natyam for girls: age 5-7. We would like to practice regularly once or twice a week in the afternoon with a professional Bharat Natyam dancer in the Auromodele area. Welcome to join us. For info and contact Ulrike: 9442069249 (WhatsApp is best)

NVC Deepening -- “From Scarcity to Abundance”

With Laura Joy, NVC Certified Trainer
For those who want to deepen their NVC practice.
Prior NVC training required.
Fri, Jan 12 - Sun, Jan 15 - 9.30 am - 5 pm, with lunch break.
More info & register: contact: Laura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016

Limited seats. Registration and contribution required. [Other upcoming NVC Events and Practice Group: joylivinglearning.org]

Developing Consciousness as a healing method
Consciousness as Medicine
Awake to a new possibility
Facilitated by Dr. Yogesh Mohan
7 January 2018: 9 am to 12 noon
At Unity Pavilion
All Are Welcome

Dr. Yogesh Mohan, MD, is one of the very few practitioners of Consciousness as Medicine. Trained in modern medicine, he has a profound understanding of inner realms and a rich clinical experience using consciousness as therapy.

Bach Flower Sessions: With Rosalba, at Baraka. Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons. Advance appointments by calling 9877028444 or email to: rosalba@auroville.org.in.

Mandala Practice: With Rosalba at Nilatangam, Wednesdays, from 2:30 to 5 pm. Explore making mandala with different techniques (drawing, painting, with flowers...). Material all included in the requested contribution. Contact Rosalba at 9877028444 or rosalba@auroville.org.in. See more on Facebook: www.facebook.com/rosalba.auroville/

"Let's enjoy ORIGAMI!"
Bharat Nivas in collaboration with Japanese Pavilion invites you to participate in this month’s workshop:
Friday 12th January 2:30 pm-4 pm
Annam Kitchen
(behind Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas)
- in case of rain we will have a different venue, so please come anyway!
Let's welcome the New Year together by making this year's zodiac sign, the Dog, and “Koma”, the Japanese spinner which is traditionally played in Japan during New Year celebration. Bookings not needed, all are welcome!
Contact Tomoko or Emiko on: letsenjoyorigami@gmail.com

One Day Workshop on Small Farming
6th January, Saturday - 2018
- 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Venue: Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI), Naidu House, Kottakarai
(Old water harvest building)
Learn to design your garden / Kitchen garden - Circle garden / Mixed Crops - Vegetable farming / Bio-inputs preparation & Pest management techniques.
Fee - Rs. 345 (Including lunch) (10% discount for more than 2 people and same organization & Students)
Note: Reservation required - Tel: 94443-40006, Email: programme@navssl.in

One Day Workshop on Home Based Cosmetics Preparation
5th January, Friday - 2018
- 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Venue: Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI), Naidu House, Kottakarai
(Old water harvest building)
Hair Care - Skin Care
Beauty Care Tips - Mindfulness & More
Fee - Rs. 475 (Including lunch) (10% discount for more than 2 people and same organization & Students)
Note: Reservation required - Tel: 9443-2622-333 Mobile: 94443-40006, Email: programme@navssl.in
INNER WAY TAI CHI SCHOOL
TAI CHI HALL in SHARNGA
Presents
THE ART OF CHI – Stevanovitch’s method

TAI CHI CHUAN WORKSHOP
January 15th to February 3rd
(Sundays excluded)
Monday to Saturday, 7.30 – 10.30 am

Beginners: Chi and Tai Chi basics
Three weeks, three steps through the full 24-posture form.

Taught by Marco, the workshop is essentially directed towards:
Mastery of the body through breathing and muscular relaxation;
Improvement of movement through balance and coordination;
Learning to mobilize Chi.
First perceiving it,
then guiding it in one’s body with the use of three factors:
will, imagination and muscular activity.

For information and booking, contact Krishna at 0413-2623187
          taichi@auroville.org.in
          taichi.auroville.org   www.artduchi.com
Creative Movement Workshop
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, the project is exploring forgiveness. Please join us!

 Held at CRIPA, Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30, contact Cynthia with questions: c_berkshireindia@gmail.com / 9498066479 Submitted by Jill (Auroville Theatre Group)

Restorative Circles Learning Community Exploration
**Building a Compassionate Justice System**

With L’aura Joy
Fri, Jan 19 - Sat, Jan 20
9.30 am - 5 pm, with lunch break

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

Note: For those with Indian residency (Indian national or having residential permit)

Contact L’aura for more information and to join: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016. [Other upcoming RC events: joylivinglearning.org]

Lively presents Women’s Kolam Workshop
11th to 13th of January, 2018
8.30 am to 4.30 pm
Mohanam Village Heritage Centre
(Isaiambalam, opposite of Imagination, Auroville)

Since the dawn of time, women in South India honour an ancestral tradition that celebrates the creation of the world: the kolam.

Join us for an immersive 3-day workshop bringing local and global women together to share the arts and culture of Tamil Nadu Color Making Kolam Techniques - Spiritual significance, Dance and Sharing Circle. The workshop will culminate in creating a permanent kolam unity mosaic in the Mohanam Village Heritage Centre. For registration please contact: lively@auroville.org.in / 0413-2622589 - Contribution requested from the participants

FILMS

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, 8th of January 2018 at 6:30 pm
“Interview of Shradhavan
- Responses to Questions about Auroville”
- By a Russian TV crew on April 3, 2013

Shradhavan talks about the process of Entering Auroville in 1970 and about several subjects as The City the Earth needs, the Matrimandir, on Savitri - the Supreme revelation of Sri Aurobindo’s Vision, Supermind and that “Auroville is meant to hasten the advent of the Supernal Reality upon earth.” And she reflects on The Mother’s saying that “Auroville wants to be the first realisation of human unity based on the teaching of Sri Aurobindo, where men of all countries would be at home.”

On Earth, and especially in Auroville, we are asked to accelerate the personal evolution and through that contribute to the further evolution of the whole of humanity. And that is not something we can do ourselves. We only can put ourselves under the influence of the higher Wisdom and the deeper Will, and try to serve that.

There is the learning for us that “Above the mind there is a consciousness much wiser then the mental wisdom, and in the depths of things there is a will much more powerful than the human will.”

Duration: 54min.

KINO Auroville
FIRST KINO MONTHLY
OF THE NEW YEAR!

Saturday, January 6th
10:am - MMC/CinemaParadiso
Kino is a film making movement that advocates the production of short-films on little to no budget, using small crews, and non-competitive collaboration. There are Kino Groups around the world. Kino Auroville is the only one in India. We invite anyone who has made a film in the last month, between 30 seconds and 6 minutes to come and screen it. Following the regular monthly screening, we will then re-screen all the films made for the Kino Kabaret that took place during the 5th Auroville Film Festival in December 2017. Some of the films made can be found at this link: https://vimeo.com/groups/kinoaurovillemonthly

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, January 12th, 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 :)

Kiribati: A Drowning Paradise in The South Pacific
42 Minutes / English / 2016 / Directed by Marcus Henssler
UN estimates indicate that Kiribati could disappear in just 30 or 40 years. That’s because the average elevation is less than two meters above sea level. And some of the knock-on effects of climate change have made the situation more difficult. Kiribati can hardly be surpassed in terms of charm and natural beauty. (Reminder: Friday 05/01 - By Train Across Sri Lanka)

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 us online: hsadhanaforest.org / facebook.com/sadhanaforest

AURO FILM CINEMA

- VISITOR’S CENTRE – VIDEO ROOM
Reminder: FRIDAY 5th. JANUARY, “THE PROPHET”
by Roger ALLERS, USA, France, Canada, Lebanon, Qatar, 2014
FRIDAY 12 JANUARY, 7.45 pm
“THE CLASS” - “ENTRE LES MURS (original title)”
Director: Laurent CANTET, France 2008
Synopsis: Francois Marin is a French language and literature teacher in a Paris high school. He does not hesitate to confront the difficult students in some energizing verbal fights, as if the language itself was the real challenge. Nevertheless, Marin encounters his share of problem students that test his patience and more importantly his resolve as an educator… The Class is based on the eponymous 2006 novel by Francois Bégaudeau. The novel is a semi-autobiographical account of Bégaudeau’s experiences as a French teacher in a middle school in the 20th district of Paris. A very engaging film that received the Palme d’Or at the 2008 Cannes Film Festival and stars Bégaudeau himself in the role of the teacher.
Original French version with English Subtitles - Duration: 2h.10’

Note: Nice temporary venue at Visitors’ Center. Screen is large, we use our own projector and sound system, and the Kalabhoomi Music Studio lends us some good cushions for comfort - may not be enough in number… Welcome
DELHI EXPO AT CINEMA PARADISO
Saturday 6th of January
4:15 - 6:15pm - Cinema Paradiso
Dear Friends, Delhi Expo team invites you to see the films that Serena has made about the two events in Delhi, as part of Auroville's 50th celebrations. Both the panel discussions as well as the making-of have been expertly captured and will be screened for the Auroville community.

Afterwards, there will be some time for a Q&A with the organisers and participants. We are looking forward to sharing this with you! Please come a few minutes earlier so we can start on time.

See you there!
Frederick, Jurgen, Inge, Manisha, Nilen

FILM SHOW: “L’HOMME APRÈS L’HOMME”
Monday, January 8th at 4.30 pm
At MMC Auditorium (Cinema Paradiso) - Town Hall

A short portrait of Satprem, Mother's confident evolutionary action
2 filmed interviews with Satprem and Sujata (original French language with English subtitles):
1) "Satprem, Le Chemin vers l’Intérieur (Satprem, The Way towards the Within)
2) "L’Homme après l’homme (Man after man)- 1981 - 1 hour

Indian - Monday 8 January, 8:00 pm:
• SHUBHI MANGAL SAAVDHAN (Wedding mantra)
India, 2017, Writer-Dir. R.S. Prasanna w/ Ayushmann Khurrana, Bhumi Pednekar, Seema Bhargava, and others, Comedy-Romance 119mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: U/A (PG-13)
Is it possible to create a film in India around the ‘touchy’ subject of erectile dysfunction without being downright crass about it? Turns out that it is, and quite a good one at that. In this remake of the Tamil film Kalyanam Samayal Saadhum, Mudit and Sugan fall in love and plan to get married when Mudit discovers that he suffers from ‘gents problem’. The lead pair’s affable chemistry coupled with talented supporting actors makes the film a great Watch despite a flat ending. Don’t miss.

German - Tuesday 9 January, 8:00 pm:
• MEINE BRÜDER UND SCHWESTER IM NORDEN (My Brothers and Sisters in the North)
Germany, 2016, Dir. Sung-Hyung Cho, Documentary, 90mins, Korean-German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
The director is the first South Korean filmmaker to gain access to North Korea. She accompanies ordinary people in their life and work routines and learns about their hopes and dreams for their nation. Exploring the everyday reality under the totalitarian regime, this film moves beyond the stereotypical images of robotic soldiers and hysterically loyal citizens. It gives a unique and fascinating window into the enigmatic world of North Korea.

Interesting - Wednesday 10 January, 8:00 pm:
• MY BURNING HEART
India, 2017, Dir. Holger, Documentary, 65 mins, English
A stage adaptation of an interview with Satprem by F. De Towarnicki, adapted by Moghan and read by Norman. This film was originally scheduled for screening at the recently completed Auroville Film Festival (AWFF).

Russian - Thursday 11 January, 8:00 pm:
• MOSKVA SLEZAM NE VERT (Moscow does not believe in tears)
USSR, 1980, Dir. Vladimir Menshov w/ Vera Alentova, Aleksey Batalov, Irina Muravyova, and others, Comedy-Romance, 150mins, Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: A (R)

This Academy Award winner in 1981 for Best Foreign Language Film was watched at least 8 times by the US president Ronald Reagan before meeting the Russian premier Gorbachev for the first time to ‘get to know the Russian soul better’. The film depicts the story of three girlfriends from youth to autumn ages, their dreams, wishes, disillusionments, careers, and a big late love.

International - Saturday 13 January, 8:00 pm:
• VICTORIA & ABDUL

Abdul Karim arrives from India to participate in Queen Victoria's golden jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favor with the queen herself. As Victoria questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy. As their friendship deepens, the queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity.

Children’s Film - Sunday 14 January, 4:30 pm:
• THE SON OF BIGFOOT
France, 2017, Dir: Ben Stassen, w/ Cinda Adams, George Babbit, Lalia Berzins and others, Animation, 92mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

Teenage outsider Adam sets out on an epic and daring quest to uncover the mystery be-hind his long-lost dad, only to find out that he is none other than the legendary Bigfoot! As father and son start making up for lost time after the boy's initial disbelief, Adam soon dis-covers that he too is gifted with superpowers beyond his imagination...

Ciné-Club - Sunday 14 January, 8:00 pm:
• IL GENERALE DELLA ROVERE (General Della Rovere)
Italy,1954, Dir. Roberto Rossellini w/Vittorio De Sica, Hannes Messemer, Sandra Milo, Luciano pigozzi and others, Drama-War,129mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

Genoa, 1943: Grimaldi is a swindler, pretending to be a colonel in the Italian army to get money from the family of people put into jail by the Nazis. Once caught, the Gestapo makes a deal that he will stay alive if he impersonates the General Della Rovere, a leader of the Resistance who has just been shot by the Nazis, to be put into a political jail where he is supposed to identify another Resistance leader.

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=Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in.

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

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group

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from the Auroville website at www.auroville.org/contents/4186
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 NbN email address below.

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