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Mother’s Birthday
21 February
HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

We need a message for the 21st…. Do you have something? There are several probable texts, but perhaps you have something of your own? Texts from where? From Sri Aurobindo. That would be nice. But for the 21st, it would be nice to have something from you also, no? Not necessarily…. Do you think this (Mother hands Satprem a scrap of paper) would do?

The complete unification of the whole being around the psychic center is the essential condition to realize a perfect sincerity.

I have noticed that people are insincere simply because one part of their being says one thing and another part says something else. That’s what causes insincerity. It came very clearly: a vision, you know, an inner vision. So I tried to put it down on paper; I don’t know if it’s clear.

But it’s very difficult to remain in a permanent state of consciousness, to have always the same consciousness prevailing at all times.

But that’s when you’re not unified, mon petit. It’s been a l-w-a-y-s like this for me (Mother draws a straight line in front of her) for years and years. It comes from here, the psychic consciousness, and it’s CONSTANT.

Recently, for a few moments, I had the experience [of the nonunified consciousness]; I hadn’t known that in years-many years, at least thirty years. From the moment the psychic being became the master and ruler of the being, it was OVER - it is over - and now it’s like this (same straight gesture). That is the sure sign. Constantly like that, constantly the same. And all the time: “What You will, what You will.” Not a “You” up there, at the back of beyond, whom one doesn’t know; He is everywhere, He is in everything, He is constantly there, He is in the very being - and one clings to that. It’s the only solution.

Do you think that note makes sense? Certainly, it makes sense! Read it again. (Satprem reads the message again) Is it understandable? Well, I for one, understand!

What do you think?… Because it’s something I discovered recently. I saw why people are insincere (even when they make an effort): because now it’s one part, now the other, now yet another part of them that asserts itself; each part is quite sincere in its own assertion, but is in disaccord with the others.

But that means the psychic consciousness must penetrate the PHYSICAL consciousness. Yes. Because that’s the only place where there is permanence. Yes….The psychic consciousness must penetrate the ordinary physical consciousness. Yes. That’s what is difficult!

But, mon petit, I tell you, that’s what happened to me at least thirty years ago.

The psychic consciousness has always been there, controlling and guiding the being. All the impressions, everything was referred to it, like this (gesture of placing something before a spotlight), so it would give the true direction. And the physical, for its part, is sort of attentive to the Divine Command. And that was constant, constant - even BEFORE coming here. It was so when I arrived here (long, long ago). And it has remained unchanged. Only recently did I have the experience [of the nonunified consciousness], for a few hours one night, two or three hours - it was horrible, really, it seemed like hell. It was to make me touch, to make me grasp the condition people live in. Imagine when the psychic is no longer there….

But it’s in the BODY - in the body: the body is listening, listening, constantly listening (gesture above or within) - listening. But the Divine Command is not expressed in words, it comes as a will asserting itself (a straight and imperturbable descending gesture).

Should I add something to make it clearer? You said, “The complete unification of the whole being.” So that means the physical, too. People never understand anything. But it’s perfectly clear. Oh, yes! So you think it’s all right? Yes, Mother, certainly! I think it’s important, because it came as an experience, precisely to make me grasp its importance. We must put: “Message for the 21st.”

MOTHER’S AGENDA, 9 February 1972

MOTHER

The Ponder Corner

Let your sincerity and surrender be genuine and entire.
When you give yourself, give completely,
without demand, without condition, without reservation so that all in you shall belong to the Divine Mother and nothing be left to the ego or given to any other power.

Sri Aurobindo - Chapter 1-3 of The Mother, SABCL, vol. 27

Cover: Photo of Mother at her balcony. - this week Auroville is celebrating the 140th anniversary of Mother’s birth: Blanche Rachel Mirra Alfassa 21 February 1878 - 17 November 1973. - Bonne fête!
21 February 2018 – The Mother’s 140th Birthday in Auroville’s 50th year

Sri Aurobindo: “There is one divine Force which acts in the universe and in the individual and is also beyond the individual and the universe. The Mother stands for all three, but she is working here in the body to bring down something not yet expressed in this material world so as to transform life here—it is so that you should regard her as the Divine Shakti working here for that purpose. She is that in the body, but in her whole consciousness she is also identified with all the other aspects of the Divine Force. (CWSA, Vol. 32, p. 70)

What this “something not yet expressed in this material world” could be but the supramental force? Her mission to bring down the supramental was accomplished in the leap year 29th February 1956. Referring to that event, she wrote:

“Lord, Thou hast willed, and I execute:
A new light breaks upon the earth,
A new world is born.
The things that were promised are fulfilled.” (CWTM, Vol. 15, p.95)

A question may be asked – “where is the new world, the new light”? The following words of Sri Aurobindo written by way of answer to a disciple’s quest for inner progress are interesting and relevant here.

Sri Aurobindo: “You will say it is a mere candle that is lit—nothing at all? But in these matters, when the darkness of human mind and life and body has to be dissipated, a candle is always a beginning—a lamp can follow and afterwards a sun—but the beginning must be allowed to have a sequel… (CWSA, Vol.29, p.115)

We can apply above words of Sri Aurobindo to Auroville as well. 50 years ago, Auroville too was “a mere candle” but, thanks to dedicated pioneering efforts of numerous individuals, today she has become a “lamp”. If we remain true to the spirit of Auroville, there is every possibility that in next 50 years Auroville will become “a sun” that helps tremendously to dissipate the “darkness of human mind and life and body”.

Acres for Auroville (A4A) seeks to provide the material base for Auroville’s unified and harmonious emergence so that she can become “a sun”. That is a reason strong enough for continuing the campaign into the second half-century of Auroville’s march into the future!

In solidarity for the City of Dawn and with the firm belief in her bright future,

Aryadeep

Mandakini

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# Auroville 50th Anniversary
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS
### 18th February to 4th March 2018

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<td>until 24 Feb</td>
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<td>Pitanga</td>
<td>Entitled ‘I invite you to the Great Adventure’, this is an exhibition by Paulette featuring archive photographs of life in Auroville taken by Dominique Darr and others during the early years. Toiling for a new world and society to be built, nothing existed but the quest: the Great Adventure.</td>
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<td>Panorama of Indian Cinema</td>
<td>16-18 Feb</td>
<td>5.35pm</td>
<td>Bharat Niwas</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 Ladakh, but all with English subtitles. See full schedule in Last Week’s issue and on <a href="http://www.auroville.org.in">www.auroville.org.in</a></td>
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<td>Piano concert</td>
<td>16-18 Feb</td>
<td>8pm</td>
<td>CRIPA</td>
<td>Concerts by the German pianist Frank Gutschmidt, solo on 16 and joined by Nadaprem and Holger on the 18th.</td>
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<td>Jazz Café</td>
<td>18 Feb</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>Book Launch: Park of Unity (photos)</td>
<td>19-20 Feb</td>
<td>4pm opening</td>
<td>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>19-21 Feb</td>
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<td>Savitri Bhavan</td>
<td>Complete continuous reading of Sri Aurobindo’s Savitri by 471 readers representing 98 locations around the globe, beginning at 6am on the 19th.</td>
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<td>21 Feb</td>
<td>5.45 - 6.30am</td>
<td>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>Russian Singing Bells performance</td>
<td>21 Feb</td>
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<td>Performance of Vera playing 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>21 Feb - 20 Mar</td>
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<td>Centre d’Art, Citadine</td>
<td>Experimental interpretation of Satprem’s ‘On the Way to Supermanhood’, fusing immersive light and sound with painting, sculpture and scenic performances.</td>
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<td>Divine Flowers Exhibition</td>
<td>21 - 28 Feb</td>
<td>9.30am to 5pm</td>
<td>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. Opening 10.30am on the 21st.</td>
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<td>Bamboo Engineering Course</td>
<td>22 - 24 Feb</td>
<td>9am to 5pm</td>
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<td>Orchid Show</td>
<td>22 - 25 Feb</td>
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<td>Botanical Garden</td>
<td>Visit the Botanical Gardens morning or afternoon for a stroll around, or contact us (<a href="mailto:avbg@auroville.org.in">avbg@auroville.org.in</a>) for guided group tours. Photo competition for the best picture of Orchids, and surprise activities for kids. The show opens at 4pm on the 22nd, then remains open all day 24th &amp; 25th.</td>
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<td>Trashion Show</td>
<td>23rd Feb, 7.30-9pm, Kalabhumi</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 open the general public.</td>
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<td>Baul Concert</td>
<td>26th Feb 8pm Visitors Centre</td>
<td>&quot;Baul Music Concert&quot; with SANGHAMITRA DAS BANERJEE, BRINDABAN DAS BAUL, PRASANTA DOME from Santiniketan, Kolkata. Music as a unifying power!</td>
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<td>27th Feb, 5-6pm Savitri Bhavan</td>
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<td>Auroville’s Birthday And Water Ceremony</td>
<td>28th Feb, 4.30am to 7am Matrimandir Amphitheatre.</td>
<td>Bonfire and meditation beginning at dawn, welcoming Auroville's 50th year! After sunrise, the Water Ceremony will begin, mirroring 1968’s inauguration day urn of earth. Bonfire and meditation begins at 4.30am, the Water Ceremony at 6am. Entry only with a valid pass. To get a pass, email your name to <a href="mailto:amphitheatrepass@auroville.org.in">amphitheatrepass@auroville.org.in</a> by the 15th Feb. Passes available at the Matrimandir office from 15th Feb.</td>
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<td>Book Launch: Piero and Gloria Cicionesi Monograph.</td>
<td>28th Feb, 10am Unity Pavilion</td>
<td>This is the second book in the series of Auroville Architects Monographs - the pioneers. Book launch includes presentations and discussions, refreshements provided. 30% discount offered on the book for this day.</td>
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<td>NE Asian Pavilion First Full Moon Festival, 2018</td>
<td>2nd - 4th Mar, 8pm - 9pm, CRIPA</td>
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<td>Auroville Choir</td>
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi graces Auroville

Dear friends,

We are happy to announce that on the 24th of February, on the occasion of Auroville’s 50th Anniversary, the Honorable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi, will visit Auroville.

A special program is being organised in Bharat Nivas, where His Excellency will also deliver a speech.

Aurovilians interested in attending this program should register and give their details (full name, nationality and place of residence) by one of the following means:

1. Send an email to auditoriumpasses@auroville.org.in by latest the 19th of February.
2. Visit the Working Committee office in the Town Hall during morning office hours, until latest the 19th of February.
3. Visit the special representative desk that will be in Solar Kitchen on Saturday the 17th of February from 12:15 - 13:15.

Non-Aurovilians can also register, however, in case of overbooking resulting in a random draw, Aurovilians will be given priority.

After the final list is consolidated, you will receive an email with confirmation, serial number, detailed information about exact timings, instructions for picking up your pass, parking, etc.

For the larger general public, two large LCD screens will be placed near Bharat Nivas (exact location to be confirmed) where the program will be streamed live for all to see.

Warmly,
Your PM visit Taskforce,
Angela, Chali, Frederick, Hemant, Inge, Tapas

LAND FOR AUROVILLE

“There should be somewhere upon earth …”
and “somewhere” means LAND!

For Auroville’s 50th anniversary, we thank the more than 600 worldwide land donors!

Support from Auroville’s worldwide family has enabled the addition of 46 donation-financed plots (42 acres) to the Auroville land mosaic in the past three years: 17 plots in the City Area - including 2 in the Matrimandir Circle - and 29 in the Greenbelt!

In the past year alone, new donation-financed plots have come in critical areas - the Solar Kitchen, Shraddhanjali, Fertile, Freedom, Irumbai Lake, Minati, Miracle, Sharnga, & the International Zone.

We express our sincere appreciation to all the donors whose solidarity has enabled this good news, and we congratulate Auroville’s Land Board for all its work!

But MORE is essential – in this 50th year, the land remains our URGENT NEED!
much land is still missing from the Auroville Master Plan – land that is vital for Auroville’s manifestation:

- as a coherent, unified, and sustainable city
- as a protector of Mother Earth
- for its longevity into the future
- living its spiritual purpose as the City of Dawn

We’re giving Auroville a 50th Birthday Gift of Land - please join us!

The ACRES FOR AUROVILLE Flier & LFAU letter for The Mother’s Birthday are in page 3 and last of this issue.

More information, news & videos at www.colaap.org also accessible as www.land.auroville.org
SPECIAL DARSHAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mother’s Room Darshan on 21st February 2018

Tokens for Darshan will be registered on:
Days: THURSDAY 15th & FRIDAY 16th
Timings: 9 am - 12.30 pm and 3 pm - 6 pm
At: PITANGA, Samasti.

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 by 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 300 tokens provided in the regular 10 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 am.
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.

Kumar, Mallika, Meha: Pitanga team

Pondy SAIER bus on Darshan days
February 21st

For those using the Auroville bus to have darshan in Mother’s room on February 21th, Mother’s birthday, the bus will leave from Matrimandir at 3 pm and return from Pondy at 6 pm.

Tokens are required, see announcement in the News.
The SAIER bus is reserved for Aurovilians and newcomers going for darshan. - Paulette

NEWS AND NOTES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Main N&N editor needed now

Dear Community!

As Sabine will be leaving the full time editor position of the News&Notes on the 1st of March, we are looking for someone interested to start immediately as training is needed now.

The other editor of the News&Notes is Pascal, part time.

There is also the Printing and Delivery section of the News&Notes, consisting of 1 Aurovilian - Jayamoorthy, full time - 1 employee - Arumugam, full time-, and 1 delivery helper - Pradeep, part time.

If you feel a call to serve our community in the News&Notes, do contact us at newsandnotes@auroville.org.in

This is a full time position with a full time City Service maintenance available.

What is needed is (in short):
- Good people skills as there is constant interaction with most of the community and working groups via email/phone/in person
- full time and year round availability (save for 2/3 weeks in summer time when the news are closed to give a rest to the printers)
- good command of emails / contact lists / mailing list maintenance
- graphics skills (Photoshop is useful)
- our main working document is Word, so you need to be very familiar with Word.
- excel for Accounting
- coordinate with the News printers section ever week to meet Saturday deadline weekly
- good ENGLISH proof-reading skills (to check all reports and all ads, with attention to details)

This is an essential service to our community.

If you wish to help and ensure proper conditions for the next editor, please read next appeal, as the below issue has to be addressed now. Thanking you, your News&Notes team

APPEAL: Photocopy machine and vehicle needed now to continue printing&delivery

Dear all, you appreciate the paper copies you are receiving weekly! If so, do support urgently. Right now we are still printing on a 35 year old offset printer, that is past obsolete to today’s needs. Printing and delivery occupy 3.5 days minimum of the week, leaving little space/time/quiet for adequate editing and layout of the ever increasing volume of content.

CS service budget does not cover full the monthly expenses. Another option is to go 100% virtual, which many of you have chosen already, by receiving the Pdf version via email or reading online. This is possible and ready to be applied right now. Thus also ending the monthly struggling with budget due to printing.

If the paper option is still a call, then we are asking to help and donate towards:
- a photocopy machine to handle the 30000 pages printed weekly, in a fast and reliable way.
- A vehicle. Right now we are using employees’ vehicles.

A special account has been created for this purpose:

252652 – News & Notes Donations
Target is 2.5 lakhs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Errata correction:
The information circulated in the last report of the WC regarding space allocation in the administrative area, should be understood that the Working Committee and the Auroville Council are considering to move into the archive space, but a final decision is not yet taken. A sub-group has been constituted by the WC and the AVC that, in the next few days, is going to circulate a questionnaire to all the users of the admin area in order understand their present and future needs for working and meeting space. An assessment will be made on the basis of the outcome of the questionnaire and a proposal for space allocation will be subsequently formulated.
The Working Committee

A call to units, services, and other social enterprises

Please help us to offer gifts and mementos to visitors, friends, well-wishers and officials, on the occasion of Auroville’s Anniversary.

Dear friends,
Auroville product gifts and mementos are often conversation starters and ice-breakers, as well as serving in sparking interest in Auroville and its ideals and philosophy.

Auroville products are often handed to the Working Committee for offering to VIPs, guests and dignitaries, during their visit to
Auroville, as a gesture of thanks and as an example of the diversity of ecologically-conscious, and livelihood-supporting products that Auroville manufactures. These gifts are often remembered many years later and are always greatly appreciated, especially for their beauty and elegance. Time and time again, people who have received these gifts seek out the Visitor Center to purchase more or because an interest has been peaked. During our visits to Delhi, people asked us ahead of time to bring them one or the other product of Auroville, and we happily oblige as messengers. This is a small way in which we can highlight Auroville’s businesses and units, as these may not always receive as much attention as for example schools and arts and culture, but are part of the support and value-system of Auroville.

On the eve of Auroville’s 50th Anniversary, the Working Committee and the 50th team would like to collect gifts from the Auroville units to offer as mementos, as this is the time we are receiving important friends, guests and visitors. This year, we thought we would widen our call to include many units, some of which may have not been approached before.

From the GoI budget allocated for the 50th Anniversary, there are only funds for ‘capital’ expenditures, and mementos fall under a general project and hence we are asking for donations.

Ahead of the Honorable Prime Minister’s visit, we would also like to collect a gift basket, made of a wide range of Auroville products, which would be gifted alongside books and other items, to our VIPs, on this occasion.

Our call to all of you is if you could help us by providing donations in the form of gifts and mementos, ahead of this important milestone in the history of Auroville, and with minimal plastic wrapping. It would also be wonderful if the 50th or Auroville logo or a special reference to Auroville’s 50th could be made on the packaging.

Please help us by sending some parcels to our office, in the Town Hall. We can also arrange for the gifts to be picked up, in case you won’t manage to send them.

Secondly, we would also like to know from you if you would be open to welcoming visitors/officials brought by the Working Committee or a resource person, for a tour of your factory or workplace. Having such a list would enable us to offer a range of possible visits, thereby broadening the experience for our honorable guests. Please do let us know if this something that you can offer, (please give preferred timings and contact persons) as especially during the 50th birthday week, many dignitaries may be interested in specific projects and products.

And thirdly, the Working Committee often is in touch with VIPs and officials in various departments, at which point we select specific information to present to them, and often try to bring them in touch with the relevant persons. Having brochures, pamphlets, videos, or any other type of promotional material would greatly facilitate this task, and therefore we ask for your help in this matter too. Please send us whatever you may have.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact us regarding this at the below email address: inge.anais@auroville.org.in for a response, details, or if you have questions.

Thank you, Your Working Committee and 50th team

Call to join the Leave Auroville Allowance pool
Dear Auroville Friends,

We are all aware that from time to time individuals make the difficult decision to leave Auroville for various reasons. Sometimes these individuals request financial support from Auroville in order to relocate and start a new phase of their lives. There is a set of guidelines that the FAMC is using for addressing these requests. One element of the process is to make a recommendation to the FAMC. The original pool of 15 volunteers now needs to be refreshed. Therefore, we are making a new call to those who feel this is an important task, have been in Auroville for at least ten years and are ready to offer some time and energy once or twice a year (or more if possible and if needed).

If you are interested, please write to adminfamc@auroville.org.in. The guidelines, a checklist and other background information will be shared at that time. Currently we have a case that urgently needs attention so if you are willing to consider being involved in this one case, please do let us know.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

With warm greetings from the A&C and the FAMC.

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 26th Feb. to 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.

Housing and unit/office opportunity in the industrial zone: Strip Development on the Verite Radial
A new development in the Industrial Zone - a two storied mixed use project of ROW units (commercial on ground and first floor) and residential apartments (on the second floor) with a covered colonnade has received site permission and is looking for interested individuals / units to book spaces.

The basic design is based on a module of 21 sq mt carpet area and approx 35 sq mt built up. Activities / residences can take up one or more modules depending on their need. Common facilities like shared bathrooms, covered parking, storage, greenset, overhead and underground tank, wastewater treatment plant will be provided.

Aurovilians and newcomers who are looking for a simple, affordable small unit space of offices, start-ups, or residential apartments are encouraged to approach Mona (Architect, Yatra: mona@auroville.org.in) for further details.

Housing Service

From the Entry Service - N&N # 737
Dated: 17-02-2018

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

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
Sankararamurthy CHAKKAVARTHY (Indian) Staying in Auromode and Working at Auromode.
Valentin SOLTYS (French) Staying in Sve dame and Working at Sunlife Future.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Balvinder BANGA (British-OCi)
Victor GUERRIER (French)
AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
Jozef OVERLAET (Belgian) Staying in Felicity and Working at Sacred Groves.
Manojkumar SHANMUGAM (Indian) Staying in Unity Pavilion and Working at Unity Pavilion.
Savithri ADIRAJAN (Indian) Staying in Celebration and Working at Transformation Kindergarten.
Yoko SASKI (Japanese) Staying in Felicity and Working at Sacred Groves.

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
Archana MAHTO (Nepali)
Veeramani MUNUSAMY (Known as Auroveeramani) (Indian)
Nagavalli PARASURAMAN (Indian)
Stefanie ROSENKRANZ (German)

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:
Roger TOLL (US)

NOTE: Individuals are entered into the Register of Residents (maintained by the Auroville Foundation) shortly after filling the B-FORM and meeting with the Secretary of the AVF.

The appointment date for these is set and communicated by the Entry Service to the individual at the respective time, and NOT AT THEIR PERSONAL REQUEST.

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

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

Houses available for transfer
- Allotment in Arati - 3B Second floor: 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 rooms and Toilets.
- Allotment in Atithi: 3B First floor: 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 rooms and Toilets.

Re announced:
- Allotments in Sagewar and Kulothunga

Sukhavathi - Constantino’s House: Area: 205.7 Sq.m. Double storied building with possibility of making it into two apartments. Ground floor: Two bedrooms, Kitchen, Hall, two toilets, one store room. First floor: Two bedrooms, hall, two toilets, one store room, Balcony.

- Apartment in Citadines 1st floor: 100 M2 + terraces -2/3 BK, 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@auroville.org.in for visit and more information.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Fundraising for land - now 2 websites
It’s by seeing Auroville as a research center for the future of humanity we have to secure the land for Auroville. We urgently need to reverse the current trend of commercial development spreading in our area.

With the new website, http://funding.auroville.org developed in collaboration with AVI USA and a friend of Auroville, Ken Vanosky, we reach out for the support of like-minded people, idealistic and progressive thinkers and organizations globally. In regard to its land, Auroville stands out as one of the world’s

From L’Avenir: Pending applications
We have, in our files, a number of pending and unprocessed applications. For ease of process, we are looking into all applications from January 2016 to present; we may come back to you to fill out the new application formats if applicable.

We are considering all applications prior to 2016 as cancelled and request you to re-submit your project in the new application format if you intend to pursue it.

Thank you for your understanding.

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

New Site and Building Applications - 17th 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 3rd March 2018.

BUILDING APPLICATIONS
International Zone:
1- 1st Floor Extension - Nicole at Visitors Center campus. Built-up area: 185 sq.m.

Industrial Zone:
2- Warehouse Extension - Sunlit Future at campus of Sunlit Future, Auroshilpam. Built-up area: 253 sq.m.

Residential Zone:
3- Housing Project Y_Housing Service, next to Reve - KRIYA community. Built-up area: 332 sq.m.

4- Integrated Transport Service (Workshop & Charging /Parking) - Chandresh & Min, Opposite to PTDC, next to ALot container. Built-up area: 260 sq.m

5- Integrated Transport Service (Bus Parking) - Chandresh & Min at Solar Kitchen Roundabout - Built-up area: 50 sq.m.

City Center:
6- Integrated Transport Service (Charging/Bus Parking) - Chandresh & Min at Town Hall Parking, Built-up area: 50 sq.m.

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@auroville.org.in or 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)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Housing Projects under construction:
- Kalpana: The construction work is going on well. We are completing the first scope which is the structure, bricks, plastering and tiles on the roof and terraces. We will start soon the finishing. Out of 42 apartments some are still available in all the categories, STUDIO, 1 BHK, 2 BHK and 3 BHK. Will be ready 30th June 2018. Contact Person: satyakam@auroville.org.in / Satyakam is available in the model apartment on the site on: Thursday: 3pm to 5.30 pm & on 1st and 3rd Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm. Surya is available the 2nd and 4th Saturday.
- Auromodele Orchard - Several houses are still to be built. Will be ready in 2018. Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220332

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foremost example of ‘evolutionary regenerative culture’, and has developed highly relevant research, expertise and centers of education for regenerative design, with outreach projects across India and worldwide.

The new website Funding Auroville will be the base for an upcoming crowdfunding initiative, and as a central source of relevant information for fundraising for Auroville projects. Your feedback and involvement is welcome, please mail to sigrid@funding.auroville.org.

The current land fundraising website aimed at the global Auroville family www.colaap.org, now renamed http://land.auroville.org continues its dynamic outreach with both campaigns Acres for Auroville (A4A) and GreenAcres (GA). Visit the News section with frequent news updates on our actions, events, and successes, including Art for Land Year 3. We are extremely grateful for the amazing support we have been receiving from Auroville’s global family, AVIs and more. Let us keep it up and continue to grow the support for the land - the body and essential base for the existence of Auroville! Sigrid, Mandakini and Aryadeep, LFAU Team, Townhall, Auroville

POSTINGS

Auro Sun Shine: Gem Stone Jewelery Making Unit: Silver jewels and healing crystal. We have a whole new collection. We are located near C.S.R Auroshilpam, our opening time: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Ph: 0413-2622090; cell: 9443256536

Every Birth is a New Beginning - 50th Birthday, 50 Births: It is Auroville’s 50th anniversary and She has seen so many births of beings-of-the-future in the city-of-the-future. We are looking forward to creating a collection of 50 photographs’ stories from around the time of Birth of a new human being in Auroville / of an Aurovilian - possibly including YOUR stories and / or photos. Kindly contact us. We will love to hear from you, to hear your story and we would be very grateful if you share your favourite photo as well. ulrikirikshina@gmail.com, sms 9442069249 - May we take a true leap from the past into the future! Ulrike

THANK YOU

Auroville Marathon
On February 11, 2018, Auroville hosted its 11th edition of the increasingly popular Auroville Marathon. What started as a one-off event to celebrate the 40th year of the advent of Auroville has become a regular fixture in the calendar of Auroville as well as long distance running events. An event of this magnitude cannot happen with the efforts of just handful of people. It is the combined effort of the whole community, directly as well as indirectly, that has contributed to the success of the event. Many Communities / Units / individuals supported this event and it is the reflection of all their support, blessings and wishes that makes this event a truly memorable one.

A big Thank you to all! Auroville Marathon Organizing Team

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Sakura Sushi team is looking for a friendly and communicative person, who likes to prepare and enjoys food. We need help mainly in the evening hours from 6 pm to 9 pm or during lunchtime: daily or a few times a week. We do not expect experience in rolling the sushi, but a willingness to learn. Since the work also involves serving and welcoming the guests, good English is important. We would be happy to work with Aurovillans, Newcomers or Volunteers.

Sakura Sushi will be closed in May and June. If interested: 94880 47368 or sakurasushi@auroville.org.in

Participatory Photography Project: We are looking for volunteers! Lara Monticelli is an Italian researcher studying eco-villages, sustainability and alternative lifestyles. Lara is staying in Auroville until March 5 as an invited speaker at the ‘The Bridge’ conference organized for the 50th Anniversary celebrations. Lara is looking for 10-12 Aurovillans to participate in a project that develops participatory photography. Participatory photography is an action-research, community-based methodology that asks interviewees to take photographs with their own cell-phones or cameras to portray their daily routines, social practices and community life. The goal of Lara’s project is to involve a group of Aurovillans in a collective discussion about the opportunities and challenges of living in Auroville and to prepare a photographic exhibition in Auroville. Participatory photography is a fun, creative and enjoyable activity that doesn’t require any technical skills and any professional cameras. Participatory photography facilitates reflection and constructive discussion.

You will be invited to attend two meetings:
First meeting Tuesday February 20th from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm at Sharrnga Guest House;
Second and final meeting Thursday March 1st from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm at Sharrnga Guest House.

If you are interested in being part of this exciting project please send an email by Sunday February 18th to lara.monticelli@sns.it (Lara Monticelli) and suryamayi@auroville.org.in (Suryamayi Clarence-Smith).

Participation is free of charge; the only requirement is to come with your own digital camera or cell-phone with camera. We look forward to meeting you! Lara and Suryamayi.

Matrimandir needs volunteers for Birthday week
On three days we need volunteers to do simple but very important duties at the Amphitheatre. The biggest duty would be to manage and direct audience with grace. Following are the dates to volunteer:
- 17th, 7 pm for the SEAS multi-disciplinary performance
- 21st, 5 am for Mother’s Birthday meditation
- 28th, 5 am for Auroville 50th Birthday Dawn Fire & Water Ceremony.

Volunteer timings would start 1 hour before above timings.
Also, we would need you to attend an orientation meeting at the Amphitheatre on the:
- 16th at 4pm for the 17th & 21st programs;
- 26th 4pm for the 28th program.

Most number of volunteers are needed for the 28th program. You can choose any or all of the dates to volunteer. Just come directly for the orientation to register.

Questions can be directed to below emails (subject: volunteer) or phones (afternoons only):
megha_r_mehta@gmail.com 9008141605 (Auroville & AVI)
hemantshekhar@aarovvile.org.in (Auroville & AVI)
dev@auroville.org.in 7538877766 (Ashram & Golden Chain)

HEALTH

Pregnancy... (pre)conception... contraception... birth and postnatal time... We are holding a space for these important times. Aspiring to give information. Pregnancy Yoga, Acupuncture, Acupressure, Shiatsu and more. ulrike@auroville.org.in, sms 9442069249 - Ulrike

SPORTS

Aquagym in la Piscine
Every Thursday afternoon, 4 till 5. Elisa

EATING OUT

Bharat Nivas Group & Atithi Griha Guest House: We are happy to inform that from now on every Sunday we will have lunches from different part of India. This Sunday on 18th February 2018, we are going to provide Udia lunch by Seema at Atitha Griha for Aurovillans and Newcomers only; Sunday lunch Timing: from 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Delicious Bites Pastry & Restaurant: at Aurovelo Cycle Café! Open for Breakfast & Lunch (Monday - Saturday 9:00 am- 4:30 pm) - Yummy Veg and Non-Veg Dishes, Vegan options available too. Come and try our delicious cakes, desserts & Cookies! We also offer take away and birthday cakes orders.

All are welcome! Love, Delicious Bites Team
There is nothing like the light in Rajasthan, it simply makes it a feast for the artist appetite. The walk in the village, for those weren’t aware that we had to sleep in a dorm for two nights. But about 70 Km from Chittorgarh, the tiny village of Nandway, then under the crisp Rajasthani weather, canvases got filled with landscapes, abstract motives and outstanding portraits, all in different approaches, often reflecting the respective style of the artist. A dozen boxes were decorated with beautiful love stories, poetry, patterns and more. The heart was light, the mind was quiet and the result was art pieces reflecting the happy feeling of the time.

Apart from the uncovering of surprising talents among us, this art festival was a rare opportunity for us to discover the great artist and being in each other and in ourselves, but also to know our limitation, get a boost of humility, greatness, and above everything ended up being a beautiful story of togetherness and human unity…all tinted with the joy of art.

**The 6th Chittorgarh Art Festival**

The 6th Chittorgarh Art Festival had the beginning of a typical Indian travel story. You had to be ready at all times for the unexpected: No plane tickets until one day before departure... Then, we were late for the plane...but so was the plane. Our arrival in the middle of the night after 12 hours of travelling in the tiny village of Nandway, about 70 Km from Chittorgarh, Rajasthan, was not memorable either, especially when we weren’t aware that we had to sleep in a dorm for two nights. But it all unfolded to a nice story of art and joy.

There is nothing like the light in Rajasthan, it simply makes it a feast for the artist appetite. The walk in the village, for those who ventured out early enough, was a delight of color, culture and sunbeams through a soft morning fog. There one felt at dawn and early to bed, we had no current and little entertainment’ children were brought to the first Center school (now Kindergarten) either by horse cart or precariously piled in a basket on the back of an old stalwart Hero cycle. Parents were protecting them with thorns…nibbled bare over night by goats, we learned from our mistakes. The first days were consecrated to what could be called “Art in the village”. After a warm welcome ceremony from the villagers, our 19 Aurovilian artists escorted by dozens of children proceeded to paint the Town Hall walls. The following day, a pond a few hundred meters away saw itself decorated on its outside with enormous stone mandalas. Finally, to show a good example, a few of our artists were asked to clean the walls of an old interior basin, which they did joyfully, armed with gloves and masks. Under this shiny Rajasthan winter sun, the atmosphere was always joyful, the food always delicious and the ladies’ dorm ended up to be a great example of fun women unity.

Our artists left their village, sad to leave and also eager for their new adventure which was going to take place in a resort close to the Menal waterfall located 84Km from Chittorgarh. Even if the waterfall was dry due to the season, the inspiration of the stunning landscape was enough for the stimulation and creativity of all.

The intelligent fated composition of this artist Auroville story, which started by the difficulty of a beginning (crossing our emotional and physical comfort zone) ended being a perfect exercise of integral yoga.

Apart from the uncovering of surprising talents among us, this art festival was a rare opportunity for us to discover the great artist and being in each other and in ourselves, but also to know our limitation, get a boost of humility, greatness, and above everything ended up being a beautiful story of togetherness and human unity…all tinted with the joy of art.
Also, we know that was a moment that we did put in a side of a Scale Of Justice the HABIT (along with plastic + phosphates + parabens + additives + preservatives + palm oil + sodium laurel sulphate + triclosan + chlorine + phenol + TV propaganda + newspaper propaganda + radio propaganda + price + more...), and in the other side of the Scale Of Justice the HEALTH OF OUR PLANET (along with sustainability + environment + eco-friendly + zero waste + bio-degradable + recycling + reusing + reducing + decreasing + lowest price + more...); and that moments were not easy, as the HABIT side of the scale was the heavy one.

But our Planet, our India, our Tamil Nadu, our Pondicherry, our Auroville (the City that the Earth Needs), our villages, our communities, our wastewater treatment plants, our septic systems, our water sources, our buildings, our pipes, our animals, our children, next generation, ourselves, our landfill, our ocean; know that (OUR) is the option to the (I) option. Years ago, we did not have much options to break the HABIT, but today we have options. Now, all what matter is YOU and your HABIT! Join is, share with us, be a game changer, be a HABIT breaker. See our video in You Tube and share.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQYZ2Y8Yl8c&feature=youtu.be

Probiotics House - Margarita & Guidelma
Phone: +91 413 2623774 - Open Tuesday to Saturday

ACCOMMODATIONS

Needed 1: Dear Community, this is Christian, Newcomer, volunteering at Blue Light, who is needing a long term house-sitting to stay and continue working in Auroville. I have been doing house-sitting before and I have been volunteering full-time since January 2017. Contact me by email chrisgonies@gmail.com or phone +8270280188, Gratitute.

Needed 2: Dear Aurovilians, I am looking for a house-sitting opportunity, long or short term. I am Ra, actor in the Auroville Theatre group. I have started my newcomer process. I am a responsible person with a conscious living style and I can take perfect care of house, garden and pets. If you are interested, please call or message me at: 9455177556. Looking forward for your response, Ra

AVAILABLE

Auroville Library of Things (ALoT), an initiative by earth&us, at the container opposite PTDC: borrow tools, toys, kitchenware, travelling & hiking gear at your convenience. alot@auroville.org.in

New MACBOOK Power charger: Never used (ordered the wrong one online). Contact Sarah: missacsattani@gmail.com or whatsapp +39 326 661 71 66 98.

Pulsar 150cc: Hi, I am selling my bike Pulsar DTS 150 cc, which is in a good maintained condition. For further info contact: gavuryramadas2@gmail.com - Thanks, Sreelakshmi

Furniture, kitchen equipment: Dear Friends, as most of you already know, the Dolce Vita Cave has been closed since almost a year and we are now in the process of trying to deal with the 6.4 million loan that were left from an Aurovillian to do a new Joy Community kitchen into the Dolce Vita Cave. As we were basically selling at cost price and no surplus has been generated to pay back the loan, we need to sell as much furniture, kitchen equipment and even some delicacies that we imported from Italy. So, if you need anything from the following list, please come to Joy Guest House between 9-12 and 2-4.30 Monday to Saturday: gas oven/stove, metal/marble tables, wood high-tables, wood stools, wood/marble cupboards, metal stands, fancy plastic armchairs, beautiful Michel's pottery, pans and pots, kitchen processing machines, cutlery, boxes, fridges, sun-dried tomatoes, anchovies. We won't be able to recover most of the start-up and fixed costs, yet if you enjoyed our food and you really want to help us, please come with a generous heart and buy something to help us in this fund raising, as we'll have to cover all the rest with our money. Thanks, the Dolce Vita Cafe team (Giovanni, Antonello & Simona).
CD / audiocassette: I have cd’s and audio cassette not needed by me. Also I have one old cassette/player that served me well. It is working still but needs gentle handling. Syamalak kkksyamala1969@gmail.com

Glass Sri Aurobindo’s symbol: I am looking for a home for a Sri Aurobindo’s symbol from glass that I made. It is three dimensional made with clear glass and a light fixture in it, measuring about 45 cm H x W x D. If you are interested I can send a photo or you can come and see it. This would be a donation. Contact Ben: 9199275735

Tempeh - Aurosoya: We are happy to tell you that our Tempeh is now available at Pour Tous and PTDC. You will find it kept in the deep freezer in both places. Remove from the deep freezer one hour before cooking time / Tofu: In order to improve the quality of our Tofu, kindly note that its texture is less firm and much softer. We remain open to your feedback. Wishing you all the best. Aurosoya Team.

Last gift copies of our dear elder brother RAYMOND THEPOT. French poet and translator... (he left his body in 2005): Sri Aurobindo’s Long Poems, Illion, Georges van Wrecckhem’s Lignes Des Forces du Present and then his own poetry, essays and short stories, deeply linked with his early Auroville experiences, Carnets en route sur place, Houle de Terre, Réélles Utopies and Prison Buissoniere. also one translation into English by Shradhavan, Real Utopias - they will be available at House of Mother’s Agenda, Auroville Library, PTDC and Friends. There is still some stock and anyone wanting some extra-copies for AVI-centers or interested friends, send me an e-mail: Schima-Dorit@aurovile.org.in

Furniture and Electronics, etc: Self / Bed/Desk/Refrigerator -Samsung, 145 liters, inverter/Water purifier/3 Solar fans/ Telephone/Internet modem/Gardening tools/Aldiko sticks/Skate board. Contact: nfoever@gmail.com, Noeul

Old cycles: Dear Friends, at Joy GH we have Second-hand Cycles...they are old....and we'll sell them cheap. Visit us from 9 to 12 and from 2 to 4. Joy Team :)...Lovely purebred puppies: Born in Auroville. If you are interested: 9786809518 - Namah

Looking for help for the 50th! Dear friends, The 50th team is still looking for volunteers during the birthday week for a whole range of activities! We promise lots of fun! Please visit our desk in SAILER first floor for more information and write to us 50@aurouville.org.in or ask any of our team members. Looking forward to your responses!

Smiles - Your 50th team [Chall, Claudine, Dave, Fabienne, Frederik, Jurgen, Inge, Nilen, Pala, Ulrike].

Work as an amma: My Amma is honest, faithful, responsible, strong, trustworthy and committed to Auroville people. After many years of experience with me and other Aurovilians, my amma now needs 3 full days per week of work: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Please, not in areas that are far from the center, only in the central or Kotakkarai areas. For more information: 9489600787 (please call at lunch times). Thanks a lot!!! Ana.M

Watercolour material + frames: Dear all, I asked for and I got a sort of help regarding watercolor books, thank you. By the way, Prussian blue is running out and books, papers are always welcome. Now I would politely ask for frames. Do you have any frames with Plexiglas or glass (could be with a picture) which you do not want? Any size I will appreciate. Ivana Froussova ivana.froussova@yahoo.co.uk

Request from the Nature Camp Team: Greetings from the Nature Camp team! We are looking for committed Newcomers/Aurovilians who would like to assist the core Nature Camp team in specific tasks. Such tasks could include helping on site up at Kavunji, training to become camp leaders, or working with us on fundraising. We are not seeking full time members, just people with specific interests who would be willing to share their time, energy and skills. If you’d like to get involved, please email us and let us know how you’re willing to help. Thanks so much! naturecamp@auroville.org.in.

Wordpress expert: Dear Friends We are in need of a wordpress expert to help us finalize our website; we are at the final stage when testing and a lot of focus has to be put into it, in order to finally manifest. We would very much appreciate it if you could volunteer for a period of 2-3 months (possibly with a laptop-). The website helps people from all over India and the world to see the diversity of projects that are in need of volunteers. It is a fine tool for Human Resources for Auroville. Please come forward to help us; for more info contact us at study@auroville.org.in or pass by at the office Monday to Friday 10 to 12. Love, Savi Team

LOST & FOUND

Gents watch (found): on the compound of AV Water Service. The owner may come to Water Service during office time and pick it up. Thank you!

Cycle key (Lost): Small key with black coating and a blue tag with the number 124 written on it. If you found it, please contact me. Thanks, Christoph: christophphil@auroville.org.in, 2623083, 9787702495

Black Seiko Watch (Lost): My son forgot his watch at Cripa on Thursday night while at rehearsals, if anyone has found it please contact me via email at: cjani4@gmail.com. We hope someone has found it! With thanks, Jani

Pile Fleece Vest (Lost): pink color, lost before the 7th of Feb. Please contact me at LALIE58@hotmail.com, thanks!

TAXI SHARING

Auroville service of taxi sharing available with STS at: http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/ (an initiative by earthbudus)

February. 17th: Saturday at 00h10 (time of my arrival into Chennai airport). I am with Luft Hansa coming from Frankfurt. If interested please contact me: Bernalon9@gmail.com; - Honor C.

February. 18th: A taxi will be leaving from New Creation to Chennai Airport at 5:00 pm. If you want to share please get in touch with Maurizio at: 8270182615 / m.vandenriymay.org

February 23rd: from Chennai Airport on 23’rd of February. Pick up a passenger arriving at 3 pm. The departure would be at around 4 or 4:30 pm. And flight back leaving Auroville at night of 02’rd of March. The flight is at 3:15 am on the 3’rd Pl. contact: egle@auroville.org.in or call/whatsapp +91-94880-47368

February 27th: I am going to Chennai airport on the 27th of Feb., starting from Auroville around 6:30 am, if you wish to share a taxi - contact me on: +91 9739556338 / piech.ka@gmail.com, Karolina

February 28th: Single shares a taxi from Chennai Airport to Auroville around 5:00 am. eric.stardust@gmail.com - Thanks, Eric

March. 1st: Thursday - I can share a taxi to Chennai airport. Departure around 11:30 AM from Center Guest House. I will make a short stop at Mahaballapuram. Email: odebeaule@gmail.com / Cell phone: 91 459 02570 - Odette

March 1st/2nd: 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

March 5th: A taxi will start from Auroville about 1.00 am on March 5th, 2018 to reach Chennai Airport at 4.20 am. Sharing both ways possible. Contact Sergey: sergey@auroville.org.in, +91 94434 90153 (whatsapp)
**Week’s Happenings**

There are 3 useful online calendars of events in Auroville:
- **Online Auroville Events Calendar** - (no need to log in for guests! - just scroll down the page) The schedule of events for the week can be accessed by all, including Guests and Visitors, on the Auronet login page: [www.auroville.org.in](http://www.auroville.org.in)
- **Auroville Art Service** - [artservice.auroville.org/calendar/](http://artservice.auroville.org/calendar/)
- **50th anniversary events** - [outreachmedia.auroville.org/events/month/](http://outreachmedia.auroville.org/events/month/)

**Guest Attendance to events / workshops**
Dear Guests, please note that currently attendance to certain events such as workshops is restricted to relevant visa-holders. Find here the link to the Ministry of Home Affairs that contains some information: [mha.nic.in/sites/upload_files/mha/files/MaterialTV_02062016_01.pdf](http://mha.nic.in/sites/upload_files/mha/files/MaterialTV_02062016_01.pdf)

**INVITATIONS**

**AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR**

**Meditation with Savitri**  
read by Mother to Sunil's music  
Every THURSDAY - 5.30 to 6.00 pm [weather permitting]

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!  
Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work, and is to be used only as such.

We request everyone: please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you  
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 pm.  
Please be seated by 5.25 pm.

Thank you, [Auroville Working Committee](http://www.auroville.org.in)

**Special Evening program on Thursday 1st March 2018**

**At the Matrimandir Amphitheatre**

Savitri Music: 5.30 to 6 pm.

Followed by:

- A musical offering by the group *Merope*: from 6 to 7 pm. Inspired by nature and dreams, they sing about the connection between humans and nature.
- Indrė Juregevičiūtė (Lithuania) - voice and kanklės
- Jean Christophe Bonnafous (France) - bansuri
- Bert Cools (Belgium) - guitar and effects

Entrance from the Office Gate at 5 pm. Guests are requested to carry their Aurocard.

*Text in Sunil’s music*

**Community Quilting Event**

**“Connecting Thread”**

**Friday, Feb 16 and Saturday, Feb 17**

The event will happen on both days from 10 am to 1 pm and from 2 to 5 pm.

Participants can just drop in as they wish to join us for a shorter time (minimum 2 hours is our request), or half-day, or one full day, or both days!

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.

**Auroville Earth Institute**

**Open House**

19th & 20th February;  
10 am to 3 pm  
Auroville Earth Institute campus, Aurolshilpam

Dynamic demonstrations of the properties of soil, hands-on stations showcasing different earth-building techniques, photos of AVEI projects, and explanatory videos.  
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Everyone is warmly invited to an  
Open House  
at Transition School.

**Please come to:** Transition School on Tuesday, February 20  
between 10:30 am and 12:30

You will be able to meet the children and see some of the work that they have been doing this year. The Arts and Crafts Center and all of the classrooms will be open to all. Additionally, you can see an on-going slide show of ATB in the Multi-media room.

We look forward to seeing everyone!!  
Love, The Teachers and Students of Transition School

**Walk through the IZ and inauguration of the European House**

This coming Saturday, the 17th of February, a walk through the International Zone will start at 8 am from the French Pavilion and will end by 10 am at the European House.

Everyone is much welcome to participate.

The walking route plan will be the following one:

- Starting from the French Pavilion (Tea, Coffee & Light Snack will be served)
- African Pavilion
- Language Lab
- Northeast Asia Site (Green tea & Water will be served)
- Tamil Heritage Centre
- Bharat Nivas
- Tibetan Pavilion
- Brotherhood Pavilion
- European Tree and Inuksuk
- European House, end of the walk (Tea and cool drinks)

From 10.30 am onwards, official Inauguration of the European House, with activities, songs and dances.  
From 12.30 to 2.30 pm, lunch with meals from Europe, launching a Fund Raising based on free donation. The purpose of the fundraising is to provide equipment for the future of the European House.

Please, come and join us.  
I thank you very much, Denis  

Love, Sunil & Tran, Teachers of Transition School.
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..........
**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!**
Auroville’s 50th Anniversary Meditation with Dawnfire

28th Feb. 2018 at the Matrimandir Amphitheatre from 5 to 6 am
followed by the Water Ceremony from 6 to 6.45 am

A prayer for the waters of the Earth-invoking Human Unity through the evolution of consciousness.

Entrance from the Second Banyan Gate or the Office Gate as indicated on your pass. Refer image.

Admission for pass holders only. All including Aurovilians, Newcomers and Aurocard holders are required to have a pass for themselves. Please collect passes from the Matrimandir Access Office from 15 – 26th February, 9 to 12.30 & 2.30 to 4.30 pm. Others may do so at the Visitors Centre on 26th and 27th February, 3 – 5 pm. Please follow carefully the instructions given on your pass.

ATTENTION: the gates remain closed from 5 to 5.45 am during the time of the meditation and reopen again at 5.45 am for late comers. All are requested to come early and be seated by 4.55 am.

Your goodwill and cooperation are essential to maintain an atmosphere of peace and silence all through the event. Volunteers on duty will be there to guide and assist.

BONNE FÊTE!

The Divine Bird, vast in its wings of beauty, is the source of the waters, the seer of earthly growths. With its showers pouring all around he brings felicity. He flows ceaselessly on and on: him I call the vast protection.

The eternal breast of yours yields supreme delight; with that you nourish all desirable things.

That establishes felicity, discovers treasures, gives... lavishly: O Saraswati; that do thou here affirm.*

Rig Veda 1, 138

The luminous birds with wings of beauty have clothed themselves with waters and they surge up along a dark path towards the heaven. They have returned from the seat of Truth and in their bright energy lift up the earth to the wideness.

The same waters flow upward and again flow downward, day by day. The divine showers give life to the earth, the fires give life to heaven.*

RigVeda 1.164,47,51

28th Evening Program in the Amphitheatre

5.30 – 6.30 pm

Meditations on Savitri
A musical presentation by Nadaprem

Entrance from the Office Gate at 5 pm. Guests are requested to carry their Aurocard.

Happy Anniversary and see you there!
Savitri around the World

An overview of the Journey
Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Auroville
28.02.1968 to 28.02.2018

Complete continuous reading of the text of Sri Aurobindo’s revelatory epic Savitri – a legend and a symbol by 471 readers representing 99 locations around the globe, starting in India at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram where the poem was written from 1916 to 1950, moving around the country and then travelling westward with the sun through countries in Central and Western Asia, Africa, Europe, the Americas, Oceania, East and South East Asia, before returning to India and ending in Auroville. This filmed ‘parayan’, lasting about 35 hours, will be screened in Savitri Bhavan’s Sangam Hall from 6am IST (i.e. early morning – ‘the hour before the Gods awake’) on Monday 19.02.2018 onwards.

Everyone is invited to drop in and enjoy the readings at their convenience until the sequence comes to an end on 20.02.2018. The whole event can also be viewed on internet wherever you are at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVEFxAPkMO-2FdnKWYuWd7g/live
Now that all the filmed readings have been checked and put together, it has been found that the journey around the world takes less time than expected - instead of the estimated 48 hours, it lasts only about 35 hours. Here we give a rough outline of the timings to be expected, showing Books, Cantos and Locations.

Book One - The Book of Beginnings (5 cantos, reading duration about 5 hours) Starting Time (IST): 6am 19.02. 2018. Location: INDIA: Sri Aurobindo Ashram Pondicherry; Sri Aurobindo Bhavan Kolkata; Sri Aurobindo Centre Guwahati, Assam: Sri Aurobindo Nivas, Baroda; Sri Aurobindo Memorial School Bangalore; then individual readers in Indian states: (Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Goa, Gujarat)

Book Two - The Book of the Traveller of the Worlds (15 Cantos, reading duration about 10 hours) Starting Time c.11 am IST Location: India up to Canto 10 (6pm); Cantos 11-15 Central and West Asia Nepal, Tibet, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Iran Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan (Timing 6pm-9pm)

Book Three - The Book of the Divine Mother (4 Cantos, reading duration c.9 -10.30pm Africa (Egypt, Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Ruanda Madagascar, Reunion, South Africa, Ghana, Senegal, Algeria - Timing 9pm-10.30)

Book Four - The Book of Birth and Quest (Four Cantos reading duration 11pm - midnight, Europe (Greece Bosnia, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Moldova, Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Lithuania, Poland, Finland, Sweden,)

Book Five - The Book of Love (3 cantos, reading duration midnight - 1.30 am 20.02.2018) Europe contd. (Norway, Denmark, Germany)

Book Six - The Book of Fate (2 cantos, reading duration 1.30 am to 3am) Europe contd. (Germany, Czechia, Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, France.

Book Seven - The Book of Yoga (7 cantos, reading duration 3am to 6am; Cantos 1-4, Europe contd; (France, Belgium, Netherlands, UK, Ireland; Book Seven, Cantos 4-7: North America, Canada, USA, Central America and Caribbean, (Mexico, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, Brazil)

Book Eight - The Book of Death (1 canto, duration 8.35-9am South America (Brazil, Uruguay)

Book Nine - The Book of Everlasting Night (2 cantos, duration 9-9.50am) South America (Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Colombia, Oceania (Hawaii)

Book Ten - The Book of the Double Twilight (4 Cantos: Canto 1 Oceania (Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia) duration 9.50-10.30am; Cantos 2 East Asia (Philippines, Japan, Korea, China, Hong Kong, Singapore (10.30am-11) Canto 3: (Singapore, Burma (Myanmar), Sri Lanka (duration 10.30-11.30am; Back to India (Tamil Nadu, Auroville (11.30am - 12.30)

Book Eleven (One Canto) Auroville (duration 12.30pm to 4pm)

Book Twelve - Epilogue: The Return to Earth (One Canto) Auroville (duration 4pm to 4.30 - 20.02.2018)

TOTAL EXPECTED DURATION, c.34 AND A HALF HOURS

Sri Aurobindo’s revelatory epic is divided into three parts. Part One, consisting of Books One, Two and Three, gives in the first two cantos of Book One an overture to the whole poem, and then tells the story of the Yoga of King Aswapati, who is blessed at the end of Book Three with the promise of the Supreme Divine Mother that she will send an incarnation of herself to Earth to hasten the advent of a diviner life for humanity. Part Two, consisting of Books Four, Five, Six, Seven and Eight, tells the story of this incarnation, Savitri, from her birth to the death of her husband Satyavan. Part Three, consisting of Books Nine, Ten, Eleven and Twelve, recounts how Savitri confronts the God of Death and eventually wins the sanction of the Supreme Lord to his return to earth.
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. The event aims to convey the full potential of this laboratory and issue an open invitation for visiting and Auroville innovators to engage in collaborative research. Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, Friends of Auroville and Guests are welcome to attend the public portion of the event listed below on a first come, first serve basis. We hope to see you there!

The Bridge team, Aneeta, Ann, Aditi, Bhakti, Matthias & Suryamayi

23 FEB FRIDAY
CONSCIOUS COLLECTIVITY

Experiments and practices that foster collective consciousness

3.00 P.M. UNITY PAVILION
Presentations by visiting researchers:
- Manish Jain: From a Schooling to a Learning Society
- Sarath Davala: Unconditional & Universal Basic Income: “Foundation of a more Caring and Evolved Society”
- Israéli Gev: Socio-Economic Models of Water Management in Israel

5.00 - 6.00 P.M. UNITY PAVILION
Panel discussion on Conscious Collectivity with:
Abha Tewari - Israéli Gev - Kavitha Urvasee Selvaraj - Lara Monticelli - Manish Jain - Sarath Davala - Sahasini Ayer - Facilitated by B Sullivan

24 FEB SATURDAY
HARMONY FROM DIVERSITY

Approaching a lasting balance of individual, social and environmental systems

3.00 P.M. PITCHANDIKULAM TBD
Presentations by visiting researchers:
- Mark Lawrence: Harmony with Nature in the Anthropocene
- Ravi Agarwal: “Is the sea I see, the sea he sees?” Re-thinking the Ecological Crisis
- Ram Subramanian: Harmony in Social Action
- Jennie Stephens: Collaboration for Community and Climate Resilience

5.00 - 6.00 P.M. PITCHANDIKULAM TBD
Panel discussion on Harmony from Diversity with:
Bindu Mohanty - Jennie Stephens - Lara Davis - Mark Lawrence - Ok-Jeong Lee - Ram Subramanian - Ravi Agarwal - Ribhu Vohra - Facilitated by Sanjay Prakash

25 FEB SUNDAY
UNENDING EDUCATION

Development in all fields of life

2.00 P.M. VERITÉ/UNITY PAVILION TBD
Presentations by visiting researchers:
- Gitanjali J B: Being the Da Vinci One is Meant to Be
- Larry Seiditz: Integral Yoga at Work
- Bnam Le Hunte: Creative Intelligence: Transforming Education and Transforming Self
- Sonam Wengchuck: The Next Learning Revolution

4.00 - 5.00 P.M. VERITÉ/UNITY PAVILION TBD
Panel discussion on Unending Education with:
Aneeta Pathak - Bnam Le Hunte - Gitanjali J B - Jean-Yves Lung - Larry Seiditz - Sanjeev Ranganathan - Sonam Wangchuck - Facilitated by Lucas Dengel

26 FEB MONDAY
CREATIVE PROGRESS

Creativity that transcends boundaries to give expression to our highest aspirations

3.00 P.M. UNITY PAVILION
Presentations by visiting researchers:
- Jacques Blanc: Why is there art instead of nothing?
- Desmond Lazoraz: Tradition methods, Contemporary Practices
- Goutam Das: Santiniketan - Heritage and Continuity
- Kirti Chandak: The three roles of art: aesthetic, educational, spiritual

5.00 - 6.00 P.M. UNITY PAVILION
Panel discussion on Creative Progress with:
Aurelie Hamrer - Desmond Lazoraz - Goutam Das - Jacques Blanc - Kirti Chandak - Peter - Priya Sundaravalli - Supriya Menon: Meneghetti - Facilitated by Marco Ferras
Auroville Botanical Gardens invites you to its

ORCHID SHOW

starting on 22nd of February at 4 pm until 25th of February 2018

We have collected a lot of orchids which you can admire. There will be also a number of them for sale to offer to your friends, or to beautify your community garden, or to thank somebody, - or simply enjoy yourself.

During these days :
- take the opportunity to visit all the gardens, stroll around in the morning or late afternoon
- register with us for tour groups (please contact us by email avbg@auroville.org.in)
- competition for the 5 best orchid photos
- and for the children - surprise activities

More information to follow on our facebook page soon...
“Auroville Botanical Gardens”
Free Entrance

THE YOUTH CENTER
in collaboration with THE BAMBOO CENTER

invites you to

The Enchanted Jellyfish FESTIVAL

Let’s share our LOVE for
SOUND, NATURE & CREATIVITY!

17th to 19th FEB 2018 • 2 to 5 PM

Creative ACTIVITIES
SINGING CIRCLES
Chakra Dance, Ki-Muntu, Mindfulness Creations, Sing your life, Spontaneous Singing
Hands and Arms Massage, Imaginary Journey, Ki-Muntu, Mind Map, Vegetal Meeting
Intuitive Mandala, Ki-Muntu, Life Spiral, My Fabric Jellyfish, Sensorial Gym, Sound Games

BABU 8098736485
fannykarthi@gmail.com

Saturday 17th
Sunday 18th
Monday 19th

20th FEB 2018 • 2 to 9 PM

The Jellyfish OASIS
SINGING CIRCLE
Tribute to Loli and Sacred Link • Creation of the Jellyfish’s Thread

ALL ACTIVITIES
VEGAN DINNER
Organic vegan pizza & Buffet
**Opening Ceremony for the Rammed Earth Stele**

**Wednesday, February 21st, 10 am**

Santé Campus, Crown Road

(Behind the Santé building)

All are invited

“Out of the paths of the morning star they came, into the little room of mortal life ...” Savitri, Sri Aurobindo

WELCOME to a short dedication ceremony, ‘Grounding the Dream’!

Join us in celebrating the start of the Morning Star Birth Centre project.

The ceremony will be held at the proposed future location for the Morning Star Birth Centre. Our MISSION is to offer women safe, ecological childbirth experiences in the center of Auroville that manifest the highest spiritual qualities during pregnancy, birth and the first year of life.

Follow the flowers.

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**The Youth Center**

**Invites you to**

**The Enchanted Jellyfish Festival**

Let us share our LOVE for SOUND, NATURE & CREATIVITY

17th, 18th, 19th Feb • 2 to 5 pm

Creative ACTIVITIES

SINGING CIRCLES

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Creations, Sing your Life, Spontaneous Singing

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All Previous Activities

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Contact Babu • 8098736485 • fannykarthi@gmail.com

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**Invitation to Sacred Groves Open House!**

A Week-long Open House!

Feb 21 - 28

10 am - 12.30 pm & 3 pm - 5 pm

(See map here: https://goo.gl/maps/1iYvFg9Uwsj)

Dear friends,

On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Auroville, Sacred Groves would like to invite you to a week-long Open House to get an update on our progress.

The event is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the project, its aims and approaches. The Sacred Groves team would like to also especially invite guests and newcomers to this Open House as it has been specifically designed with them in mind.

The Open House will:

- showcase three prototype houses currently under construction;
- present research and applications in bio-construction;
- show how these natural technologies have been applied to the three prototypes;
- share designs for future houses planned for construction in the coming year;
- provide an opportunity to ask questions, seek clarifications and register interest.

Special Launch Event!

The Sacred Groves Team will kick off the week with a Special Launch Event featuring tea, juice and cookies! 😊

WHEN: 10 am, Wed- Feb 21
WHERE: Sacred Groves Community, Near Centre Guest House further down the road

(Map link)

For more information, please don’t hesitate to call Rene (9487421696) or Joseba (9486536502) or email us at: sacredgroves@auroville.org.in

See you there!

Much love, The Sacred Groves Team

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**EXHIBITIONS**

**Line of Goodwill**

- an Urban Hillscape for Coexistence

Big exhibition in Unity Pavilion

20 February to 31 March, 2018

Opening of the exhibition on 20 February 4 pm

Twenty-five international architects and architect students will be working at the Unity Pavilion between 23 February and 7 March on the habitat, exploring concepts of new ways of collective living.

Your interaction and input are most welcome

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**Beginning to Build the Matrimandir and Creating the Interior of the Inner Chamber**

Photograph Exhibition of the Beginning of Matrimandir Construction and the Work to Create the Interior of the Inner Chamber.

In the Hall of Peace, Unity Pavilion

From 20 February to 31 March, 2018

All Are Welcome

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**Morning Star - Birth Center Dedication Ceremony**

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**The Sacred Groves Team**

**In collaboration with The Bamboo Center**

**Invites you to**

**Saturday Market at the Youth Centre**

Weekly from 10 am to 2 pm, with fresh and local products and interactive themes.

This Saturday 17th of February, it’s ART DAY

As part of The Enchanted Jellyfish Festival! (see poster)

If you want to take part in the organisation and activities or have a stall in the market, please contact YC (0413 2622 857) or Madda (8489 042213).

Everybody is welcome to bring their skills and talents!

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Divine Flowers

“O Lord, let this pure flower of love blossom in me, so that it may make fragrant all who approach me and its perfume sanctify them”.

The Mother

Divine Flowers: A Flower Exhibition
Savitri Bhavan (Square Hall)
21st to 28th February
9:30 am to 5 pm
First Day special opening time: 10:30 am
Email: divineflowers@auroville.org.in

Explore the wide variety of the unique transmitters of The Force and some stories of their miraculous touch!
Inauguration 21st of February at 5:30 pm
22 February 2018 - 29 March 2018
Daily open between 4 pm - 6 pm, Monday to Saturday.
BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre
Edyanchavadi, Auroville
3/134 Kalathu Mettu street
Closed on 28th of February
Brahmanaspati Kshetram. kshetram2014@auroville.org.in

History of Blessing Packets
Welcome to an exhibition

The Lila CIRHU presents
“On the way to supermanhood”
By Satprem
Experiential event
photo, paintings, sculptures, immersion light & sound
scenic performances
Centre D’Art Citadines, Auroville
Inauguration: February on Wednesday 21st at 5 pm
Exhibition: February 22nd to March 10th 2018
Open: 2.30 - 5.30 pm. Closed on Sundays
offering:
- At the entrance a banner “on the way to supermanhood” created by shanta
- An exhibit of 16 keys chosen in the 16 chapters, by the group.
- 16 pieces of art made by artists of auroville, inspired by the 16 keys,

-A magical immersion, thanks to 3 columns of water, light and sound, created for the occasion by aquadyn.
-Everyday, an incredible initiatic path, in silence, toward the intimate performance of Frédéric, staged by Philippe and Thierry (in French), schedule and dates below
-And a reading from Norman, also in the video room (in English), schedule and dates below
-Each Saturday morning a “writing class” with Florence, connected with some keys of ‘on the way to supermanhood’ (schedule below)

Throughout the exhibit:
Computers available to listen or record at least 15 translations of the introduction of on the way to supermanhood, that mother was hoping to translate in the maximum of existing languages around the world.
A brochure of this introduction in the 4 languages of Auroville, and 3 other Indian languages.
Pocket booklets of the 16 keys of the Genesis, at discretion.
Welcome to All
The immersion in this book through the exhibit offers an Essential Key in our troubled times
Art Galery of Citadines, Opening 21st February 2018 at 5 pm
From Monday to Saturday 12.30 pm to 5.30 pm
Each afternoon, 2 -intimate performances by Frédéric at 3.30 pm and 5 pm - we suggest you make a reservation because the number of persons is limited during each performance:
frederic@auroville.org.in

The 24th and 27th February, and the 1st, 3rd and 5th of March at 4.30 pm, Norman will give a lecture of My burning Heart – On these dates Frédéric will only perform at 3.30 pm.
On Saturday morning from 10 to 11.30 am, Florence offers a writing class in French with possibilities to write in English
For more information call Sébastien +91 7598 569114

TALKS

an EVENT in Italian

“Savitri – The finding on the Soul and the victory over Death”

Saturday 17 February, 5 pm
Savitri Bhavan
(Sangam Hall)
A talk in Italian by Paola De Paolis

“SAVITRI – La scoperta dell’Anima e la vittoria sulla Morte”

PAOLA DE PAOLIS, poet and essayist, translated the main Sri Aurobindo’s works into Italian: Savitri, The Life Divine, Letters on Yoga, after publishing at the University of Rome some essays on the influence of our Classics on his literary production. She translated also Eckhart Tolle & Sri Aurobindo – Two perspectives on enlightenment, by A.S. Dalal, and Oneness, by Rasha. Her latest book is on “Savitri – The finding on the Soul and the victory over Death”. In Italy she gave many talks on Sri Aurobindo’s vision.

The Finding of the Soul - Savitri’s Yoga
Two Talks by Loretta
At The Unity Pavilion
Part One, 7:30 pm, Wednesday, 21 February
Part Two, 7:30 pm, Thursday, 22 February
All Are Welcome
Inside India presents
a one-day Introduction to
‘SHAKTI’
– Creative Power, Consciousness Force and Divine Mother.

SHAKTI is the female creative energy recognised in some Hindu traditions as the transformative energy leading to the highest realisation. In Integral Yoga she is an evolutionary force that accompanies the growth of the new consciousness.

In the presentation and talk we explore the Shakti in her traditional aspects and her central role in Integral Yoga.

On 22nd February 2018, Thursday
Time: 08.45 to 12:00 - Lunch break - 14:00 to 17:00
Venue: Inside India building, Ground Floor, Auroshilpam (behind Auromode)
Register in advance at 2622047 between 09:00 and 12:00 or 14:00 and 16:15
or mail: insight@auroville.org.in
Aurovilians and Newcomers are welcome; contribution is required from Guests.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Trashion Show 2018: Save the Sea
WHEN: 8 pm, Friday, Feb 23
WHERE: Kalabumi Amphitheatre
One show only.

This year’s Trashion Show is going to be bigger and better and more recycled than ever!
The show’s 2018 message - Save the Sea - promises an exciting and creative range of ocean-inspired dresses made entirely from trash, and we’ve already started receiving some amazing creations.

Featuring designs from Auroville schools, fashion students and fashion professionals, and presenting new electro-acoustic soundscapes from Svaram + visiting artists, Trashion 2018 is shaping up to be quite spectacular.
Whatever you do, don’t miss it!

Ladies pretty dress night
Friday the 16/2
At Well Café / Svedame
Food for queens - 7 pm
Belly dance - 8.30 pm
D.J Priscilla
Bring out your ball gowns!!
Let’s dance the night away!!
Meet and hug!!
Entrance for Female Only!! - All age!
Free entry

SCHEDULES

Cancellations at Joy Community
Antigymnastique cancelled: Dear Friends, please note that the class of Antigymnastique is cancelled from mid-February till further notice.
Heart Beat Dance class cancelled: Dear Friends, the Heart Beat Dance class on the 21st and the 28th of February is cancelled.
Love; Joy Team

Centre for Research, Education, and Experience in the Visual Arts (CREEVA)
is delighted to present to you the following intensive full-day workshops on Animation and Photography at Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas.
Open Studio at Kaladendra: The studio is open to all to let their creative juices flow. It’s a cooperative, so we are happy to share and would love if you can also contribute. We express our gratitude to Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas for letting us use the space. CREEVA Team

Stop-motion Animation about Evolving Consciousness - Conceive, animate and edit with Tom.
On 17th and 18th February
From 10am to 12.30pm & 2.30pm to 5pm
Open Studio, Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas.
Day 1 morning: design and build the set.
How to build a Photographic Project  
**Think photography differently with Marco**  
On 19th and 20th February  
From 10am to 12.30pm & 2.30pm to 5pm  
Open Studio, Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas.  
In this workshop we will go beyond the single beautiful photo. We'll rather tell stories with good images. The ability to shoot good pictures is today within reach of everybody, and the quality of the images produced is no longer because of the skills of the photographer but because of the technological progress.  
So, what and how to photograph to distinguish himself in the millions of images shot every day in the world? How can we develop a project that makes us feel authors and not just images producers?  
Day 1 morning: Presentations and first meeting to know photographic skills and expectations of the student.  
Talk about photography watching and analysing other photographers’ projects, and brainstorming to find a good theme for each participant to develop in one day.  
Day 1 afternoon: First shooting following the guidelines of the project, dealing with logistics and technical problems. Introduction, if needed, to the Technique of Photography.  
Day 2 morning: Second shooting time for the students. The facilitator remains open to follow the shootings that need it most.  
Day 2 afternoon: Final meeting to discuss how the shooting was, and to watch and talk about the projects one by one.  
Bring your previous works and any image capturing device. Contribution for guests is Rs. 2,000/- and for volunteers is Rs. 1,000/- Aurovilians and newcomers are welcome to donate. Call Marco on 0413 2623188 to book in advance.  
We all have our Body’s unique way of Drawing!  
*Come and find your own with Audrey.* In the drawing workshop we explore abstract and figurative drawing.  
On 24th and 25th February  
From 9am to 12pm & 2pm to 5pm  
At The Atelier, Creativity Community  
All materials are provided - Contribution for guests is Rs. 2,000/- and for volunteers is Rs. 1,000/- Aurovilians and newcomers are welcome to donate. Book in advance, workshops will be run only with a minimum of participants. Call Audrey on 0413 262 2641. Please leave your name and number slowly on the answering machine.  
Our Open Studio at Kalakendra has its door open for Residents and Visitors alike. You’re welcome to come and practice the yoga of creation in the inspiring space. For Guests and Volunteers, it is Rs. 200 and Rs. 100 respectively per session. Aurovilians and Newcomers can contribute voluntarily. The studio is open from 10 am to 4 pm every day except for Sunday.  
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If you wish to learn the art techniques, regular Art Classes for drawing, sketching and painting with multiple mediums are also available every day from 10 am to 12.30 pm, conducted by Jean-Marie.  
Call Jean-Marie on 8270071991.  
Thanks, CREEVA  

**AT CREATIVITY HALL OF LIGHT**

**ONE-DAY INTRODUCTION To The Communication Of The Heart**  
(ALSO CALLED NVC)  
- IN FRENCH ONLY (CNV) - En français uniquement!  
**Friday February 23rd - from 9 am to 5 pm**  
Inscription: Hamsini: 9487544184
higher states of consciousness. In this Pranayama training, you will learn the science of Energy - Prana, Nadis, Chakras, Vayus. 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) and learn and practice therapeutic pranayama practices useful for specific treatments.

Ananda has been exploring yoga, meditation, mystics, and energy work for more than 24 years, and has studied and practiced healing modalities for over 10 years. He is professionally trained with international certifications in Watsu, Aqua wellness, Foot Reflexology, Hypnotherapy, Pranic Healing, Alchemy of Touch - Rebalancing.

**Building a Compassionate Justice**

For details on the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, visit www.auroville.org.in

**Consciousness as Medicine with Dr. Yogesh Mohan**

Saturday, 24 February - from 9 am to 12:30 pm

A consciousness approach to dealing with stress, common health problems and diseases, beyond what is written in medical texts. Experiential knowledge from a practitioner's perspective on inner healing.

DR. YOGESH MOHAN, MD (JIPMER), PGP M (ISB), is inspired to help people heal their body and life by opening up to the Consciousness.

**Other Events**

**The Silent Mind:** (Integral yoga practice session) with Manoj Pavițran scheduled for Saturdays (9.30 to 7.30 pm) stands cancelled for the remaining two Saturdays of February (17th and 24th). Inconvenience is regretted. Next session will be on the 3rd of March. *Unity Pavilion Team*

**Inner Work Workshop**

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother (20th 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: The Divine Mother**

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 details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops, please visit www.integralyoga-auroville.com

**Restorative Circles Learning Community Exploration**

**“Building a Compassionate Justice System”**

**With L’aura Joy**

Fri, March 2 - Sat, March 3

9.30 am - 5 pm, with lunch break

Restorative Circles (RC) offer ways for individuals and communities to establish connection, discover meaning and recover power on profound levels. They create forums for reaching agreements that help sustain effective and nurturing relationships both personally and collectively. This Circle process has developed within the Restorative Justice (RJ) movement, which in recent decades has rediscovered and adapted ways for communities to promote responsibility and healing. Rethinking justice, and engaging with the challenge of consciously building whole system responses to community well-being, has opened up revolutionary possibilities for furthering a culture of peace.

Conflict is an inevitable part of the diversity of life. Yet few of us individually, let alone as a community, know how to respond to conflict with behaviors that do not produce pain and damage relationships.

The RC process offers a way to create community spaces for conflict that are safe and constructive, not destructive. It has been described as a straightforward problem-solving and nonviolent restoration method that demonstrates how community members can resolve their own conflicts when provided with a constructive forum to do so.

The establishment of a restorative system empowers communities to consciously choose how they would like to respond to conflict before it occurs – a form of proactive, preventative conflict transformation. It enables them to choose a nonviolent response to conflict that involves the whole community in discovering their own sustainable strategies by addressing immediate as well as underlying long term causes.

*Note: For those with Indian residency (Indian national or having residential permit) - Contact L’aura for more information and to join: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016. [Other upcoming RC events: joylivinglearning.org]*

**Connection as Life Energy**

Exploring Nonviolent Communication with L’aura Joy

Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others?

Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want?

- Fri, Feb 23 - Sat, Feb 24
- 9.30am - 5pm, with lunch break

A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply-rooted consciousness of oneness, as well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We’ll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to hear others’ true (and harmless) message, which in turn leads to more connection between us. When we’re connected as human beings, we’re in our natural state of wanting to give and collaborate with others.

More info & register (and for venue info): contact L’aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016

Limited spaces. Registration and contribution required. Full participation required (2 days). [Other upcoming NVC Events and Practice Group: joylivinglearning.org]

**Films**

Aurofilm presents its annual Panorama of Contemporary Indian Cinema (AV 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 N&N and published on Auronet and its Calendar (opening page). You are welcome to share it with friends! aurofilm@auroville.or.in

- Full program in last News & Notes issue (online at www.auroville.org/contents/4186) and on Auronet day by day (scroll down at www.auroville.org.in, no log in necessary)
The FRENCH PAVILION presents

Auroville - The Utopian City

Documentary - Movie director: Fred C

Wednesday 21st February 2018 at 5pm

Town Hall - Cinema Paradiso

in English subtitled in French, length: 52min

Due to the immense success of the 2 first sessions, and the limited number of seats available, the French Pavilion and Fred C decided to screen one more time this exceptional documentary on Auroville.

Vision (2009)
The Story of Hildegarde von Bingen

Film Movie director: Margarethe Von TROTTA

Saturday 17th February 2018 at 5pm

Town Hall - Cinema Paradiso

in German subtitled in French, length: 93min

The story of Hildegard de Bingen is a living example of the high status of women in the Middle Ages and their unparalleled freedom of action. Her work is inhabited by the permanent concern not to lose the golden thread that connects us to the founding days of creation.

Benedictine, visionary of the twelfth century, we owe her writings on a world in perpetual motion approximating modern physics, principles of soft medicine and compositions of nearly 80 symphonies.

Hildegarde is brought to Disibodenberg Abbey at the age of eight for her education. Margarethe Von Trotta’s film shows her meteoric rise from simple nun to abbess of the abbey, then she gets permission to found her own convent. Her visions are gaping holes in the sky, an eye of fire drawing over the sun, moments of visionary ecstasy. It is a huge actress Barbara Sukowa who embodies on screen.

The Middle Ages is represented here by a host of details and a sober beauty. This film carries in it the nostalgia of the Garden of Eden.

Lionel Tardif chose to screen this film, and will speak about it after the screening.

Lionel Tardif is a writer, filmmaker, theater director, director of the Cultural Center, organizer of Film Festivals, Sacred Music and two international symposiums on the New Consciences. He devoted his life to the cinema.

CINEMA PARADISO

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 19 to 25 February 2018

Indian - Monday 19 February, 8:00 pm:

• BAKITA BYAKTIKATO (Rest is Personal)

India, 2013, Writer-Dir. Pradipita Bhattacharyya w/ Sudipa Basu, Ritwick Chakraborty, Debesh Roy Chowdhury, and others, Drama, 143mins, Bengali w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

In this National Award Winning film, Pramit, an independent filmmaker who is yet to experience the spell of love, starts shooting a documentary film on love. His exploration leads him to the baffling knowledge about a mysterious village whose very existence is at the threshold of reality and fantasy. If anyone ever reaches there, they readily falls in love. Pramit, and his cameraperson starts looking for the village. Will they find the village or love? The fascinating docu-narrative film, rooted in the reality wrapped in a fairy tale bubble, explores the boundaries between fantasy and reality. The director will be present with us and will have a Q&A session at the end of the film.

Italian - Tuesday 20 February, 8:00 pm:

• QUESTIONE DI KARMA (It’s all about Karma)

Italy, 2017, Dir.Edoardo Falcone w/ Fabio De Luigi, Elio Germano, Comedy, 90 mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

Gracomo, an extravagant rich heir, deeply believes in reincarnation. 40yrs after the loss of his father, he believes to see his father again when he meets Mario Pitagora, a man far from being spiritual, interested only in money and heavily
indebted. This absurd encounter will change the lives of both. A surprising comedy about friendship.

Interesting - Wednesday 21 February, 8:00 pm:
- NATURAL BUILDING TECHNIQUES PRESENTATION BY EARTH INSTITUTE AUROVILLE (34mins)
- HOPPTORNET / Ten Meter Tower (17mins)
- 116 CAMERAS (16 mins)
- ALONE (13 mins)

A medley of short documentaries of various genre; the first one is from AVFF2017 and the last three from Kathryn and Rodger Toll. Natural Building Techniques Presentation by Earth Institute: India, 2017, Dir. Serena Aurora - depicts 27yrs journey of the Earth Institute in Auroville, educating and enabling people to build using earthen techniques. Ten Meter Tower: Sweden, 2016, Dir. Axel Danielson, Maximilien van Aertryck: On a 10-meter high diving tower, fear of taking the jump is pitted against the personal loss that would arise if you didn't dare. What do we look like when we hesitate and when we make a decision or when we overcome our fear? 116 Cameras: USA-UK, 2017, Dir. Davina Pardo, Holocaust survivor Eva Schloss preserves her story interactively so that she will be able to tell it forever. Alone: USA, 2017, Dir. Garrett Bradley - Desmond in jail proposes to marry Alone via a long letter telling the story of this 30yrs life.

French - Thursday 22 February, 8:00 pm:
- LAURENCE ANYWAYS

This award winning acclaimed film tells the story of an impossible love. On his 30th birthday, Laurence who is in love with Fred is informed that he wants to become a woman.

International - Saturday 24 February, 8:00 pm:
- THE BREADWINNER

Ireland-Canada-Luxembourg, 2017, Dir. Nora Twomey w/ Saara Chaudry, Soma Chhaya, Noorin Gulamgauz, and others, Drama-Animation, 94mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13
Based on Deborah Ellis’ novel in this film Parvana a 11yrs old girl is growing up in 2001 under the Taliban in Afghanistan. When her father is wrongfully arrested, Parvana dresses like a boy and works to support her family. In the new world of freedom-and danger, she draws her strength from the fantastical stories she invents. This is a fascinating tale about the power of stories to sustain hope in dark times. This screening has been made possible through a generous sharing by Kathryn and Roger Toll.

Children’s Film - Sunday 25 February, 4:30 pm:
- MILTON’S SECRET

Canada, 2016, Dir: Barnet Bain, w/ Graham Abbey, Donald Sutherland, William Ain-scough, and others, Drama, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
The film focuses on 11yrs old Milton Adams who is growing up in an uncertain world. With his parents constantly stressing about their careers and finances, and the neighborhood bully tormenting him, Milton feels his whole world is in crisis. But when his Grandpa Howard comes to visit, he discovers anxiety prevent him from finding true happiness moment to moment. It is Eckhart Tolle for kids!

YIMOU ZHANG FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club
Ciné-Club - Sunday 25 February, 8:00 pm:
- GUI LAI (Coming Home)
China, 2014, Dir. Yimou Zhang w/Li Gong, Dawuming Chen, Huwenz Zhang, Tao Guo and others, Drama, 109mins, Chinese w/English subtitles, Rated: NR
Lu Yanshi and Feng Wanyu are a devoted couple forced to separate when Lu is arrested and sent to a labor camp as a political prisoner, just as his wife has gotten injured in an accident. Released during the last days of the Cultural Revolution, when he finally returns he finds that his wife has amnesia and remembers little of her past. Lu Yanshi determines to resurrect their past together and reawaken his wife's memory.

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

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

Pl make a contribution to “Cinema Paradiso” account (#105106) at the Financial Service or set up for monthly contributions. Thanking You, MMC/CP Group

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Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words. All articles and reports need to reach us by Tuesday noon.
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There should be somewhere upon earth

a place that no nation could claim as its sole property, a place where all human beings of goodwill, sincere in their aspiration, could live freely as citizens of the world, obeying one single authority, that of the supreme Truth; a place of peace, concord, harmony, where all the fighting instincts of man would be used exclusively to conquer the causes of his suffering and misery, to surmount his weakness and ignorance, to triumph over his limitations and incapacities; a place where the needs of the spirit and the care for progress would get precedence over the satisfaction of desires and passions, the seeking for pleasures and material enjoyments.

In this place, children would be able to grow and develop integrally without losing contact with their soul ... titles and positions would be supplanted by opportunities to serve and organize. The needs of the body will be provided for equally ... Artistic beauty in all forms, painting, sculpture, music, literature, will be available equally to all ... For in this ideal place, money would be no more the sovereign lord. Individual merit will have a greater importance than the value due to material wealth and social position. Work ... would be the means whereby to express oneself, develop one's capacities and possibilities, while doing at the same time service to the whole group....

In brief, it would be a place where the relations among human beings, usually based almost exclusively upon competition and strife, would be replaced by relations of emulation for doing better, for collaboration, relations of real brotherhood.

The Mother

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