HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

RADHA AND KRISHNA

RADHA

Radha is the personification of the absolute love for the Divine, total and integral in all parts of the being from the highest spiritual to the physical, bringing the absolute self-giving and total consecration of all the being and calling down into the body and the most material nature the supreme Ananda.

SRI AUROBINDO

Krishna is . . . the divine Flute-player, . . . the immanent and universal Divine who is the supreme power of attraction; and the soul, the psychic personality, [is] Radha, who answers to the call of the Flute-player.

RADHA’S PRAYER

O Thou whom at first sight I knew for the lord of my being and my God, receive my offering. Thine are all my thoughts, all my emotions, all the sentiments of my heart, all my sensations, all the movements of my life, each cell of my body, each drop of my blood. I am absolutely and altogether Thine, Thine without reserve. What Thou wilt of me, that I shall be. Whether Thou choosest for me life or death, happiness or sorrow, pleasure or suffering, all that comes to me from Thee will be welcome. Each one of Thy gifts will be always for me a gift divine bringing with it the supreme Felicity.

THE MOTHER

KRISHNA

At last I find a meaning of soul’s birth
Into this universe terrible and sweet,
I who have felt the hungry heart of earth
Aspiring beyond heaven to Krishna’s feet.

I have seen the beauty of immortal eyes,
And heard the passion of the Lover’s flute,
And known a deathless ecstasy’s surprise
And sorrow in my heart for ever mute.

Nearer and nearer now the music draws,
Life shudders with a strange felicity;
All Nature is a wide enamoured pause
Hoping her lord to touch, to clasp, to be.

For this one moment lived the ages past;
The world now throbbs fulfilled in me at last.

SRI AUROBINDO

All music is only the sound of His laughter,
All beauty the smile of His passionate bliss;
Our lives are His heart-beats, our rapture the bridal
Of Radha and Krishna, our love is their kiss.

SRI AUROBINDO

THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF FLOWERS, pt I

THE MOTHER

Is the aim of life to be happy?
This is just putting things topsy-turvy.
The aim of human life is to discover the Divine and to manifest it. Naturally this discovery leads to happiness; but this happiness is a consequence, not an aim in itself. And it is this mistake of taking a mere consequence for aim of life that has been the cause of most of the miseries which are afflicting human life.

The Mother, 28 March 1970
(submitted by Martin S.)
Join us in sharing beauty, showcasing creativity, and building a 50th birthday gift for the land! Come to the Unity Pavilion, make a land donation, and receive a beautiful work of art as a gift. Or view the special Art for Land collection on our online gallery and reserve an artwork artforland.auroville.org.

More than 70 artists from Auroville, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, India, and AVI centers from around the world have donated their works 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.

Treasures include unique creations by artists of the Auroville International network – the triptych on metal (above) by Josee Lamers of the Netherlands - plus other rare and beautiful works contributed by fellow Dutch artists M. Leddy, & G’ Huting, by French artists GAP, Véronik Ménanteau, & Philippe Vigoureux, by Nathalie Racicot & by Suzanne Langlois of Canada, and by jeweler Nuno Campos from Portugal. Don’t miss this special opportunity!!

Several artworks are available as postcards, along with other items, along with a parallel fundraiser of donated rare photographs of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

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

These special Unity Pavilion events are fundraisers for Auroville’s land:

- **Tuesday, February 6** at 3 PM: Visual presentation on Auroville’s land, needs, & progress with Q & A, led by Sigrid, one of Auroville’s dynamic land fundraisers (Unity Pavilion)

- **Friday, February 9** at 7 PM: “Is the land calling?” - documentary on William Commanda, North American Native Elder, on how we can live in harmony with each other and with Mother Earth, followed by a discussion about AVI Canada’s relationship with the Elder over the years, led by Stéphane of AVI - Canada, (Unity Pavilion)

Auroville 50th Anniversary
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
3rd to 18th February 2018

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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:
www.outreachmedia.auroville.org/events/month/
Dear fellow Aurovilians,  
On the first Monday of every month at 3 pm, you are warmly invited to our offices for dialogue and exchange on anything and everything to do with our city’s planning. For those who do not know where to find us, we are on the second floor of the Town Hall.  
Our team is looking forward to this sharing!  
Warm regards, L'avenir d'Auroville team  
(Anita, Anu, Aurovici, Divya, Inge, Pino, Sindhuja, Tejaswini)

Clarification for collaboration with private land developers  
Dear Community Members,  
It has come to our notice that several Auroville units have been associated to private developments within the Master Plan area. We would like to bring to your attention that developments in the Master Plan area require an NOC from the Auroville Foundation as per G.O. of Tamil Nadu Government dated 20.01.2003 in order to prevent any misuse or unwanted development from private parties. This information was publicly shared by the Working Committee in 2009. Keeping this in mind, participation of Auroville units in private initiatives should be avoided or regulated in coordination with the concerned groups and the Auroville Foundation. If a unit wishes to associate with any such private development, they are requested to contact the Working Committee before doing so.  
Best regards,  
Working Committee, L'avenir d'Auroville, Auroville Council

A New Year, a New Economy?  
Join the FAMC secretariat!  
Is one of your new year’s resolutions to support the evolution of our collective wealth and well-being? Then join the growing team at the Funds and Assets Management Committee secretariat - the apex body of our shared economy. New members have joined the FAMC, new plans are being hatched to boost the health of our collective body: our units, services, infrastructure, land and above all ourselves.  
There is scope for breakthroughs at many levels: from firefighting to forward looking decision making, from in-crowd only access to information to open and transparent administration, from deadlock to progress. There is no lack of goodwill around the table, but there is a lack of TIME. If you have good organisation and computer skills, if you’re a team player and have at least four half days a week to invest, or if you know someone for whom this is relevant, please contact Gij's at adminfamc@auroville.org.in today!  
One specific role we are looking for is a Knowledge Manager. This is someone who will help curate the vast amount of information about organisational history, governance, commerce, etc. and make it available for members to make better decisions.  
Let’s come together to take our experiment with integral economy to the next level.  
Happy New Year , Happy New Economy :) - Gij's

Invitation to Join the Study Group  
(Participatory Working Group Selection Process)  
Object: Review of the Participatory Working Group Proposal and 3-day Selection process.  
Dear Community Members,  
It is now almost two years since the Study Group last made amendments to the Participatory working groups proposal and the 3-day Selection Process and we feel that with the gained experience it is time to again amend it, improve what could work better and strengthen what works well.  
Since the Study Group is an open group we are again inviting participation from the community. If you are interested in this work, please join. Presently Chandresh, Helena, Isha, Jaya, Kay, Marc, Pashi and Uma are officially participating. We also expect our facilitators from the last two selections, Sheba, Leena, Manas and Rakhal to be part of this process as well as possibly members from RAS and Auroville Council.  
We are very happy for more community members to join this important work. The more anchored this process is in the community at large, the better it can work.  
To join the Study Group, please send an email to studygroup-email@auroville.org.in.  
Isha and Jaya for the Study Group

Certitude Road: Road closure  
Dear community members,  
We are happy to update you that the Certitude road stabilization is proceeding well, thanks to the efforts of the Road Service team and Satprem and his team.  
We will now close the entire length of the road - from the Certitude corner up to the Solar Kitchen roundabout - and re-open for Auroville's birthday week when the road has been "cured" nicely.  
This is a reminder to use the Vikas radial route to access Samasti and Prarthana, and to use the Courage road directly from the Solar Kitchen roundabout (follow the signs on the ground and see map on Auronet).  
Thanks for your co-operation.  
Best regards, L'avenir d'Auroville team  
(Anita, Anu, Aurovici, Divya, Inge, Pino, Sindhuja, Tejaswini)

Site and Building Applications  
Dear community,  
We are happy to announce that we are now open for applications, starting February 1st 2018. We have been working hard to clear a lot of the back log, as well as to create new, user friendly applications. If some of you who had submitted applications previously have still not heard from us, please rest assured that we will contact you very soon.  
Please write to avenir@auroville.org.in for the new form, while we are working to make them available online.  
Best regards, L'avenir d'Auroville team  
(Anita, Anu, Aurovici, Divya, Inge, Pino, Sindhuja, Tejaswini)

Houses available for transfer  
- Grace: Judith’s House: Area 94.77 Sq.m. Single storied Residential building with Terracotta tile roofing consisting of front verandah, living cum Kitchen room and re Harvested building with possibility of making it into two apartments. Ground floor: Two bedrooms, Kitchen, Hall, two toilets, one store room. First floor: Two bedrooms, two toilets, one store room, Balcony.  
- Sukhavathi - Constantino’s House: Area: 205.7 Sq.m. Double storied building with possibility of making it into two apartments. Ground floor: Two bedrooms, Kitchen, Hall, two toilets, one store room. First floor: Two bedrooms, hall, two toilets, one store room, Balcony.  
- Apartment in Creativity: 1st Floor: Area 715sqm with two bedrooms, Toilet/Bath, Hall and a Veranda. Suitable for Couple only.  
- Apartment in Citadines: 1st floor 100 M2 + terrace /23 BDK, 2 toilets, completely furnished along with individual fridge, gas, UPS, and common facilities such as: cafeteria, laundry, workshop for maintenance of the flats, garage, generator. Citadines is a collective housing experience, managed by a group who help maintain its quality, atmosphere and assure a good will around the table, but there is a lack of TIME. I only access to information to open and transparent infrastructure, land and above all ourselves.  
- Apartment in Arati - 3B: Plinth area of 161.0 Sq.m. Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Brick walls plastered in cement mortar, RCC flat roofing consisting of front verandah, Living cum Kitchen, Three Bedrooms & Toilet with common stair.  
- Creativity Apartment- Hemant’s House - First floor E- Block : Area: 78.36Sq.m carpet 3BHK for family+ 32.84Sq.m Balcony + passage. Available in June 2018 only.

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

Housing Projects under construction:

- Kalpana: The construction work is going on well. We are completing the structure which is the superstructure, bricks, 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 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.

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

From The Entry Service - N&N # 735

Dated: 03-02-2018 - Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians and Newcomers, joining Auroville. Prior to Newcomer and Aurovilian status confirmation, for Newcomers two weeks and for Aurovilians one-month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to entryservice@auroville.org.in

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
Anita KOMANDURI (Indian) Staying in Isai Ambalam and Working at Isai Ambalam School.
Angurajan PALANI (Indian) Staying in Buddha Garden and Working at Foodlink and Farm Group.
Manikandan ARUMUGAM (Indian) Staying in Prayatna and Working at Abacus Accounting Service.
Sangeetha SRIRAM (Indian) Staying in Realization and Working at SLI and Bharat Nivas.
Sakhthivel ELUMALAI (Indian) Staying in Shakti and Working at Work Tree.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Dimity LEONO (Kazakhstan)
Anastassiya LEONOVA (Kazakhstan)

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:
Isha (Indian) Born On: 05/06/2009 and Studying at Deepanam.

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
Avigal LEMBERGER (Isreali) Staying in Maitreya and Working at Matrimandir.
Ion CONDEI (Italian) Staying in Kriya (XY) and Working at Pitanga and Quiet.
Mira TONIONI (Italian) Staying in Kriya (XY) and Working at Royal Element.
Saranya RANJITHKUMAR (Indian) Staying in Mangalam and Working at Lively Boutique.

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
Aditi ROSEGGER (German)
Babu MARIE (Known as Mathan) (Indian)
Mahesh ARUMUGAM (Indian)
Jean Luc GUIGNARD (French)

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 09:30 AM-12:30 PM
Monday to Friday (by appointment only) 02:30PM-04:30PM
Yours, The Entry Service

OBITUARY

Nisha

In the early morning of Monday 29 January, our dear, young sister Aurovilian Nisha (K.Nishanthi), who worked as a nurse in Santé, left her body after a prolonged illness in Nallam Clinic. Her husband Raj and other family members were with her. She would have been 30 this year.

Hailing from Chidambaram, Nisha came to work as a qualified nurse in PIMS where she met Raj, who works as sysop in the Auroville Language Lab, and later married him. She joined Auroville in 2013 and the couple lived in Inspiration. Being highly qualified in her profession, it was but natural that she came to work in Santé. Colleagues and friends describe her as an intelligent, very sweet and welcoming person who will be deeply missed.

Nisha’s remains were brought to the Crown Road Farewell Centre for a last viewing, and were buried in the afternoon of the same day in Auroville’s burial grounds. Members of her family and many friends attended, bidding her a fond farewell. Our love and support go out to Raj and other family members.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Do you have Stewardship papers for your house?

Dear community, our Housing service computer has only about 900 Housing units in its system. A lot of houses built more than 15 years ago, do not have stewardship agreement.

You can have your house registered and be provided of Stewardship agreements. Please write to the Housing service Housing@auroville.org.in, and we will send a member of our team, Raul to document your house, to measure it and include all the extras like store-room etc.

Then the description of the building with a photo can be entered into your stewardship agreement. And this can be entered into the Housing asset filing computer program. Please write your telephone number and time that is convenient for a visit.

Thank you Sonja for the Housing Service

Program for Responsible Energy Management

In 2015 a statewide education program was initiated in Tamil Nadu. It was called the Program for Responsible Energy Management (PREM). Auroville Consulting was involved with PREM from the outset.

As a part of PREM, and with sponsorship from the Tamil Nadu Urban Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (TUFIDCO), this month we provided training to 100 officials from urban bodies from Tamil Nadu. Held in Auroville, the program of training included a series of site visits, interactive sessions and presentation on energy conservation and efficiency, solar energy, sustainable energy financing models, green architecture practices and smart street lighting systems.

To know more about this project, send us an email at info@aurovilleconsulting.com.

Marathon Market Registration is On

Dear all, this year on 11th Feb. the Marathon Run is happening, we are getting ready with the plan of the Marathon market - If you are interested in having a stall of your products or services on the 10th (9 to 6.30 pm) and 11th (7 am to 4 pm) February 2018 [Details will be sent to you once finalized] then please register your organization by sending an email to this address: promo_colnature@auroville.org.in

Registration closes on 7 /02/2018 - Midnight

Marathon market Team.
Arrival of a Baby Boy! Daniel Andre Vink, son of Brigitte (Pony Farm) was born on the 24th of January 2018. Both are well, healthy, and happy to share the news with you!

Further Education of the Youth of Auroville: How Can You Help? Dear all, Auroville Campus Initiative, the department of further education of SAILER, is in the process of collecting information regarding educational opportunities in Auroville in order to develop a platform of learning programs for Auroville youth.

We are looking at developing possibilities for the children of Auroville to further their education within Auroville, making studying abroad a choice and not an obligation.

For that, we would like to create a list of existing or potential ‘Learning Labs’, and in order to do so, we need your participation. If you are:

- A unit which is open to taking young Aurovilian for apprenticeships.
- An individual willing to share a particular set of skills with a young Aurovilian.
- A unit or an individual who has taken an apprentice in the past and wishes to share their experience with us.

Please write to us at aci@auroville.org.in with “Learning Labs” as the subject of your email.

We thank you in advance for your precious help with this project, ACI (Lalit, Manoj, Siddharth, Sophie, Valentine)

Soham’s garden visits: from Monday 5th of February, to celebrate Auroville’s 50th Anniversary, everybody is welcome to visit and enjoy Soham’s garden of Light and Love, until mid-April. Location: Transformation Community – once at the Transformation gate take the path on the right until the beautiful end. Timing: Every day from 3 to 5 pm only. On the first day (Feb. 5) Sr Krishna’s sweets will be offered. This garden has been partially done with the gracious and artistic participation of the Last School students. Soham

Bharat Nivas: Please note the new e-mail ID for Sri Aurobindo Auditorium: sriaurobindoauditorium@auroville.org.in Please do not bring food items inside the Auditorium. Many seats are under discussion. We will keep you informed when we have come to a resolution. Regards, OutreachMedia Team

Doordarshan Puducherry: We are happy to inform you that as of Monday the 29th of January to February 28th Doordarshan Puducherry is broadcasting daily at 6 pm a series of short films on Auroville (except week-ends). The compilation and preparation has been done by Doris, Serena and Yatra Srini with the assistance of Lakshay and OutreachMedia. The broadcasting in Chennai on Saturdays are under discussion. We will keep you informed when we have come to a resolution. Regards, OutreachMedia Team

Computer literacy support @ Blue Light: The weekly beginner’s support (computer literacy) open to any community member using Linux every Saturday morning at Blue Light from 10 am-12.30 pm is back. We are located at Town Hall, the office is between Auroville multi-media center and the Auroville Foundation building. Email: bluelight@auroville.org.in Phone: +91 413 2622500

THANK YOU

Fear Walkers - With Thanks and Appreciation

The piece called Fear Walkers that I saw this Saturday knocked me out. Oh yes, you could have gotten the idea of the play dance quickly. But the imagination creativity and subtly that was put into the stunning set, changing lighting to throw shadows, the constant intensity but centered performers male from here, female from Estonia was riveting to me. Touches like coming out of a barrel realizing that maybe in all these centuries they had missed something about each other. Thanks to the cast, directors, and crew for this big treat. Love, Audrey
with the children): Teachers to teach and play with the kindergarten children / Artists for creative activities
Management and office work / Social media coordinator
Fundraiser for New Colors project

People with experience working with children and any talents are welcome. It is suitable for Volunteers, Pre-Newcomers, Newcomers and Aurovilians. For more information, contact: Renama Cell No and WhatsApp (+91)9865444472 / newcolors2002@email.com , www.newcolors.in

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

Papyrus is looking to hire a person: who is able to work in the production of handmade stationary on a full-time basis. The work involves the utilization of a manual paper cutting machine as well as book binding, and, more generally, all the tasks that are required to produce the entire range of our stationaries. Prior experience in the field of stationary is preferable, but, if not, a good capacity to work manually and a strong desire to learn is a must. The position is available asap with a full-time maintenance and is based in the artisanal compound of Fraternity. If interested, please contact us by phone (0413)-2622129, 9786284029, or by mail at: papyrus@auroville.org.in

SPORTS

Mirra Women’s Group Sports Program

Dear Friends,

Mirra Women’s Group would like to share with you the following information. We kindly request your support and your suggestions for this activity.

A Sports Program will be organized by Mirra Women’s Group.

This sports program is to encourage fitness and confidence for the youth and women in bio-region. We are happy to be receiving the support for this program from Jothi of SAIIER.

There is a strong perception of women from surrounding villages who work in Auroville that the Tamil Aurovilian women are different and they feel no contact. The sports day program is a practical way to experience the common sisterhood shared by the women and build bridges of friendship and collaboration.

Program description:

a) Opportunity to develop the body through sports activities
b) Experience a spirit of collaboration through co-operative games, sharing, playing together.
c) Self-confidence and growth in personal empowerment through trying new things in a supported environment.
d) One full day program/weekend sports program: 100/200 meter running, musical chair, relay race, co-co, tug of war, three legged race, skipping race, tennis, etc.
And also one full day program of Kolam & cultural events.
e) Offer meal & refreshment throughout the day
f) Lecture on women’s issues, child sexual harassment etc.
g) Aims & Ideal of Auroville and Aurovilians’ experiences & their life in Auroville.
h) Prize distribution

Program dates:
- Sunday 4th February: Sports event at Murtandi village jointly with irumbai village
- Sunday 11th February: Sports event at Kottakarai village jointly with Auroville women.
- Sunday 11th March: Sports event at Edyanchavadi village, Kullapalayam jointly with Auroville women.

This sport program will be partly supported with funds from SAIIER. We are still looking for Rs. 41,500 to cover the full program. Our financial service account number is 103868. Volunteers are welcome to help us too. Please contact Grace or Madhi (Grace@auroville.org.in; Dinar@auroville.org.in)

Thanking you and Regards,
Grace, Madhi for Mirra Women’s Group

Darkali Fitness Track is open in the MORNING!
From 1st February onwards Darkali Fitness Track is open every day: From 6.30 am to 8.00 am & From 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Please remember to come 30 minutes before closing time.
The Fitness Track is a 1.3 km long path in the park with 7 metal structures and 20 exercises which are explained on a slabs with a drawing and text. It’s based on a Swiss design, Piste Vita and it has proven to be an excellent way to stay healthy.
The Track’s purpose is to provide to families, school groups and sadhaks that feel a little rusty, a peaceful, secure and green environment. Here is the map in Google Maps so your curiosity succeeds in finding the entrance goo.gl/dpdTgf. Darkali Team

EATING OUT (A EATINGIES listing is HERE)

Bharat Nivas Group & Attithi Giriha Guest House
We are happy to inform that on Sunday 4th February 2018, we are going to provide Sindi lunches at Attithi Giriha for Aurovilians and Newcomers only - From 12.30 to 1.30 pm
Contribution for lunch per person Rs.175. Lunch available on prior booking; please email to: attithigiriha@auroville.org.in or phone : 0413.2622445

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Dear listeners/viewers!
Please check out additional pieces made by TV crew on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/auroville.radio/

From our volunteers we have: Steve captured the full session of Russian Singing Bells for Human harmony. Gino recorded the bansoori flute concert at SveDame/WellCafe - Simple Set, Great Music, and made a Brief Interview with Arnab and Kees. He also captured Awareness firo Plastic Free World. Rtm - Beyond Time - concert of Anna and Aleyak Filatovy. 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 the Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo. Loretta is reading Savitri, B.V., C.II, Part1, and Mother’s Q and A, 10/10/56, Part 1.
Out of our regular programs are here the news of Thursday and Monday.

The Musical podcasts feature a tribute to Hugh Masekela - R.P. Hugh Masekela, and we also feature Aurelio Martinez with Garifuna’s Music, mix of Juaneco Y Su Combo. For your ears we also have Blue Funk.
Your AV Radio/TV Team [www.aurovilleradio.org]

NOTES

The Auroville’s Earth
“Terre, terre, dans la plaine et sur les hauteurs, sous la pluie et sous le soleil, tu es notre mère, O terre, mère de l’homme, terre de tout vivant” (French, anonymous) - Earth, earth, in the plains and on the heights, in the rain and in the sun, you are our mother, oh earth, mother of men and of all living beings. There were many guests for the Auroville’s inauguration in 1968 and there will be many guests for the 50 years’ celebration in 2018. In 1963 the landscape was almost deserted (“red earth”) but after fifty years it is nicely green with some black fertile soil. Many of Auroville’s pioneers were French, they particularly arrived in two “caravans” from Paris in 1969 and 1974, lived mainly in Aspiration community for the first years. In that time only one tree was in Aspiration, a tamarind. Now it does not exist anymore but there are hundreds of trees and bushes instead, together with some grass and flowers. Some years ago as a consequence of the Thane cyclone thousands of trees were uprooted in the city. Their roots were similar to the octopuses’ones. The fertile earth is like “earthsea”, it is full of different kinds of life: the roots of plants,
the termites, ants, worms, fungi, bacteria etc. The Aurovilians have their own invisible roots in the city's earth. Every year we have more and more residents in Auroville. They cannot live in a deserted landscape. His Holiness the Dalai Lama visited Auroville in 1973 and 1993. He said in 1993: It was a problem to find any shade in the city twenty years ago, now the problem is gone. Shade is needed for people, for the moisture of the soil - for any kind of life on earth. The Aurovilians gave a rich life (biodiversity) to this part of the planet. The fruitless region was transformed into a very productive one. In the spiritual city of Auroville everything became spiritual: the earth, atmosphere, plants, animals...

Boris

A Suggestion to be considered seriously

In the context of our nowadays prevalent situation in Auroville, it would be wise to seriously consider Divakar’s suggestion. But I am sure that his daring and boldness won’t be appreciated by those holding the reins of the city planning and that once more he will be condemned to ten more years of exile to the Ganesh archipelago’s garden for anti-Roger Angeist, antigalaxism, anti-line de force. Unfortunately, common sense is rarely taken into account here.

So, I would like to implore his merciless judges to give him a chance to defend his suggestion - at least out of compassion.

Soham

GREEN MATTERS

Sowing seeds for a sustainable food economy?

An eye-opening visit to Annapurna

Visiting Annapurna is always a treat. And even more so around Pongal, when entering the gate means stepping into a vast landscape of lush green with swaying paddy fields, glistening water bodies, everything looking healthy and a haven of peace. As always in this season, the community was invited for an afternoon of insights into the life of Auroville’s biggest farm, our main rice basket, central granary, and only certified organic dairy. Tomas and André, Annapurna’s farmers since 30+ years, know every nook of this vast place, every aspect of the many-sided work, which certainly contributes to the sense that everything here is pakka, solid, and of high quality. Our large group was welcomed with a generous spread of Annapurna delicacies, drinks of rosetta and lemon, creatively composed fruit compotes and jams, and a selection of farm cheeses. Under the same large roof, between grain stores and processing machinery, a computer played a slide show taking the viewer on a journey through Annapurna’s past and present, in pictures of stunning beauty.

For the next couple of hours, Tomas showed us around the farm and answered a steady stream of questions. Spell-bound, we learned a lot and yet knew that we were only scratching the surface. In a few words, here some facts that stayed with us:

- Good news: Annapurna is expanding its paddy fields to grow substantially more rice, in answer to greater demand from the community. This also means expanding infrastructure, including new and enlarged catchment ponds.

- Challenges: The farm has had to completely stop growing millets, due to a combination of factors including the presence of about a hundred peacocks! Other thriving wildlife, such as deer and wild pigs(!), has led to the fields and orchards being protected by electrical wire, with reasonable success. Annapurna still provides Auroville with millets grown in the bioregion, ‘default organic’ as their cultivation generally doesn’t involve chemicals. However, costs of millet farming are increasing, just when there’s finally a growing awareness of their health value. Says Tomas, ‘Left to the farmers these crops will simply disappear’ - unless consumers demand them and are prepared to pay...

- Processing helps survival: Selling perfect, healthy organic fruit hardly brings any income, but what does is the less perfect fruit transformed and sold in jars! Here too, it is the consumers’ habits and preferences that dictate the market, and thus farming...

- Our cheese subsidises our rice! Few of us know that the price we pay for our Auroville rice doesn’t even cover its cost! What keeps the farm financially going is its dairy, not as milk but transformed into curd and cheese (only 10% is sold at Foodlink as milk). Tomas answers with great frankness the poignant questions about cow keeping, such as: What happens to male calves? or to cows who, having birthed babies year after year, slow down their milk production? Even our best dairy farm with the highest standards cannot escape the ethical dilemmas that make more and more people go dairy free. Which is totally understandable, says Tomas, ‘but are they prepared to pay substantially more for their grains…?!”

Ethics versus economics, environment versus economics, health versus economics, time after time. An absurdly artificial situation. But, hold on, if the market is determined by consumers… the choices are in the end entirely in our own hands!! Conclusion: Can we imagine an Auroville with a new and conscious food economy, instead of blindly imitating the outside consumer market? Us, the community, setting our own priorities and rules, based on more real values and nearer to Auroville’s ideals? What will it take? Has the time come for discussion and action?!

Back to Annapurna, since just over a year, the farm produces the bi-monthly, illustrated Annapurna Newsletter, each issue covering a topic in depth, along with news and updates. All e-newsletters can be accessed at https://www.auroville.org/contents/4154, or you can subscribe by writing to annapurnafarm@auroville.org.in.

Sunday walk

Programme:

Let’s all meet at 9.00 am at the entrance of Botanical Gardens, starting from Orchids garden, going through the Ornamental garden, enjoying the perfumes of Plumerias and passing through the Cactus garden, going on by a walk through our TDEF forest. We will visit our latest projects as well: Watching Tower and Indian Garden. Join us and enjoy the beauty of our gardens!

Directions: from Solar Kitchen (cycling 25 minutes): Take the road past Courage, where it meets the AV main road, turn right, passing Aurovelo and up to the entrance of Edyanchavadi village; Just before the large Udavi school complex turn left and follow the sandy road past the Adventure back gate and several compound walls, till on your left you see the gate to the Botanical Gardens.

Next week: Sunday 11 January: Pitchandikulam Forest, 6am, with potluck breakfast. Details see next N&N.

We welcome green news from Auroville, the Bioregion, India and the world. Write to us at: avgreencenter@auroville.org.in For AV Green Center · Lisbeth, Isabelle, Apple, Jasmin, Island.

Probiotics House Tips Serial · #19

Comparative Prices In Dish Washers

In our last tips serial, we spoke about the Comparative Prices in Hand Washer. Today, our Tip is the Comparative Prices in Dish Washers.

This time, we are comparing our All Natural Probiotics Dish Wash liquid price with popular commercial and chemical Dish Washer liquid prices. All prices are based on 1 litre of dish wash liquid in plastic containers for refill available in the Nilgiris supermarket in Ponniyapuri.

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Then, again the question is WHY? Why you choose VIM or PRIL to wash your dishes? Surely it is not the PRICE. Are you aware that the chemical and chemical dish washers use METHYLISOTHIAZOLINONE as one of the ingredients? You should know that this antibacterial agent has been strongly linked to the following effects on human health: skin irritation/allergies/damage, acute aquatic toxicity, nervous system effects, respiratory effects. Experts say the chemical is second only to nickel in causing contact allergies. One in 12 adults and one in five children in the UK now have eczema, of
which contact dermatitis is one of the most common types. MI, which is short for methylisothiazolinone, is a preservative which is also found in paint.

But also, when you buy the commercial and chemical dish washers products, you are buying Palm oil as one of the ingredients; and Palm Oil industry, is destroying the Rain Forest of Amazon, Indonesia, Malaysia, India. Also you buy Phosphates, Paraben, Preservative, Synthetic Colors, Synthetic Fragrances, Additives, Phthalates, and Sodium Laureth Sulphate. And finally the plastic container, that finish in a landfill.

We in PROBIOTICS HOUSE, and in PDT we are really “GAME CHANGERS”, and we are inviting you ALL to join our campaign against plastic, and chemical ingredients. We do promote the refill system. We encourage to recycling and re-use of washed and clean containers for all your household products, as our PROBIOTICS DISH WASHER LIQUID.

The PRICE is not the excuse anymore!

PROBIotics House - Margarita & Guidelma
[www.probiotichouse.com]; Reve - Auroville. +91 413 2623774
Open Tuesday to Saturday: 9:30 - 11:30 am & 2:00 to 4:30 pm.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Available: House at Quiet available from 16th Feb to 25th Feb for house sitting, and again from 3rd - 16th March. If you love animals and are willing to look after a dog and a cat during this period, do get in touch. Nandita - SMS 9488483286, nandita@sharan.india.org.

Needed: I’m a Volunteer looking for long-term house-sitting, everything from 3 months to a year, if you are planning to leave Auroville for a while, get in touch goingpostal@posteo.net. I like taking care of animals. Thank you, Myriam

AVAILABLE

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

Wood furniture: Bed and other unique and special pieces of carpentry art. Kindly contact if interested. Kindly email to essence.touch@yahoo.de or whatsapp/sms 9442069249, Ultrike

Iphone 6: New and still in original packing, iPhone 6 plus cell phone cover in black with flap and stand - CASEMATE. Received by mistake from amazon.in. Call 2622900 or mona@aurville.org.in - Mona, Yantra.

Cycle and motorcycle: Giant - Rincon disc cycle, very lightly used, one-year-old for sale / New Dominor 400 matte black from October 2017 (only 3000 km used) for sale. If interested, contact Kaival (John) @ kaival@aurville.org.in - 9659577740

LOOKING FOR...

A car to borrow: Dear all, I’m an Aurovillian and looking for a car I can borrow for 2-3 days, to travel a distance of about 800 km (total). Please contact 9489969875, pashutlihiot@gmail.com. Thanks in advance - Love and Light -Submitted by Ohad Danenberg

Green Tiles: unicolor or with patterns, chipped or broken... any shape and any shade of green will do since they’ll be broken into small pieces for a mosaic. I just need a few and I can come and collect them myself. You can contact me: 7635_978261 or aschv5@gmail.com, Thanks, Alex

Hero Honda: Hello everyone, I am looking for a second-hand Hero Honda Splendor plus bike. If you have one or know someone who is selling one, please let me know! Contact Namoii 2622912 or Rossella 8489020139

L O S T & F O U N D

Dog (Lost): on 24 October 2017. Female. Photo attached. We have been told it has been seen in Auroville near a yellow gate, where children play and are attached. We have been told it has been seen in a small area near a child statue fountain. Large reward available. She responds to the name of Elena. Kindly contact 8056124025 or denise@libero.it. Thank you.

Backpack (Lost): We forgot somewhere a red small backpack; a glass bottle with a grey cover; a plastic red water bottle; red chapels with the writing “you tube” on it. If someone found one or more of these things... please, write or call me! Chiara: merianchiara@gmail.com / 091948704967

TAXI SHARING

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

February 5th: at 5.30 am leaving Auroville to Chennai (arriving in Chennai around 9.00 am so possible sharing on the way back) contact Elisabetta 7094206150 / elisegala@gmail.com

February 7th: 9 am from Chennai Airport to Auroville. If you want to share, mail to: regine.kumar@gmx.at - Regine

February 7th: Wednesday - Taxi sharing to Mahabalipuram - leaving at 10 am - you can also drop me on your way to Chennai - Contact Silvia: silwilo@yahoo.com

February 7th: leaving Auroville around 10 pm to Chennai airport. Contact Stanzin Angmo: stanzinangmo@bennington.edu

February 8th: My friend Anita will arrive on Thursday 8.2., at 8.15 am in Chennai. The taxi to the airport can be shared both ways. Please call Angelika at 91-9843678421, Whatssapp also possible.

February 8th: I will arrive in Chennai (on Oman Air) on Feb. 8 at 2:30 pm. if you are interested please contact Sylas: sylas@aurville.org.in

February 9th: Friday - leaving Auroville at 6 am from Arati, only 1 Person is going. Ingrid: 9443843976

February 9th: Taxi going to Chennai Airport leaving from Auroville 3.00 pm (time flexible) - Tatyana: btv.12@mail.ru

February 11th: Hello, I’m looking for a taxi sharing to go from Auroville to Chennai. I’ll go to a Hotel and take a morning plane on February 12th. Call or Email me at: +91_8270281125 / timo@selengia.de; Thanks! Timo

February 12th: Monday - Chennai Airport 12.15 pm (lunchtime) to Auroville, only 1 Person is going - Ingrid: 9443843976

February 14th: from Chennai domestic 17.00 to Auroville (as well sharing: leaving Auroville in the early afternoon reaching Chennai Domestic around 17h) contact Elisabetta 7094206150 / elisegala@gmail.com

February 16th: at 00.45 am arriving in Chennai international airport then going to Auroville (possible free places sharing from Auroville on 15th February around 10.00 pm reaching Chennai at 00.45 am) - contact Elisabetta 7094206150 / elisegala@gmail.com

February 19th: A taxi will be leaving from Auroville to Chennai airport on 19 Feb in the afternoon. If you want to share from / to Chennai only, please get in touch at: 9486268021, sudhir@aurville.org.in. Thanks, Sudhir

February 22nd: A taxi will be leaving from Auroville to Chennai airport at 9pm on the 22/02, for a pick up at 00:30am on Thursday 22nd: February 19th:

TRAVEL

Latest News from the Travel Shop - India: located in AuroraShilpam - open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:00 to 17:00 Latest offers from International Airlines which change at the moment frequently: Emirates has special offers to many destinations in Europe and USA / Air France has special fares to Europe via Paris in combination with Jet Airways / Oman Airways has special offers to Europe / Jet Airways has promotional fares to important sectors. Domestic Travel: Spice Jet is starting from 15th February daily flights from Pondicherry to Bangalore. This and flights to Hyderabad connect well to other domestic and some international destinations, saving the taxi trip to Chennai Airport.

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

Insurance: We highly recommend to avail of a Travel Insurance for all foreign travels. Please check with us in advance regarding flight schedules & baggage policies of airlines.

International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - 0413-2622078, travelshop@aurville.org.in, Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413-2623030, domestic@inside-india.com, Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413-627047, insideindia@aurville.org.in.
Let us meet where we are in touch with our inspirational space and feel the resonance of unity in diversity in action!

Exploring Prosperity 2

By Pashi, Luigi, Joseba, Umberto, Mita and Giacomo.

We invite you to participate in exploring a direction that Auroville could take to re-align with our aims and ideals in the present situation of the GST.

We also invite you to join us to look at various inspirational proposals and attempts that are ‘work in progress’ towards Auroville’s economic growth in alignment with The Mother’s Vision.

Friday, 9th February 2018 between 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Unity Pavilion

See you there!

CAT is a space to unleash our creative energies. CAT aspires to be a springboard towards the future. CAT is a space where we respond with discernment, respect and a spirit of collaboration.

CAT Spaces can be arranged for you in March and April! If you are interested to offer your heartfelt project within a CAT, please contact us: cats@auroville.org.in

You can find video documentation of some of the previous CATs under the link: https://vimeo.com/album/4616008

Love, The CAT’s team (Inge, Mita, Sandyra)
Centre d’Art Citadines Auroville presents | présente

BANG HAI JA
LUMIÈRES DU MONDE
Lights of the World
방혜자 | 세상의 빛

03.02.2018 – 15.02.2018
Open daily | 2.30 to 5.30 PM
Ouvert tous les jours | 14h30 - 17h30

Centre d’Art Citadines
Auroville, India | Inde | 오로빌, 인도

Opening | Vernissage
Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 | 4PM to 7PM
Samedi, le 3 février 2018 | 16h - 19h

In the kind presence of Mr. Kim Hyung Tae
Consul General of the Republic of Korea Consulate in Chennai

Nous aurons l’honneur de recevoir Mr Kim Hyung Tae, Consul General du Consulat de la République de Corée à Chennai
**EXHIBITIONS**

**ART FOR LAND**

**ART EXHIBITION at THE 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!

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

Come to the Unity Pavilion, make a land donation, and receive a beautiful work of art as a gift. Or view the special Art for Land collection on our online gallery and reserve an artwork at [artforland.auroville.org](http://artforland.auroville.org).

More than 70 artists from Auroville, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, India, and AVI centers from around the world have donated their works 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. Several artworks are available as postcards, along with other items, along with a parallel fundraiser of donated rare photographs of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Treasures include unique creations by artists of the Auroville International network - the triptych on metal (above) by Josee Lamers of the Netherlands - plus other rare and beautiful works contributed by fellow Dutch artists M. Leddy, & G’ Huting, by French artists GAP, Veronik Menanteau, & Philippe Vigoureux, by Nathalie Racicot & by Suzanne Langlois of Canada, and by jeweler Nuno Campos from Portugal.

Don’t miss this special opportunity!!

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.**

Visit our online gallery or reserve an artwork at [artforland.auroville.org](http://artforland.auroville.org)

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**TALKS**

**Talk on Coffee**

February 3rd at 10:30 am at Marc’s Café

Professor Sehdev Kumar, will share with us the history of the origins of coffee and how it traveled the world.

Be ready for an enchanting morning of a well versed speaker explaining about this magic bean and its travels around the globe.

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**CULTURAL EVENTS**

**Invoking the Divine through Kathak & Sufi Dances**

Friday, 09.02.2018, 19:00 at Auromode Yoga Space
Presented by Deepti Gupta

An internationally renowned Indo-Canadian Kathak & Sufi dancer, Deepti Gupta, presents several pieces in both styles invoking the Divine. As well, Deepti shares the insight into this form of inner practice and her artistic journey in dance both in India and Canada.

**NUMBER OF SEATS LIMITED!**

Please book your seat at: auromodeyoga@gmail.com

All welcome!

[www.auromodeyoga.space/events](http://www.auromodeyoga.space/events)

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**Bharat Nivas**

**The Pavilion of India**

Invites you to the following events in the upcoming week:

**ALCHEMIYA**

A contemporary circus performance by Sharanya Rao & Romain Timmers of the ‘Compagnie Distil’

Thursday, 1st February, 2018 7:30 pm

Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas, Auroville

(No advance booking required. Entrance free.)

**INDIAN TRIBAL ARTS & CRAFTS MELA**

During the Auroville Marathon, TRIFED (Tribal Federation) of Karnataka will be displaying and selling their products under their brand ‘ Tribes India’.

Some tribal artisans will also be present to showcase their craft to visitors on site. This event is being supported by Govt. of India (Ministry of Tribal Affairs).

[http://trifed.in](http://trifed.in) / [http://tribesindia.com](http://tribesindia.com)

February 1-11, 2018 - Bharat Nivas Campus

**VEDIC CHANTING**

Performed by teachers of Yogavahini School, Chennai in Sri Krishnamacharya’s tradition.

The teachers will also present a basic introduction and explanations on the meaning of the Sanskrit chants.

Saturday, 3rd February, 2018 - 5:00 pm

SAWCHU, Bharat Nivas

**SANGAMAM CELEBRATION**

(postponed to 4th March, 2018)

For more information, write to aurosangamam@auroville.org.in or call 94424-85455

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**BHU | EARTH**

The journey of a man looking for connection with himself and nature. Dance and theatre show inspired by the oldest martial art in the world: Kalaripayattu. Artistic direction: Philippe Pelen Baldini

[bhuexperience@gmail.com](mailto:bhuexperience@gmail.com) / [www.bhuexperience.com](http://www.bhuexperience.com)

www.facebook.com/bhuexperience/

8th, 9th & 10th February, 2018 at 8:00 pm

Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas

**THE DAWN OF AUROVILLE**: A photographic exhibition

An exhibition with basic information on the concept of Auroville, its inauguration, and the beginning of Matrimandir till November 1973. It is curated by Sri Aurobindo Ashram Archives in collaboration with Auroville Archives and Bharat Nivas.

February 10 - March 11, 2018 10:00 am - 5:00 pm (daily)

(Inauguration at 5:00 pm on Saturday, 10th Feb)

Kalakendra Gallery, Bharat Nivas
Kalaripayattu

Ritam Auroville, Kalarigram & Les Porteurs d'Eau
In partnership with Saiier & Auroville Art Service
Present

भू BHU | EARTH

The journey of a man looking for connection with himself and nature.
Dance and theatre show inspired by the oldest martial art in the world: Kalaripayattu.
Artistic direction: Philippe Pelen Baldini

The Cast:
Nikhil Varagiri
Thierry Moucazambo
Swaroop Kannan
Suresh Kaliyath
Prakash Sathiya
Madhu Jayamurthy

Light Designer:
Ashwin Ezhumalai

Sound Designer:
Suresh Ravi

8th, 9th & 10th of February at 7:30 PM
@ Sri Aurobindo Auditorium,
Bharat Nivas, Auroville.
Bharat Nivas
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

presents

VEDIC CHANTING

in the tradition of Krishnamacharya
presented by teachers of

yogavahini FOUNDATION

Saturday 3rd Feb, 2018 5:00 pm
SAWCHU, Bharat Nivas, International Zone, Auroville
Tribal Art & Craft Mela

Stone pottery
Dry flowers
Handloom textiles
Organic products
North-east crafts
Coir crafts
Tribal embroidery
Natural fiber
Home furnishing and more..

Sourced from tribes across India

February 1 – 11, 2018
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Venue: Bharat Nivas, Auroville
Free Workshops: 1 pm - 4 pm (daily)

Organised by
TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India
in collaboration with
Bharat Nivas
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

dev@auroville.org.in & bharatnivas@auroville.org.in
Mobile App: https://goo.gl/Xk3oyX
Bulgarian Pavilion presents

Giorgia Girginova (soprano) and Ivelina Ivantcheva (piano)

Force Alive, Fountaining, Flowing

Bulgarian spiritual songs by the Master Beinsa Duno, Western classical pieces from J.S. Bach, W.A. Mozart, G. Caccini, F. Schubert, C. Debussy, L. Pipkov, P. Hadzhiev

with Bulgarian rose scent

3rd February, Saturday, 7.30 pm, at CRIPA
Some class cancellations from JOY ACTIVITIES:
As Helena will be out for a few days, 3 classes will be cancelled:
AcroYoga on 8 Feb., Prana Vashya Yoga on 9 Feb and 12 Feb.
Classes will resume on 15 Feb with AcroYoga.
Sorry for the inconvenience. Thanks, Helena

AT CREATIVITY HALL OF LIGHT

New! 2 Hatha Flow Yoga Classes With So-Youn
Tuesday: Hatha Flow with Sound Mandala (432hz)
Friday: Hatha Flow Basics
Timing in February 2018: 5:30pm to 6:50pm
The class is based on the alignment of Iyengar and flow of Ashtanga. It remains authentic to ancient yoga tradition while tackling modern challenges. After class, you will be So Young!

ONE-DAY INTRODUCTION To The Communication Of The Heart
(Also Called NVC)
- In French Only (CNV) - En français uniquement!
Friday February 8th - From 9 am to 5 pm
Subscription: Hamsini: 9487544184

Family constellation workshop with Moghan
Saturday 10th of February: 9 am to 6 pm
Please contact: moghan@auroville.org.in / 975110486

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

New Classes in French
A new 6-week beginner course will start on Wednesday the 7th. The timing will be Wednesday and Friday from 5 – 6 pm. The previous beginner course has turned into pre- intermediate level and moved to Wednesday and Friday from 4 - 5 pm. Staring 7th February. The new Italian and Spanish courses have just begun. You can still sign up!
Italian: Monday - Wednesday 5 - 6 pm.
Spanish: Tuesday and Friday 11 - 12 am
All other classes as per the schedule.
You are all welcome to come and join!
Registration & info: info@aurovillelanguagelab.org Phone: (0)413 2623661

EXPLORING INDIAN CULTURE
Ayurveda Intensive workshop - Saturday 10th Feb 9.00-12.30
+ 14.30-18.00
Learning Ayurveda basics, anatomy, physiology and understanding the meaning of life through the study of ancient sacred Texts and through the practice of Ayurveda Dinacharya (daily healthy routine), Hatha-Yoga and Marma points (energetic points). The combination of theory and practice will help in deeply understanding our body-mind-spirit organism and its relation with the Nature rhythms, while increasing physical and psychological balance. Open to everybody.

Shakti Yoga for Women’s Empowerment
Exploration of female body-mind system through movement, breath, meditation in different techniques all suitable for women. We will hold a safe space for allowing ourselves to feel and share our wisdom about the Cycle of women’s life and its stages. Understanding that women have different physical and energetic needs, likes and dislikes from men is the first step for embodying Femininity and freely express our own Cyclic Nature.
Yoga and Ayurveda will be integral part of the course. Open to Women and Girls from 15.
Thursday 5-6.30 pm (beginning on 18th Jan)
Registration & Info:
info@aurovillelanguagelab.org, nadia@aurovillelanguagelab.org

ARKA
Hormonal Yoga for Women
For those who don’t know about Hormonal yoga, it is a natural treatment, combining postures, movements and breathing techniques from different yoga, which reactivates hormone production in a natural way and eliminates most symptoms of
hormone problems (menopause and other problems). As it increases THE estradiol level, it also helps in the prevention of cardio-vascular diseases and osteoporosis.

With energetic exercises of dynamic yoga, specific pranayamas and Tibetan energy techniques, Hormonal Yoga Therapy acts directly on the hypophysis, thyroid, ovaries and adrenal glands. From Monday 5th to Friday 9th of February 2018 every day - 11.15 am to 12.30 am.

Please contact Arka (0413 2623799) or Brigitte by email Brigitte@auroville.org.in or cellphone (9443283980) to confirm your participation before Sunday 4th of February. All are welcome (young and ever young women).

For more information about the technique: http://www.dinahrodriques.com.br

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**QUIET**

Watsu for Babies with Dariya
Sunday 11 February 2018
8.45 AM - 6.00 PM

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Watsu for Babies is a beautiful and spontaneous way of experiencing the first childhood years and is open to all those who would like to share the joy of being in water with babies. You will discover that emotions, which arise from a spontaneous movement in water, open extraordinary borders; they allow us to live in the present, here and now, simply listening to the breath of the child, both supported by the healing power of water.

Through some exercises from Tantsu and Ai-Chi, you learn to listen to yourself and to the baby you hold in your arms. You will also be exposed to the possible transfers of the Watsu sequence in order to expand it in a creative way for babies.

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**AUROMODE YOGA SPACE**

One-day Intensive
"Yoga of Tamil Siddhas and Powerful Temples around Auroville"

Sunday, 11.02.2018
10.00 am - 6.30 pm, with lunch break

Auroville Yoga Space

Do you know what ancient Tamil legend says about Auroville? Siddha Yoga, legends, temples, pujas and more! Bus included, one-day "talk & walk" experience - theory, practice, history, sightseeing with Bala & Max.

Auroville bio region is comprised of villages which are part of an ancient Tamil land known as THONDAIMANDALAM meaning "land of the wise". The region is famous for its Siddhas - the followers of Shiva, human beings who has achieved a high degree of physical and Spiritual perfection or Enlightenment.

During the first part of this Intensive (inside our yoga space), we will talk about famous South Indian Siddhas, their legends, predictions and practices. We will dive into one of the main written works of this special Yoga - "Thirumanthiram", which was written at the same time and even the same place with Patanjali's "Yoga Sutras".

We will talk about symbolic and spiritual meaning of a typical Tamil temple structure, we will understand symbols and meanings within a Puja worshiping (and will participate in a special Puja later on).

Moreover, you will try yourself! the ancient Siddha Yoga practices and see how had Siddhas achieved such great results!

During the second part of the Intensive after lunch break, we will go exploring (not far from Auroville): we will visit some powerful temples and see that Shiva temples, Vaishnava temples & local gods’ shrines, spirits and animism are worshipped with the same rigor by everyone in the region. This will help us understand the acceptability and versatility of the people of the region where Auroville was born.

**Fees:** Fixed contribution for guests; Students and volunteers contribute 50%; a minimum contribution for Aurovilians and Newcomers.

**Advance registration is required:** please confirm your participation with coordinator - auromodyoga@gmail.com

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**OTHER EVENTS**

**Tai Chi classes paused:** There will be no regular classes at the Tai Chi Hall in Sharaniga from January 15 to February 3rd. taichi@auroville.org.in

**Inner-Work-Workshop**

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
6th February (Tuesday) - Focus this week on: The Inner Being Place: Savitri Bhavan - Time: 9 am to 12 Noon

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

- Overview with multimedia presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises.

Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9499147202, 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

**People of the World Playing Together**

Open Session with the Russian Singing Bells
Monday 5th February: 5.00 to 6.30 pm

Location - CRIPA, Kalabhumi

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.

**Create Your Vision Board**

Saturday 3 February 2.30-5.30 pm & Sunday 4 February 3.30-5.30 pm - In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn

Creating a sacred space that displays what qualities we want to manifest in life, actually brings them to life - what we focus on expands. When we create a vision board with a focus and place it in a space where we see it often, we essentially end up doing short visualization exercises throughout the day.

Visualization is one of very powerful mind exercises we can do; for ex Olympic athletes have been using it to improve performance. It’s simple: a vision board needs to focus on how/what one longs to feel/experience, not simply on things that one wants...

Welcome to join this 5-hour journey into the subconscious, to connect with your deeper longings, discover your creativity using recycled materials and manifest your Vision board around specific project/topic, or a more general one for ex. for next month, a year etc.

Please register, so I know how much material to prepare!

9786658967 or dariya@auroville.org.in

**Celebrating the Feminine**

"Living Gratitude, Embodying Abundance"

Friday & Saturday 9 & 10 February, 9.30-12.30 & 2.30-5.30 (and a possibility with the evening ritual around the fire)

in Butterfly Barn in Sve-dame

Discovering the Goddess Lakshmi in her diverse qualities...
Exploring our own abundant knowing and creativity...
Awakening a sense of celebration for being alive, in all its forms...
Honouring the sacred feminine and sense of sisterhood...

The Intensive includes:

- Dance & movement, Practices from "Awakening Women Temple Circles";
- Dance & movement, Meditation, Creating a "Dream Map";
- Authentic expression and Compassionate listening, Nature ritual and more…!

With Dariya who is passionate about creating spaces to explore deeper aspects of our being and inter-connectedness.

For more info and to register contact: 9786658967 or dariya@auroville.org.in
A SILENT MIND is the first step towards true knowledge and the experience of the Divine.
It is from the silence that the peace comes; when peace deepens and deepens, it becomes more and more the silence.
Sri Aurobindo

Join this Integral Yoga practice sessions with Manoj Pavitran
On Saturdays 6.30 to 7.30 pm, At Unity Pavilion
First session on 3rd February 2018
All Are Welcome - Financial contributions are welcome; it will go to support Unity Pavilion activities

AVIVA’S Hormonal Dance for Woman: Naturally and easily regulate your hormones and change your life!
10.02.2018, 9:00 am-1:00 pm,
New Creation Gym (opposite to La Piscine)
The 30 minutes long “Hormonal Dance” sequence was created and researched by Hungarian women since the 70ies. Dancing the precise form twice a week stimulates and harmonizes the hormonal system. This can help to regulate and schedule the period, eliminate difficulties of menstruation, pre-menstruation and the symptoms of menopause, be used as a contraceptive method, help conception in case of infertility, to result or stop lactation, to cure cysts, fibromas, endometriosis, to preserve youth and to lose weight, to protect from osteoporosis and many more benefits. Dress as for yoga.
Aviva Method is an internationally acknowledged and protected method, and the teacher is Bogi, who is recognized trainer of the International Aviva Training Institute. She has been regularly sharing the method since 2010 teaching more than 800 women. For more information please check our website: www.avivamethod.in

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, February 9th, 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 :)

TASHI AND THE MONK
39 Minutes / English/2016/Directed by Johnny Burke, Andrew Hinton
Jhamtse Gatsal meaning Garden of Compassion, a remarkable community for abandoned children, created by a man with no higher purpose than giving its young members the joys of childhood.
This movie is showcased in light of Sadhana’s newly started University of Compassion (UCC) residential training program, and will be the first of a series of movies on compassion. For more information on the UCC email: india@sadhanaforest.org
(Reminder: FRIDAY 02/02 - The Choice Is Ours)

AUROVILLE VIDEO PRODUCTIONS
 Presents for Auroville’s 50th Birthday:
THE GREAT ADVENTURE
On Friday 9 February, 2018 - 7 pm at Savitri Bhavan
Please be on time!

“L’HOMME APRÈS L’HOMME”
Monday, February 5th 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 20 years - 1981 - 30 mins
2) “L’Homme après l’homme (Man after man)- 1981 - 1 hr
"Satprem, Le Chemin vers l’Intérieur” - “Satprem, The Way towards the Within” - A short portrait of Satprem, Mother’s confident for 20 years (1981 - 30 mins)

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, 5th of February 2018 at 6:30 pm
THE CHILDREN OF AUROVILLE - EARLY EDUCATION
At the time of the pioneers there was a beautiful mixture in Auroville of Westerners, Indians from the villages and from all over India and those children who were born here. Photos of Indian families of the villages were brought to The Mother. They were called the integrated families. To the first school in Aspiration in 1970 came about 35 children, including the children of the integrated families. At Aspiration school all met together in the morning at the assembling, at the good French kitchen and by sports activities.
The first children of Auroville remember the joy and flow of excitement of learning. How fast they could run? How quiet they could be? How feet could listen to the earth? And they experienced theater, drama and music with adults.
The whole revolution in Auroville was then for the children devastating. It was like a darkness came. Children could not understand. People going to jail, Aurovilians were beaten up by other Aurovilians, the burning of books in the school happened. Teachers were preoccupied by other political activities. The school was taken over and the laboratories were destroyed. And then there was no school in Aspiration anymore.
The children were lost and free. But the children wanted also to learn, so some went to Udavi school, many to Johnny’s school, to Centre school and then also to the new built Transition school. And in 1984 the school in Aspiration was reopened. The film was made by Doris and Francis (Auroville Video Productions) in 2009. Duration: 41min.

Tamil for everyone!
Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers!
Basic and intermediate conversation classes for everyone Tamil is the language of the Bioregion and it is one of the languages of Auroville specified by The Mother.
It is important that we all should have some familiarity with Tamil as much as possible.
A good progress has been seen in the previous batch which started on 17th October 2016.
This year, a new batch for beginners will begin on 20.02.2018
When and Where:
Beginners: Every Tuesday & Friday, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Intermediate: Every Monday & Thursday, 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm
Venue: SAIIER (meeting room, first floor)
Please contact: chitrab@auroville.org.in
Thank you! Auro-Traductions, Town Hall.

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**Note:** 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: [http://sadhanaforest.org](http://sadhanaforest.org)
[https://facebook.com/sadhanaforest](https://facebook.com/sadhanaforest)
**16th-17th February - Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas**

**AUROFILM** has the great pleasure to invite you to its annual Panorama of Contemporary Indian Cinema (PCICI) this year, the 10th issue which will take place at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium at Bharat Nivas (16-17-18 Feb.) You will find the whole program in the News and Notes (next issue) and published on Auronet and its Calendar (opening page - no need to log in). You are welcome to share it with friends!

**AUROFILM** / aurofilm@auroville.org.in

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**VISITOR'S CENTRE – VIDEO ROOM**

Reminder: **FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY, “THE SALESMAN”.** by Asghar Farhadi

**FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY - 7:45 PM (sharp!)**

**“OUR LITTLE SISTER” - “Uminachi Diary” (original title) - Directed by Hirokazu Koreeda - Japan 2015**

Synopsis: Three sisters Sachio, Yoshino and Chika live together in their late grandmother’s house in the city of Kamakura. They have lived together since their dad left home for another woman. When their father (absent from the family home for the last 15 years) dies, they travel to the countryside for his funeral and meet their shy teenage half-sister and immediately fall for the spell of this exquisite young creature. Bonding quickly with the orphaned Suzu, they invite her to live with them. Suzu eagerly agrees, and a new life of joyful discovery begins for the four siblings. General audience.

Original Japanese version with English subtitles - Duration 2h:08'

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… And next week, we are moving back to the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium for our annual 3 day “PANORAMA OF CONTEMPORARY INDIAN CINEMA” (16-17-18 Feb. Program will be available in the next issue of the News&Notes)

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**The FRENCH PAVILION Presents (again)**

**AUROVILLE – THE UTOPIAN CITY**

**Saturday 3rd February 2018 at 5 pm**

Town Hall - Cinéma Paradiso

Documentary - Director: Fred C - In English subtitled in French, Dur.: 52min

Due to Security reasons, last Saturday 27th January, we had to close the doors of cinema paradise as it was full. We know that many of you wanted to attend this screening, and have been disappointed to see the doors closed… We apologize for this. We didn’t expect so many people. This is why we decided to do a second screening this coming Saturday 3rd February, 5pm.

Note from The Director, Fred C: I discovered Auroville 7 years ago, during a world tour with my family for the realization of a documentary series on the theme of sustainable development. (www.martinautourdumonde.com) - From my first visit, I was seized by the incredible work done to transform, in just 50 years, a desert into a lush forest. I told myself that if such a miracle had been achieved then everything was possible, and therefore a better world was possible. It’s been two years since I completed the world tour of “good ideas for the world of tomorrow”. Me and my family made 21 documentaries that bring together hundreds of initiatives to change the world but Auroville is the place that seemed the most singular, the richest. I decided to come back to live here with my family, in total immersion, to live the experience very closely. It gave me the space to make this birthday film.

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**CINEMA PARADISO**

**Film program 5 to 11 February 2018**

**Indian - Monday 5 February, 8:00 pm:**

**JAGGA JASOOS (Detective Jagga)**

India, 2017, Dir. Anurag Basu w/ Ranbir Kapoor, Katrina Kaif, Saswata Chatterjee, and others, Fantasy-Adventure, 161mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: U/A (PG-13).

The plot initially evolves out of a real life high profile case of Purulia Arms Drop in 1995 allegedly to overthrow the then state government in Bengal. Jagga a curious and shy young boy with a stammer lived happily with his accident-prone foster father, Bagchi. After admitting Jagga into a boarding school, Bagchi suddenly disappears. Jagga grew up and took it upon himself to look for Bagchi and finds a partner in Shruti in his mission. A genre by itself - combining musical, action, comedy, and fantasy the acclaimed and award winning film is definitely worth a watch despite being a box office disaster. Those who knows Bengal will appreciate its intermittent and unusual usage.

**German - Tuesday 6 February, 8:00 pm:**

**ZEIT DER KANNIBALEN (Age of Cannibals)**

Germany, 2014, Dir. Johannes Naber w/ Sebastian Blomberg, Devid Striesow, Katharina Schüttler, and others, Drama, 93mins, German-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

Öllers and Niederländer are successful, ruthless business consultants. They travel the world to impoverished and corrupt countries making shady business deals. Their cynical goal is to satisfy their clients’ greed and to expand their career. Never leaving the always identical hotel rooms, they ignore the outside world until a deadly reality catches up with them.

**Cultural - Wednesday 7 February, 8:00 pm:**

**CHROMA, INFRA, LIMEN:** Mac Gregor’s ballets

UK, 2006 to 2009, Dir. J. Haswell & Roland Ott w/ artists of the Royal Ballet, dance, 98mins, English w/French subtitles, Rated: NR

The diversity of Wayne McGregor’s astonishing talent is demonstrated through these three pieces, each created for the Royal Ballet for whom he is resident choreographer. Intimate yet universal, light yet dark, frenetic yet lyrical, he is exploring the inner working of the human body and mind. Each creation is presented by Wayne McGregor himself. From the start, McGregor’s work has asked the same questions: who are we, how do we connect and what is our place in the universe?

**Russian - Thursday 8 February, 8:00 pm:**

**SOBACHE SERDTSE (Heart of a dog)**

Soviet Union, 1988, Dir. Vladimir Bortko w/ Evgeny Estvigenev, Vladimir Tolokonnikov, Boris Plotnikov, and others, Comedy-Drama, 136mins, Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Moscow, 1920. Old Prof. Preobrazhensky inserts the pituitary gland of a human brain into a dog. Soon the dog becomes ‘human looking’. But, is anybody who is looking like a human being. A REAL HUMAN! Shot while Gorbachev was in power, the film is a sharp and funny critc of some aspects of life in the early years of the Soviet Union.

**International - Saturday 10 February, 8:00 pm:**

**THE SHAPE OF WATER**

USA-Canada, 2017, Writer-Dir. Guillermo del Toro w/ Sally Hawkins, Octavia Spencer, Michael Shannon, and others, Adventure-Fantasy, 123mins, English-American Sign Language-Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated R

Elisa is a mute, isolated woman who works as a cleaning lady in a high-security government laboratory in 1962 Baltimore. Her life changes forever when she discovers the lab’s classified secret -- a mysterious, scaled creature from South America that lives in a water tank. As Elisa develops a unique bond with her new friend, she soon learns that its fate and very survival lies in the hands of a hostile government agent and a marine biologist. This screening has been made possible through a generous sharing by Kathryn and Roger Toll.

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Children’s Film - Sunday 11 February, 4:30 pm:

- **PROBLEM CHILD**

USA, 1990, Dir: Dennis Dugan, w/ Michael Oliver, John Ritter, Larry Kraszewski and others, Comedy, 81mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

A young boy is just short of a monster. He is adopted by a loving man and his wacky wife. The laughs keep coming as the boy pushes them to the limits.

**YIMOU ZHANG FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club**

Ciné-Club - Sunday 11 February, 8:00 pm:

- **SHI MIAN MAI FU (House of Flying Daggers)**

China, 2004, Dir: Yimou Zhang, w/ Ziyi Zhang, Takeshi Kaneshiro, and others, Adventure-Action, 119mins, Chinese w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

In the 9th century, the Tang Dynasty in China is weak and corrupt, and an army of rebels called “The House of the Flying Daggers” fights against the government military forces, and steals from the rich to give to the poor people. Leo and Jin, two captains of the government army, plot a scheme against the rebels using the blind dancer Mei to approach their leaders, but their love for Mei leads them to a tragedy.

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**The Tuesday Edition of News & Notes is available by 2 pm.**

Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday. **We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays due to work pressure.**

**Articles for the Notes section** should ideally be no longer than 500 words. All articles and reports need to reach us by Tuesday noon. Schedules and extra page requests by Monday. **Visiting hours:** Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; **No visitors on Wednesdays.**

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- **Auroville Library, Crown Road:** opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday. Email: avlib@auroville.org.in; Tel: 0413-2622 894
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- **Bike/Car repair & servicing:** Paint ♦ Modification ♦ General service ♦ Bike renting. Please contact Satya: 944 4332887
- **Auroville PT account:** 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@auroville.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/Auromodele and Repos/Quiet system. Please drop to donate or borrow things by 9.30am, except Saturdays. Tel: 9443535172 or Kali 9433091114. Email: ecoptdc@auroville.org.in
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Free Store: Mornings: Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12:30 pm. Afternoons: Tuesday and Thursday: 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Telephone: 0413-2623680 email: freestore@aarouville.org.in

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

Auroville Bottle Gas Service, Service Area: Near Telephone Service and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm. Telephone: (0413)2622452 / email: avgbasservice@aarouville.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.

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

Integral Health, Prayatna: classical homeopathy, transpersonal regression therapy, Gestalt therapy, psychornonotivity for children and adults, trauma remedies, child & women health, holistic hypnotherapy.

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@aarouville.org.in

Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily 6am to 8.45am/11.10am to 12.30pm (2pm on Sunday)/4.30pm. Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you. The Petals are open for Aurovilians daily: 4:30pm to 6pm. To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.40 am on the day of the visit. Please remain with your guests throughout the visit. Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday. Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 and 11 am.

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

Nandini: Email nandini@aarouville.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: (Aurosparjan): Ph: 0413-2622527 Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9 am to 12.30 pm / Thursday, Saturday 3 pm to 5 pm - To avoid plastic bag please bring your own cloth bag

OutreachMedia Services: The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalists and writers. 2622098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904. Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment. outreachmedia@aarouville.org.in

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

Auroville Residents Service timings: open from Monday to Friday morning from 9:30 am to 12.30 pm. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon (by online appointment only): 2:30 to 4:30pm. Telephone: (0413) 2622191 / email: resservice@aarouville.org.in

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


Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville, a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months). We offer welcome information, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers’ stay. From Monday to Friday from 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 cleaning. SatYaji: 853 103 35 45

Shared Transport Service (STS): Taxi sharing +91 9787880211 / +91 9488187651 / +91 9840983080 / sharedtransport@aarouville.org.in / sharedtransport@aarouville.org

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

Vehicle Service, Town Hall: Monday to Friday: 9am to 12.30pm, 2.30 to 4.30pm. Saturday: 9am to 12.30pm. Rental of bicycles and children car seats also available. avvehicle@aarouville.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.

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

In addition, guests are required to register each time they move to a new destination in Auroville. The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates at 3 locations:
- Visitors Centre - at the far end of the Expo Hall (big white building on the left), opposite Dreamer’s Cafe - All days 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-4:30
- 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