HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

February 7, 1972

(A note from Mother)

In the depths of our being, in the silence of contemplation, a luminous force permeates our consciousness with a vast and luminous peace which prevails over all petty reactions and prepares us for union with the Divine, the meaning of individual existence. Thus, the purpose and goal of life is not suffering and struggle but an all-powerful and happy realization. All the rest is but a painful illusion.

February 8, 1972

(A message from Mother to some Aurovilians)

From a spiritual point of view, India is the foremost country in the world. Its mission is to give the example of spirituality. Sri Aurobindo came on earth to teach this to the world. This fact is so obvious, that even a simple, ignorant farmer here is in his heart closer to the Divine than all the intellectuals of Europe. All those who want to become Aurovilians must know that and behave accordingly, otherwise they are unworthy of being Aurovilians.

(Another note)

In the beginnings of humanity, the ego was the unifying element. It is around the ego that the various states of being were formed. But now that a superhumanity is about to be born, the ego must disappear and leave place for the psychic being which has slowly developed through divine agency to manifest the Divine in man. The Divine manifests in man under the psychic influence, and that is how the coming of superhumanity is prepared. The psychic being is immortal, so through it immortality can manifest on earth. Hence, the important thing now is to find one's psychic being, unite with it, and allow it to replace the ego, which will be forced either to convert itself or disappear.

February 9, 1972

(Mother gives some flowers, then her latest note)

The first thing one learns on the way is that giving brings much greater joy than taking. Then, gradually, one learns that selflessness is the source of an immutable peace. Later, in this selflessness one finds the Divine, and that is the source of an unending bliss.... One day Sri Aurobindo told me that if people knew that and were convinced of it they would all want to do yoga.

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MOTHER

The Ponder Corner

When one has the vision in the heart, everything, Nature and Thought and Action, ideas and occupations and tastes and objects become the Beloved and are a source of ecstasy.

Sri Aurobindo
ref. MCW, vol 10, On Thoughts and Aphorisms, p.334

Cover: “Study of a Flower”, a sketch by Mother. (Art for Land 2018 is on for one more week. 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. There will be a special Closing Event & Dinner on the 15th of February - see details in this N&N)
ART FOR LAND
ART EXHIBITION & LAND FUNDRAISER

Final week - open daily until Thursday February 15th at Unity Pavilion - from 9:30 am to 4 pm

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

This is the last opportunity for visiting the “ART FOR LAND” exhibition 2018!
Don’t miss this exquisite showcase of beauty, creativity, & reciprocal generosity to raise funds for Auroville’s land. Works include paintings, ceramics, photographs, glasswork, jewelry, collages, and sculpture contributed by more than 70 artists from Auroville, India, and the AVI worldwide centers, including works by Sri Aurobindo Ashram artists Priti Ghosh, Tehmi, Dilip Patel, Sunayana Panda, and Jacques Dhandania (see above). Several works are available as postcards, along with other items, and a parallel fundraiser of rare photographs of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

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](http://artforland.auroville.org)

Join us for Art for Land’s GALA CLOSING EVENT & FUNDRAISING DINNER
- February 15th at 5 PM (Unity Pavilion)
  - food donated by AV eateries. To reserve your dinner: [univypavilion@auroville.org.in](mailto:univypavilion@auroville.org.in)

This week, these special Unity Pavilion events are fundraisers for Auroville’s land:

**Saturday February 10th & Sunday February 11th:**
- Hourly guided tours of the Art for Land Exhibition in connection with the Auroville Marathon
  - leaving from the Visitors Center every hour at 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM & 3 PM

  - **Saturday, February 10th, 5 - 6 PM:**
    - Bollywood Dance Workshop, led by Shobhana Patnaik

  - **Sunday, February 11th, 3 PM:**
    - Visual presentation on Auroville’s land, needs & progress with Q & A, led by Sigrid, one of Auroville’s dynamic land fundraisers

  - **Sunday February 11th, 7 PM:**
    - Sri Aurobindo’s short poems interpreted through dance, with sitar and table
      - read by Maurice and performed by Devasmita, Shobhana, Jayashree, Suchitra, Kalvi, Agila, & Pavi, with musicians Tapabrata & Rashmi

  - **Monday, February 12th, 5 PM:**
    - “Human Unity - From Individual Autonomy to Universal One-ness”
      - the second talk by Professor Emeritus Sehdev Kumar of Canada

  - **Thursday, February 15th, 5 PM:**
    - Art for Land Closing Event & Land Fundraising dinner
      - Foundation Secretary Chunkath presiding, “Auroville” Invocation, “The Mother as an Artist” visual presentation, sitar recital, rock & blues concert, donation dinner

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<td>until Mar 20</td>
<td>9am - 5pm</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>Photographic Exhibition by Paulette. Along with photographs of Matrimandir, from majestic to intimate, and its park, on display are archive photographs of the pioneers building the structure, as well as photographs of Aurovilians cleaning the discs taken the last few years.</td>
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<td><strong>Archive Photo Exhibition ‘I invite you to the Great Adventure’</strong></td>
<td>10 - 24 Feb</td>
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<td>Pitanga</td>
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<td>14 Feb, 3-4pm</td>
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<td>Janaka House,</td>
<td>Sacred Art in Janaka House. Viewing by appointment only. To make an appointment, contact Jocelyn - <a href="mailto:jocelyn@auroville.org.in">jocelyn@auroville.org.in</a></td>
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<td><strong>Maroma Candle Exhibition and Open House</strong></td>
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<td>Maroma, Kuilapallayam</td>
<td>Vernissage on the 14th between 3 pm -5.30 pm. 15th and 16th the exhibition is open to all 9 am to 4 pm. Open house 16th, 10.30 to 12 pm and then 3 to 4.30 pm.</td>
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<td>15 Feb, 5pm</td>
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<td>Unity Pavilion</td>
<td>With Auroville Foundation Secretary Mohan Chunkath presiding, this event will showcase the Mothers artwork along with artwork she has inspired. This will be followed by a sitar recital, a fundraising dinner, and finally a Rock &amp; Blues concert by “Soul Cypher” - with Auroville’s Margherita, Ed0, Matthew, and Mehul.</td>
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<td><strong>Community Quilting Event “Connecting Thread”</strong></td>
<td>16 &amp; 17 Feb</td>
<td>10am-1pm &amp; 2-5pm</td>
<td>Life Education Center</td>
<td>Community quilting event in the theme of “Beauty and Harmony”. An opportunity for everyone to come together and create collectively. No prior experience needed. See details in N&amp;N and at life-education-centre.org</td>
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<td><strong>Panorama of Indian Cinema</strong></td>
<td>16-18 Feb, 5.35pm</td>
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<td>Bharat Nivas,</td>
<td>7 feature length films and 2 shorts from several Indian states, shown over 3 days. The films are in Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, Bengali, English and Ladhaki, but all with English subtitles.</td>
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<td>Matrimandir Amphitheatre</td>
<td>Multimedia extravaganza combining the words of Sri Aurobindo’s Savitri with music, video and dance, all focussed on following the Soul’s journey to the Divine. With more than a 100-strong cast of adults and children from Auroville and the bioregion. Not to be missed!</td>
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<td>17 Feb, 10am-5pm</td>
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<td>European House, IZ</td>
<td>8 to 10 am IZ walk, ending at European House. 10-12.30 Inauguration of the EH with some music, singing, talks and what any you artistic offering you want to share. 12.30 - 2 Lunch Fund raising for the EH</td>
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<td>18 Feb, 8pm</td>
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<td>Visitor Centre</td>
<td>Light Jazz music event, beginning with Aurovilian youths Uttara, Tara, Aloe and Aurrima, and later a band led by Amando.</td>
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<td>19 - 20 Feb, Matrimandir Office</td>
<td>Book launching event on the 19th of a photo book containing all the events that have taken place in the Park of Unity since 2003 and more. Books will remain on display on the 20th also. Open to Aurovilians, guests of Auroville, Ashramites and Ashram related people, visitors accompanied by Aurovilians. Not open to the general public.</td>
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<td><strong>Savitri Around the World</strong></td>
<td>19-21 Feb, Savitri Bhavan</td>
<td>Complete continuous reading of Sri Aurobindo’s Savitri by 471 readers representing 98 locations around the globe, beginning at 3pm on the 19th.</td>
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<td><strong>Mother’s Birthday</strong></td>
<td>21 Feb 5.45 am - 6.30am Matrimandir Amphitheatre</td>
<td>Meditation for Mother’s Birthday with text read by the Mother from Sri Aurobindo’s book ‘The Mother’. Open to the general public with tokens which will be issued at the Visitors Centre (upstairs) 3 - 5 pm for two days prior to the event.</td>
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<td><strong>Russian Singing Bells performance</strong></td>
<td>21 Feb, 5.30 pm- 6.30pm Matrimandir Amphitheatre</td>
<td>Vera will play the Russian Singing Bells for meditation at sunset. Open to Aurovilians, guests of Auroville, Ashramites and Ashram related people, visitors accompanied by Aurovilians. Not open to the general public.</td>
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<td><strong>Divine Flowers Exhibition</strong></td>
<td>21- 28 Feb 9.30am to 5pm Savitri Bhavan</td>
<td>An exhibition of live flowers and flower paintings with the Mother’s spiritual significances and comments. In the Square Hall. Open to the public. openings 10.30am on the 21st.</td>
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<td><strong>Orchid Show</strong></td>
<td>22 - 25 Feb, 4pm, Botanical Garden</td>
<td>Collaborative research dialogue between Auroville, India and the world, aimed at realising the full potential of the Auroville Laboratory. Feb 23, ‘Conscious Collectivity’. Feb 24, ‘Harmony from Diversity’. Feb 25, ‘Unending Education’. Feb 26 ‘Creative Progress’. Not open to the public. Guests wishing to attend please contact <a href="mailto:thebridge@auroville.org.in">thebridge@auroville.org.in</a></td>
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<td>22- 26 Feb, 3-6pm Unity Pavilion and Vérité</td>
<td>Fun filled fashion show performed by adults and children, but with a serious message - to bring a higher level of consciousness to what we consume, use and throw away. Show for Aurovilians, not the general public.</td>
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<td><strong>Trashion Show</strong></td>
<td>23 Feb, 7.30-9pm Kalabhumi</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: www.outreachmedia.auroville.org/events/month/

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Report of the Working Committee for the months of December 2017 and January 2018

1) LATE REPORTING.
We apologize for not having reported over the events in December. The reason was that some members were out of station. Below are the major points addressed in these months.

2) MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA
On behalf of the community of Auroville we have expressed our gratitude and thanks to the President of India for his message given at the occasion of Auroville’s upcoming 50th anniversary on February 28th, 2018. His message captures the essence of the vision of Auroville as reflecting "our quest for achieving oneness in diversity." We have expressed the hope that we may be given the honour of receiving the President in Auroville in future.

3) VISA ISSUES.

a) Discussions with MHA in November
In our report over the months of October and November we mentioned the discussions in New Delhi with officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding various visa matters. We hope to be informed by the MHA about action taken soon.

b) Tourist visa not suitable for attending workshops
The issue of having a proper visa came up unexpectedly afterwards, when some members of a group of Gambian nationals, who were coming to India to attend a workshop at the Earth Institute, were sent back at the Chennai airport because of a lack of proper visa. (They had come with Tourist Visa) With the help of the Gambian Ambassador in New Delhi, the group was issued new appropriate visa in Dubai. Information on what can be done with a tourist visa can be seen at: http://mha.nic.in/sites/upload_files/mha/files/MaterialTV_02062016_01.pdf

In the meantime, business visas and conference visas have successfully been issued. Please contact the Working Committee for the appropriate procedure to issue these categories of visas.

c) Exit visa
Again unexpectedly, a large group of long-term Aurovilians was advised by the RRO to leave India and return with a 5-year Entry Visa. The reason given was that they had initially entered India with a short-term visa, and that 5-year extensions could no longer be given on this basis but only on 5-year entry visa. The matter was extensively discussed with all those immediately affected, together with the Secretary and Under Secretary. Representations have also been made to the MHA and the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer in Chennai. If imposed, the measure would affect close to 200 long-term residents. As per the latest information, the matter will be reconsidered and, for the time being, nobody will be asked to leave India.

4) UNESCO RESOLUTION:
We are still awaiting an official copy of the resolution passed by the General Conference of UNESCO in November.

5) GST
A delegation consisting of members of the FAMC (Lyle and Prabhu), Ganesan chartered accountants (Mr. G. Hari Govind), the Auroville Foundation (A. Basu) and the Working Committee (Carei) travelled to Calcutta to meet with Government officials to discuss the possibilities for Auroville getting relief from the GST laws. The aim of the trip was first to see if there were any technical solutions within the law, and failing that, to discover the likelihood of an exemption being granted, and the process for filing one.

The following points were communicated:
- Auroville wants very much to be in compliance with GST laws.
- Auroville’s structure is very complex:
  - It has one PAN, 47 Trusts, and about 400 units distributed among these Trusts.
  - It has about 70 GST numbers, half of which were transferred from Sales/Service Tax numbers and half of which are new applications.
- Most units have a turnover of less than 20 lakhs.
- We have not succeeded yet in registering all of our units despite our efforts.
- Auroville’s complex structure creates certain outcomes that may not have been intended by the GST laws.
  - Units in Auroville have to pay GST when making internal transactions.
  - Units with turnover of less than 20 lakh have to pay GST because we have one PAN.
- It is technically difficult for Auroville to:
  - Centralize GST (one GST number) for over 400 units, or
  - Monitor 70 GST numbers.
- Auroville is unique, and an exemption could be given as it would not set a precedent for others.

The officials acknowledged the particular difficult situation of Auroville, and the matter will be further studied. Getting an exemption may be very questionable as the mood of the GST Council is not to give exemptions. This is evident in the law itself, which contains very few exceptions. Going for one GST number and deregistering all others has the advantage that it would enable Auroville units to be “exempt” from GST on transactions between Auroville units; but it may prove to be impossible to every month file the returns of all 400 units, even if a substantial budget and sufficient manpower would be available, as experience with balance sheet submission has shown that it is difficult to obtain timely data. The group is continuing its work.

6) SEA EROSION/PROTECTION:
After having met with village headmen from Periyar Mudaliyar Chavady and Chinna Mudiyar Chavady and taken inputs from their experience, Auroville has initiated legal proceedings to seek a solution to protect Auroville land and property from erosion.

7) EXPLORE AUROVILLE APP:
After multiple meetings with stakeholders among which AVSSST and Outreach, the Working Committee has followed up on the development of an Auroville app, with searchable events and locations for three different types of users. Visitors (default mode) will have access to public information only. More information in subsequent reports, as the app develops.

8) PARKING FACILITY AT BAKERY:
Together with L’avenir d’Auroville we have been looking into the possibilities to de-congest the road in front of the Auroville bakery. The Collector has been asked by the Auroville Foundation to re-pave and widen the road, also in view of the upcoming visit of the Prime Minister, and plans have been developed to use the tamarin tope for short-term parking.

9) ADDITIONAL AADHAAR CAMP:
We have received a request for organising a third Aadhaar camp in Auroville. We regret to inform that this will not be possible in the near future and those who still have not got their Aadhaar card are advised to go to Aadhaar enrollment centre at 28, near First Cross, Krishnanagar, Pondicherry, phone 0413-2214166.

10) INCIDENT AT SACRED GROVES:
A violent incident involving two young Aurovilians and volunteers of Sacred Groves has been mediated with the help of the Working Committee. After a series of meetings with the concerned parties the issue was settled amicably.

11) ADVENTURE SPORTS GROUND:
In order to arrive at a better utilization of the sports ground near Adventure community, we have met with members of the Edaiyanchavadi Development Council to have their views. More meetings with other potential stakeholders will take place in the near future.

See web references:
Messages of support from Indian Government are here: https://www.auroville.org/contents/870
Other Statements of support are here: https://www.auroville.org/contents/872
UNESCO statements are here: https://www.auroville.org/contents/538
12) NAME AND SYMBOL PROTECTION GROUP
We have constituted the Name and Symbol of Auroville Protection Group as an official sub-group of the Working Committee. The group has as task to protect the name and symbol of Auroville from unauthorised usage as they are protected by the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950. The group consists of Vinodhini, Annemarie, Balu, Palani, Tim, Sundaresan, Elaine, and Tixve.

13) REQUEST TO INITIATE EXIT PROCEEDINGS
The Secretary of the Auroville Foundation has requested us to initiate exit proceedings against four Aurovilians who have continuously been filing court cases, including appeal, against the Auroville Foundation about immovable property, even though they had submitted a written and signed statement that they would remove the Foundation from the proceedings. We have given the four Aurovilians 2 weeks’ time to give us a statement by the court that the Auroville Foundation has been removed from the appeal. The statement has not yet been received.

14) INTERNAL GROUP DYNAMICS
We have been struggling with our group dynamics since the selection process. A ‘group healing’ session will be held soon, facilitated by Elisa, a former member of the Working Committee. We are also looking into the possibilities of including a ‘presence keeper’ (formally known as ‘silent listener’) in our team for which we have received guidance from Iris. As the present Working Committee meeting room is too small, the ‘presence keeper’ will start its work when we have moved to the first floor of the Archives building.

We are also looking into the possibilities of having an external facilitator for our meetings, for which we are seeking guidance from Manas and Sheba.

15) NEW OFFICES
It is the intention that the Working Committee and Auroville Council will move into a new office on the first floor of the Archives building. The Land Board and Outreach Media too will move to this new building. Jointly with the ACUR management, a decision will be taken on the utilisation of the vacated spaces by other working groups (e.g. FAMC, Entry Board and others)

16) OFFICIAL VISITS
Secretary MHRD, Joint-Secretary MHRD, and Deputy-Secretary MHRD visited Auroville in January, to help Auroville prepare for the Honorable Prime Minister’s visit. Long-pending issues (such as visa problems and the request for a sort of long-life visa) were re-iterated and explained.

17) 50TH NEWS
A) Working Committee representatives are part of the Monitoring Committee for the 50th special grant, and the PM visit Taskforce, that was set up by the Secretary, Auroville Foundation.
B) The 10 CR Capital budget Goli special grant for the 50th is being allocated by the Monitoring Committee, while news of a possible General budget is still awaited.
C) Outreach media’s website, outreachmedia.auroville.org.in has an updated calendar of all Golden Jubilee events.

The Working Committee
Angela, Carel, Hemant, Inge, Mandakini, Ranjithkumar

SPECIAL DARSHAN ANNOUNCEMENT

Mother’s Room Darshan on 21st February 2018
Tokens for Darshan will be registered on:
Days: THURSDAY 15th & FRIDAY 16th, At: PITANGA, Samasti. Timings: 9 am - 12.30 pm and 3 pm - 6 pm - This is a service for Aurovilians & Newcomers only.

We remind you dear friends that we do not take requests by mail. (Sorry for the inconvenience)
So to register your name(s) for Mother’s Darshan tokens, we invite you to come or send someone to Pitanga with a requesting note. We will do our best for your requirements. Registration on phone will be taken only for people who are sick or not mobile.

Collection of tokens will be on MONDAY 19th and TUESDAY 20th at Pitanga from 9-12.30 pm and 3-6 pm

Darshan timings: The tokens given by the Ashram enables you to go for Darshan usually between 12 noon and 4.30 pm with the limit of 30 persons per slot. The time slot 3.30 - 4 pm is reserved for Aurovilians taking the bus.

Transport: The bus trip restricted to those who are going for the Darshan should be going at the usual time. Please check with the person responsible for the transport on Darshan days.

Reminder from the Ashram: Auroville will not be granted extra tokens, beyond 270 tokens provided in the regular time slots.

Reminder from us:
There are four ways to go to Sri Aurobindo’s Room or Mother’s Room without a token on Darshan days.

1. You may join the queue of devotees at 5-6 pm on the previous day, spend the night waiting on the street and enter the Ashram compound for Darshan from 3 am onwards.
2. You may go on the day itself, join the queue between 3 am and 6 pm.
3. You may go in the morning of the Darshan day and get your token at the Ashram. In this case you will probably need to wait or come back later at the time indicated on the token.
4. You may join the queue on Darshan day before 5 pm as the queue is generally over between 5 to 6 pm.

Pitanga team (Kumar, Mallika, Meha)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passes for Amphitheatre Morning Bonfire and Water Ceremony on 28 February

Dear Aurovilians and Newcomers,
We anticipate large numbers for the morning bonfire and Water ceremony on 28 February for the 50th Auroville Birthday.
We wish to avoid overcrowding beyond the capacity of the Amphitheatre. For this, only pass holders will get sitting space inside Amphitheatre. To make sure that Aurovilians who like to attend this event get their passes, please send email before 13th February: amphitheatrepass@auroville.org.in writing:
1. Your name(s)
2. Photographer: if you wish to take photos so that you may be seated in the appropriate section. Please remember NO flash photography.

Passes in envelopes with your name(s) on it can be picked up at the Matrimandir office any day after the 15th of Feb. from 9 am to 12 noon and 2.30 to 4.30 pm. Sundays 9 am to 12 noon only.

Please take note that during the time of meditation, from 5.05 to 5.45 am, the gates will remain closed so that the concentration is undisturbed by late comers.
If you are late, please come in at 5.45 when you can still see the bonfire and attend the Water Ceremony.
We appeal to your sense of understanding these needed conditions and cooperate to make the event as peaceful and concentrated as possible.
Looking forward to hearing from you
The Matrimandir Executives and the Matrimandir Events Team

New Maintenances

Dear Community,
The Budget for 2017-18 has just been approved. Kindly find below the maintenance as it will be disbursed starting January 2018. Recurring budget sanctioned will be paid retroactively - starting from October 2017.

Maintenances:
• Maintenances will be disbursed starting from 1 February 2018 (for January 2018) onward according to the tables below.
• As per the recommendation of the FAMC, no new maintenance have been created and actually total number of full time maintenance has reduced by 1% (or 5.9 full time equivalent maintenances). The cash & kind Children Maintenances have been increased by 15%, and the Apprentice Maintenance as well.
• Note that the in-kind ‘Pour Tous Scheme’ increases by 42% for the adults.
• In total there has been a 11% increase in the budget for full maintenance.

Dear Community,
The Budget for 2017-18 has just been approved. Kindly find below the maintenance as it will be disbursed starting January 2018. Recurring budget sanctioned will be paid retroactively - starting from October 2017.

Maintenances:
• Maintenances will be disbursed starting from 1 February 2018 (for January 2018) onward according to the tables below.
• As per the recommendation of the FAMC, no new maintenance have been created and actually total number of full time maintenance has reduced by 1% (or 5.9 full time equivalent maintenances). The cash & kind Children Maintenances have been increased by 15%, and the Apprentice Maintenance as well.
• Note that the in-kind ‘Pour Tous Scheme’ increases by 42% for the adults.
• In total there has been a 11% increase in the budget for full maintenance.
Dear community: good news, very soon, we will have a disruption of traffic is envisaged for this. Note: the existing path.

The pavers on this stretch will be replaced, owing to some of them being damaged and the junction at the MM side will be improved. This stretch will be closed off completely to 4-wheelers; they will be diverted to the Savitri Bhavan-MM Nursery path. There will be signs with arrows to guide this deviation.

Note: the existing road from the MM visitors gate to the MM office gate will also be repaired for the PM’s visit, but no major disruption of traffic is envisaged for this.

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- **Planned for March:**
  1. **SK Roundabout change**

  The sloping part of the central island, a.k.a. the trucker’s apron, will be redone with a reduced slope (to make turning of heavier vehicles smoother) and with rough granite cobblestones (to deter 2 wheelers from cutting straight across as well as being anti-skid).

  We had planned to do this in time for the Anniversary but in view of all other road closures and the work load of the Road Service, this has been rescheduled to March.

- **New Site and Building Applications**

  10th Feb 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 24th Feb 2018.

**SITE APPLICATION**

1. **Cultural Zone:** The Hive Hub at Vocational area (neighboring Youth Center) - Built-up area - 420 sq.m.

   **Project Holder:** Kavitha Urvasie for Youth Link

   **Architect:** Imago Architecture and Design (Michael & Sindhuja)

   **Project brief:** The proposed Hive is a space to support the integration of young adults in Auroville - particularly focusing on creating support systems for Aurovilians, Returning Aurovillians and newcomer youth between the ages 18-35, with flexibility. The primary focus of the Hive is to create a space for youth in the Auroville area to get together and work with older mentors in the fields of Alternative Education, Projects, Start-ups and Social Events and Networking.

The project includes space for a YouthLink Service office to provide information and help desk on topics related Apprenticeships, Education, Employment, and Community Building. The project also includes space for a Multifunctional Hall where young adults will be able to engage in the design and implementation to meet their own higher education needs - inviting mentors and facilitators from within Auroville to participate. The Hive will also include some space for a Co-Working area, to support youth in designing projects / activities / units. etc. along with a small kitchen to provide some basic food, workshop for hands on learning activities and caretaker space for security and management of the Hive.

The project has engaged youth in all possible community processes over the last 3 years - through the Auroville Retreat in 2015, then the 50th Planning Process, and through several large workshops engaging High School, Newcomer, and Bioregional Youth in the design of this space for Auroville. The construction of this space has also engaged young architects, and contractors.

Later, the management of this space will continue to train and involve many young adults’ managers and executives. The project truly hopes to be ‘by the youth, for the youth’, including all those who want to participate in the spirit of ‘a youth that never ages’.

**NOC ISSUED FROM 18TH JAN - 6TH FEB 2018**

1. Archana, Shanti, House extension.
2. Dehashakti, Cultural Zone, Temporary Shed
3. African Pavilion, International Zone, Dorm & Toilet
4. Baskaran, Sincerity, House Extension
5. Svaram, Industrial Zone, Production & Research Unit
6. Eco Service, Industrial Zone, Temporary shed extension
7. AV Visitors Center, International Zone, Kiosks Up-cycling and AVAG
8. Matrimandir, International Zone, Composting Facilities

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 one year. For fencing and clearing of the site, special permission of L’avenir d’Auroville is needed.

For additional information, please write to avenir@auronet.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.

Warm regards, L’avenir d’Auroville team (Anita, Anu, Aurovici, Divya, Inge, Pino, Sindhuja, Tejaswini).
**Houses available for transfer**

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2. **Creativity:** Apartment: Surya’s House: Area 88.53 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 Bedroom & Toilet with common stair.


4. **Gaia’s Garden:** - Hemant’s House - First floor, E- Block Area: 78.36 Sq.m carpet 3BH for family+ 32. 84 Sq.m Balcony + passage. Available in June 2018 only.


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**OBITUARY**

**Ahiya Rajan**

Smt. Ahiya Rajan, mother of Charles and Prasad, passed away at the age of 76 due to an accident while crossing the highway at Morattandi on February 2nd. She was in normal health for her age and in frequent contact with her two sons Living in Auroville, and daughter Maya in Kerala.

Her body was taken to the Crownroad Farewell Centre for a quiet few days. At the time of printing, the date of cremation at Auroville’s Adventure mandappan had as yet not been determined (and will be massmailed in due time).

Our warmest condolences go out to her children, grandchildren, and extended families. OM~

**T.A. Sampsathkumar**

In the evening of February 2nd, Harini’s father, Sri T.A.Sampsathkumar, passed away at the age of 85 at JIPMER, where he had been hospitalised for a week. Due to his ailing health, Mr Sampsathkumar had been staying with Harini in her Yantra house along with his wife for little over a year.

After a short viewing time at the Crownroad Farewell Centre, his remains were cremated in the late afternoon of the same day at Auroville’s cremation grounds at Adventure.

Our love and strength go out to Harini and her mom. OM~

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**From The Entry Service - N&B # 736**

Dated: 10-02-2018 - Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurolvilians and Newcomers, joining Auroville. Prior to Newcomer and Aurolvilian status confirmation, for Newcomers two weeks and for Aurolvilians one-month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to entryservice@aurolville.org.in

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2. **Grace:** Judith’s House: Area 94.77 Sq.m. Single storied Residential building with Terracotta tile roofing consisting of front verandah, living/Kitchen Bed room & Toilet, Store room.

3. **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.

4. **Apartment in Creativity:** 1st Floor: Area 71Sqm with two bedrooms, Toilet/Bath, Hall and a Veranda. Suitable for Couple only.

**Announced:**

Sukhavathi - Surya’s House: Area 88.53 Sq.m. Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Brick walls exposed and plastered in cement mortar, RCC flat roofing consisting of front verandah, living cum Kitchen Bed room & Toilet with inner wooden stairs. Community Sharing for Parking lot. Suitable for Single or Couple. Available in July 2018

**Appartment 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 Bedroom & Toilet with common stair.

**Creativity Apartment - Hemant’s House** - First floor, E- Block Area: 78.36 Sq.m carpet 3BH for family+ 32. 84 Sq.m Balcony + passage. Available in June 2018 only.


For more information contact: Housing Service (Town Hall) / Phone; (0413) 2622658 / email: housing@aurolville.org.in

**Apartment available in Citadines:** Apartment in Citadines 1st floor 100 M2 + terraces /-3/ BDK, 2 bathrooms, 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 harmonious mix of people. (Contact louis@aurolville.org.in for visit and more information)

From Sunship: Immediately available: One single unit of 42 Sq.m completely furnished and equipped-kitchen, bathroom and cupboard with Collective cafeteria, laundry, technical maintenance and management by Aurolvilians!

Contact: louis@aurolville.org.in for visit and more information

**Housing Projects under construction:**

Kalapa: The construction work is going on well. We are completing the first scope which is the structure, bricks, plastering and tiles on the roof and terraces. We will start 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@aurolville.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 build. Will be ready in 2018. Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220333

**Aurolville Housing Service Team**

(Alexi, Karen, Ole, Sonja, Sundar, Svenja, Venkatesh.)
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Auroville International Meetings FEB 2018
You are all invited to participate to the AVI meetings:

Friday 16/02 - 10am to 12:30pm
At the Unity Pavilion
International Zone meeting: IZ Team with all the AVI members

Friday 16/02 - 2:30 to 5pm
At the Unity Pavilion
Meeting on European House: organisation once it is built, what is left to do, fund raising
Saturday 17/02 - 8 to 10am
IZ walk ending in the European House
Saturday 17/02 - 10 to 2.30am
European House inauguration with music and Fund Raising Lunch at 12.30

Sunday 18/02 - 2.30 to 5 pm
At the Unity Pavilion
General Assembly:
AVI Board Report, AVI Centres & Liaisons activities reports
FYI:
AVI Board Members’ meetings
(for Board Members only)
Wednesday 14 & Thursday 15 and Monday 19 February

In the last 50 years, Auroville has established a basis of experimentation in various fields. At the occasion of Auroville’s 50th anniversary, The Bridge, a collaborative research encounter, will present and share the Auroville laboratory with researchers engaged in similar fields in India and around the world. We have invited a roster of 20 researchers actively engaged in overlapping fields of socio-economy, education, environment, arts and culture. The event aims to convey the purpose and potential of Auroville as a living laboratory, and issue an open invitation for visiting and Aurovilian innovators to engage in collaborative research. If you are an Aurovillian (re)searcher interested in joining the event as a participant, please write to us at thebridge@auroville.org.in

The event will run from Feb 22nd - 27th, 2018. Afternoon sessions will be open to a public audience. Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, Friends of Auroville and Guests are welcome to attend these on a first come, first serve basis. See the 50th calendar in this issue for information - and next week’s News & Notes for a detailed program!
You can also visit our website thebridge.auroville.org and our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/thebridgeAV50
We hope to see you there!
The Bridge team (Aditi, Ann, Bhakti, Matthias, Suryamayi)

Honoring Participation
Dear All, at Unity Pavilion we are in the process of collecting material and creating a website to honour and remember all those who are, have been, involved with Auroville throughout the years. Auroville’s 50th anniversary seems a beautiful moment to do just that. This presentation has two parts, covering the last 50 years. It contains:
- Aurovilians as well as others who at one stage have contributed to Auroville and have since passed away.
- All those who actively contribute to building Auroville in so many ways.
Please note that this exercise is not directly referring to current residents. There is another project working on documenting all Aurovilians.
Our Intention is to include, as far as possible, three aspects: a) photo/s, b) some bio data and c) a little story or anecdote that gives a glimpse of their work in, or relationship to, Auroville.
We ask you to please help us with creating a rich, beautiful and honouring documentation of all these friends as a testimonial of our love and gratitude for all that they did and do. See the website http://auroville-honouringparticipation.org/.
Go through the list of people we already have there, and give us feedback, names you want us to add, photos, bio-data, stories or anything you can think of.
If you have any question, and/or information to give, please contact unity@auroville.org.in, or come to the Unity Pavilion and speak with Jaya and/or Sitharth. Thank You!

Comm4nity!
YouthLink is excited to invite youth of all ages to join our upcoming Comm4nity course on 19th March 2018! Comm 4 - Unity is a community building course, inviting participants to explore themselves and understand their role in a team or diverse collective.
We have engaged young adults twice to design such courses before - the first time it was hosted in collaboration with Pitchandikulam Forest, and now we are conducting them from YouthLink.
What is unique about this course is that we engage youth to design the curriculum. This means the youth themselves get to choose what they would like to learn, and from whom they would like to learn it from in Auroville. The program includes every morning time for introspective reflection (example: ATB activities), followed by a bit of theory on community living and sustainable lifestyle solutions (examples: water, environment, energy, economy, conflict resolution etc.), and afternoons exploring the physical matter (examples: make your own soap, kitchen garden, bee hive, small house etc.).

Once completed, the participants will receive a certification from Gaia Education, which is a recognition that our course is a contributor to UNESCO’s Education for Sustainable Development. With this recognition, we also help some youth to become facilitators in their chosen area. Therefore, it is not just an immersive transformative experience, but participants can graduate and start their own project, and/or become facilitators themselves!
Our last course was held from Dec 2017 - January 2018, it was a beautiful experience organised on a practically zero budget! We are so so grateful to the Auroville community for helping us by donating materials and their time.
So with a heart full of joy and gratitude, we embrace Aloka, Aryamani, Aurelio, Dr. Berengere, Erik, Grace Gitadelia, Dr. Lucas, L’aura, Lison, Margarita, Marie Claire, Mira, Prakash, Ramanan, Sandyra, Walter, Youth Centre Team... and all those who offered us your wisdom. We hope you will join us again for the next course. We also extend a big thank you to Sheril and Pino for offering us a temporary space to work from in Progress community.
YouthLink plans to design more of these courses, and also diversify the experience for some shorter courses on the same theme. We invite primarily young adults 18-35 but we are also open to applicants who embody the spirit of ‘a youth that never ages’ to join us. To apply to join our next course, please contact us soon: www.youthlink.org.in, Instagram: ayyouthlink, Facebook: “YouthLink, Auroville”, +91 877831241, YouthLink

SCORERS Project Winning Rushlight Awards
We are proud to share that our Smart Control of Rural Renewable Energy & Storage (SCORERS) project has won the Rushlight Awards 2017-18 for Resource Innovation and Water Management.
We thank Innovate UK for funding this project and our partners Heriot-Watt University (Scotland), Auraventi Ltd., Scene Connect, Findhorn Foundation College, Buddha Garden, and Auroville Centre for Scientific Research for their hard work and dedication.
The SCORERS project is developing a robust, efficient, affordable and smart irrigation system to help tackle the food, water, and energy shortage.
To know more about the project, contact us at: info@aurovilleconsulting.com
**Young Aurovilians, we need you!**

Dear young Aurovilians, we need you! Please do appear and be part of internal announcements and discussions on Auroville intranet. You can request access to Auronet by sending an email to auronet@auroville.org.in. Even better: get your own email ID (by writing to sysop@auroville.org.in) so you can be found and join collective information sharing. To join the telephone directory, please contact telephone service, and your phone number will be displayed in Auronet, directory, as well. We come for human unity - to be findable by your AV family is vital! Namaste, Sigrid

Anie Nunnally:

For those who knew Anie Nunnally, a tree will be planted in her memory along with some of her ashes. You are welcome to come to International House on Tuesday February 14th at 5 pm to participate with a group of her friends.

*B (for the Group)*

Library update: The Library will be closed on Thursday 8, Friday 9 and Saturday 10 to reorganize the books collections over the shelves. From Monday 12 it will be opened in the morning from 9 to 12:30 as usual but closed in the afternoon until the work is completed. Sorry for the inconvenience, The Auroville Library

Free menstrual education sessions: Dear Auroville Community and Units, we at Eco Femme are happy to host free menstrual education sessions for the women working in your units/community this summer. We are offering subsidized reusable cloth pads for economically disadvantaged women. We also have options if you are interested in the same for ammas in your community/elsewhere. You are welcome to drop in to our office to purchase pads or to contact us for more information/sessions. Contact: nikethana@ecofemme.org, 7094716136 (requested to call Tues-Fri between 9:30 am - 4 pm)

Transformation Kindergarten 2018/2019 School Year: An invitation to those that might be interested in joining TKG for next school year, please come on Thursday 15th from 2:30-3:30pm for a short introductory talk. We are open to children who will be aged 2-4 as of July 2018 - Interested? then send us a short e-mail at transformationkg@auroville.org.in to confirm your presence. You are of course welcome to bring your child/children along. : ) Looking forward to meeting you!

School admission: Dear Parents of children born between : 1 March 2015 and 28 February 2016, we are in the process of preparing for the next July school admission in AHA, Kindergarten and Nandanam schools and ask you to contact Swadha as soon as possible if you have not yet filled up the form given by the Pre-Creche - Swadha (School admission coordinator) [schooladmission@auroville.org.in]

Thank you,

Auroville Accessible Public Bus

We warmly thank all those people who are supporting the Bus with their donations - total amount Rs. 8,100.

Donations are always well accepted to maintain the service the bus is doing for all residents and guests - AC. 2516755

With Gratitude - AV Bus Team - Raja, Sauro, Susmita

Dear Auroville, Housing Service Team, Builders & Every Soul that made Kriya possible...

We want to express our sincere gratitude for all your efforts in making the manifestation of Kriya housing project a reality. We honestly believe that Kriya Community represents a significant progress in the evolution of Auroville, as it provides simple affordable housing for the aspiring youth who are contributing to make Auroville beautiful and alive. It's really great for us to have our housing concern temporarily solved as this gives us the opportunity to focus on what's really important in Auroville: our Sadhana, Karma Yoga, and realizing the Divine Dream within and around ourselves. Thank you, Kriya Community (X & Y)

WALK OF HOPE: Thank You

The organizers are deeply grateful to all those who made this event possible and contributed to its success -- supporting staff as well as participants. Thanks to all of the volunteers, coordinated by Harishini and Pranjal, in helping us tirelessly, inspired by the idea of being part of this walk for peace and oneness.

Among many others, we owe our gratitude to the film and photographer team (Serena, Doris, Stefano, Oli, Gino, Francis, Vimal, Seenu, Madhu, Vinay); to Yatra Srinivasan (for his sweet announcements), Tibetan Pavilion (Kalsang), Auroville Bakery (Elumalai), Santé (Paula, Thilagam), Aquadyn, Swaram (Aurelio), Mohanan (Balu), Kofpu (Anandi), Pitchan and Puliam Forest (Kanniappan), Botanical Garden (Sathiyamurthi), Ganesh Bakery, Natuerllemente (Martin), Savitri Bhavan, UTs; to Friederike, Apple, Monika, Aurelec Trust and Cafeteria, AVI Germany and all donors from around the world; to Christine Joseph, Pranav and the Satsang Foundation/Manav Ekta Mission. Last but not least: our most profound thanks to Sri M for accepting our invitation and leading the Walk of Hope Auroville.

We gratefully:
The hosting team "Restorative Auroville" (Laura, Kati, Helene, Shanti and Janet), and Franz (Prisma), Moris (AVAG), Shankar (Aikiyam School), Mala, Banu, Peter and other friends.

**APPEAL**

Important call from the 50th team...

Do you have space in your home for Auroville's friends and well-wishers during the Birthday Week? The Birthday month of February, and in particular the Birthday week from the 21st through the 28th, will bring many friends, well-wishers and visitors. We call on all residents of Auroville to open their homes and offer a place to stay for a few nights on this special occasion. An invitation to experience Auroville from the homes of Aurovilians is a beautiful gesture of illustrating that we are one family.

If you have some space to offer please write to 50core@auroville.org.in and indicate how many beds and for how long you can share. Please also mention if you require some financial contribution. Looking forward to your generosity and support.

The 50th Anniversary Team

Do you know of special friends, well-wishers, officials who should be invited to join us for events of the 50th Anniversary of Auroville?

If you are in contact with or know of any of these supporters, officials and well-wishers please do let us know so as to ensure that we reach as many as possible. We will send you a template/form in which you can fill in the details of your contacts for easy consolidation by members of our team and the Working Committee. Information and suggestions regarding Indian officials at any level should be sent to the Auroville Foundation (avfoundation@auroville.org.in). All other contacts should be sent to the 50th team (50core@auroville.org.in).

This information is needed by Monday the 12th, at the latest. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Warmly, The 50th Anniversary Team

Rice cultivation

Dear Aurovilians, more land has been bought to expand the cultivation for rice. But nothing can be planted yet as we need the land to be fenced and build a road for access. We need funds do that and we hope you can participate with donations in the account #0486 - the estimate comes to about 2 lakhs.

Thank you, Siddhartha Farm

**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 immediately. Excellent spoken and written English is a must. If interested please contact Luise 0413-2622069 or networking@auroville.com.

**AIAT - Auroville Institute for Applied Technology**
We are looking for a trained and experienced Social Worker.

**Conditions:**
- Preferably full time work (half time could be considered)
- Tamil fluently and good English knowledge
- Open minded and willing to build up good relations to students, their families and into the surrounding villages as well as to the teachers.
- Promoting skill training in villages and schools.

**Maintenance available - Please contact us for an appointment and more information either by Phone: 0413 – 2671758 / Mail: office ais@auroville.org.in or pass by directly at our office: Irumbal Main Road, Irumbai (opp. TNEB)**

Looking forward to hear from you 😊

**HEALTH**

**SANTÉ - AUROVILLE INSTITUTE FOR INTEGRAL HEALTH**
Open Monday through Saturday 8:45-12:30 and 14:00-16:30, Closed Tuesday afternoon (due to staff meeting)

Santé is a multidisciplinary team offering the services of medical doctors for consultation and minor surgery; nursing services including dressings and lab test; Midwifery and GYN care, childbirth preparation and exercise classes; Ayurvedic doctor, homeopathy, medical shiatsu, acupuncture, physotherapy, hypnotherapy and life coaching, detox program and ozone therapy.

Our team believes in an integral approach to patient care including medical, physical, psychological, energetic and emotional support. We seek to provide primary and secondary prevention of chronic illnesses.

As a medical institute Santé team supports the AV ambulance. In emergency please call 9442224680 and save this number on your mobile.

For further information and appointments please call Santé reception at 0413-2622803 or visit Santé clinic at 5 Crown Rd, Auroville, during open hours. We are wishing you all good health

Santé Team

**Submitting bills for AVHF before end of march 2018**

To all members of the AV Health Fund,

If you still have any medical bills from the past months at home please drop them, together with your doctor prescription and your PT account number, in the Health Fund box at Aspiration Health Centre.

As the financial year is going to end, all the pending bills from April 2017 till February 2018 have to be processed before the end of March 2018. Only the medical bills from March 2018 can be paid till end of April 2018. The audit service has told not to process any bills from last financial year after March 2018. Please check your cupboards while there is still time!

From AV Health Fund

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

Introduction to homeopathic First Aid - Tuesday 13th 3 pm

Integral Health with Sigrid and Malar

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.

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. Malar can visit 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 English, French, German and Tamil available.

Okoubaka (for soothing effects of pesticides), PC Shock, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Blood pressure etc. is available in our remedy box, along with Harmony and Samata. 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 - 12.30 am.

You are welcome to contact us at integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue.

Integral Health, Prayatna 0413-2622696

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

**SPORTS**

Run for the Joy of Running

**11th Auroville Marathon**
Sunday 11th February, 2018

Dear Friends,

On this coming Sunday, the 11th Auroville Marathon run will be hosted by the Auroville Marathon Organizing team.

Full Marathon start at 5 am, Half at 6.15 am, 10Km start at 7 am, Children’s/Open at 7.30 am)

We invite Aurovilians and guests to cheer and encourage the runners as they pass by your community. Play music, greet them, cheer them, offer water, offer your wishes. We request everyone to drive slow and give ample space for the runners and walkers sharing the roads on Sunday. The less dust we kick off, the happier the runners will be and so much better their “Joy of Running” in Auroville.

The runners will pass by the following aid stations:

**Visitor Center** (4.30 am to 11.30 am)

SaraCon/KOFPU (5.00 am to 8.45 am)

Celebration Transition School (5.15 am to 8.55 am)

Rajeswari College (5.20 am to 9.10 am)

Aikyam School/New Creation (5.30 am to 9.30 am)

Ansuya Forest (5.40 am to 9.40 am)

Gaia Junction (5.45 am to 9.50 am)

Deepanam School (5.55 am to 10.05 am)

Samasti (6.00 am to 10.20 am)

Matrimandir Gate (6.07 am to 10.50 am)

The venue for the event is at the Visitor Center - START & Aurodam Foot Ball Ground - FINISH.

Everyone is welcome.

Marathon Organizing Team

www.marathon.auroville.com / marathon@auroville.org.in

Facebook - http://www.facebook.com/AurovilleMarathon

Run for MY Heart,

5 km Juniors - Marathon on Sunday the 11th of February 2018

Dehashakti School of Physical Education invites all the children to participate in the 5 km run on the Sunday the 11th of February, 2018.

No prior registrations needed

Race starts at 08:00 am - Reporting time 07:45 am

Start & Finish will be from the Visitors Centre Area

No Prizes for this race, only the JOY of running...
This event is being organised by the Dehashakti Team and we request Volunteers from all the AV schools & Outreach schools to help make this event successful.

See you all on Sunday the 11th of February, 2018.

For further details contact Dehashakti School of Physical Education: Telephone No: 0413-2622821 - E-Mail: dehashaktisports@auroville.org.in or Saravanavan - 9751395806

Dehashakti School of Physical Education Team

Certitude Basketball League - registrations open!

Hello to all Basket ballers and sportsmen and women and children, we ask you to participate in the Auroville Basketball League 2018!

Happening on the 21st to 28th of February. Don't miss your chance to register. For registry call: 9585838938 / 9488981587.

Or fill out your information on the Certitude Basketball League sheets put up around Auroville.

When: 21st - 28th. 4:30 - 6:30 PM February

Where: Certitude - What: Basketball League

10th February last date of registry.

Dear listeners (and viewers)!

We have some exciting news for you all!

Our new page is up, and working. That means that you will be able not only to hear, but also to see (some articles) short video clips made by our team: www.facebook.com/auroville.radio/

From our volunteers we have:

Steve captured the concert by a Bulgarian artist on classical music, Satsang with Sri M., Karthick recorded Full Moon Kabir Poetry. Andrea did Vedic Chanting at SAWCHU, Kalabhumii Goes Live, Part1, and Part2. Gino recorded CAT on Economy. Stefano and Gino were at Pondicherry Equestrian Challenge. And they captured Rhythms of Korea. Stefano made an interview with Edo on Kalabhumii Goes Live editions. Rtm - interview with Francesca on Creative Writing.

Within our regular programs:

Gangalakshmi reads her Selections of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother texts in French uncet version at the request of listeners! - Marlenka continues with the Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo. - Loretta is reading Savitri, B.V, C.II, Part 2, and Mother's Q and A, 10/10/56.

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

The musical podcast features energetic Mokoomba.

Your AV Radio/TV Team

NOTES

New Economy: YES!

Economy is fashionable these days and looms almost too harshly on the Aurovillian horizon. Why? Because obviously, this community has been ensnared by the old world’s mirages and their treacherous temptations! Each year, the City of the Future moves a bit further away from a collective economic model and closer to a more profitable one, perfectly hollow as far as human evolution is concerned.

And nothing really new came up in the last decade or so since the creation of Pour Tous Distribution Center (PTDC) cooperative. This is why the project of a more fraternal economy, imagined by Yves Laborde and the Lotus Group, is so promising. It is one of the few projects that can put an end to Auroville’s commercial drift, while it empowers everyone to embark progressively on the true path of sharing and abundance - each according to the dictates of their own consciousness.

The people who pretend they don’t understand this project - it is admittedly very elaborate and large scale - no longer have a receivable excuse today, after two organised round tables have explained it thoroughly, allowing each person to come to their own informed and fair opinion. (and the absent are always in the wrong!)

Now the Aurovilians - and no one else - must take their destiny in their own hands and agree on the development line they want to follow in the future, hopefully a not too distant future. The economic model has the great virtue of existing, it is ready for use, with its multiple adaptive and finely shaded tools. The next step is simply to say YES.

Jean-Luc

‘Four Brahmacarasis standing in a row’ across the path of the Divine at Brahmasthanam Temple, Chennai

It was the hour before the Gods awake, Across the path of the Divine Event.

Two intense days’ program was supposed to be all over, Time was running out for Her and all Her Devotees, To reach the next destination Coimbatore, Still have not got my Darshan.

Needed token in hand and thumping heart, Standing all alone at the end of the very long tunnel leading to the Divine, I have no clue of the drama getting arranged and planned and staged by Her with Her four Brahmacarasis for Her assistants and Herself as a veiled Actor.

Losing all hope and feeling totally dejected, She, All Knowing One, Let Her Self Shout aloud twice looking in my direction, Calling us to come to Her, who have not yet got the Darshan.

Now or never, Not to miss the last chance and gather up all my strength, Hurriedly ran up the long path to reach the Divine, Me the lucky one!

But No!

I was stopped abruptly from behind! ‘Four Brahmacarasis standing in a row’ Suddenly held my left arm to prevent me from going up the path.

Needed -DarshanToken I gave them, But these ‘four Brahmacarasis standing in a row’ did not let my arm go free.

Pushed and Pulled, Twisted, my poor left arm, Stopped me from going up the path to the Divine.

Realising later that I am not one of their inmates of the Amma’s Ashram,

‘Four Brahmacarasis in a row’ Let me free after torturing enough my poor left arm and my shoulder,

I crossed the ‘Doorway to Beyond’ Leaned just a moment my human load on a kind hearted soul on the right, Balanced my Mind, Body and Heart, up the path, Faced the Kali, Seated on Her throne Waiting for me.

Time stopped still,

Was it a moment or Eternity? I did not know, How long I was squeezed and hugged I did not know, What was it? Was it again a Divine Union? Like other hundred times before, Happened on the path of the Divine?

Nothing I knew, until

I was conscious of Kali again,

Looking Intently with Her Teasing Body, and Handling the Divine Prasad, asked me How are you?

Knowing all Her Tricks and the Ways of Her Divine Cheating, Personally for the last 21 years, since 1996, Knowing how my poor arm got pushed and pulled by Her four Brahmacarasis standing in a row’ I told Her ‘You Know Everything’

With Her Prasad in my hand, I saw hundred or more lucky ones eagerly Follow the Path to the Divine, To have Her Darshan.

Celestine, 24th January 2018 - Brahmasthanam, Chennai.
**Sunday 11 February: Pitchandikulam at 6 am - with Joss (tel. +91 413 2622 387)**

Pitchandikulam Forest was established in 1973 as a pioneering greenbelt community, working to bring the indigenous forest back. Pitchandikulam foresters work throughout the bioregion helping people to plant indigenous trees, spread know-how and are involved in restoration ecology (Nadukuppam and Adyar park in Chennai, Mangrove Forests), environmental education, nature art, medicinal plants, walks and courses, preserving indigenous knowledge and traditions, as well as promoting village-based sustainable livelihoods.

This is an early morning walk with a potluck breakfast, please bring some (possibly organic) food to share!

**Directions:** From the Solar Kitchen take the temporary road past Courage, turning left at the T-junction onto the tarred Auroville Main Road, continue in direction Kulilapalayam till you come to small culvert/ bridge, take a left here and follow the dirt road into Pitchandikulam forest.

**Sunday 18th February: Discipline Farm; see details in next week’s N&N, on Aurenut and the posters on the Auroville Notice boards.**

**GLASS: What more would you want out of a package?**

**GLASS IS PURE.** Glass is made of all-natural, sustainable raw materials. It is one of the widely preferred packaging materials, as it does not involve any health hazards and is also environment friendly.

Glass is the only packaging material rated “GRAS” or “generally regarded as safe” by the US Food & Drug Administration.

**GLASS IS 100% Recyclable** and can be recycled endlessly with no loss in quality or purity. Glass recycling is a closed loop system, creating no additional waste or by-products. Glass is a mono-material, meaning it is not made up of several different materials.

**GLASS IS SUSTAINABLE.** Recycling glass reduces consumption of raw materials and saves energy. Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to power a 60-watt bulb for 4 hours, a computer for 30 minutes or a television for 20 minutes.

**GLASS RECYCLING BENEFITS.** Every 10% increase in recycled glass is equal to:

- 10% decrease in sulphur dioxide (SO2)
- 6% decrease in nitrogen oxide (NOx)
- 17% reduction in carbon dioxide (CO2)
- 2.5% reduction in electricity and natural gas

We, in MEGcoudties - PROBIOTICS HOUSE, have changed the packaging of our products that we were using for PROBIOTICA DRINK SUPPLEMENTS and for PET SUPPLEMENTS. Now you find them in glass jars. Additionally, our new product “TOOTH POWDER” is packaged in a hexagonal glass jar, and you can get it in PROBIOTICS HOUSE - Reve and in PTDC.

**GLASS IS SAFE FOR YOU AND THE ENVIRONMENT!**

**PROBIOTICS HOUSE - Margarita & Guidelma**

Reve - Auroville. [Phone: +91 413 2623774]

Open Tuesday to Saturday: 9:30 – 11:30 am & 2:00 to 4:30 pm.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Needed:** I’m looking for a 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 to take care of animals. Thank you, Myriam (registered AV Volunteer)

**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.

Oakworks massage chair: In brand new condition (has been used only a couple of times so far.) I brought it from the US in 2008 thinking that I would use it here in AV for events, etc. ...but I ended up having more of an in office practice on a regular massage table. It is teal color, with wheels for easy transport and comes in a large carrying bag. Great for a mobile massage practice and or for events. Please call Jivatma if interested or if you would like to come by and look at it: 890-383-2615 or email me at jiva@sargabodywork.com if you would like me to send you some pictures. or more information on this chair visit: https://www.massagetables.com/portal/pro-chair.aspx


**Women cycle ladybird style:** comes with the basket, bell, light and lock. Used for 3 months, in good conditions. WhatsApp number +33769297080 - Thank you, Lysanne

Small UPS APC UP600 (Schneider Electronics): Battery Backup and Surge protection. We used it to keep our telephone and Wifi router active during power cuts (battery lasts approx. 4 hours). 1-year-old, looks like new. Please contact stefangebert@gmail.com or whatsapp 9442641431 - Stefan, Sanjana

Moped TVSX: in very good condition - if interested please call on +919994614149, Irena

Raleigh Cyclist: White; quite light; 7 gears; hardly used - unbeatable price - first come, first served - Contact Soham in Transformation (every day after 3 pm) - Aum

A Lotus: Dear ones, there is one Lotus plant waiting for you at my place. It needs a nice pond. Please call Véronique: 9488512678 or 0413-2622638.

**LOOKING FOR...**

**Drummers, needed, for... marathon, aid, station!**

Dear Auroville, Greetings from the Matrimandir aid station team. As you are all aware of the coming Auroville marathon 2018, Matrimandir aid station is looking for an enthusiastic drummer or possibly any loud music player who can wake up Auroville for the marathon and cheer runners. Since the Matrimandir aid station is a critical station for the runners it would be great if someone was willing to join hands in making the marathon 2018 an unforgettable time. For further details, please feel free to contact: jey4arch@gmail.com / Jyathn: 7708736598

**Watercolor books and painting material:** Dear All, if you have any book about water colors, I will be happy to read them and give them back. Also, any spare tube paints which you do not need anymore; just let me know. Iwana: 7094341454, iwana@auroville.org.in

**Skipping Cyclist:** I was a guest for 4 months Dec 2010- to end of March 2011 and the first 3 months of 2016. At 5.45pm on my way walking from La Terrace Cafe to Arka at the end of March 2016 I saw the strongest sight I had seen in Auroville; on the Crown road a man on a bicycle using a piece of cord like a skipping rope as he pedaled along, the rope ridden over by the front wheel then the rear. He had an amazing sense of balance. If anyone has a photo of him doing this please email a copy to me - Thank you, James Laker: jameslaker23@gmail.com

**French Argot dictionary:** I am looking for a kind soul coming from France who could bring or send to me an “Argot” dictionary for my study on the French language. All expenses will be fully compensated either with love or cash as you wish. My address is: Soham, Transformation, Auroville - 605 101 - India

A fridge: I am looking for a fridge as mine is slowly dying. Please if you have one you don’t need, I’ll be happy to receive it. Please call Véronique: 9488512678 or 0413-2622638.

**TAXI SHARING**

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

**February 9th:** Pick up from Chennai international airport at 0.15 am on the 9th (Jet airways from Paris). Contact Marie Claire <marieclaure@auroville.org.in>

**February 9th:** Taxi going to Chennai Airport, leaving from Auroville at 3:00 pm (time flexible). Tatyana: btv.12@mail.ru

**February 11th:** Sunday - Leaving Auroville at 6 pm to Chennai Airport. Please call Kees at: 8754432392
February 14th: From Chennai domestic at 17.00 to Auroville (as well as sharing: leaving Auroville in the afternoon early reaching Chennai Domestic around 17) contact Elisabetta 7094206150 / elisegala@gmail.com

February 15th: Thursday - Taxi going to Chennai international airport from New creation, Claude Jouné’s home, leaving from Auroville, 7 pm. Please contact Nadia; nadia.loury@orange.fr or 9487131499

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 Silvana: 9047654157 - 0413-2622943 / silvanagrippoe@gmail.com

February 20th: A taxi will start from Auroville about 3am on 20th February to reach Chennai Railway Station at 6.20am. Sharing is possible the both ways. Contact: Sergey: sergey@auroville.org.in, +91 94434 90153 (whatsapp)

February 22nd: To Chennai Airport on Thursday 22 February leaving Verite at 11pm with one person. Returning empty. Please contact ynotsewets@hotmail.com, Tony

February 22nd: A taxi will be leaving from Auroville to Chennai airport at 9pm on the 22/02, for a pick up at 00.30 am on the 23rd. Can share either way. Contact Sabine (+91)9786775818 (whatsapp ok!) / lasabine@auroville.org.in

March 1st: A taxi will be leaving from Auroville to Chennai airport at 8pm on the 01/03, for a drop off around 11pm. Can share either way. Contact Sabine (+91)9786775818 (whatsapp ok!) / lasabine@auroville.org.in

TRAVEL

Latest News from the Travel Shop - Inside India: located in Auroshilpam, open from 9am to 1pm and 1:30 to 5pm.

Latest offers from International Airlines which change at the moment frequently: Some offers are only available for a week or two: Air India has promotional offers to destinations in Europe / Jet Airways has promotional fares to International sectors / 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

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 discounted 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@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

Events at Matrimandir for Mother’s Birthday

Monday 19.2.2018
Book Launch of ‘Matrimandir, Moments in Eternity’ (a photo book of events that have taken place in the Park of Unity since 2003 and more)
4 pm, (just outside) the Matrimandir Offices.
The books will be on display and available also on 20th and 21st February from 9 am to 12 noon and 3 to 6 pm at the same place.

Wednesday 21.2.2018 (morning)
Meditation for Mother’s Birthday
21st February 2018, 5.45 to 6.30 am
in the Matrimandir Amphitheatre

Entrance from the Second Banyan Gate, open from 4.45 am.

Please note:
the gates remain closed from 5.45 to 6.30 am.

Recorded text from Sri Aurobindo’s ‘The Mother’ will be played.
All are requested to come early and be seated by 5.40 am.
Please remember to bring along a torch light and to switch off your cellphones.

Please do not bring your pets to the Amphitheatre.

Photos may only be taken without flash

Please note that access will be limited to the Amphitheatre and up to 7 am only.

Please help us to maintain an atmosphere of silence for concentration.

Visitors are requested to either carry their Aurocard or collect personally free tokens available at the Visitors Centre (upstairs) on February 19th and 20th between 3 and 5 pm.

Wednesday 21.2.2018 (Evening Program)
5.30 to 6.30 pm in the Amphitheatre

“Breath of Grace”

…Of One these forms of greatness are and by its breath of grace our lives abide…

Sri Aurobindo, Savitri, Book III, Canto I

A musical offering with the Russian Singing Bells

Entrance from the Office Gate at 5 pm. Guests are requested to carry their guest card with them.

Bonne Fête and see you there!

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

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Saturday 10 /02 - 9 am to 6 pm
Sunday 11 /02 - 9 am to 4 pm

At the entrance area of the Visitors Center

Come and Enjoy a Fine Selection of products/crafts

Hand-made in Auroville!

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ART FOR LAND
CLOSING EVENT plus FUNDRAISING DINNER for Auroville’s land
Foundation Secretary Mohan Chunkath presiding
& “Art for Land” creative artists in attendance

Thursday, February 15th at 5 PM at Auroville’s Unity Pavilion

JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT TO SUPPORT AUROVILLE’S LAND!

- **Invocation: “Auroville”** - recital by Loretta of her 1972 poem, written when she was living at the Matrimandir Workers Camp

- **Presentation: “The Mother - Artist & Artistic Influence”** - A rare sharing of The Mother’s beautiful artwork spanning her life in Paris, Algeria, Japan, and Pondicherry, and her influence on the artists around her. By Mandakini, with the kind authorization and support of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram

- **Sitar recital** - by Auroville’s musician friend, Soham Munim

- **Special Fundraising Dinner for the City of Dawn’s land** - Suggested contribution Rs.500 - please reserve at unitypavilion@auroville.org.in - Food donated by Auroville eateries - all proceeds go exclusively for buying Auroville’s missing land!

- **Rock & Blues concert by “Soul Cypher”** - with Auroville’s Margherita, Edo, Matthew, and Mehul
An opportunity for Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers and Guests to quilt together and create something collectively!
This year’s theme will be “Beauty and Harmony”.
Community quilting is a time to connect with each other, share stories, and exchange skills. Prior experience in quilting is not needed. Simple technique will be demonstrated.
LEC provides opportunities for young women from the villages to widen their horizons through activities based on the spirit of Auroville and vocational training in tailoring. Life education centre is located past Celebration area and opposite Isai Auroville and vocational training in tailoring. Life education centre is just adjacent to the vacant land on the right at the T-junction at the end of the road and continue. Life Education Centre is just adjacent to the vacant land on the right and BEFORE Isai Ambalam School (Go past Verité and Colors of Nature, make a left at the T-junction at the end of the road and continue. Life Education Centre is just adjacent to the vacant land on the right and BEFORE Isai Ambalam School).
Visit life-education-centre.org to know more about the Centre.
Thank you and Warm regards,
Devi for LEC

Saturday Market at YC
Saturday Market at the Youth Centre, weekly from 10 am till 2 pm, with fresh and local products and the following interactive themes:
* Saturday 10 Feb.: THEATRE DAY (improvisation games and plays)
* Saturday 17 Feb.: ART DAY (arts and crafts workshops)
* Saturday 24th of Feb.: Theme to be announced.
If you want to take part in the organisation and activities or have a stall in the market, please contact YC (9413 2622 857) or Madda (8489 042213). Everybody is welcome to bring their skills and talents on the different days!

Kirtan - Singing from The Heart
On Friday 16, February, 5 - 7pm
In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn,
Come let's sing in celebration of life & joyful connection with divinity, through heart songs and mantras...
Thank you for parking at the side of community gate - Dariya

Invitation to the Final Presentation of Swadharma 4

Dear friends,
The 4th Swadharma programme (www.swadharma.auroville.org) is coming to an end and the Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI) team would like to invite the community to a presentation by our participants. The 15 young students (age 18 to 28) who have joined us from various parts of India and abroad for this 5-week of exploration and self-discovery will present their journey from what brought them to Auroville in the first place, how this programme helped transform their vision of who they are and reflect on the insights they gained for their life path ahead.

February 17th, Saturday
SAIER Conference Hall
Presentations will start at 2 pm and continue until 5 pm, with a short refreshment break in between.
Please Join us for the entire presentation or feel free to join us anytime during this period.
Each student will present their journey for about 7 minutes with 3 minutes for questions and answers.
We are looking forward to welcoming you!
With Gratitude for all the support we have received from the community. The Swadharma team
(Aneeta, Lalit, Manoj, Min, Siddharth, Sophie, and Valentine)

SEAS
’Soul Encounters for the Auroville Soul’
a 80-minute multi-disciplinary performing event at the
AMPHITHEATER of MATRIMANDIR
on February 17th 2018
7 pm up to 9 pm

This event aims to co-create a beautiful spiritual atmosphere that is powerful, calm and concentrated, through a collective participation of our being to transcend together and ‘enter-into-attainment rather than being entertained’.
We request all to leave mobile phones at home or on airplane mode or switched off. Emergency exits will be provided.
We will also provide a 45minute time gap for all to arrive at the Amphitheater and settle down, from 6.15 pm to 7.00 pm.
Please come in through the Visitors’ Gate, also called the ‘Second Banyan Gate’.
All invited, spectators, audience, family, friends and loved ones are invited to collectively participate through a concentrated meditative attitude and together we will form an event of Wideness, Power, Beauty, Harmony and Knowledge brought together to celebrate the becoming of Auroville’s 50 years’ growth...
Emergency arrivals after 7.00 pm will ONLY be granted at the MM office gate to those living in Auroville!
Please come on time and share!

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SEAS
(Soul Encounters for the Auroville Soul)
an 80-minute multi-disciplinary performing event at the
AMPHITHEATER of MATRIMANDIR
on Saturday, February 17th 2018
7:00 pm to 8.30 pm

Narrates the Soul's evolutionary journey through passages taken from the book of Savitri by Sri Aurobindo. 6 recorded voices narrating, are layered into a musical score composed uniquely for this event by Patrick Roy. To which 100+ performers; Auroville artist and their student body will be moving in various forms and disciplines of the body to create the visual narrative of the Souls participation in body and matter. Embedded with video projections made by Auroville youth, draw the wider Auroville & bio region into a whole we call SEAS. Seas that stand for the oceans that our Souls journey through...Waters of our inner and outer bodies, lives, emotions, intuitions and all that manifests and becomes through it.

The event ends with a collective meditation.

Contemporary Dance, Ariel Silks, Acrobatics, Gymnastics, Kalaripayet, Bharatanatyam, Capoeira, Odissi, Indian Folk Dance, Fire Dancing, Yoga...........

Amphitheatre Visitor’s Gate (second banyan gate) opens at 6.15 and will close at 7.00. All attendees to be seated before this time. Kindly leave your mobile phones at home or switched off when in the Amphitheatre.
EXHIBITIONS

This is the last opportunity for visiting the “ART FOR LAND” exhibition 2018!

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.

More than 70 artists from Auroville, 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. Several works have been contributed by artists of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram - Priti Ghosh, Tehmi, Dilip Patel, Sunayana Panda, and Jacques Dhandania (see above). A number of creations are available as postcards, along with other items, and there is a parallel fundraiser of rare photographs of Sri Aurobindo and 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.

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ART FOR LAND is a non-commercial cycle of generosity and gratitude for the existence of Auroville. colaap.org/campaigns/art-for-land/ colaap.org/campaigns/acres/

Maroma invites you to the Vernissage of An Exhibition of Candles

Created by Paul Pinthon
To celebrate Auroville’s 50th Anniversary and the 40th year of Maroma on the 14th of February 2018 between 3 pm to 5.30 pm
At Maroma, Auroville

Exhibition open on the 15th and the 16th of February between 9 am to 4 pm with an open house on the 16th 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.

Maroma, Aspiration, Auroville 605101 Tamil Nadu, India Tel:(0413)2622126 / email:paul@maroma.com

All Photos of Kindergarten

Ex-students and interested people are invited to an exhibition of photos of the Kindergarten children since 1985! There will also be the last works of the children about Auroville.

Kindergarten at Center Field
- Timing: every school day:
  Monday to Friday - from 1 to 2 pm
Dates: 15 to 20th of February and 1st to 15th of March (school is closed during the Birthday week).

“I INVITE YOU TO THE GREAT ADVENTURE”

Exhibition of archival photographs selected by Paulette
Friday February 9th until Saturday February 24th 2018
Open daily 8 am - 12 pm and 2 pm - 6 pm, closed on Sundays

“We are now witnessing the birth of a new world; it is very young, very weak - not in its essence but in its outer manifestation - not yet recognized, not even felt, denied by the majority. But it is here.”

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

**Bharat Nivas**
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

Daily: 10 February 2018 – 11 March 2018. Time: 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
Inauguration: Saturday 10 February 5pm
Program: Recorded voice of the Mother reading the Charter of Auroville, followed by Meditation. Invocation: Joy

Bharat Nivas, Kalakendra Gallery, International Zone, Auroville
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 is being supported by Govt. of India (Ministry of Tribal Affairs): http://trifed.in / http://tribesindia.com
Reminder + Review: Bang Hai Ja
Lumières du monde - Lights of the world
- Until 15/02/2018 - Centre d’Art, Citadines
- There is not much to add to what has been said about the famous Korean painter Bang Hai Ja. Ninety exhibitions were devoted to her in Europe, Korea, USA, Japan and Canada. She also received the “Grand Prix Painter of the overseas” in Korea in 2008, the Order of Cultural Merit in 2010 from the President of Korea, and in 2017 the cultural prize France-Korea in Paris.

She thought it would be very important to be able to exhibit “Lumières du monde” during the 50th anniversary of Auroville to share with all the nations of the world her work about light. It is the light, she said, which is the sublime life force and the principal guide of her work.

When she was 23, she left Seoul for Paris. That was in 1961 when Paris was for all artists the Mecca of the world. Lately she has been residing in Ardeche, an area of France which still remains wild and where she finds the spiritual energy necessary to produce her art pieces.

With a background of Zen Buddhism, she strives to express the essence of herself and the essence of all things.

The beginning of her journey is more Carrajasque, as she is fascinated with the work of light and shadow. But she opted very quickly for the search of her own light.

All the 42 pieces exhibited in Centre d’Art Citadines are a reflection of this quest and the desire to diffuse it to others. All pieces are painted on the very delicate “papier de murier”, famous for its property of letting the color transpire through the other side. The result is the creation of a recto verso piece that she enriched with more colours. This technique she admits comes from her Korean background.

This exhibition, work of 10 years, bathes in the tones of blue and coercion, it can become counterproductive.

Chana Corinne Devor for AVArtService

Santé-Auroville, invites you:
Facing Mental Challenges on the Spiritual Path,
Part 2: Sexuality - By Dr. Alok Pandey, Sri Aurobindo Ashram
Saturday 10th February 9.30 to 11am - Pavilion of Tibetan culture

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

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

After having overviewed the topic in its general aspects, let’s go a little deeper in some specific issues, such as sexuality.

Sexuality is very much a part of present human nature and cannot just be wished away. Sometimes, one can feel a lot of energy rising within the body, whereas a few hours later, this energy has totally dropped.

The mental may feel at peace while the vital is still flowing, thus messing up the connection between the 2 important actors of the spiritual path.

At the same time, this is a demand of yoga to steadily and gradually overcome this impulse and eventually transform its energies into energies of progress.

It is no doubt a daunting task and it is worthwhile discussing this topic from several angles. Since handled wrongly with an undertone of guilt and coercion, it can become counterproductive.

Sponsored by Santé-Auroville Institute for Integral Health

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research (SACAR), Puducherry Organises
Auro Vidya Retreat
Vedanta in the Light of Sri Aurobindo
4th to 19th April 2018 - 9.00 am to 5.30 pm everyday

For Registration & Fees please contact: sacaroffice@gmail.com 9443019172, 9994190403. Last date of registration: 21/02/2018

Venue: SACAR, 39 Vanniar Street, Valthikuppam, Puducherry, 605012 - Landmarks: Maximagh Road, Mother’s Guest House
Submitted by Anandi (Progress)

CULTURAL EVENTS

Special Events for the Land
at Unity Pavilion
**FINAL WEEK**

FUNDRAISING EVENTS: in connection with the Art for Land exhibition, Aurovilians and friends have expressed their solidarity by creating associated events and activities as land fundraisers at the Unity Pavilion. All your donations go towards purchase of land for completing the Masterplan of Auroville.

View the artworks at www.artforland.auroville.org.

This week we have:

- **Sri Aurobindo’s short poems interpreted through dance with star and table**
  - Sunday February 11th, 5 PM
  - led by Shobhana Patnaik
  - Learn the vigorous Bollywood dance steps to the tunes of popular Hindi film songs!

- **“Human Unity - From Individual Autonomy to Universal One-ness”**
  - Monday, February 12th, 5 PM
  - by Devasmita, Shobhana, Jayashree, Suchitra, Kalvi, Agila, & Pavi, with musicians Tapabrata & Rashmi

- **Bollywood Dance Workshop**
  - Saturday, February 10th, 5 - 6 PM
  - at: Auroville, invites you: Bollywood Dance Workshop
  - led by Shobhana Patnaik
  - Learn the vigorous Bollywood dance steps to the tunes of popular Hindi film songs!

- **Art for Land Closing Event & Fundraising dinner**
  - Thursday, February 15th, 5 PM
  - Foundation Secretary Chunkath presiding, “Auroville” Invocation, “The Mother as an Artist” visual presentation, Sitar recital, Rock & Blues concert, donation dinner (see poster for details)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Reminder: Works for Solo Piano
A Recital by Pushkar Carlotto
Friday 9th February - 8 pm. Cripa, Auroville.
- approx. duration 70 minute - All are welcome!

(Preview of the Concert, visit: www.pushkarcarlotto.com)

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Guitar, like you’ve never heard before!

The Founder of Indian Ocean performs in Auroville

Piano
Melanie Hardage

Drums
Nandit Desai

Vocals
Sudheer Rikhari

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Bharat Nivas
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

Wednesday
February 14, 2018
8:00 PM

Sri Aurobindo Auditorium
Bharat Nivas
International Zone
CRIPA presents

J.S. BACH

'Goldberg' Variations

By Frank Gutschmidt (piano)

CRIPA, KALABHUMI
Friday, February 16 at 8 pm
Tantrotsav 2018, at the Kalarigram near Auroville, until Feb 13th, with the theme ‘forms of the formless,’ is a celebration of the life infusing elements, the panchabhatas, and their movement from spirit to matter and back, the dance of Shiva and Shakti; a sharing of the Sri Vidyam to transform the patterns. We will investigate our core values as the basis of understanding ourselves and others. Through a process of uncovering the challenges we face in relationships, we can examine and begin to transform the patterns. This helps us identify blocks from values & culture that interfere with creating strong family and personal relationships. Feeling supported in our values helps us remove the blocks and release the pattern.

Adishakti’s Remembering Veenapani Festival
February 2018 – week 2

Saturday 10-2-2018, 7pm
Madbeth - Theatre
Directed and Performed by: Rupesh Tillu, Mumbai

Sunday 11-2-2018, 7pm
Conditions of Carriage
Dance/Theatre
Choreographed by: Preethi Athreya, Chennai
Part of the Jumping Project
Thursday 15-2-2018, 7pm
Beer Puppets - Music
A jazz gig by Shreya Bhattacharya (Vocal) and Abhishek Dey (Bass) with Drums accompaniment - Band from Bangalore

Friday 16-2-2018, 7pm
Decohered - Music
A solo digital act by: Salim Nair, Kochi

See full festival schedule at
adishaktitheatrearts.com/js_events/remembering-veenapani-2018/
Adishakti Theatre: Edayanavady Road, map at this link

SCHEDULES

CREEVA
New: Explorations in Clay with Nausheen
Every Wednesday come to explore, play and express yourself through clay. 5 to 7pm at Creativity Cooperative Studio

AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB
• Christiane is back and will offer an Advanced French class.
Two days a week: Tuesday and Wednesday 10:30-12.
The class will start on 9th Feb and go till 30th March. With a gap of one week from 3rd-8th March.
• Christiane would also like to offer Sivananda Yoga classes once a week, from 4-5 pm on Fridays.

Notes: • Only one phone number for the Lab is working at the moment: 0413-2623661.
• Also, the email for info about classes, Tomatis, etc is: info@aurovillelanguagelab.org
• The latest schedule of classes is updated on our website: www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/courses.php
• You can also contact 9585207962
PS: We’re looking for a volunteer to make some short films, mostly of interviews. We’d like to document people’s experiences during the Tomatis program, as well as shorts about the building. Please contact us. Send an email to: mta@aurovillelanguagelab.org or an sms to 9443631861. Thanks!
Vocal & NadaYoga Gathering
Thursday 15th & Friday 16th February
9.00 am -4.50 pm at Creativity Hall of Light.
to register contact Hansmi 9487544184

Vocal yoga: Italian Maestro wisdom & Yogic approach
Discover & develop parts of the body involved in vocal sound production.
Learn to use these parts through vocal practice and sound healing circle
to consciously create and strengthen your unique Musical instrument.

Nada Yoga: Access inner consciousness through sound
Ancient Nada Yoga links music to spiritual growth through vibrational sound.
Use Indian Raga to free emotional blockages. These techniques help you to sing in tune
Nada Yoga is a powerful meditative tool deepen movement between consciousness states, enhance inner peace and contentment.

Sacred Chants: Help to quite the mind & open the heart the the Divine Within.
Bring a small mirror with you.

VERITE

Please contact Vérité to register for the following intensives:
0413 2622045, 2622266, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in
Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

INTENSIVES IN VÉRITÉ:
(24-hour advance registration required)

An Introduction to Traditional Thai Yoga Massage with Andres Saturday 17 February - 9 am to 4:30 pm
Traditional Thai Yoga Massage is an ancient technique used to unblock energy stagnation and awaken our inner heater, using pressure along the energy lines (Nadis) and movements based on Yoga Asanas. In this introductory intensive, you will learn a short practical sequence, plus its foundational theory/spiritual background.

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

Introduction to Antigymnastic Movements - When Your Body Explores New Territories - With Francesca Saturday, 17 February - from 2.30 to 4:30 pm
Antigymnastic is a self-healing body work. The movements are simple, precise and suggested in such a way that nothing is imposed on, but offered to the body, so that it finds the best way to perform. In that way we learn how to use our muscles, how to hold the posture and in which way the body and its memory are carrying patterns throughout our life. The goal is to bring the body into a more natural balanced alignment. Mind and Body are intertwined and the Antigymnastic method focuses on the entire being.

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

Pranayama - breath of life energy (for all levels) with Ananda Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 21, 22 & 23 February - from 9 am to 3:40 pm
Pranayama class is the breath of universal life energy. Mostly breathing and energy flow happened 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 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 therapies for over 10 years. He is professionally trained with international certifications in Watsu, Aqua wellness, Foot Reflexology, Hypnotherapy, Pranic Healing, Alchemy of Touch - Rebalancing.

One-day Intensive: Introduction to Thai Yoga Massage - Immersion into theory and practice.
Learn what Thai Yoga Massage is about, how to work with energy meridians, what is the power of touch and how to apply it, with Bebe
Wednesday, 14.02.2018 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm with lunch break

Auromode Yoga Space

This introduction is designed to cover the basic principles of alignment to understand Traditional Thai Yoga Massage simple routines and techniques and to explore the deeperness of this ancient method of healing.

We will talk about the origins of Thai Yoga Massage (it was born in India), it’s basic principles and rules. We will guide you through body’s energy meridians and will show the methods of working with them, releasing tension and stress. We will practice different touching techniques - from strong to subtle - needed for different body types and situations. You will learn simple but effective techniques to treat people in your life.

You will spend all day giving and receiving massage – and love! What could be a better present for a St. Valentine’s day?

Immerse in Thai Yoga Massage Practice with Bebe, Thai Yoga Massage practitioner and teacher with more than 10 years of practice and hundreds of students around the world.

Bebe Merino (born in Madrid, Spain) started her career as a physical therapist in London, UK in 2000 with a background as a classical and modern dancer. She has obtained certificates and diplomas in Traditional Thai Massage (Beginners and Advance), Reflexology, Reiki 1&2, Integrated CranioSacral Therapy, Osteo-Thai and others. Since 2001, Thai Yoga Massage has been the focus of her work - Bebe has travelled, practiced and gave teachings around the world. Currently Bebe lives in Auroville, where she shares her work and teaches Traditional Thai Massage, as well as Vinyasa Flow and Hatha Energy Flow inspired yoga classes. Open to all, no previous experience required. Please wear comfortable clothes, bring pen and paper.

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 - auromodeyoga@gmail.com
More info at www.auromodeyoga.space

One-day Intensive: Exploring Prana and Marmas
- full day intensive to understand and feel the subtle body while discovering and working with 108 maras, the energy points where different tissues of our body meet, with Nadia.
Sunday, 18.02.2018 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm with lunch break

Auromode Yoga Space

In this Intensive we will explore Prana, the first sub-dosha of Vata according to Ayurveda. Through the art of Marma, Yoga meets Ayurveda and creates a beautiful synergy for health and balance. Through our Marmas points we can develop more awareness of our own bodies, Shula Sarira (gross body), Sukma Sarira (subtle body) and Karana Sarira (causal body). During the exploration of our Yogic-Ayurvedic Anatomy we will understand the link between each Marmas point and each body-function, Mahabhuta (elements of nature) and Dosha (Vata-Pitta-Kapha) in a holistic perspective according to Ayurveda. We will use different techniques to approach our Marmas: movement, breathing, meditation, chanting and sharing our own direct perception. A combination of theory and practice will lead us to a deep understanding of our own body and its strong relationship with Nature.

More info at www.auromodeyoga.space
Nadia is Italian-Iranian, she started practising Yoga when she was 16 and studying Ayurveda when she was 18. Certified in Iyengar Yoga (RIIMY, Pune, India), studied in Ayurvedic Point school of Ayurveda, with Swami Joythimayananda, in SNA Oushadhasala Thaikat Moos, Thrissur, Kerala. Participating in Indian and international Ayurveda congresses, seminars and training sessions, Nadia has been running her own Yoga and Ayurveda centre in Italy for a few years before coming to Auroville.

Open to all. Please wear comfortable clothes, bring pen and paper. Specific printed materials will be given for further study and practice.

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

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**SHADOW WORK through CREATIVE WRITING**

16th, 17th, 18th Feb from 4 to 6 pm

This playground is only for those who want to get to the bottom of the reasons for their creative blocks. Creative blocks are all that hinders us from living authentically in the artistic field as well as in our everyday life. This work includes the exploration of one’s own Light as well as one’s own inner Shadows through creative writing.

Where do the wounds that blocked our natural creative capacity come from?

What role do they play in our everyday life?

How to use the creative writing tool to help us healing them?

To know where the playground will be held and other info, please email at: avmycreativewriting@gmail.com

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**ARKA**

**Hormonal Yoga for Women**

From Monday 12th to Friday 16th of February 2018, every day - 11.15 am to 12.30 am.

Arka Wellness Center (Multipurpose Hall - 1st Floor)

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 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 hypothesis, thyroid, ovaries and adrenal glands.

Please contact Arka (0413 2623799) or Brigitte by email at Brigitte@aurovill.org.in or cellphone (9442383980) to confirm your participation before Sunday 4th of February.

All are welcome (young and ever young women).

For more information about the technique, visit http://www.dinahrodrigues.com.br

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**OTHER EVENTS**

"Aurospirituals" at African Pavilion is cancelled: until further notice, due to Bhaga’s ill health.

**Inner-Work-Workshop**

**Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother**

13th February (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: ‘Soul and Psychic Being’

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

Place: Savitri Bhavan

Time: 9 am to 12 Noon

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

Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 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.integrayoga-auroville.com

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**FILMS**

Aurofilm presents its annual

**Panorama of Contemporary Indian Cinema**

(AY 10TH PCIC!) which will take place at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium on:

16-17-18 February at Bharat Nivas.

You will find the whole program in opposite page in this NBN and published on Auronet and its Calendar (opening page). You are welcome to share it with friends! aurofilm@auroville.or.in
AUROFILM, a sub-unit under SAIIER, in collaboration with the Directorate of Film Festivals, Delhi present its:

INDIAN CINEMA - AV.PCIC!
SRI AUROBINDO AUDITORIUM, BHARAT NIVAS, AUROVILLE
16-17-18 FEBRUARY 2018

Friday 16 February:

17:45  NEWTON  Directed by Amit Masurkar  Hindi/EST  1h.44'
A government clerk on election duty in the conflict ridden jungle of Central India tries his best to conduct free and fair voting despite the apathy of security forces and the looming fear of guerrilla attacks by communist rebels.

20:00  BALUTA  Directed by Ajay Kurane  Marathi/EST  26'
A widow, mother to four daughters, is on her own without family support. Baluta is her struggle, bravery and most of all, the self-belief of a woman who defies all odds and stereotypes.

Saturday 17 February:

15:00  THE WATERFALL  Directed by Lipika Singh Darai  English  20'
The evolution of a young city boy on a trip to his ancestral home in the interiors of the state of Orissa to appreciate the value of the environment as well as think critically about climate change and development.

15:30  RAILWAY CHILDREN  Directed by Prithvi Konanur  Kannada/EST  1h.56'
Inspired from Rescuing Railway Children that describes the lives of children that run away from their homes, live in railway stations and trains, and grow up as criminals, despite their intentions being harmless and seeking only to earn a living... The Cinematographer of the film might be present with us.

Sunday 18 February:

11:00  MANUSANGADA  Directed by Amshan Kumar  Tamil/EST  1h33'
Kolappan, a Dalit man, struggles to give his father a rightful burial. Will he succeed in bringing a change in the situation? Based on a real life incident.

15:00  MEGHNABDH ROHOSYO  Directed by Anik Dutta  Bengali/EST  2h.31'
Famous writer Pr. Asimavo Bose disappears under mysterious circumstances. All his allies including his wife Indrani, son Rick, step-daughter Gul, friend Elena and nephew Dheeman, have some motive of harming him. Asimavo has his own share of secrets that reveal his dark past... In the best Bengali whodunit tradition!

17:45  KSHITIJ – A HORIZON  Directed by Manouj Kadaamh  Marathi/EST  1h35'
This is the story of a 12-year old girl's struggle to continue her education in the face of severe adversity. Poverty forces her family to leave their village and go to a neighbouring town to work in sugarcane fields. The girl, Vaichi, continues to quietly find time to study amidst days filled with hard toil, much to the irritation of her father...

20:00  POORNA  Directed by Rahul Bose  Hindi/EST  1h.40'
The real story of Poorna Malavath, a Telugu speaking tribal girl. Her talent is spotted in the institution she studies in. In 2014, Poorna scales the highest peak of Mount Everest and, aged 13 years and 11 months, becomes one of the youngest girl in the world to have reached the summit of Everest...

All films in their original version with English Subtitles (EST)
THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, February 16th, 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 :)”

CHILDREN FULL OF LIFE
40 minutes/English - Japanese with English Subtitles/2003/ Directed by Noboru Kaetsu
In the award-winning documentary Children Full of Life, a fourth-grade class in a primary school in Kanazawa, northwest of Tokyo, learn lessons about compassion from their homeroom teacher, Toshiro Kanamori.
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: 09/02 - Tashi and The Monk)
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: http://sadhanaforest.org / https://facebook.com/sadhanaforest

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, 12th of February 2018 at 6:30 pm
INTERVIEW WITH AMY - Part 2 by NARAD
In 2004 and already in India, Amy was searching on the Internet about the International Township Auroville and saw on the map the community names Transformation, Surrender, Courage and Certitude. She felt immediately a strong resonance with the names and that Auroville is an International Township. She felt she had to see this place. She found her way to Transformation where she has been living since then.
Amy is consciously reflecting about her work experiences in Auroville in all these years. She worked in several areas as in the Housing Service. Then for almost six years she was the secretary of the Funds and Assets Management Committee, FAMC. As a secretary there is a lot of writing and Amy enjoyed it and she liked to be in this supportive work and also that she is very organized and motivated and proactive. Now Amy is a member of the FAMC and likes to support with others the future economy of Auroville. Duration: 39min.

“L'HOMME APRÈS L'HOMME”
Monday, February 12th 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):
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)

THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS
Auroville, Story of a Utopia
Saturday 10th February 2018 at 5 pm
Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall
Exceptional Documentary from 1973
In French subtitled in English, 90min
Mother was still in her body when the documentary was made. Few western journalists are interested in the project of Auroville in the seventies; but one of them, Jean-Pierre Elkabach, came to investigate for “Antenne 2” in 1972. His documentary of 118 minutes reveal Auroville as it was at this time: several houses rising from the red desert, schools like Last School, the Pyramid or so called “yogurt pots” and of course the Matrimandir under construction.
The documentary includes also precious interviews, and among them Roger Anger and Kireet Joshi but also those Aurovilians like Ridi, Jean P., Vicenzo, Rod H., and many others.
An exceptional documentary to discover or rediscover Auroville...

CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 12 to 18 February 2018

The films that we screen at the Cinema Paradiso are always special. However, in February each year we schedule a series that stands out. This year we bring you a series of Academy Award nominated films traversing a few genres. This series has been made possible through a generous sharing by Kathryn and Roger Toll - who are visiting us. Hope you will be able to, watch and enjoy!

Special series - Monday 12 February, 8:00 pm:
- FOXTROT
Israel, 2017, Dir. Samuel Maoz, w/ Lior Ashkenazi, Sarah Adler, Yonaton Shirai and others, Drama, 108 mins, Hebrew w/English subtitles, Rated: R
A troubled family face the facts when something goes terribly wrong at their son’s desolate military post. This is a movie about fate, life, death, war, youth, love and dancing. Flawless beauty resides in almost every aspect of the film; the amazing direction, vivid cinematography and incredibly intense acting perfectly portrait a fabulous 3-act tragedy. This film is a joy to watch and a terrific work of art.

Special series - Tuesday 13 February, 8:00 pm:
- VILLAGES VISAGES (Faces Places)
France, 2017, Dir. J.R., Agnes Varda, Documentary, 89 mins, French w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
Agnes Varda, is one of the leading personnel of the French New Wave cinema era, a professional photographer and muralist. J.R. takes part in a special art project with him. They travel around France in a special box truck equipped as a portable photo booth and printing facility as they take photographs of people along their way. They also create special colossal mural pictures of individuals, communities and places they want to honor and celebrate. Along the way, the old cinematic veteran and the young artistic idealist enjoy an odd friendship as they chat and explore their views on the world as only they can.

Special series - Wednesday 14 February, 8:00 pm:
- HUMAN FLOW
Germany, 2017, Dir. Al Weiwei, Documentary, 140 mins, English, Rated: PG 13
Over 65 million people around the world have been forced from their homes to escape famine, climate change and war in the greatest human displacement since World War II. This epic film journey led by the internationally renowned artist Al Weiwei, gives a powerful visual expression to this massive human migration. Captured over the course of an eventful year in 23 countries, the film follows a chain of urgent human stories that stretches across the globe.

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**Important information about News & Notes**

**Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations:**

Tuesday 5pm

The contents of News & Notes are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

**How to submit material:** Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the N&N email address (below).

Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.

The Tuesday-deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 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.

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

**Soft Version:** We encourage you to ask us for a soft version of News & Notes sent directly to your own mail. First, it saves trees, money (Rs 30.000 monthly are spent only on purchasing paper) and labor (more than 900 copies are printed every week).

Secondly, we send your soft copy as a PDF file (with full colors and clickable links), so you can get information earlier than the printing version which is delivered only on Friday and Saturday.

Don’t hesitate to mail: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in or phone 2622133 if you want to give it a try.

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→ Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246, reachable 24/7.

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**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 2:00-5:00
  - Town Hall - reception area - Monday-Saturday 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-4:30
  - Aspiration - Financial Service office left side - Monday-Saturday 9:00-12:30

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Special series - Thursday 15 February, 8:00 pm:

- **UNA MUJER FANTÁSTICA (A Fantastic Women)**
  Chile, 2017, Dir. Sebastian Leilo, w/ Daniela Vega, Francisco Reyes, Drama, 104 mins, Spanish w/English subtitles, Rated: R
  Marina and Orlando are in love. After celebrating Marina’s birthday, Orlando falls seriously ill and he passes away just after arriving at the hospital. Instead of being able to mourn her lover, Orlando’s ex-wife forbids her from attending the funeral. Marina is a trans woman and for most of Orlando’s family, her sexual identity is a perversion. So Marina struggles for her right to be herself- a complex, strong, forthright and fantastic woman.

International - Saturday 17 February, 8:00 pm:

**THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI**

USA, 2017, Dir. Martin McDonagh, w/ Frances McDonand, Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell and others, Comedy-Drama, 115 mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R

After months have passed without a culprit in her daughter’s murder case, Mildred Hayes makes a bold move, painting three signs leading into her town with a controversial message directed at William Willoughby the town’s revered chief of police. When his second-in-command Officer Dixon, an immature mother’s boy with a penchant for violence, gets involved, the battle between Mildred and Ebbing’s law enforcement is only exacerbated.

Children’s Film - Sunday 18 February, 4:30 pm:

- **THE ADVENTURE CLUB**
  Canada, 2017, Dir. Geoff Anderson, w/ Sam Ashe Arnold, Jakob Davies, Davila Bela and others, Adventure, 88mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
  With the discovery of an ancient puzzle box, a boy, with the help of his friends, begins an adventure to find his fortune.

- **UNDER THE HAWTHORN TREE**
  China, 2010, Dir. Yimou Zhang w/Dongyu Zhang, Meijuan Xi, and others, Drama, Romance, 114mins, Chinese w/English subtitles, Rated: NR
  In a pure love that develops between a beautiful high school student, Zhang Jing Qiu and a handsome young prospect named Lao San. Jing Qiu is one of the “educated youth” sent to a village in Yichang City, Hubei Province, China, this film is about a complex, strong, forthright and fantastic woman.

- **YIMOU ZHANG FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club**
  Ciné-Club - Sunday 18 February, 8:00 pm:
  - **THE ADVENTURE CLUB**
  Canada, 2017, Dir. Geoff Anderson, w/ Sam Ashe Arnold, Jakob Davies, Davila Bela and others, Adventure, 88mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

  **UNDER THE HAWTHORN TREE**
  China, 2010, Dir. Yimou Zhang w/Dongyu Zhou, Shawn Dou, Meijuan Xi, and others, Drama, Romance, 114mins, Chinese w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

  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.

  For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmc auditionum@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