MATRIMANDIR – A LABOUR OF LOVE
HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

(continued)

As Mother has said: “Whatever Sri Aurobindo writes is the result of his own experiences.” And then, we will read the Mother’s Agenda, thirteen volumes, it is actually the fabrication of the divine body. Without the divine body - one body at least - which is perfected, where the matter becomes conscious of the indwelling spirit and manifests the spirit, that great task had to be completed. And on the 14th of March 1970 in the Agenda you read Mother’s declaration “The work is done”, and she repeats this statement several times: “The work is done.” That is to say the divine body was ready. She says: “The work that Sri Aurobindo had given to me has been done. “And the work that Sri Aurobindo had given to her was the impregnation, the permeation of the Supramental force in the physical body. And then she says, working it out may take hundreds of years, three hundred years, four hundred years, it does not matter, the work is done.

During the conversations around this time, there is a very important statement that Mother has made and that is that however great, however luminous and powerful one central body would be, there will be a necessity of a collectivity which responds to it. One superman coming on the earth, without that collectivity around, would not be able to accomplish the task. It is very significant that it is around this time, in 1968, that Mother inaugurated this exceptional city, Auroville. And all this has a connection with the statement of the Mother in 1912, Sri Aurobindo’s statement in The Life Divine, the statement on the divine body, and the experiment that Mother made to manifest the divine body. All this is the inner dimension, the basic inner dimension of Auroville.

I think Mother felt a need to create a body, a collectivity which would serve the purpose of receiving the light of the divine body, of organising itself into higher and higher moulds of living - not only of being and thinking and feeling but of living, so that the work of the Supramental Manifestation could move faster and faster and would succeed. In other words, the most important foundation of Auroville is the Supramental Consciousness. And I think when Mother wrote the invitation to men of goodwill, it is an invitation to all to understand the supermind; to participate in the activity or action of the supermind and to respond to it.

In the book The Supramental Manifestation on Earth, Sri Aurobindo has made a statement in four chapters: Supermind and Humanity, Supermind in the Evolution, Mind of Light, and the last chapter also Supermind and the Mind of Light. These four chapters are directly relevant to the work of Auroville. It is, you might say, the manifesto of Auroville. We are here for the Divine in humanity, the Divine that is moving upward with humanity. That is why the very first article of the Charter of Auroville is that “To live in Auroville one must be a willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness.” Because that is the basic condition in which the study of the Supermind becomes possible.

I am reminded of the Mother’s vision of the boat, many of us have read it, and I think that Auroville is a boat in which we are all recruited for purposes of training and that is why Mother spoke in the second article of the Charter of Auroville of perpetual education. We are all under training and we must be here as candidates under training. All our imperfections, our human weaknesses, which particularly here will become manifest more and more because of the pressure. The difficulties, which I see in Auroville, are natural difficulties. There are difficulties of the pressure under which we put ourselves in the process of training. One may become disheartened to see the difficulties but that is one way of looking at it. The other way of looking at it is that we are under training and the sooner we embody more and more the aspiration and the effort to surmount the difficulties, the better and more glorious will be the outcome. But this is one part of what I call the foundational inner dimension. And there is a second aspect of the inner dimension.

The second dimension is the process of our training. Mother spoke of Auroville in two very important statements. One was that humanity has made a big mistake in the production of armaments of destruction. And, she pointed this out in this conversation which is in the Agenda. In 1981 when Mr M’Bow (the then Secretary General of UNESCO, who was a member of Auroville’s International Advisory Council) came to Auroville and when Deepti in a meeting read this statement it inspired Mr M’Bow tremendously, because here Mother had declared the purpose of Auroville - and it puts a tremendous light on the work of Auroville - what I call the process of training in Auroville.

Transcript of a talk by Kireet Joshi to the students of Auroville’s ‘Super School’

The Ponder Corner

It is the soul in us which turns always towards Truth, Good and Beauty, because it is by these things that it itself grows in stature; the rest, their opposites, are a necessary part of experience, but have to be outgrown in the spiritual increase of the being.

Sri Aurobindo

ref. The Life Divine, p.632

Cover: adapted from an original photo out of “MATRIMANDIR - A LABOUR OF LOVE”, an exhibition by Paulette (Town Hall until March 20th)
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<td>Until 15th Feb</td>
<td>Make a donation to Auroville, and choose a work of art from 70 artists. Exhibition open to all, Monday to Saturday 9am to 12:30 and 2 to 5:30pm Also weekly concerts and performances (see N&amp;N).</td>
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<td>Jan 18th-20th Maroma, Aspiration Street</td>
<td>Candle exhibition open to the public, 3-5pm on 18th, 9am-4pm on the 19th and 20th. Also an open house in the candle making factory between 10.30am to 12pm and 3pm to 4.30pm, on the 20th only.</td>
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<td>Bamboo Geodesic Dome Workshop</td>
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<td>Walk of Hope</td>
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<td>Walk of Hope with Sri M, through Auroville and the surrounding villages. 5pm start on 27th Jan at Sri Kareneswara Temple. 6.30 am start on 28th Jan at Irumbai Temple. 10am start on 29th at Matrimandir Parking. Open to all.</td>
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<td>‘Fear Walkers’ play</td>
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<td>Performed by Jill and her group, this play is an English adaptation of several Estonian Folktales, and explores the eternal struggle between men and women. Open to all.</td>
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More details at: 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/

REMINDERS ABOUT YOUR NEWS&NOTES:
- No repeats - except for exhibitions, and some workshops that require advance planning, reminders can be printed only if space allows.
- The cultural events/talks/invitations etc. are to be printed on the Saturday prior to their happening day. No earlier. No repeat.
- Extra page requests, such as full page posters, have to reach us on Monday latest, and need to be arranged with us. Such requests are not always possible to meet, depending on space/layout. Extra cost will have to be covered in advance, so send in early. NO PDF
- DEADLINES: general deadline is Tuesday 5pm. Please do not wait for the last minute to send your submission, the earlier the better. Extra pages/poster requests/ schedules deadline: Monday noon. Reports, articles, notes: Tuesday noon.
- It’s busy season, please keep it SHORT!!

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

REMINDER TO ALL GUESTS from the Auroville Guest Facilities Coordination Group:
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.
Please do so at one of the 3 Guest Registration Service locations (at Visitors Centre, Town Hall, Aspiration Financial Service) In addition, guests are required to register each time they move to a new destination inside Auroville.

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ART FOR LAND
ART EXHIBITION & LAND FUNDRAISER

a non-commercial cycle of generosity and gratitude for the existence of Auroville

At Unity Pavilion, Mondays – Saturdays from 9:30 am to 4 pm
Until February 15th

Join us in sharing beauty, showcasing creativity, and building a 50th birthday gift for the land!

More than 70 artists from Auroville, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, India, and AVI centers from around the world have again joined together for “Art for Land” – all offering their creations to raise funds for completing Auroville’s Master Plan land base. Works include paintings, ceramics, photographs, glasswork, jewelry, collages, and sculpture. Some artworks created by Ashram artists were blessed by the Mother.

All donations go exclusively for purchasing Auroville’s missing Master Plan land

HOW IT WORKS: Come to the Unity Pavilion, make a land donation, and receive an artwork as a gift. You can also view the collection on our online gallery and reserve an artwork via our website at artforland.auroville.org

Donations can be made in cash at Unity Pavilion, or by check and bank transfer via Auroville Unity Fund to “Art For Land”, or via the Auroville Donation Gateway to the “Acres for Auroville land campaign”. Tax exemptions are possible for land donors in India. Shipping of works from Auroville is managed by donors at their own expense.

IN PARALLEL: Several works are available as postcards, along with other items, complemented by a parallel fundraising sale of donated rare photographs of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Proceeds go exclusively for purchasing Auroville’s missing Master Plan land.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS: Aurovilians and friends have expressed their solidarity by creating associated events and activities as land fundraisers at the Unity Pavilion. Here are our upcoming events:

- Saturday, January 13th at 7:30 PM: “Songs Through Time for Auroville Land” a musical offering presented by Carla and Paula

- Tuesday, January 23rd at 7 PM: “Yoga Nidra - Awakening Conscious Inner Peace” using 4 of the 12 qualities of The Mother, guided by Veronik

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

**Land Board selection process way forward**

Dear Community,
On 02/12/2017, the four working groups (Working Committee, FAMC, AvCouncil and L’avenir) have published a revised proposal on the selection of Land Board members.
The 2 weeks’ approval period ended on 16/12/2017. The RAS received 108 submissions out of which 76% agreed to the proposal. After some discussions, the four groups have decided to proceed with the proposal despite the low participation. Revised proposal: please refer to the RAS email sent on December 2nd, 2017.
We will keep you updated throughout the process.
Sincerely,
The Working Committee, FAMC, AvCouncil and L’avenir

**First note from the Entry Board**

Since half December 2017, the full team (with the exception of Rajendren who was TOS) has been wholeheartedly busy with making itself familiar with the many ins and outs of the current Entry set-up, revised Entry Policy and the various possibilities that are offered as orientation to fresh arrivals. Members of the AVCouncil, the Entry Secretariat and interim team are going out of their way to help us understand the subtleties between the old and the new system, the various functions that the Board has to fulfill and/or create, and the intricate interrelationship with, and crucial need for, a well-functioning Secretariat. As training sessions, we are sitting in during the interviews with applicants, attend mentor meetings and welcome talks, update and learn about the electronic backbone that holds the system together and, at this moment most importantly, are getting familiar with each other in the attempt to become an appreciative, efficient and well-functioning team.

We are aware that at the end of the year we are expected to have ironed out the system where needed, and may at the time suggest some policy changes in the set-up so as to assure that new arrivals to Auroville can find their place in an open, smooth and gentle way — always in adherence to Auroville’s high vision as well as its basic realities.
For now: as soon as we have, for ourselves and along with the Council, a clear overview of how the Entry Service — i.e. Secretariat, Mentors & Board — is to function according to Auroville’s currently RA-approved policy, we’ll call for a meeting to inform you all.

In the meantime, the work of diminishing the backlog and receiving people steadily goes on.

With love,
Alain S, Dheena, Joel, Mauna, Rajendren, RamanaNarayana, Susmita, Ulli B, Veronique J.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RAVENA access to Pondicherry**

Dear community, Auroville Safety & Security Team (AVST), Working Committee, Ravana & Forecomers communities have decided to limit the Ravana access to Pondicherry. For safety reason, the path will only allow cycles to pass. Starting from Friday 12th of January 2018, the Ravana checkpost and motorcycle access will be closed at night. A gate will be installed and kept closed at night. A cycle path will be open 24/7. Regards, AVST & WC

**From The Entry Service - N&N # 732**

Dated: 13-01-2018
Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians and Newcomers of Auroville 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:**
Balvinder BANGA (British-OCI) Staying in Auromode and Working at Auroville Consulting.

**NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:**
Ulaganathan RAMASAMY (Indian) Kristian GONI ESCUDERO (Spanish)

**AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:**
Archana MAHATO (Nepali) Staying in Siddhartha Forest and Working at Siddhartha Forest.

**AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:**
Dayalan (Krishna) VIJAYAN (Indian) Lavanya PAWAR (Indian) Stefan GEBERT (German) Valentina PAONE (Italian)

**LEFT AUROVILLE ON THEIR OWN:**
Nikita SHMATKO (Russian)
Jelger MUYLAERT (Belgian)

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

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

**New Site And Building Applications - 13/01/2018**
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 27th Jan 2018.

**BUILDING APPLICATIONS**
1. International Zone: 2 kiosks for Up-cycling & Auroville Village Action Group (AVAG) at Visitors Center. Built-up area: Up-cycling - 27 sq.m., AVAG - 38 sq.m.

**NOC issued in the last week:**
1. AVSRC, New Creation, Indoor Stadium.
2. AVSRC, New Creation, Toilet Block
3. AVSRC, New Creation, Roofing on Existing building
4. AVSRC, Aspiration, Toilet & Dressing Room.
5. Aurora, Shringa, Chandana’s House
6. Humanscapes, Crown Road, Housing project

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.

Please note that we are closed for new applications until the end of January. We will make a fresh announcement once we are ready for new applications. Thanks for your patience!

**Houses available for transfer**
Re recommended: Creativity Apartment- Hemant’s House - First floor E; Block: Area: 78.36 Sq.m carpet 3BHk for family+ 32.84 Sq.m Balcony + passag.

Apartment in Citadines 1st floor: 100 M2 + terraces -2/3 BDK, 2 bathrooms, completely furnished along with individual fridge,
Housing Projects under construction:
1. Kalpana: The construction work is going on well. We are completing the first scope which is the structure, brick plastering and tiles on the roof and terraces. We will start soon the finishing. Out of 42 apartments some are still available in all the categories, STUDIO, 1 BHK, 2 BHK and 3 BHK. Will be ready in 30th June 2018. Contact Person: satyakam@auroville.org.in / Satyakam 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. Surya is available the 2nd and 4th Saturday.
2. Auromodele Orchard - Several houses are still to be built. Will be ready in 2018. Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 9840220333

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
KINISI: Compare and Calculate your Savings
1) Driving a petrol moped
The example below assumes that you buy a 27,000 rs moped, ride an average of 20 km per day on a moped with 35 km/L mileage. It also assumes that the price of petrol will remain stable at 85 rs/L (local price including oil). If your petrol vehicle has different parameters, you can adjust for your specific case (i.e. more or less km per day, different vehicle price, different mileage). Calculations DO NOT include maintenance, license and insurance.

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2) Driving an electric cycle
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SUMMARY - Cost Comparison between moped and e-cycle

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Water group
Happy New year to everyone! We hope for a rainy 2018.
We would like to acknowledge and thank the people in Auroville who are engaged in manually collecting and sending recorded rainfall data for publishing on our website (water.auroville.org.in/measures/raingauge_av) for their support and participation:
Chaitanya (Centre Field), Charlie (Aurogreen), Dorle (Madhuka), Francis (Alchemy), Guy (Fertile/TLC), Honor (Deepanam School), Kireet (Gaia’s Garden), Santo (Botanical Garden/Aurodom), Tom (Dana), Tomas (Annapurna), Vijai (Annapurna), Walter (Shakti)
If you have a rain gauge and would like to contribute to the rain data collection in Auroville and publication on our website, please write to us at: watergroup@auroville.org.in We would also like to thank Akash (Maitreyee) for his help and support in setting up automated weather stations, which will soon supply data to the database we are building with Philippe (Surrender).
Here a brief overview of our rainfall in 2017:
The total annual rain that we received in 2017 is about 1290 mm (Charlie, Aurogreen) which about corresponds to our average annual rainfall if 1299 mm (Auroville Surface Water Study, 2013).
Rainfall data from locations around Auroville show that rainfall is quite localised:

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After the poor monsoon of 2016, we received an average to below average rainfall in 2017.
Let’s all contribute towards a better and conscious use of our water resources!
Water Group (Aditi, Christian, Dorle, Giulio, Ing-Marie, Pavneet, Bala, Tency, Tom) - Website: www.aurovillewater.in Facebook: www.facebook.com/aurovillewatergroup

Future School admissions for 2018-2019
Dear Friends, students who wish to enter the 9th or 11th grade this upcoming school year, from July 2018 to April 2019, are requested to apply through our website, http://www.futureschool.org.in/, wherein the 'Admission' section you will find the links (9th grade & 11th grade) for the student application. All applications have to be submitted before the 28th of February 2018.
Best Regards, Future School

Commercial Stalls in Auro Sangamam celebration on 4th Feb 2018 in AV
As a part of Auroville 50th anniversary a mega Sangamam gathering in Auroville is going to be held on the 4th of February 2018 at the football ground behind the Secretary's official residence in Auroville. The event is planned and executed by AuroSangamam in coordination with Bharat Nivas Team and AV 50th anniversary team.
The Sangamam will provide all Auroville manufacturing units an opportunity to display and sell their products. Auro Sangamam team can set up stalls (including chair, tables, tents etc.) for interested units of AV and the Bioregion for an amount of Rs.850.

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If interested, please contact us at once on aurosangamam@auroville.org.in.

Or if you want to find out more info over mobile, the following is the team for this specific work on behalf of the AuroSangamam team - Dava Selvam, Manikandan and Murugan. Contact number: 9843808762, 9751395601, 9655934334.

European Pavilion

Dear Aurovilians of European origin, the building of the temporary European House (located in the area of the International House) is almost finished. We are now thinking of the future and how to get European friends more involved in making this place alive. We plan to make the official inauguration during this coming February. Also, we would like to launch a fundraising to buy the necessary equipment for hosting events. Could you kindly send back to us, your feelings, ideas (and eventual concerns) about:

- What could the official inauguration of the European House include: food, music, art, exhibition, sharing, etc.?
- Would you like to play an active part in this inauguration?
- How to have a dedicated team to organize events and sharing in the place?
- What could be a good organization of this European House?
- etc.

We are almost 1,100 Aurovilians from Europe and we need your constructive help. You are much welcome to revert with your email address, to create a mailing list of people who would like to be personally informed of the future developments of the European House. We also invite you to spread the financial account of the European House: 251207 for anybody wanting to offer financial support. Thank you for your help.

Denis. 9500271460 / europe.pavilion@auroville.org.in

Vande Mataram singing practice

Vande Mataram is a poem written by Bengali poet Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in 1875. Sri Aurobindo, during the revolutionary phase of his life, called it a sacred mantra and highly praised the poet for revealing to the people the vision of Mother India. When the Prime Minister of independent India Shri. Jawaharlal Nehru visited Sri Aurobindo Ashram the first time in 1955, the Ashram school students sang Vande Mataram at the reception to him.

A proposal endorsed by many Aurovilians for singing Vande Mataram during the visit of India’s Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi on the occasion of Auroville’s 50th anniversary in February, 2018 has been sent to the concerned working groups. It has also been proposed to sing Vande Mataram on Auroville’s anniversary day 28th February, 2018. The idea has been supported or the appeal to the working groups endorsed by Aurovilians Shradhthavan, Pashi Kapoor, Aryadeep, Chandraresh, Prasad, Dharmesh, Lakshman, Sharmi, Srinidhi, Aster, Luigi, Aravinda and Jasmin, Uma Prayapat, Thillai, Subash, Vera and Ashesh Joshi and Tapan.

Vande Mataram is in six stanzas in Bengali containing plenty of Sanskrit words. The format of the song as practised by Sri Aurobindo Ashram’s music ban Sanskrit words. The format of the song as practised by Sri Aurobindo Ashram’s music ban. Vande Mataram is in six stanzas in Bengali containing plenty of Sanskrit words. The format of the song as practised by Sri Aurobindo Ashram’s music ban.

For any further details you may kindly write to jothi_charles@yahoo.com or contact 9047240737. Jothi Charles, Nanditadi, Aravinda and Chandraresh

WALK OF HOPE -- January 28th & 29th

Together for Peace and Oneness in Auroville and the surrounding villages -- only two weeks to go!

Guided by Sri M. we will walk on Sunday Jan 28th, from Irumbai Temple through Kottakkarai/Bharatipuram, Auroville/Tibetan Pavilion, Edayananchavadi, and Kullapalayam, where we end at Aikiyam School (6:30 am - 4 pm / 10km).

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided as well as shuttle buses from Aikiyam School back to the places we had walked through. Already about 500 people from the villages are expected for Saturday, and we invite all Aurovilians, Newcomers, volunteers and guests to join.

On Monday Jan 29th, we will start from Auroville/Matrimandir office gate parking and walk through Alankuppam, ending at the Mosque in Rayappettai (9:30-12:30 am / 3.5 km).

To learn more about the WALK and Sri M, please visit our website www.walkofhopeauroville.org. Further details coming soon!

With anticipation, the organizing team “Restorative Auroville” (Laura, Kati, Helene, Shanti and Janet), Franz (Prisma), Moris (AVAG), Shankar (Aikiyam School) and friends

Note from Bharat Nivas: Dear Community members, guests and visitors to Auroville - we, the Bharat Nivas Cultural group, would like to let you know that the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium is not open to visits, with or without guides. It is a place meant for performances and related activities only. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Requests for performances can be e-mailed to: auditorium@auroville.org.in

URGENT re Aadhaar cards: Some 60, 70 reserve Aadhaar cards are waiting at the Bharat Nivas post office for Auroville residents. Although the names of the communities are mentioned on the envelopes, the names of the recipients are often illegible or placed outside of the address window. While you probably already merely use the locally issued Aadhaar card, you also may want to take receipt of this second card and keep it in reserve. It’s a laminate, carries all your data and also your enrollment number (which is different from your Aadhaar number). Please, visit the post office, sift through the bunch of cards and check if yours is there waiting for you. (And if you find one for your friend, colleague or neighbour, maybe generously take it for her/him as well?). Thanks on behalf of the Post Office staff and Happy New Year, -Mauna

A request for parents: During the past holidays, more and more children came to play at the Town Hall. Of course it is a wonderful skating and cycling area and we do acknowledge the need for a playground. But the Town Hall is not really suitable for this kind of use. It is an administrative area meant for work, and offices and pedestrians around the Town Hall have complained about noise and dangers to people walking there, due to kids cycling and skating in the public area. Moreover, part of the area (the ramp etc.) is such that kids may fall and injure themselves - We kindly request parents to keep the kids away from Town Hall as much as possible. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation. The ACUR team

GOLIATH: We are happy to present GOLIATH, a T/H graphic and product design studio, unit of Auroville. Our main line of work is the creation of logos, visual identities, layouts for publishing, packagings, social media, etc. We also have a product design section, where we research concepts, shapes, materials, and their realization in 3D. If you are interested, have a look at our work at: www.thegoliathstudio.com - Want to get in touch? Write us at: thegoliathstudio@gmail.com - Kind regards, Auro and Victor

Jade Beauty salon: Jade Beauty salon is open again, happy to welcome you for Beauty and Time for yourself. Manicure, Pedicure, Waxing, Facial treatments, support for any kind of skin problems, Swiss quality. Now you can find us in the European House, next to Rangoli pink door. Also a voucher for nice gift cards is available. Beauty the smile of the Divine, feel good with yourself. Write a WhatsApp sms or call for appointment: 809 876 0113, with love, Julia
**SPONSORS**

Darkali Fitness Track opens EARLIER: now every day from 4pm to 6.20 pm. 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

**THANK YOU**

**Indian Chorale**

Bharat Nivas wishes to thank the following members for the support given in various forms for the Indian Chorale:

Bharat Nivas Cultural Group

**APPEAL**

**Auroville Trashion Show 2018: Join us!**

A shout out to all interested individuals, units and schools to take part in this community event with your creations made from waste. The third edition of the Auroville Trashion Show will take place on February 23rd. If you would like to participate please register with us by January 25th. If you want to help us with the organization, we’d love to hear from you. Please contact Ok (9344 002972) or okjeonglee@gmail.com or Mukta (9443620174 or milia@auroville.org.in)

**WALK OF HOPE**

**WALK OF HOPE: 30 Volunteers needed!**

On January 28th & 29th for WALK OF HOPE in Auroville and bioregion -- for Peace and Oneness.

We are looking for Aurovilians, Newcomers, long-term volunteers and guests in Auroville, who - together with youth from the villages - want to make a difference in the feeling of community between Auroville and the bioregion.

We need you: about 30 volunteers on Sunday 28 Jan (6:30 am - 4 pm / 10km) and some on Monday 29 Jan (9:30-12:30 am / 3.5 km) in organizing a smooth and joyful event with many people walking through villages, Auroville and on the busy tar roads.

To learn more about the WALK and Sri M, visit our website: www.walkofhopeauroville.org

If you enjoy the project and like to support it, please contact us at support@walkofhopeauroville.org -- Harishini and Pranjal, the volunteer coordinators, will get back to you.

Thank you!

“Restorative Auroville” (L’aura, Kati, Helene, Shanti and Janet)

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

**Auroville Online Store**

Dear Friends, we are on the lookout for a full-time member (45-hour week) to our team. Are you interested in building something together with commitment and drive? Then we are the right place. The Auroville Online Store has the spirit of a start up to spread products of Auroville globally. Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers (a commitment of 6 months is required) are welcome. Full maintenance available. Position available from February 1st. If interested please contact Luise 0413-2622069 or networking@auroville.com.

**Sales Ladies Required at Kalki**

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

**HEALTH**

**Integral Health: Classical homeopathy / hypnotherapy / psychomotricity / child care**

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

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

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

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

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

First Aid Kits with 32 remedies are available, description in your choice of language English, French, German and NOW TAMIL. PC Shock, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Blood pressure etc. are available in our remedy box, along with Harmony and Santama. Just come and take them anytime. Benefits are well established - no side effects.

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

Malar is managing the office, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12 am.

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

Sigrid sigrid@auroville.org.in , www.sigridlindemann.com www.auroville-holistic.com

Camille camille@auroville.org.in / 8098796307 Peter peterh@auroville.org.in / 9787698464 Malar malar@auroville.org.in / 9585012007

**Childbirth Classes**

At Santé. Mondays 4-6 pm (Starts January 15) All pregnant women and their partners are invited. We discuss common discomforts of pregnancy, signs of labor, breathing and positions for labor, birth, after birth care, breastfeeding, newborn and family planning. Classes include videos, demonstrations, movement, breathing and relaxation.

Contact Paula: 7598611950

**Acupuncture**

Acupuncture; Ear Acupuncture, Moxa, Cupping and Gua Sha treatments according to the principles of Traditional Chinese Medicine offered by Heidi, Vikas. For appointment please call: 9442357661.

**EATING OUT**

**Well Studio Café is..."O.P.E.N." for Pongal**

Dear all, Well Studio Café will be open on Monday & Tuesday (15 & 16 Jan.18) - Please join us for breakfast, special lunch buffet and our regular menu. Our opening days Monday to Saturday from 8.30 - 17.00. Vegetarian and Vegan Mediterranean food in our beautiful garden and art craft center. For groups and take away please call: 0413-2622219 or Mail: wellcafe@auroville.org.in. Love, Well Café Team - Sve Dame.

**Solar Kitchen and La Terrasse closed for Pongal Celebration**

Solar Kitchen will be closed for three days (14th, 15th and 16th of January) this year, as we have to do some major repair work inside the kitchen.

La Terrasse will be closed only on Monday and Tuesday (15th and 16th of January) for Pongal Celebration, on Sunday 14th of January La Terrasse is open.

We wish for everyone a Happy Pongal Celebration

**Auroville Bakery & Garden Café closed on 16.01.2018.**

Please collect your Tuesday order(s) on Monday 15.01.2018.

Happy Pongal - Auroville Bakery Team

**Naturellement & Garden cafe closed on 15th & 16th**

We will be closed on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th for Pongal. We wish you all a Happy Pongal! Naturellement team.
Marc’s café closed on 16&17: Dear friends, since it is the harvesting season for coffee too, Marc’s café will remain closed for Pongal celebrations on the 16 and 17 January (which is Tuesday and Wednesday) - Happy Pongal. Marc’s café team

Dreamers café closed on 16: Hello friends, on Tuesday the 16th of January Dreamers café will remain closed as all the Visitors Center will. Happy Pongal, Dreamers team

Dear listeners/viewers!
Please check out additional pieces made by TV crew on Facebook page.

From our volunteers we have: Zoe, Karthick and Stefano made an interview with Ayumi & Brighu.

Karthick covered Well Cafe New Year with Om Tara. Gino and Karthick recorded Bepop Jazz at CRIPA.
Gino did Dehi Expo Trip at MMC, Ukrainian Pavilion Present Schedrij Vechir.
Zoe covered Green Acres update and presentation at Unity Pavilion with Art for Land.
Rtm - full recording of informational meeting of Bratstvo (Brotherhood) Pavilion, captured An Evening of Abundance or Schedrij Vechir at UP, captured meditative Gitanjali by Damayani Datta. Audio of inauguration of Art for Land at UP.

Within the regular programs:
Gangalakshmi reads her Selections of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother texts in French - uncut version on the request of listeners!
Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo.
Loretta is reading Savitri B. IV, C. IV, Part 1.

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

Within our musical podcasts you can listen to Fresh Cuts3, Let It Happen, and Feels Like Love.
your AV Radio/TV Team [www.aurovilleradio.org]

NOTES

Auroville: The Avatar’s Model Town
As we approach the 50th Anniversary let’s cherish words by the Mother defining the essential character of the town she wished. Regarding access to the Matrimandir she told Satprem, 3rd January 1970:

“But then, people will not come for a “regular meditations” or anything of the kind (the internal organisation will be taken care of later); it will be a place for concentration. Not everyone will be allowed in; there will be some time in the week or sometime in the day (I don’t know) when visitors will be allowed to come, but anyway without mixture. There will be a fixed time or day to show the visitors, and the rest of the time only for those who are... serious - serious, sincere, who truly want to learn to concentrate.

So I think that is good.”

And Roger, consistently, in August 1972:

“About admissions to Matrimandir:
Not for the visitors in principle reserved for Aurovilians but not everyone will be admitted.

The first condition for those who want to go there is to ask. Those who have contributed to the construction will be admitted in the first place. If there are dubious cases, they should be referred to me. All those who have a dubious presence won’t go. If there is the slightest doubt, the case will be referred to me. People must be known for their qualifications.”

Describing to Satprem the economically self-sufficient town she wished, based on minimum material needs, dropping simultaneously with the growth of consciousness, she stressed, 30 December 1967:

“Ultimately, it must be a town for studies – studies and research on how to live both in a simplified way and in a way such that the higher qualities have MORE TIME to develop.”

She first stated “We would like to make Auroville the cradle of the Superman”, but the last years she delivered several messages as the Supermind being our goal.

Ultimately, Mother’s true Auroville is the Avatar’s model town about which she first wrote, in 1930, concluding “The Supramental Manifestation”:

“...now we are at work to bring down the supramental, to effect a reorganisation of the world, to bring the world back to the true divine order. It is essentially a creation of order, a putting of everything in its true place; and the chief spirit or force, the Shakti active at present is Mahasaraswati, the Goddess of perfect organisation.

The work of achieving a continuity which permits one to go up and down and bring into the material what is above, is done inside the consciousness. He who is meant to do it, the Avatar, even if he were shut up in a prison and saw nobody and never moved out, still would he do the work, because it is a work in the consciousness, a work of connection between the Supermind and the maly guterial being. He does not need to be recognised, he need have no outward power in order to be able to establierish this conscious connection. Once, however, the connection is made, it must have its effect in the outward world in the form of a new creation, beginning with a model town and ending with a perfect world.”

En route, Auroville 50th, towards the supramental society of Gnostic beings!
Paulette

ACCOMMODATIONS

Needed: Dear community, we are in need of accommodation from 31st of January till 16th of March. And we heard a lot “Oh just forget to have a place in Auroville during that time! It is better if you go out.” We would love to be in Auroville, especially during the birthday, because our son Auroben was born on the 28th of February, and we wish to offer him the blessing of being in Auroville on his birthday. If you need to leave Auroville during those 6 weeks for any long period, please consider to let us stay in your home. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you go out only for a week or so, even that can be an amazing blessing for us. Even if your home is small, we would much appreciate your support - We are an Aurovillian family of 4, and looking forward for this adventurous experiment! Wishing you Love and Light, and thank you for your support email: bogi@auroville.org.in, ph: 7598447623 - Bogi

AVAILABLE

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

Range cooker: We’d like to give our Range cooker to low-budget people, since we are going to buy a new one. Second-hand Range cooker, 4 gas-burners, to be given to kitchen schools or some Auroville low-budget services or individuals. Please contact Rakhal (rakhal@auroville.org.in) for details

Royal Enfield Bike: in good condition 2006 model all papers are in order. Contact V. Boobalan Siddhartha Forest 9787084506, boobalambullet@auroville.org.in, Thank you.

Fund raising cakes: Hello my name is Asia and I am doing a fundraiser to bring my half-sister to Auroville - my proposal is you can order a cake and I will deliver it to you in Auroville. I can bake cakes, cupcakes and cookies. 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
My old PC: AOC 20inch Monitor: Reasonable Price. Contact me at (0413)2623423 - The Specification for Desktop are: Zebronics PC Cabinet with 4 usb 2.0 and audio jack on the front. Asrock G41M-VS3 DDR3 Motherboard / Ram DDR3 4GB (2GBx2) / Intel Pentium (R) Dual Core E5200 @2500GHz / Zebronics ZEB 450W Power Supply / LG CD/DVD Drive / Seagate Barracuda 1TB HDD Drive / AOC 20inch Monitor - Victor

CBZ: If anybody is interested to buy a bike, I am selling a CBZ Xtreme year 2009. 33,666kms. Tamil Nadu number plate. Black and red color. With new front panel, just serviced and in good condition, brand new battery. With valid RCC book and Insurance. At a reasonable price. Only serious buyers - please contact. Call me at: 9443628136 - Sincerely, Victor / From Certitude

Table: A stylish vintage wooden writing-table 118 x 51. My mail bty.12@mail.ru. thanks, Tatyana B.

4+ metres PVC pipe: If anyone can make use of 4.14m of 2¾in PVC pipe (not new, but in OK condition) please contact me - Tim (ph. 2622381) at home; 2622296 work; timwrey@auroville.org.in

Chairs and paintings: 4 different antiques dining chairs; 2 antique Tanjore painting Ganesh and Saraswati; 2 new Tanjore paintings Tara Boudha - contact: auromarielcrai@gmail.com Marie-Claire

Wooden furniture: 4 chairs; 1 stool; a low chair with braided straw on the sitting part... all together (in perfect condition) Call Lucio on 9443985653 or 2623177

Rooms: I have a room available for one or two persons, until the 20th of January; the house we stay in, is near Kalabumi. I can give a motorbike too, a Honda Unicorn, alone or together with the room. Please call me if interested! Chiara: 919487049867 / merianichiara@gmail.com

LOOKING FOR...

Laptop: Dear All, I am a volunteer at Auroville Consulting looking to buy a second hand laptop (preferably a Mac) or rent one for a few days. I am concerned about the insurmountable amounts of e-waste plaguing our planet. Therefore, if anyone has a spare laptop lying around, not being used, kindly get in touch with me at: meenakshipiplan@gmail.com or +91 7598964494. Thank you! Regards, Meenakshi

Household items: Dear Aurovilians! We are a family of newcomers - my husband, I and our 7 y.o. daughter - and we are moving to Maitreyal. We need many household items as the unit is empty. Gas or/and electrostove, fridge, beds or mattresses, kitchen items - so almost everything for living. We will gratefully accept or buy for a reasonable price. Anything is welcome. Please contact us at phone number: 8270194875, e-mail: aannastasia78@gmail.com. Thank you in advance, Anastasia

Help with translation: If you are English or French (mother-tongue, with a good literary background) knowing Italian well enough and you can be interested on translating about 50 pages of an Italian book (about Sri Aurobindo’s “Savitri”) into your language, please call Paola: 2622138 or 9486422138.

Volunteers needed for Art for Land exhibition: Art for Land exhibition, which opened on 1-1-2018, will go on at Unity Pavilion till 15 February 2018. The exhibition shall be open Monday to Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. We need volunteers to maintain presence in the Hall during these hours to help and guide visitors and keep record of transactions. If this speaks to you kindly get in touch with Unity Pavilion (0413 2623576, unitypavilion@auroville.org.in). Art for Land Team

Bed frame / food safe: A) 2 wooden bed frames (1x2 mtrs). B) 1 food safe max. 105cm wide, max.50cm deep, height no specification. C) 4 simple dining chairs. Contribution available. Thank you. Contact Aurora: 9443535087

LOST & FOUND

Heavy duty men’s vest (Found): at Unity Pavilion - large size in khaki color with 2 inside and 4 outside pockets. In one of the pockets we found a paper slip from the News & Notes, Tamil version. The garment was found after the event on Consciousness and Money, December 15 – If it’s yours, please come and collect it at Unity Pavilion office. Thanks.

TRAVEL

Latest News from the Travel Shop - Inside India located in Auroshilpam

We are open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00. Last minute offers from Airlines: Omán Airways has special offers to Europe / Jet Airways has promotional fares to all their international destinations / Qatar Airways and Emirates have special offers to Europe and USA / We are having new attractive fares to many destinations in the east from Malaysian, Thai and Air Asia.

Domestic: Spice Jet has announced that they will start operating a daily flight from Bangalore to Pondicherry and back from 15 February onward. / We have a special deal with Jet Airways and Air India for some of their destinations. Changes and cancellation charges are also less than usual.

Hotels: International and Domestic Hotel bookings can also be done at discounted rates through us. Please check with us in advance regarding flight schedules & baggage policies of airlines.

International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622078, travelshop@auroville.org.in.

Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 - 2623030, domestic@inside-india.com.

Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622047, insideindia@auroville.org.in

TAXI SHARING

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

January 10th or 11th: Taxi Share to Chennai City on the 10/11/17 (morning) or on the 11/11/17 to Chennai Airport (Arrival Time @ Airport at 10 am) Contact: Lotta +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 <chanki5@hotmail.com>

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

January 15th: At 9 am a taxi will leave AV to pick up a friend arriving at 12 pm in Chennai domestic airport (flight from Delhi). If you want to share, please contact lalies@india.com - Media

January 17th: Taxi sharing to the airport on Wednesday 17 January. Leaving Auroville at 3 pm. Please contact: rayoga@gmail.com - Penny

January 18th: We will arrive at Chennai Airport (From Oman) at 2 pm - 2 seats available from Chennai / 3 seats from Auroville. Please contact Nelly Vivier - omanca58@hotmail.com

January 19th: Taxi share (both ways) from Auroville, Center Field, to Chennai Airport leaving at 5 pm to arrive for 8 pm. Please email: estherikalimjim@me.com or +918754364432 (text preferred) - Esther

January 27th: to Chennai airport Saturday 27 January 2018. Leaving Auroville at around 8.30 pm, starting back around midnight. Contact Manohar 9486416179, manohar@auroville.org.in
**W**hat THE Fair ?!
The 2018 You th Cent re Fair is ON !!
Saturday 13 January 2018
1 pm until late!

Let’s Talk Trash Week - 14
This Sunday (14th January 2018) we will be meeting in Transition School at 6am.
We will cover Transition School to Rajeswari College. Thank you! All are welcome! Gloves will be provided.
Breakfast will be provided at the end. See you all!

Taiwanese Culture Night
Friday, 19th January - 7:30 pm
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

As we welcome a group from Taiwan Homemakers Union Consumers’ Co-operative (HUCC), we would like to invite you to spend a bonfire night filled with Taiwanese spirit. We will share Taiwanese culture, folk dance groups, along with Taiwanese herbal medicine soup, tea and snacks.
This HUCC group works on urban citizens’ collaboration with rural farmers and food producers, strives to create a safe food systems and a more sustainable society.

For more information and donation (account no. 251209), please contact: taiwan@aurowl.org.in.

**EXHIBITIONS**

**ART FOR LAND**

**ART EXHIBITION at THE UNITY PAVILION**

Mondays – Saturdays from 9:30 am to 4 pm, until February 15th

[artforland.aurowl.org](http://artforland.aurowl.org)

The works of over 70 artists from Auroville, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, India, and AVI centers from around the world are now on exhibit at Auroville’s Unity Pavilion in a unique showcase of beauty and creativity!

Works include paintings, ceramics, photographs, glasswork, jewelry, collages, and sculpture. Some artworks created by Ashram artists were blessed by the Mother. Additionally, if you make a land donation, you can receive one of the artworks as a gift - generously donated by the artists to raise funds for completing Auroville’s Master Plan land base.

ART FOR LAND is a non-commercial cycle of generosity and gratitude for the existence of Auroville.

All donations go exclusively for purchasing Auroville’s missing Master Plan land.

Postcards of several works, along with other items, are available for sale - complemented by a parallel fundraising sale of donated rare photographs of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. All proceeds go for Auroville land purchase. Join us in sharing beauty, showcasing creativity, and building a 50th birthday gift for the land!

**SONGS THROUGH TIME**

Singing for the Land
With Carla and Paula
Saturday, January 13th - at 7:30pm
Unity Pavilion

**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

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies
India and the World - Bharat Nivas
Our Auroville Experience...
We will meet on Friday, January 12, 2018, at 4 pm in the Resource Library, to continue our reading/study of “Savitri”.
Till then...Love, Aster

**SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE LAND**

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**at Unity Pavilion**

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View the artworks at [www.artforland.aurowl.org](http://www.artforland.aurowl.org).

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**ALL ARE WELCOME !**
EPHINANY
art exhibition
by Auroville Artists

Kala Kendra
Bharat Nivas
Jan 10 - 20, 2018
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Bharat Nivas
The Pavilion of India, Auroville
**MATRIMANDIR – A LABOUR OF LOVE**

A photographic exhibition by Paulette
Town Hall - until March 20th

Featuring the opening text of *The Hour of God* by Sri Aurobindo and, by the Mother, *I invite you to the great adventure* - along with three texts on minimum material needs, in Auroville, and its true hierarchy, spiritual - the exhibition is a call to find back the pioneers’ spirit, whose idealism and self-offering made brave with a laughter material conditions often impossible.

Side to side with photographs of early Aurovilians building the structure are photographs of Aurovilians cleaning the discs, taken the last few years, along with photographs of Matrimandir and its park as unending discovery.

*May we approach the 50th Anniversary of Auroville as self-consecration and integral surrender to the greatest adventure.*

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**CULTURAL EVENTS**

**KALARIGRAM and RITAM(Auroville) present**

**YODHAYANAM**

"The journey of a warrior"

**Dates**

14 January at 6 pm

27, 28 January and 3, 4, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 February at 7 pm

**Venue:** KALARIGRAM - Udayan, Edayanchavady road

With Yodhayanam we offer you a glimpse into the world of kalaripayattu-the most ancient martial art. The event starts with a traditional kalaripayattu performance followed by a contemporary dance theater performance - BHU-inspired by kalaripayattu, directed by Philippe.

Bhu shows the journey of a man looking for connection with himself and Nature. Launching of the event and inaugural performance 14th January at Kalarigram's newly built amphitheater space at 6 pm. Subsequent performances at 7pm.

**Reminder:** Nuria and the Auroville Jazz Quartet

Play again: a night of Jazz Standards

Friday 12th January - 8pm - CRIPA

**SINGING FROM THE HEART**

Tuesday, 16th of January, 5.30 - 7.30 pm

In Sveda-dame, Butterfly Barn,
Come let’s sing in celebration of life & joyful connection with divinity, through heart songs and mantras...

Thank you for parking at the community gate.

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**NEWS & NOTES**

**MAROMA INVITES YOU TO**

**VERNISSENG OF AN EXHIBITION OF CANDLES**

created by Paul Pinthon
to celebrate
Auroville’s 50th Anniversary and the 40th year of Maroma:
18th of January 2018 3 to 5.30 pm
at Maroma, Auroville.

Exhibition is open on the 19th and the 20th of January between 9 am to 4 pm with an open house on the 20th between 10.30 am to 12 pm and 3 pm to 4.30 pm.

The guests are invited to park at Pour Tous and walk from there in case the parking is full at Maroma.

Tel: (0413) 2622126 / email: paul@maroma.com

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**TALKS**

**DEMYSTIFYING THE INDIAN DEITIES**

Friday 12th January - 5 pm to 7 pm
At Unity Pavilion - By Aparajita Barai

Why is Saraswati in white attire? Why does Durga have 10 hands? Why is owl the vehicle of Lakshmi? What do the gods and goddesses mean and why are they so many in number? Can the deities be useful in our daily lives or are they just part of our rituals? In a step by step manner, as we pick up the visual language through the understanding of colours, symbols, metaphors and personifications, we will gradually get closer to the secret messages the deities hold for us.

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**REVISITING GENDER THROUGH SHIV AND SHAKTI**

Thursday 18th January - 5 pm to 7 pm
At Unity Pavilion
By Aparajita Barai
(www.belovedindia.com)

In a time when gender-bias and gender identifications are words of great importance, what does this ancient concept say about that? What is Shiv and what is Shakti? What is ‘Purush’ and what is ‘Prakriti’? What do the masculine and feminine counterparts contribute to in the macrocosmic and microcosmic nature?

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**“ECOLOGY IN THE ANTHROPOCENE”**

**HUMAN EVOLUTIONARY HERITAGE FACING RECENT ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES**

(Presentation and Discussion)

Join us on Friday, 19th of January 2018, 4.00 to 5.30 pm at Cinema Paradiso (Town Hall)

Dr. Mark Frenzel from the German Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research will present on the current ecological crisis, its evolutionary and historical causes and scientific tools for a better understanding of how to bring balance to our interactions with nature. Dr. Frenzel will share the scientifically based framework of ecosystem integrity as a tool for long-term ecosystem research, as well as know-how on how to take the “pulse of nature” and manage the human-nature relationship in the context of ecosystems services. The presentation will be followed by a discussion of these topics and their relevance for environmental work and research in Auroville. For more information on Dr. Frenzel’s work go to http://www.ufz.de/index.php?en=38626

Submitted by Matthias (Auroville International/Germany)
South Indian Classical (Carnatic) Vocal Music Recital

by

Dr. Sri. K. Sivadhasan  Dr. Sri. E. Mugundhan

Sri. B. Srinivasan on the violin  Sri. M. Angappan on the mridangam  Dr. Sri. A. L. Ramasamy on the muggaraing

7:30 pm  Saturday  January 13, 2018
SAWCHU, Bharat Nivas

All are welcome!
Email: bharatnivas@auroville.org.in
NURIA
AND THE AUROVILLE JAZZ QUARTET

MATT LITTLEWOOD Piano
HOLGER JETTER Electric Upright
SREENATH S. Drums
SHANKS KINI Guitar

In Concert
2018

12th January
Friday
8:00 pm
CRIPA
Rhythms of Korea
Saturday 20th January 2018
8:00 pm at CRIPA

Rhythms of Korea from nature.
- the vibrations of the earth, movements of the wind, and sounds of the sky.
It will be a great experience of human unity, transcending nationalities and differences.
Performed by Jung-Woon and Ga-Eun

Mask dance.
Character dancing with a drum.

Games
A mixture of Burna (spinning plates) and a cup and ball games.

Ulim (vibration).
A spectacular Janggu (double-headed drum) performance.

Your song.
Twirl a Sangmo with Rathnell, accompanied by singing from the audience.

Binari (a song that blesses the percussion).
Here we will all sing together, and try to find the rhythm of Auroville.

Organized by Korean Community
Let’s dance the Korean MASK Dance!
Sunday 21 January 2018
10-12 pm / 3-5 pm at SAWCHU

Everybody is welcome to join us! Let’s learn and dance together
the basic movements of Talchum, Korean mask dance.

Bring your bottle of water!

SCHEDULES

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

INTENSIVES IN VÉRITÉ:
- PRANAYAMA - BREATH OF LIFE ENERGY (for all levels) with Ananda - Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 17, 18 & 19 January - from 9 am to 4:30 pm
Prana is the breath of universal life energy. Mostly breathing and energy flow happens unconsciously as part of survival process. By becoming conscious and attentive to prana – and enhancing and directing its flow through the pranayama practices – we can rejuvenate the body-mind- energy, enhance sensitivity and perception, expand inner awareness, and open the door to higher states of consciousness. In this Pranayama training, you will: Learn the science of Energy - Prana, Nadis, Chakras, Vyayas Learn and practice basic pranayama techniques suitable for all times for everyone / Learn and practice advanced pranayama techniques with restrictions / Learn and practice bandhas (breath and energy locks) / Learn and practice therapeutic pranayama practices useful for specific treatments.
Ananda has been exploring yoga, meditation, mystics, and energy work for more than 24 years, and has studied and practiced healing modalities for over 10 years. He is professionally trained with international certifications in Watsu, Aqua wellness, Foot Reflexology, Hypnotherapy, Pranic Healing, Alchemy of Touch - Rebalancing.

- FATE OR CHOICE? (FAMILY) CONSTELLATIONS - with YUVAL Saturday, 20 January - 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.
YUVAL is a life & business coach.
MIRRA WOMEN’S GROUP & AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB
PRESENT:

PONGAL FESTIVAL 2018
COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US!

* Traditional Pongal Songs and Dance
* Kolam: practice and learning
* Cooking Pongal all together
* Auroville children’s songs
* Prasadam: Sweet Pongal
* Auspicious Bonfire
* Fire Circle Dance
* Live Music
* Refreshment

Sunday
14th January
Morning Celebration 8–11am
Evening Celebration 5–8pm

AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

Confirm your participation
info@aurovillelanguagelab.org – 0413 2623661
grace@auroville.org.in

Suggested dress-code all day long:
saree/long skirt/lungi/dhoti
People of the World Playing Together
Open Session with the Russian Singing Bells
On 15th and 22nd January, and 5th February
Timing for all the events: 5.00 to 6.30 pm
Location - CRIPA, Kalabhami

Interactive musical program aimed at discovering the potential of collective Harmony with the help of unique bell sounds.

The program will begin with a short meditative performance of the Russian Singing Bells by Vera Joshi.

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
16th January (Tuesday)
- Overview with multimedia presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books
Focus this week on: ‘Savitri’
These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand in various inner exercises.

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

T’ai Chi Chuan Workshop
Inner Way T’ai Chi School
T'ai Chi Hall in Sharnga
Presents the art of Chi - Stevanovitch’s method
January 15th to February 3rd
(Sundays excluded)
Monday to Saturday, 7.30 - 10.30 am
Beginners: Chi and T’ai 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

T’ai Chi regular classes paused until 03/02:
There will be no regular classes at the T’ai Chi Hall in Sharnga from January 15 to February 3rd.

T’ai Chi Hall in Sharnga

Yoga body with Olesya at Sharnga Guest House Yoga Hall
Asana and Pranayama in B.K.S.Iyengar Tradition.
Iyengar Yoga is a form of Hatha Yoga, a process of developing your body, vital organs, you mind and the quality of intelligence through mobility, strength, stability and alignment in asana

Morning classes:
Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6.30 am
Evening sessions:
Every Wednesday and Saturday from 5.00pm to 6.30 pm
Drop-in classes. All are welcome!
Contribution is expected.
For more information: olesya@auroville.org.in or
WhatsApp +91-915-905-2743
Buddha Garden activities
- FARM TOUR every Monday and Thursday morning. Come any time between 10.00 and 11.30 am. Use our audio companion to look around and find out what we do. Contribution requested.
- JOIN OUR WEEKLY FOOD GROWING CYCLE starts every Monday at 9.00 am and continues for a further four days 6.15 - 9.00 am. Each day will consist of practical activities, reading and discussion about how we can grow our own food wherever we are. Booking essential.
- COOK AND EAT Traditional Tamil food with Swakala in our kitchen; 10.30 am-12.30 every Thursday starting on January 18th. Booking essential. Possible to combine this with the Farm Tour.

For more information contact: priya@auroville.org.in

Exploring Auroville Architecture
22nd - 24th January 2018 at Auroville
Auroville Green Practices is organizing a 3-day workshop titled “Exploring Auroville Architecture” composed of site visits and interactions with architects and building professionals from Auroville. During the program, participants will trail the diversity of architectural expressions in terms of form, context and purpose in the wider setting of this international township. Expected participants are professional and aspiring building professionals and homeowners who would like to gain inspirations and new ideas for their own practices. Participants will enjoy an exploratory tour to different places to witness Auroville’s unique architectural styles. Concessional fees (to cover food expenses) for Aurovilians working in this field are being offered. Full program attendance is required. If you are interested to attend, please send an email to: info@agpworkshops.com. For more details please visit: www.agpworkshops.com

Connection as Life Energy
Introduction to Nonviolent Communication with L’aura Joy, NVC Certified Trainer
Fri, Feb 2 - Sat, Feb 3
9.30 am - 5 pm, with lunch break
Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others?
Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want?
A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply-rooted consciousness of oneness, as well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We’ll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to hear others’ (and harmless) messages in turn, 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.
*Note: For those with Indian residency (Indian national or having residential permit). More info & register (and for venue info): contact L’aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016 [Other upcoming RC events: joylivinglearning.org]

Women rooted in Gaia
What kind of Life, what kind of Earth are we longing to be part of? What nurtures me deeply, how can I source wisdom from deeper within? What grounds and supports manifestation of the Visions? We are accessing the inherent wisdom within our bodies through intuitive movement/dance, nurturing touch, introspection, deep listening, ritual... & creating a VISION BOARD, a visual affirmation of our deeper longings... 2 days’ journey within the intelligence of Women Circle & support of sisterhood Thursday & Friday: 18 & 19 January - 9.30 am - 5.30pm In Svedame, Butterfly Barn
Please register with: dariyaa@auroville.org.in / 9786658967

Yoga body with Olesya at Sharnga Guest House Yoga Hall Asana and Pranayama in B.K.S.Iyengar Tradition.
Iyengar Yoga is a form of Hatha Yoga, a process of developing your body, vital organs, you mind and the quality of intelligence through mobility, strength, stability and alignment in asana
Morning classes: Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6.30 am to 8 am. / Evening sessions: Every Wednesday and Saturday from 5.00pm to 6.30 pm. Drop-in classes. All are welcome! Contribution is expected. For more information: olesya@auroville.org.in or WhatsApp +91-915-905-2743

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 conflict, and resolve issues on profound levels. They create forums for reaching agreements that help sustain effective and nurturing relationships both personally and collectively.

This Circle process has been developed within the Restorative Justice (RJ) movement, which in recent decades has rediscovered and adapted ways for communities to promote responsibility and healing. Rethinking justice, and engaging with the challenge of consciously building whole system responses to community well-being, has opened up revolutionary possibilities for furthering a culture of peace.
Conflict is an inevitable part of the diversity of life. Yet few of us individually, let alone as a community, know how to respond to conflict with behaviors that do not produce pain and damage relationships.
The RC process offers a way to create community spaces for conflict that are safe and constructive, not destructive. It has been described as a straightforward problem-solving and nonviolent restorative method that demonstrates how community members can resolve their own conflicts when provided with a constructive forum to do so.
The establishment of a restorative system empowers communities to consciously choose how they would like to respond to conflict before it occurs - a form of proactive, preventative conflict transformation. It enables them to choose a nonviolent response to conflict that involves the whole community in discovering their own sustainable strategies by addressing immediate as well as underlying long term causes.
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Contact L’aura for more information and to join: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016 [Other upcoming RC events: joylivinglearning.org]
Serge arrived in Auroville in 1979. Shortly after his arrival, he opened a graphic design studio in Fraternité, “Saraswati”, which works on books and exhibitions on Auroville. With his companion Luisa, he returned to France in 1980 for his military service. Luisa and Serge returned to Auroville after 6 years and took over the Auroville Press that Claude Arpy had created in Fraternité. They transferred this Press to the building originally occupied by AuroPress near Aspiration. In addition to his printing and publishing activities, Serge has also started the practice of Aikido in Auroville, which is still going on today. Serge has always been very involved in the collective life of Auroville. That Auroville remained faithful to its founding principles was a matter of passion, haunting, and sometimes even despairing him. Until 2006, he was responsible for the French Pavilion. Serge has left us in July 2008 after a long illness.

**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

*Monday 15th of January 2018 at 6:30 pm*

**SHYAMA or ‘KRISHNA THE DARK IN FEMININE’, Part 1**

Shyama came with three small children to India in 1965. She met The Mother often and had a vivid connection with her. Her question was Why? What is life about? India and the beauty of the soul touched her and with the Divine Mother she found what she was seeking for and much more.

In the beginning Shyama lived in Pondicherry where she met Frederik. Shyama and Frederik came with the children to Auroville already before 1968. Shyama tells about the meaning of her name, her gratefulness meeting The Mother, about the high aspirations and the beauty in the early times and also about the hard efforts the early Aurovilians had to do for living and the difficulties they faced in these adventurous times. A beautiful interview by Francois G., edited by Rakhal. Duration: 55 min.

**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

Sadhana Forest, January 19th, 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 :)

**THE AMBASSADOR**

93 Minutes / English (with Subtitles) / 2011 /

Directed by Mads Brügger

Danish journalist Mads Brügger goes undercover as a Liberian Ambassador to embark on a dangerous yet hysterical journey to uncover the blood diamond trade in Africa.

(Reminder: Kiribati - A Drowning Paradise In The South Pacific )

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: sadhanaforest.org / facebook.com/sadhanaforest

**THE FRENCH PAVILION presents**

**Interview of Serge**

Director: Doris & Francis

Saturday 13th January 2018 at 5 pm

Town Hall - Cinéma Paradiso

*in English subtitled in French,* duration: 50 minutes

This week we are presenting a 100% Aurovillian film: Serge’s interview conducted by Doris and Francis on February 18, 2008.

We already screened it on 13th November 2017, but due to heavy rain few people only could come and because it is a very moving testimony of an Aurovillian who shared without fear his dream and relation to Auroville, we found important to give another chance to Aurovillians and others to come and watch it.

**FILM SHOW: “L’HOMME APRÈS L’HOMME”**

*Monday, January 15th at 4.30 pm*

At MMC Auditorium (Cinema Paradiso) - Town Hall

A powerful introduction to Sri Aurobindo’s and Mother’s 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). A short portrait of Satprem, Mother’s confident for 70 years - 1981 - 30 mins

2) “L’Homme après l’homme (Man after man)- 1981 - 1 hour

**VISITOR’S CENTRE – VIDEO ROOM**

**FRIDAY 19 JANUARY, 7.45 pm**

**“LAMB”** - Director: Yared ZELEKE, ETHIOPIA, 2015

With: Kidist Syyum, Rediat Amare, Rahel Teshome, Surafel Teka

*Synopsis:* The film tells the story of young Ephraim, a half-Jewish, Ethiopian boy who is sent by his father to live among distant relatives after his mother’s death. But when his uncle decides that his beloved sheep must be sacrificed for the next religious feast, he will do anything to save the animal and return home… Drawing amazing performances from his cast of professional and non-professional actors, first time filmmaker Yared Zeleke tells his deceptively simple story with a refreshing honesty and naturalness. Beautifully shot against the majestic backdrop of Ethiopia’s southern mountains, Lamb is the first film from Ethiopia, highly praised in Cannes and Toronto.

*Original Amharic version with English Subtitles, Dur.: 1h 34’*

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AVFF-Winners - Monday 15 January, 8:00 pm:
- EARTH AND BAMBOO (By Aurovilians)
- INNER DIALOGUES, EP. 01 (By Aurovilians)
- TREE HOUSE COMMUNITY (About Auroville)
- AUROVILLES KINDER (Auroville’s Children/About Auroville)
- TOGETHER (By Aurovilians)
- PATH THAT LEADS NOWHERE (By Aurovilians)


AVFF-Winners - Tuesday 16 January, 8:00 pm:
- TAXI DO AMOR (Riding love) (Human Unity)
- POLAROID (Human Unity)
- ELEPHANT’S PLAYMATE (Human Unity)
- BLUE BOY (By Aurovilians)
- UN PAESE DI CALABRIA (Human Unity)


AVFF-Winners - Wednesday 17 January, 8:00 pm:
- OPEN YOUR EYES (By Students)
- DOTA 2 TRIBUTE (By Students)
- TRASHION SHOW (By Students)
- A COLLECTION OF ANIMATIONS (By Students)
- BE PART OF THE SOLUTION AND NOT THE PROBLEM (By Aurovilians)
- UNIQUE TOWNS - AUROVILLE (About Auroville)
- THE MOTHER, EP. 1 to 6 (About Auroville)


AVFF-Winners - Thursday 18 January, 8:00 pm:
- HERITAGE FIGHT (Human Unity)
- ENTRE CHIENS ET LOUPS (By Aurovilians)
- ASYLUM PARK (By Aurovilians)
- ECOVILLE DESIGN EDUCATION DOCUMENTARY AUROVILLE (About Auroville)


International - Saturday 20 January, 8:00 pm:
- Auroville Germany, 2006, Writer-Director Henner Winckler w/ Kim Schnitzer, Gordon Schmidt, Feo Aladag, and others, Drama-Romance, 93mins, German-Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Cinema Paradiso along with German Pavilion presents this film - which is shared by the director during his recent visit. This both beautiful and thoughtful film is about the struggles of a teenage girl named Maggie who has to reach some kind of equilibrium in her life. It follows her progress through the course of perhaps several weeks, desperately trying to take care of her baby Lucy, balance her relationship with her mother, while enjoying some sort of normal teenage/adult social life.

Children’s Film - Sunday 21 January, 4:30 pm:
- WINNIE THE POOH

USA, 2011, Dir: Don Hall, w/ Jim Cummings, Craig Ferguson, John Cleese and others, Animation, 63mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

While searching for honey, Pooh and his friends embark on an adventure to find Eeyore’s missing tail and rescue Christopher Robin from an unknown monster called, The Backson.

YIMOU ZHANG FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club
Zhang is a Chinese film producer, director, writer, actor, and former cinematographer. He is among the fifth generation of Chinese filmmakers, having made his directorial debut in 1987 with Red Sorghum. Zhang has won numerous awards and recognitions, with Best Foreign Film nominations in 1990,1991, and in 2003, Silver Lion and Golden Lion prizes at the Venice Film Festival, Grand Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival, and the Golden Bear at the Berlin International Film Festival. His films are particularly noted for their rich use of colour, as can be seen in some of his early films.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 21 January, 8:00 pm:
- HONG GAO LIANG (Red Sorghum)

China, 1987, Dir. Yimou Zhang w/Li Gong, Wen Jiang, Rujun Ten and others, Drama-History, 91mins, Chinese w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

In 1930s China a young woman is sent by her father to marry the leprosy owner of a winery. In the nearby red sorghum fields she falls for one of his servants. When the master dies she finds herself inheriting the isolated business. The film is debut for the director and for the actor Gong Li. With its lush and lusty portrayal of peasant life, it immediately vaulted Zhang to the forefront of the Fifth Generation directors. The film won the Golden Bear Award at Berlin Film Festival.

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcAuditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support. Pl make a contribution to “Cinema Paradiso” account (#105106) at the Financial Service or set up for monthly contributions. Thanking You, MMC/CP Group

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Tuesday 5pm

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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.

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

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