NEWS & NOTES
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A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville
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Auroville
CELEBRATES
ITS GOLDEN JUBILEE
1968 - 2018
HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

I will tell you that we are preaching unity - unity of humanity - and we are all quarreling - horrible quarrels, resentments and all sorts of urgings that we condemn in the others. We are giving a nice example, and people laugh! Voila. It has come to me from many quarters. Begin with yourself, they say, and they are right.

Each one, all of you have good reasons, everybody seems to lie. Everybody has “good reasons.” You know, the ego is the most clever rogue I have ever met. He takes such nice, nice appearances, and each one says: “I would, but I can’t.” Voila. And I tell you, from some places far away and from near, from far and from near, from India and from other countries: Begin with yourself. That is, we are ridiculous - ridiculous. And such good reasons we have! - all the people have good reasons. It is above reason, it has nothing to do with reason, nothing to do with that, we want… a new creation.

If the Divine had only for one hour the same feelings as men have, there would be no more world. That I can tell you. I have seen clearly - you believe me if you want - I have seen the world with the eye of the Divine. It is something so terrible, you know, so contrary to what it must be, that if the Divine said “only He,” brrt! everything would go, there would be no world, there would be no men, there would be only That. “Des égo pulverisés” [smashed egos].

It is difficult, it is the most difficult thing - we are here to do difficult things. We are in the period of transition. I can’t tell you: be like this or be like that, because there is no example as yet. It is being done, and we are just at the time of the transition. It is very, very difficult - but very interesting. For centuries and centuries, humanity has waited for this time. It has come. But it is difficult. I don’t simply tell you we are here upon earth to rest and enjoy ourselves, now it is not the time for that. We are here... to prepare the way for the new creation.

The body has some difficulty, so I can't be active, alas. It is not because I am old - I am not old. I am not old, I am younger than most of you. If I am here inactive, it is because the body has given itself definitely to prepare the transformation. But the consciousness is clear and we are here to work - rest and enjoyment will come afterwards. Let us do our work here. So I have called you to tell you that. Take what you can, do what you can, my help will be with you. All sincere efforts will be helped to the maximum.

(Here Mother starts talking in French again)

Now is the time to be heroic. Heroism is not what people say, it is to be completely united - and the divine help will always be with those who have, in all sincerity, resolved to be heroic. Voila. You are here now, I mean on earth, because you once chose to be - you don't remember it, but I know; that's why you are here. Well, you must stand up to the task. You must make an effort, you must conquer pettiness and limitations, and above all tell the ego: your time is over. We want a race without ego, with the divine consciousness in place of the ego. That's what we want: the divine consciousness, which will enable the race to develop and the superman to be born.

If you think I am here because I am bound, you are wrong. I am not bound. I am here because my body has given itself for the first attempt at transformation. Sri Aurobindo told me so, he told me, “I know of no one who can do it, except you.” I said, “All right, I will do it.” It's not... I don't wish anyone to do it in my place, because... because it's not very pleasant, but I am doing it gladly, because everybody will benefit from the results. I ask only one thing: don't listen to the ego. That's all. The time of the ego is over. We want to go beyond humanity and its ego, to leave it behind, we want a race without ego, with a divine consciousness in place of the ego. There, that's all. Anything to say?

(silence)

If there is a sincere “yes” in your hearts, you will have satisfied me fully. I don't need words: I need your hearts' sincere adherence. That's all. (silence) (To the architect:) Did you follow? Yes, Mother. Are you in agreement? Fully in agreement. (the other two are silent. Mother turns to them and speaks in English) (To N. and U.): You and you, you must agree. You are here for that. You have come to this place at this time for that. We must give to the world the example of what must be, not petty egoistic movements, but an aspiration towards the manifestation of Truth. Voila. (silence) I can assure you that all sincere effort will be “pleinement”, fully helped by the Divine. Of that I am sure. And I can assure you of that.

(silence)

That is all I had to say.
## Auroville 50th Anniversary
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS
#### 25th February to 11th March 2018

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<td>‘La Genèse du Surhomme’ Multi-Media Exhibition</td>
<td>21 Feb - 10 Mar, 2.30 - 5.30pm, Centre d’Art, Citadines</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 9.30am to 5pm, Savitri Bhavan</td>
<td>An exhibition of live flowers and flower paintings with the Mother’s spiritual significances and comments. In the Square Hall. Open to the public. Opening 10.30am on the 21st.</td>
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<td>Orchid Show</td>
<td>22 - 25 Feb 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>The Bridge</td>
<td>22 - 26 Feb 3-6pm Unity Pavilion And Vérité</td>
<td>Collaborative research dialogue between Auroville, India and the world, aimed at realising the full potential of the Auroville Laboratory. Feb 23rd, 3-6pm, Unity Pavilion ‘Conscious Collectivity’. Feb 24th, 3-6pm Unity Pavilion, ‘Harmony from Diversity’. Feb 25th, Verite, ‘Unending Education’ (time TBA). Feb 26th 3-6pm Unity Pavilion, ‘Creative Progress’. Not open to the public. Guests wishing to attend please contact <a href="mailto:thebridge@auroville.org.in">thebridge@auroville.org.in</a></td>
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<td>The Hive Project Blessing</td>
<td>26th Feb 9.30am</td>
<td>Ceremony giving blessings to the opening of the Hive project. Bhoomi Puja and chanting, open house, discussions of Youthlink activities and refreshments. Situated between the Town Hall and Svedam, right side, opposite guard hut.</td>
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<td>Baul Concert</td>
<td>26th Feb 8pm Visitors Centre</td>
<td>“Baul Music Concert” with SANGHAMITRA DAS BANERJEE, BRINDABAN DAS BAUL, PRASANTA DOME from Santiniketan, Kolkata. Music as a unifying power!</td>
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<td>50 Poems from Auroville</td>
<td>27th Feb 5-6pm Savitri Bhavan</td>
<td>Reading of Poems by Aurovilians from the Anthology of Auroville Poetry, edited by Alan Vickers (&quot;Vikas&quot;).</td>
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<td>Auroville’s Birthday and Water Ceremony</td>
<td>28th Feb, 4.30am to 7am (approx.) 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>. Passes available at the Matrimandir office from 15th Feb.</td>
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<td>Book Launch: Monographs of Piero and Gloria Cicionesi’s work</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, refreshments provided. 30% discount offered on the book for this day.</td>
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<td>2 Mar 4.30pm - 9pm Tibetan Pavilion</td>
<td>The North-East Asian Pavilion presents an evening of celebration to mark the first full moon of the lunar calendar, 2018. Cultural activities, live music from east and west, food and drinks and finally a collective circle dance around a bonfire.</td>
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<td><strong>Auroville Choir</strong></td>
<td>2-4 Mar 8pm - 9pm CRIPA</td>
<td>The Auroville Choir and instrumental ensemble will perform compositions by Aurovilians Anandi, Matthew, Pushkar, Holger</td>
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<td><strong>Auro Sangamam, Fair and Exhibition</strong></td>
<td>4 March Aurodam</td>
<td>Auroville's biggest party of the new year, sending a huge 'thank you' to all the workers and their families in the bioregion. A whole day of sports, arts and crafts, cultural programmes, traditional dance performances, lunch, snacks and more. Open to all.</td>
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<td><strong>Bamboo and Rammed Earth Workshop</strong></td>
<td>5-10 March 9am-5pm Bamboo Centre</td>
<td>Annual event for those wanting to learn about heavy construction with Bamboo.</td>
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<td><strong>Freestore Show</strong></td>
<td>10 March 4pm PTDC</td>
<td>PTDC Freestore celebrations in 2 parts: 1) See the PTDC food processing area, and 2) The PTDC supermarket and Freestore teams perform together. Open to Aurovilians only.</td>
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<td><strong>Ongoing Exhibition, Matrimandir: A Labour of Love</strong></td>
<td>Until 20 March 9am - 5pm Town Hall</td>
<td>Photographic Exhibition by Paulette. Along with photographs of Matrimandir, from majestic to intimate, and its park, on display are archive photographs of the pioneers building the structure, as well as photographs of Aurovilians cleaning the discs taken the last few years.</td>
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More details at: [www.outreachmedia.auroville.org](http://www.outreachmedia.auroville.org)

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

⇒⇒⇒⇒GO PAPERLESS for the 50th!

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

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

- Guest Registration Service-

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

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

The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates at 3 locations:
- Visitors Centre - at the far end of the Expo Hall (big white building on the left), opposite Dreamer’s Cafe - All days 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-5:00
- Town Hall - reception area - Monday-Saturday 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-4:30
- Aspiration - Financial Service office left side - Monday-Saturday 9:00-12:30

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**News&Notes 24th February 2018 [738]**
MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that Auroville is celebrating fifty years of its foundation.

The International Township of Auroville, inspired by the vision and ideals of Sri Aurobindo, one of modern India’s greatest sages, is a unique symbol of human unity, of trans-continental collaboration, of harmony and synthesis.

Auroville represents humanity’s aspiration for peace and goodwill and symbolises our civilisational and age-old belief in “Vaisudhaiva Kutumbakkam”. Its aim of promoting international understanding, a new vision of education and harmonious collective living is inspiring. This also reflects our quest for achieving oneness in diversity.

I extend my warm greetings and felicitations to all those associated with the Auroville Foundation. I wish the Golden Jubilee Celebrations every success.

(Ram Nath Kovind)

New Delhi
January 23, 2018
**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**25/02: Visit of the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi**

The visit to Auroville of the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi is confirmed for: 

**Sunday 25th February.**

As of now we don’t know the exact time (probably 11:30am) and route of access to Auroville.

We expect that on 25th February there will be restrictions/dblocks to traffic and access in the area of the visit:

Matrimandir, Bharat Nivas, Savitri Bhavan, and Visitors’ Center.

The Matrimandir will be closed on 23rd, 24th, and 25th February.

The Solar Kitchen will be closed on Sunday 25th February.

The other areas of Auroville are expected to remain normally accessible, although with security screening and controls. As soon as the final timing and the final routes are confirmed we will update the community, via mass bulletin.

**Your Working Committee**

**URGENT ATTENTION: All Guest House Managers, Home Stay Hosts, and all others hosting guests in Auroville:**

Due to the visit of the Prime Minister, the Auroville Foundation and RRO are requiring us to provide information on all guests staying in Auroville at any time between 22-28 February, 2018.

We ask that you immediately send the following for ALL your guests:

1. Guest Name
2. Nationality
3. Arrival Date
4. Departure Date

Send to ALL THREE of the following addresses:

- guestaccommodation@auroville.org.in
- avffoundation@auroville.org.in
- gfcg@auroville.org.in

It is also important to update the list every day if there are ANY changes/new bookings.

The RRO has made it clear that they will be checking on this with our staff at Town Hall and Visitors Centre, so please help your fellow Aurovilians who will be “on the hot seat”!

We thank you for your cooperation with this last-minute request, Please inform anyone you know that hosts guests.

Afshan, Cristina, Kumar, Lieve, Selvam, Susan
Guest Facilities Coordination Group

**NEWS AND NOTES ANNOUNCEMENT**

**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 you still have a need for the paper option, 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.
We would like to report this month on the issues with the units. We are still formulating better policies soon for all such units. The Allocation of ex-Lumiere space: We have received Expressions of Interest from a few applicants for use of the space and assets of Lumiere. We will get back to the applicants, once we have a final valuation of the building asset and worked out the terms and conditions of usage. The Leave Auroville allowance: Auroville Council (AVC) and FAMC are still having trouble to find resource people as volunteers to help us process these requests. We, however, have formed a group to look into Veena Lamiere’s request, which has been pending since December. We are sorry for the delay.

Auroville Foundation-related issues

- Tax exemption for Social Science Research (SSR) projects: We are receiving increasing requests for 100% tax exemption on donation for various projects. Auroville Foundation decides on such requests based on recommendations of the Social Science Research Committee and it has set up. We have asked Auroville Foundation for details of the criteria for evaluating such requests and membership of the committee that made the decisions. There are two applications (Kalpana housing project and Svaram) pending approval from Auroville Foundation for SSR tax exemption.

- Creation of new trusts and changes in trustees: WC and FAMC sought to process Pour Tout trustee reappointment and create new Hospitality trust as per the Code of Conduct. However, we were informed by the Auroville Foundation that as per the Trust Act only the Auroville Foundation can handle all trust-related issues. We were told that the Trust Act and the Auroville Foundation will over-ride the Code of Conduct on this issue. WC and FAMC are seeking further clarification from the Secretary’s office and the Governing Board on this issue.

In community, FAMC (Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Daniele, Dhruv, Lyle, Nicole, Prabhu Yuval)

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Forest Group meeting
The meeting started with a minute of silence for Hans.

Youth Link - Kavitha shares they are looking for a space to build, where young people can be trained in vocational skills. A hall for quiet activities and a workshop, surface area ~180 m². Youth Centre Team has offered a space that is opposite the mushroom (on the old road towards Ilaiikarkanal). This land is forest in city area. FG supports and looks forward to the building plan.

Adventure- Sathyas asks for permission for an extension of his current small home with 40 m². FG asks to email the building plans to the FG. There is only 1 week for objections from the FG members in order not to delay the procedure.

Freedom- Ramani (married to Iyanar) is asking for a recommendation letter from the FG for her entry process. Dave will email the recommendation to Entry Service.

Silence- As promised, Dave shared some of his ideas for the forest. He sees the forest as having two main areas. One towards the north, in the “back”, which is essentially cassia regrowth and one in the south, or in the “front”, that is a more developed, planted and self-seeded indigenous forest. In some cases, the planted trees are over 40 years old. Options for the northern half include under-planting with indigenous trees, including a number of the rarer creepers, and options for the south include controlling ziziphus and opening up the canopy to allow a more developed understorey. More time needs to be spent on site to consider the ways to connect the forest up to a green corridor in the canyon to the north.

In the next months, Dave hopes to be able to raise enough money to start building a caretaker’s house on an existing building site.

Siddhartha forest- within the forest is an enclosed piece of private land. The owner has been very collaborative and would like to exchange or sell it to AV. Boobalan would like FG to recommend this exchange to Land Board (LB). LB says piece is not up for exchange as the owner does not have the right papers. Cristo will follow up with LB.

Worktree -Luc is buying worktree for his unit ‘Worktree’. Those who have worktree for sale, please connect with him.

Homesteads 25% tax - Nathalie shares about the recent 25% tax (on turnover) on homestays is affecting Revelation and other forest homesteads strongly: with it there is no money left for homesteads’ maintenance. For forest related costs, Nathalie and Agnes will draft an alternative proposal for Forest Homesteads with a tax that would go into a special forest fund, like is done with wood sales.

Thanks - Many thanks to Bindu’s mother who has sent beautiful, handwoven lungis from Orissa and to Dhanya for great tea and cookies!

Next meeting: 15:00 pm, Friday 2 March 2018, Bliss forest, Youth Centre.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From The Entry Service - N&N # 738
Dated: 24-02-2018
Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville, joining Auroville. Prior to Newcomer and Aurovillian status confirmation, for Newcomers two weeks and for Aurovillians one-month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to entrieservice@auroville.org.in

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
Meera ELUMALAI (Indian) Staying in Shanti and Working at Town Hall.
Mojib MIRZAEI (Indian) Staying in Youth Centre and Working at Tree House Community.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Agila DESING (Indian)
Angurajan PALANI (Indian)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
Anand RAJAN (Indian) Staying in Pitchandikulam and Working at Pitchandikulam.
Denis CAPDEVILLE (French) Staying in Arati and Working at Santé and International Zone.
Emmanuel SCHMITT (French) Staying in Fertile and Working at Pitanaga.
Jacques ROSIER (French) Staying in Sunship and Working at Road Service.

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
Gerard (Jerry) BELUSEN (Dutch)
Jayamothy JAYAKANAN (Indian)
Lakshay DHARAN (Indian)
Manisha MUNJAL (Indian)
Maryapppan GOVINDASAMY (Indian)
Muralidharan KRISHNARAJU (Indian)
Nithiya VELMURUGAN (Indian)
Priya ADHMOLAM (Indian)
Subbulakshmi MOHAN (Indian)

AUROVILLE YOUTH TRAINED 18:
Anand Iyanar (Indian) Staying in Birhaspathi Farm and Studying at Sri Manakula Vinayagar Engineering College Puducherry.
Ayesha Jacqueline CUINAT GUERRAZ (French) Staying in Sh And Working at Delicious Bites.

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:
Catherine EKKA (Indian)
Harald GRUNDLER (German)

NOTE: Individuals are entered into the Register of Residents (maintained by the Auroville Foundation) shortly after filling the B-FORA 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

Housing and holiday season
Dear Community, Holiday Season is approaching and like every year, Aurovilians are going out for their summer-break. Housing Service would like to encourage you to give your homes for house sitting, as still a lot of Aurovilians and Newcomers are looking for accommodation (even temporary) and they will be very happy to take care of your place and your beloved pets, for the time of your holidays.
You can either choose your house sitter yourself, preferably Aurovilians and Newcomers, or contact us to help you with some recommendations of people in urgent housing needs.
An agreement is then signed at Housing Service, looking after yours and the house sitter’s interests.
There should be a monthly contribution paid towards the “wear and tear” maintenance of your home into a Housing Service account (set aside for your house only), as well as a contribution payable to you, covering your monthly fixed expenses, such as community contribution, water, telephone/internet usage and amma/gardener etc.
Please be aware that Housing Service can only help with your repairs if a proper house sitting agreement is in place and the house sitter has made the contribution to the House Sitting Account.
For more information please contact Svenja at housing@auroville.org.in or 262 26 58
Thank you for your kind collaboration :-)
The Auroville Housing Service (Alexey, Karen, Ole, Savithri, Sonja, Sundar, Svenja, Venkatesh)
Public Hours - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 9:30 to 12:30 - Monday and Friday 14:30 to 16:30 - Wednesday-Closed to Public (Housing Board in session)
Houses available for transfer

1. **Adventure Forest**: Plinth area 161 Sq.m. approximately. Newly constructed, single storeyed structure with 3 Bedroom, kitchen, hall and Balcony. Separate Toilet & Bathroom. Store room without roof.

2. **Apartment in Citadines**: 1st floor 100 M2 + terraces /2/3 BDK, 2 bathrooms, completely furnished along with individual fridge, gas, UPS, and common facilities such as: cafeteria, laundry, workshop for maintenance of the flats, garage, generator. Citadines is a collective housing experience, managed by a group who helps maintain its quality, atmosphere and assure a harmonious mix of people. (Contact louis@auroville.org.in for visit and more information)

Re announced:

3. **Apartment in Arati**: 3B 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 Bed room & Toilet with common stair.

4. **Creativity Apartment**: Hemant House - First floor E: Block - Area: 78.36sq.m carpet 3BHK for family+ 32.84sq.m Balcony passage. Available in June 2018 only.


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

Opening of Certitude-Solar Kitchen road

Dear community members, we are happy to announce the opening of the newly stabilized Certitude-Solar Kitchen road on the 21st of February, 2018. Precious thanks to Zsolti (Ground coordinator, L’avenir d’Auroville, Satprem (engineer and designer of technology), Road Service (executor of works), Selvam (for timely help). We do hope you enjoy the results!
Best regards, L’avenir d’Auroville team (Anita, Anu, Aurovici, Divya, Inge, Pino, Sindhuja, Tejaswini)

New Site and Building Applications - 24/02/2018

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 10th March 2018.

BUILDING APPLICATIONS

- Residential Zone:
  1. **Anitya**: Phase 1 (formerly Joy of Impermanence) at Center Field - Built-up area of total project: 925 sq.m.
  2. **Project Holders**: Michael Marco Manger, Andres Acosta, Eugenie Dumont, Ion Condei, Mathilde Truchot, Mira Tonioni, Serena Aurora, YouthLink (Kavitha Urvase)
  3. **Architect**: AV Earth Institute (Satprem & Lara)
  4. **Project Brief**: Anitya is part of a bigger project in YouthLink which aims to meet several challenges that Auroville is facing today such as the shortage of housing, the use of unoccupied Auroville’s Land, the cost of construction, to name a few. Anitya will have to respect a set of principles and missions which have been designed by YouthLink to be in tune with Auroville’s ideals and spirit. Anitya is now a bare land with few trees in the middle. This project will be developed through several phases.
  5. **Phase 1**: - Bringing a dismountable wooden house on site - Earthbag superadobe construction for dome 4.5 m in diameter - Bringing a Yurt on site as a resting place for volunteers.

Special permission from L’avenir d’Auroville with this announcement:

1. To start fencing and bring infrastructure to site.
2. For workshop in first and second week of March, to build dome using earthbag superadobe construction, it has been agreed with the Project Holders that L’avenir d’Auroville reserves the right to ask them to remove/ move the unfinished dome after the feedback period, depending on feedback.

- Outside Master Plan:
  2. **Kitchen for Nature Camp at Kodaikanal Nature Camp site**: Built-up area: 88 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 avenvr@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L’avenir d’Auroville office in the Town Hall. The maps and details relevant to these announcements can be found on the Auronet page of L’a venir d’Auroville.

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

**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](http://funding.auroville.org) developed in collaboration with AVI USA and a friend of Auroville, Ken Vansky, 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 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 network is welcome, please mail to sigrid@funding.auroville.org.

The current land fundraising website aimed at the global Auroville family [www.colaap.org](http://www.colaap.org), now renamed [http://land.auroville.org](http://land.auroville.org) continues its dynamic outreach with both campaigns Aces for Auroville (AAA) and Green Acres (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, [0413 2622657 - LFAU Team, Townhall, Auroville]

**Postings**

**Call for Hibiscus Art Festival: (Sye Dame, Well Cafe)**

10.03.18. This is a call for artists, painters, sculptors, artisans, performers, musicians and helpers to join us for festival Meeting at Well cafe 1 March at 5 pm. If you would like to exhibit your paintings or sculptures from 1 march to 10 march in Well cafe, please contact Louis +91 80985 65426 / Elena hibiscusVA@gmail.com

AV group photo: My dear friends, is it possible to have a group photo of all the Aurovilians to be taken at Matrimandir nearby on 28/02/2018? Just an idea. We missed that on 25th anniversary. If this is not possible then community wise group photos. Again just an idea. My best wishes to all of you. Ardhendu, Aspiration

**Creative Writing Class ON PAUSE**: for two weeks. No Monday playground on 26/02 and on the 5/03. Restart on Monday 12/03. See you in two weeks then! My Creative Writing player, Francesca.
Auroville 50 Years – A Next Step
The Line of Goodwill – An Urban Hillscape for Coexistence
A New Way of Collective Living

The Line of Goodwill Project is committed to develop in alignment with the ideals of Auroville and the vision of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Based on all that Auroville has learnt over the last 50 years, the Line of Goodwill Project is committed to embody best practices in all fields.

The Project
The Line of Goodwill Project has brought together three broad strands of collaboration based on three broad requirements that need to be addressed in the near future, while making a planned next step for Auroville’s future urban growth as it reaches its 50th year: Habitat, Gateway, Matrimandir Visitor Reception and Access.

The Line of Goodwill is a project to build Line of Force 1
According to the Master Plan, Line of Force 1 extends from the outer ring road near to the Visitor Center main parking and arrives at the border of the Matrimandir Lake facing the West Gate of the Matrimandir. This is the only Line of Force which marks Auroville’s full radius from the outer ring to the Soul of the City. It marks the boundary of the Residential Zone and the International Zone.
The profile of the Line of Goodwill can be envisaged as a rising urban hillscape, where one can walk through rooftop gardens from the lowest level, G+1, by the Lake to the highest level, G+17, at the Gateway.

The Line of Goodwill, including the Gateway, will be light and airy and full of open spaces. The Line of Goodwill project aspires to apply cutting edge alternative energy technologies, minimizing the carbon and social footprint from the very beginning including the construction phase. It aspires to be a green building in every sense, including the integration of nature (winds, water, plants) into the design and fabric and to be fully integrated into the surrounding nature.
Matrimandir Reception and Access

“There will be a time of the week or the day … when visitors will be allowed to come…” The Mother

The aspiration is to create different levels of access for all the visitors to the Matrimandir in such a way as to give all of them the opportunity to experience the deeper meaning and inner significance of Matrimandir while minimizing the impact of their presence on the daily life of Auroville.

It will include:
- **Viewing Points** for the Matrimandir on different levels of the Line of Goodwill. Access to the Viewing Points will be designed in such a way as to create a quiet atmosphere conducive to a meaningful experience for each visitor.
- **Access to the Viewing Points** will be from the Gateway and will be separated from the habitat area in such a way that the visitors’ presence does not intrude on the lives of the people living there.
- **A Visitor Reception Center** in the vicinity of the Gateway specially designed to meet the complex needs for Matrimandir Booking and Reception.
- **A silent, non-polluting transport link** from the Visitor Reception Center to the planned Reception Pavilion, near the Lake at the West Gate, to convey visitors for the Inner Chamber.
- **A Reception Pavilion** at the West Gate of Matrimandir as specified in the Master Plan.

According to the Master Plan, there is a radial that runs the whole of the length of the Line of Force 1, from the outer Ring Road across the Crown and to the West Gate of Matrimandir. This will form the Ground + 1 levels of the Line of Goodwill.

This area is envisaged to be a beautiful, green and quiet space creating an atmosphere which will prepare the visitors for their time in the Inner Chamber.

As well as walkways there will be a noise and pollution free vehicle system, for about 100 people, transporting visitors from the Matrimandir Visitor Reception Centre to the Reception Pavilion at the West Gate.

The aspiration is that this system will become a model for an all Auroville mobility system which is noise and pollution free, including collective and individual transport and, as a first step, that the Crown between Cirhu and Solar Kitchen would be free of all polluting traffic.
Habitat
“A simple, rich and beautiful life for all.” Sri Aurobindo

The Residential area within the Line of Goodwill aspires be a prototype for the City and will be a living research laboratory for a new way of collective living in accordance with the ideals of Auroville.

According to the Master Plan, the Lines of Force in the Residential Zone are intended to manage the city’s growing density in balance with the environment. Development of Line of Force 1 would bring a phased growth of 2000 to 8000 people, bringing Auroville to a first critical mass.

The current intention would be to develop accommodation for 2500 people in 5 phases of 500 people each between the Lake and the Crown.

Housing will be provided pro bono for people living and working in Auroville to help remove the sense of ownership and reinforce the sense of responsibility of stewardship. The project will cater for different ages, lifestyles and family constellations and seek to integrate their various choices and needs.

The ratio of open spaces to built-up area will be 45%, incorporating both social spaces and more private and quiet spaces.

Within the built up area 40% will be allocated to common faculties such as:
- Community eating spaces
- Laundries
- Food and Sundries outlets
- Playgrounds, crèches, kindergartens and other educational facilities
- Recreation and sports facilities
- Health and Healing facilities

Unlike current housing developments and particularly high-density ones that are often mere ‘dormitory’ spaces where inhabitants return at the end of the day to retire, this development deliberately includes a range of collective facilities and public spaces to create alive neighborhoods that are not deserted during the day. These areas contain activities for the residents while allowing an easy ‘coming together’; just as streets and plazas in the past were convenient meeting places of active contact and dialogue. Though the built forms are contemporary, the spaces and enclosures will retain the spatial intimacy and hierarchy of small to large spaces as found in old traditional cities. The project aspires to demonstrate that high-density living need not compromise on human scale and intimate human interaction.
The Gateway
“New Forms are needed for the manifestation of a new Force” The Mother

The Gateway aspires to receive and interact with the ever increasing numbers of visitors to Auroville from India and all over the world in a holistic way and to share Auroville’s spiritual and material adventure in human unity and unity in diversity.

The Gateway aspires to create space for Auroville to energize and transform its economic activities in accordance with the vision given by the Mother.

The Gateway will be located at the highest and most westerly end of the Line of Goodwill near the existing Visitors Centre main car park.

According to the Master Plan it is G+17 high.

Here visitors to Auroville, whether daily visitors, already approaching 1 million a year, or longer term guests, will find a richly interactive learning space where Auroville will share knowledge and participation in its creativity, research and application in all the various fields combined with a showcase for Auroville’s products, design and innovations of all kinds.

There will be information on Auroville, its history and purpose.

There will be exhibitions spaces to be used to convey the wide approach of Integral Yoga in all its aspects from the spiritual to the most material.

There will also be a wide variety of collective facilities for all Auroville’s units and activities to build contacts for Auroville through multi-media interactive exhibitions, conferences and workshops.

There will be collective facilities dedicated to conscious retailing in alignment with Auroville’s ideals.

There will be varied hospitality facilities including various kinds of guest accommodation, catering to different needs and representing the diversity of Auroville and its visitors.
THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU from the Art for Land team
For the Fundraising Dinner on the 15th February.

The Art for Land team would like to express our gratitude towards all the Auroville eateries who contributed generously for the fundraising dinner for Auroville Land: Annam Kitchen, Aurelec Cafeteria, Auroville Bakery, Coffee Ideas, Naturelement, Neem Tree, Roma's Kitchen, Sustenance farm, Tanto (New Creation), Visitors Centre Cafeteria and Well Cafe.
You all contributed towards an amazing dinner and a very beautiful evening of Generosity marking the culmination of 45 days of the Art for Land Exhibition.
We wish to thank also all the volunteers who helped us on the day of the event. And THANK YOU all the participants for your generous contribution which will go for the purchase of the missing land in the Master plan of Auroville.

Savitri around the World

I want to wholeheartedly express my gratitude to all who were involved in the seamless journey through cyberspace of Sri Aurobindo's 'Savitri' during the 35 hours leading up to Mother's birthday. They are Evelyne Guinouard of AVI France who originally conceived of the idea, Jettie Zwaans of AVI Netherlands who took it up and brought it to fruition along with an extended Savitri Bhavan team that has been working hard on it. And then, of course, all 471 readers from 99 locations who took up the joy to read a section of the poem. Along with other programmes these weeks, I found it a meaningful and truly befitting gift and tribute to our founders for our 50th.

Matrimandir needs volunteers for 28th Dawnfire

We need lots of help with simple but very important duties at the Amphitheatre.
For Auroville 50th Birthday Dawn Fire & Water Ceremony.
The biggest duty would be to manage and direct 4000+ audience with grace.
Volunteer timings on 28th would start at 4 am and end at 7 am.

Just come directly to the Amphitheatre for the orientation to register.
Any other questions can be directed to below emails (subject: volunteer or phones (afternoons only):
megha.r.mehta@gmail.com 9008141605 (Auroville & AVI)
heemantshetkar@auroville.org.in (Auroville & AVI)
dev@auroville.org.in / 7538877766 (Ashram & Golden Chain)

Health

Submitting bills for AVHF before end of March 2018

To all members of the AV Health Fund, if you still have any medical bills from the past months at home please drop them, together with your doctor prescription and your PT account number, in the Health Fund box at Aspiration Health Centre. As the financial year is going to end, all the pending bills from April 2017 till February 2018 have to be processed before the end of March 2018. Only the medical bills from March 2018 can be paid till end of April 2018. The audit service has told not to process any bills from last financial year after March 2018.
Please check your cupboards while there is still time!
From AV Health Fund

Eating Out

Well Cafe will be closed on 01.03.18 (Thursday) for Matsimagam: On our opening days, please join us for breakfast and lunch at our beautiful garden café. We serve healthy and tasty Mediterranean, vegetarian and vegan food. Opening: Monday to Saturday - 8.30 till 16.30.
Have a nice day, Well cafe Team Sve Dame: 0413-262219

Youth Center PIZZA NIGHT is CANCELLED on Saturday February 24th, due to the visiting of the Honorable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi. We are sorry for the inconvenience. The Farmers Market will continue as usual on Saturday February 24th. See you, Youth Center team.

LUNCH CANCELLED on 25/02 at Atithi Griha Guest House: Please email to: atithigriha@aurowville.org.in or phone 0413.2622445 to reserve for the following Sunday 4th of March. (for Aurovilians and Newcomers only)

Divya Karun for The Atithi Griha Management Team

8th Birthday of Satchitananda Raw vegan Restaurant!

Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, and all others welcome, this is to invite you to join us in celebrating our:
8th Birthday of SATCHITANANDA RAW VEGAN RESTAURANT
On February 28 (12pm to 2pm)
(situated in Kottakkaral Plaza)
We are very happy of our existence and completion of 7 years of making raw vegan foods and that we feel grateful to the support of the Divine in many forms and formless.
We had been keeping making many new raw vegan dishes, delighting in distributing health to all.
Satchitananda raw vegan restaurant’s birthday is the same day as Auroville. We invite all of you to pass by for lunch and accept our free ice cream. (12pm to 2pm)
With Love and rawsome smiles,
Anandai and team.

AUROVILLE RADIO / TV

Dear listeners/viewers!
Greetings Auroville...,
Frist, we all wish you happy Mother's Week, and Happy Birthday Auroville.
We are glad to announce that Auroville Radio is now “Auroville Radio and TV”.
Please do collaborate with us in sharing event details and video clips of events happening in the community of Auroville.
We would be happy to hear from you, and also do make use of our services.
Please do follow our updated website which offers a wide range of information with written, audio and video content and stay connected with us for more event updates on our social media sites, Facebook and Twitter.
Website: https://www.aurovilleradio.org
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/auroville.radio
Twitter: AurovilleRadioTV (@AurovilleRadioTV) | Twitter
From our volunteers we have:
Rup made closing performance of Remembering Veenapani at Adishakti - Agent Provocateur, Gangalaksimi has her Selections of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother texts in French - uncut version on the request of listeners! Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo.
Out of regular programs are here news of Thursday, Friday, and Monday. Musical podcast features Jazzy African Market, and Veil of Illusion.
Your AV Radio TV Team


Auroville is a Heritage of the World

Auroville from its foundation to its fiftieth year has continually received the endorsement of resolutions from UNESCO. These resolutions urge the nations of the world to support Auroville. India has put Auroville into its Constitution by an act of Parliament that makes it belong legally to Humanity. Auroville has an International Zone that needs the support of governments to accomplish its purpose. The research already done on Auroville as a UNESCO World Heritage indicates it is a positive step for Auroville’s aim of human unity.

The history of Auroville shows concretely that our collectivity has tasmamic energies that resist moving beyond the status quo. The battle to divest ourselves of the SAS after Mother’s passing could have killed Auroville. Then, with the Auroville Foundation as a solution, that was also dramatically opposed by some. Even when Sanjeev and I came back from Delhi with two legal structures that could receive grants and carry on the work, we were both denounced for “betraying the ideals of Auroville” at a community meeting. He had registered SAILER and I had done CSR. When I first suggested that Auroville needed a website and the Internet, several people stood up to aggressively oppose it and elaborated how this would ruin Auroville. Now I hear there are people who fear for the fate of Auroville if it becomes a world heritage site.

Having looked at the data, and been fortunate enough to visit various types of heritage sites around the world, I would suggest that Auroville “boldly spring toward future realizations.”

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A Prayer

I pray to all the Gods, I pray to the Almighty, I pray to Amma, I pray to Auroville To allow me to reveal All buried in my Heart, All buried in my Bosom, All buried in my every cell, Which happened in my past, Which happened physically, Which happened being conscious, Not possible to forget, All to be taken out of me, To let it flow out of me To let it be released from me, From my Heart, From my Bosom, From my every cell From my Being, From me, Celestine, All that happened in at least the last 21 years Between myself and the Great Amma, Amma the Great Mystery, Of All Mysteries.

Celestine 16/2/18

Two ways to look at the same thing

The passive and the active. The passive: all is alright full of challenges, under control, nothing more. The active, nothing can satisfy us, unless to be under the influence of the True Consciousness. Furthermore, Auroville has only its raison d’etre, its presence Worldwide, more and more under the influence of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, and this should be our main aspiration.

This connection, unless it is active, otherwise simply to talk, to write, etc., stay null. There is nothing else which is demanded to us but to unify oneself to this new Consciousness, manifested on earth for change. If this could have been more or less collective, active, all Auroville, a Heaven on earth. All we do, write, paint, without having the feeling to be only under this influence, is only a game of the ego and a straw fire for our own satisfaction.

Happy 50 years as a birthday full of stamping, but nevertheless we have the Eternity. Just to say, to think with concern on what we are leaving for the future continuity, in terms of ideal, actually our children?

With love
André T.

Here is how I happen to read the very first News and Notes in 1968....

I was in South Africa to work for a year there.... Few years before I had lived in Paris, in a student guest house for Africans....they all were my friends... later I was in Germany and England....it was the time when they started to secretly work for the independence of their countries.... I was 100% on their side and they trusted me. When I said I wanted to work one year in South Africa they said it was good because I would have experienced the truth.... And the truth was much worse I could have possibly imagined....I lived in a guest house for students.... I had to be extremely careful, like everyone else, not to let anyone understand my thinking on racism.... many people were arrested and tortured to have them speak, often they had nothing to confess and died of torture.... Only one woman imagined my way of thinking, it was the cousin of my brother in law but we never dared to express ourselves - too many microphones, too many people wanting to unveil the enemy....We only used to call the newspaper “The brainwash” One day she came to me with one newspaper well folded, too well folded. and told me: “Very interesting news inside, you will like it” - I immediately imagined what it was, put the newspaper in my bag, closed it well and waited the night in my room when I could close the curtains on the window and lock the door without anyone finding it unusual.... And inside... there was the first News and Notes....I remember the front page with the drawing of the urn and The Mother and the words of The Mother with the Charter of Auroville At the end I was moved and remember saying aloud: “One day I’ll go there and I’ll meet ‘That Woman’” Back to my country I put my attention on work, career and family....I forgot about it all.

I happened to come to Auroville in the year 2000, only to buy dresses for my shop from Upasana; I did not know that was the Auroville of the News and Notes and that ‘That Woman’ was The Mother, but this is another incredible story:

Irene Mola

Susmit Sen & Band

- truly handmade music from ‘Alpen-Pop’ (the Alps - or Austro-Pop) to ‘Bollywood’ to ‘Rock Opera’ (in the style of the 70th) to ‘Instrumental Ballads’ to almost ‘Indian Classical’ - Susmit Sen does it all. Solid handmade music that doesn’t need a lightshow nor special effects. Skillful music that ‘racks’, that carries the audience away. Refreshing, catchy, moving. Susmit on the guitar, humbly seated through the concert without putting on airs, knowing his strings and cords masterfully. Melanie Hardage on keyboards (normally Grand Piano), with her usual aplomb, in a virtuoso manner, here and there lending her voice to supplement Sudheer Rikhari, the dynamic singer (and accompanying gestures and movements borrow mostly from the indian tradition but one could picture him easily as longhaired ‘headbanger’ in a rock band. He is the front man. He catches your eye, as well as drummer Nandit Desai who on occasions plays standing up. From ‘piano’ to ‘allegro’ to ‘fortissimo’ he always finds the right mood to whisper or to hammer the sound of their multi-faceted music into the ears of the mesmerized audience.

Although there was a lot of coming and going (mostly the elder left early and the younger came later) many stayed through the +2 hours of delightful surprise. Certainly nobody had the impression of wasted time.

Thank you very much SUSMIT SEN & Band, and hopefully see you again!

Raphael
Sunday 25th of February Fertile Field with Jan & Jana at 10 am for assistance (tel 934 571 8694)

Please note that getting to Fertile Field may be affected by the tight security measures surrounding the planned visit to Auroville by the honourable PM. Extra time may be required to get through security checks, and/or some routes may be temporarily closed.

The forest of Fertile Field is, young compared to some other forests in Auroville. Started over 2 decades ago, it began as 20 acres of open land with no tree in sight and has now grown into a beautiful thick forest. Jana who studied insects, planted the front part of the forest with trees that support butterfly life as a special project. More areas have been purchased in recent times by Auroville in what is mostly cashew lands; these are being gradually rehabilitated, reforested and integrated into the existing forest by Jan and Jana.

How to get there:
From Solar Kitchen go straight past the Library, Sante and Arka on your left and onwards towards Transition School. Past the upturned car turn right onto the Greenbelt Road, pass the gates of Dana on your right and Baraka on your left.

Next you see a watchman’s hut on your left, here turn left and follow the road for about 300-400 meters till you come to a right turn from where the road runs under a power line. After a 300-400 m, you reach a left turn off, marked with a flag. Go down this 500-meter-long winding forest road, past a small house on your right continuing this road (slightly left) till you come to a silver gate. Welcome to Fertile Field at last!

Sunday 4th of March, 8 to 10 am: Auroorchard with Christian details in next week’s News and Notes on Auronet - Look out for the new Posters on Auroville’s Notice boards showing the next 4 walks.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Available 1: My house in Quiet is available for house sitting from 3rd March to 16th March. It’s good for a single person or maximum a couple who loves animals. I have a cat and dog. Please keep in mind that Quiet is on the beach, so you will need a vehicle. If this is of interest - please email: nandita@sharan-india.org or SMS 9488483286.

Needed 1: Dear Community, I am looking for a long-term house sitting, starting any time this year, where there is a ground floor sitting, starting any time this year, where there is a ground floor. Thank you :) - Stephanie@Auroville.org.in

Needed 2: Urgently looking for a place to stay until end of March. If you have a room from latest March 1st for one month please contact goingpostal@posteo.net - Love animals and I am a registered Volunteer. Myriam

Kittens: seeking forever home - Three little precious beings, unceremoniously dropped in my garden Sunday 19th, need surrogate family immediately. I cannot keep any as I have 2 dogs & 2 cats already. They are about 4 weeks young and eat mushy food mixed with warm milk. Call 8098841041 or write amy@auroville.org.in. Thx & meow. Amy

Buddha Garden Microgreens: Dear community, Buddha garden is still producing the organic microgreens, they are available at FoodLink. Our aim is to have nutritive microgreens throughout the year. If you want to grow the organic microgreens at your apartment or house please contact us (buddhagardenav@gmail.com) we will give to the grow trays, soil mix and organic seeds of different crops. If you like the bulk quantity (more than 500gms) for special occasions please let us know at least a week in advance, we can make it ready for you. Enjoy the taste of microgreens. Buddha garden team

LOOKING FOR...
Some office work: Dear all, Subashinkey, from Kuilappalamay, whom I know very well and I would like to recommend her for any office related work. She had been working in Auroville for more than 20 years, as a secretary and receptionist in various Auroville companies. She has a very good English, French & Tamil (all languages fluently spoken and written). She can do any computer related work or any other office related administrative work and she has a lot of experiences in Tally. Thanks a lot for your kind response in advance. Here is her contact information...Phone: 9715130079 (or) 9943810956 / Mail Id: auroselva@auroville.org.in - Submitted by Selvaraj Arumugam

Nature loving individual: We would be happy to welcome a practical nature loving individual to work a few hours per week in our quiet Auroville forest retreat. There is now a possibility for house sitting during the summer months, and taking care of a dog. This may suit a male Newcomer or a new Aurovilian who is committed, responsible and can support himself. Contact fionafraserjehu@hotmail.com

Construction waste material: Dear Aurovilians, we are looking for construction waste material (broken concrete) that you would like to get rid of, we will be happy to come and pick it up. Thank you in advance. Siddhartha Farm siddha@auroville.org.in

LOST & FOUND
Important documents (Lost): in a transparent plastic file folder, containing my passport photocopies, my original flight ticket. Maybe at town hall. Please contact me 7397604867 Michael

Samsung Phone (Lost): on Thursday 22/02 at Cinema Paradiso. Please call my friend Edo +91 9843893652. Thank you! Bertrand

Single Key (Found) at Town Hall Cafeteria. Waiting for you at Town Hall Reception

Single earring (Found): please contact manu@auroville.org.in to retrieve it. Manu

One TVS key (Found): near the Matrimandir - pass by the News office.

Wallet (Lost): Hello, I have lost my wallet. Somehow around Kuilapalamay road. It’s a black color wallet with off-white color thread in front. It has about 2500 rupees and my original driving license from New Delhi and 2 SBI atm cards - one is blue another one is yellow colour. It also has my nift college id card and pan card. My name is Vikas Chauhan and my contact number is 9654725125. Please call me if you get any information. I’m working at Rangoli by Prema Florence Isaac in AuroSarjan near Matrimandir.

Samsung J1 mini (Lost): in a yellowish case. Dropped on the road between Purity GH and New Creation. If anyone has found it, please contact me via email: gunnrunon@gmail.com or mobile: 83009 20754 Thanks, Ada

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**TRAVEL**

**Latest News from the Travel Shop - Inside India located in Auromipam:** We are open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00. **Latest offers from International Airlines** change at the moment frequently. Some offers are only available for a week or two: Jet Airways has promotional fares together with Air France & KLM to many European destinations / Air India has promotional offers to destinations in Europe / Oman Airways has special offers to Europe travel validity 1 month only / Etihad Airways has offers to Europe & USA / Malaysian Airlines has special offers to East Asian countries.

**Domestic Travel:** Spice Jet has started their daily operations from Pondicherry to Bangalore. This flights connects well to other domestic and some international destinations.

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

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

**International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking** - 0413 - 2622078, travelshop@aurowire.org.in
**Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance** - 0413 - 2623030, domestic@inside-india.com
**Tours and Domestic Hotel booking** - 0413 - 2622047, insideindia@aurowire.org.in

**Books and CDs**

**New releases:**
- *The Line of Goodwill Walk*
  - **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!

**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 Jurgelevičiūtė (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”

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**Line of Goodwill Walk**

On 28th of February, after the Bonfire and Water Ceremony, at 7 am at the Matrimandir West Gate. We will follow the outline of Line of Force by walking and marking the path with flowers.

**Organized by The Line of Goodwill Team**

**Book launch**

At Aurovics we have compiled a book of knitting patterns with full instructions on how to knit 10 pullovers.

We will launch the book on 28th February at the Visitors center between 11 am and 5 pm.

On this day, Auroville’s birthday, we will offer a free bag of yarn to knit a sweater with each book. We can also teach you how to knit. We will have needles and thread available.

All are welcome.

**Unity Pavilion**

Hall of Peace 11 am, 28th February, 2018

**Installation of 7 Nakashima Chairs around the Peace Table**

Dear Friends,

It is with joy that we invite you to participate in the installation of the 7 Nakashima Conoid Lounge Chairs that has been donated to be placed around the Peace Table for Asia in Auroville’s Hall of peace.

This has been made possible through generous giving in celebration of Auroville’s 50th Anniversary.

Mira, Kevin and John from the Nakashima Family will be present at this event. **All are Welcome!**
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

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

The luminous birds with wings of beauty have clothed themselves with waters adn 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
THE SEA SPEAKS

RAVI AGARWAL
in collaboration with N. MURTHY

Installation using text, wooden kattumaran, stone carvings, paint, wood and rope

18 FEB - 4 MARCH 2018
TOWN HALL

This work is an evocation of over 2000-year-old Neyyil Sangam Akham poetry using the ancient fishing craft, the “kattumaran,” which dates back from the same period, but is still used today by fishermen on the coasts of Tamil Nadu. It is proposed as a listening post to hear once again, the voices of ‘nature’ to suggest to us alternate and sustainable futures.
1st March, Thursday, 5.00 to 5.45 pm  

at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

Peace Bell ringing for the AV-50  

Join us to ring and meditate together with the deep embracing sound of the Peace Bell, in the celebration of Auroville’s 50th birthday. All are welcome!  

Vera and Kalsang

First Full Moon Festival 2018 "Unity"  

Friday 2nd March

Part 1 (Activities & Games) 4:30pm– at Inuksuk (next to European House).

Part 2 (Dinner & performances) 6:20pm– at Tibetan Pavilion.

Part 3 (Collective dance around Bonfire & Sky lantern) 8:15pm at Inuksuk.

The North-East Asian Pavilion is delighted to present the community an evening of celebration to mark the first full moon of the lunar calendar 2018. Cultural activities, games, live music from east & west, authentic Asian food & drinks, and finally a collective circle dance around bonfire on this event theme ‘Unity’. Women from our neighboring villages are invited and they will introduce their game and food also. All are welcome to participate. Details of fund raising dinner will be announced shortly.

Sincerely,  

Tomoko

Ilaignarkal Education Centre.

Every Wednesday from 5 pm to 6 pm and Friday 10 am to 11 am

Learn Tamil Songs!

Incredible opportunity to learn different types of Tamil songs - spiritual, cultural, social, folk, environmental, general awareness and many more. From none other than senior Aurovillian and acclaimed Tamil poetess R.Meenakshi at Ilaignarkal Education Centre. Open to Children, school teachers, young parents and Women of all ages. For more information, please contact: (0413) 26223773 or by e-mail: insight@auroville.org.in

EXHIBITIONS

Early days
1970-1985
A photo exhibition by Lisbeth

Saturday 3rd until 17th march 2018  

opening 4.30 pm march 3rd

open daily 8am – 12pm and 2pm – 6pm, closed on sunday  

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India.  

(0413) 2622403/2622994 Pitanga@auroville.org.in

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies  

India and the World - Bharat Nivas

EXHIBITION

Auroville, India, The Earth

This exhibition, curated by Olivier Barot  

Will be opened on Friday, February 23, 2018

In the Sri Aurobindo Centre at 4.30 pm.  

Welcoming everyone

Exhibition Reminders:

- “Line of Goodwill” at Unity Pavilion to March 31 2018
- “Beginning to build the Matrimandir” at Unity Pavilion-Hall of piece - to March 31 2018
- “Divine Flowers”: A Flower Exhibition at Savitri Bhavan (Square Hall) 21st to 28th February
- “History of Blessing Packets” at BRAHMANASPATI KSHTETRAM  

The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre Edayanchavadi 22 February 2018 - 29 March 2018 - Closed on 28th of February
- “On the Way to Supermanhood” at Centre D’Art Citadines  

February 22nd to march 10th 2018
- “ORCHID SHOW” at Botanical Gardens 22nd of February at 4 pm until 25th of February 2018

TALKS

Inside India presents a one-day introduction to ‘INTEGRAL YOGA and AUROVILLE’

An insight into the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and its significance for Auroville. It’s a structured overview that can serve as a basis for further personal studies and explorations.

The highlights are:

Vision and Aims of Auroville
Evolution of Consciousness
Yoga of Matter
Auroville’s role in the evolutionary process
Aspects of individual and collective practice

1st March 2018, Thursday

Time: 08:45 to 12:00 - Lunch break - 14:00 to 17:00  

Presented by: Ela Thole  

Venue: Inside India building, Ground Floor, Auroshilpam (behind Auromode Guest-house)  

Register in advance for all at 2622047 between 9:00 & 12:00 or 14:00 & 16:15

Or by e-mail: insight@auroville.org.in

Aurovilians and Newcomers are welcome; contribution is required from guests.

7 years in the woods of Sanskrit (संस्कृतवनेषु वर्षस्त्तकम्)  

- a talk at Savitri Bhavan by the Sanskrit Research Institute

A brief presentation of our works with Sanskrit 2011-2018

Over the past seven years we have journeyed deep into the woods of Sanskrit along the way producing tools for learning and appreciating the language. We will be presenting our works past, present and future. All are welcome. Kindly RSVP via e-mail.

Date: 28th February 2018 - 5pm
Location: Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan

For further information/contact: sri@auroville.org
Mapin Publishing cordially invites you to the book launch of

Auroville Architects Monograph Series

Piero and Gloria Ciconesi

by Mona Doctor-Pingel

Programme

◆ Welcome by Bipin Shah
Publisher and MD, Mapin Publishing

◆ Talk by Mona Doctor-Pingel
Author, Piero and Gloria Ciconesi

◆ Address by Sauro Mezzetti
With a message from
Italian General Consul, Mumbai

In conversation
Dr. Chamanlal Gupta
Frederick Schulze Buxloh
Pippo Pingel
Piero Ciconesi
Gloria Ciconesi

moderated by
Alan Herbert

◆ Book Launch
◆ Refreshments

Date
Wednesday, 28th February 2018

Time
10 AM to 11.15 AM

Venue
Unity Pavilion, Auroville

The second volume in the Auroville Architects Monograph Series by Mona Doctor-Pingel explores the legacy of Piero and Gloria Ciconesi, whose fifty years of dedicated work in Auroville speaks of an elegance and simplicity that reflects their personalities.

The author gratefully acknowledges research grants from Stichting de Zaaier (The Netherlands) and Council of Architecture (CoA), India.
CULTURAL EVENTS

On Friday 23rd February 2018 from 4 pm to 5 pm in celebration of Auroville’s 50th Birthday at African Pavilion there will be a collective offering of a few "AURO-SPIRITUALS" dedicated especially to AFRICA as the Culture that gave birth to that delightful, unique spiritual expression of both Soul and Body together, singing and dancing for the Divine!

My Burning Heart
The story of Satprem
Performed by Norman
At Citadines Centre d’art at 4.30 pm on February 24th and 27th on March 1st, 3rd, 5th.
All are welcome

One Idea... One Direction... One Goal
Growth of Consciousness
Offering by a group of youth from rural North India on behalf of Sri Aurobindo Society

On 26th February 2018 at 7.00 pm At Unity Pavilion
This is a multi-cultural programme to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Auroville. The performance combines rhythmic movements with mantras and music to create physical and spiritual harmony. All Are Welcome

The Auroville Choir and Instrumental Ensemble
Performing compositions by Aurovilians Anandi, Matthew, Pushkar and Holger
Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th of March, at 8.00 pm at CRIPA, Kalabhumi
(Entrance with tickets only)
For reserving your seat on either date, please get tickets: from Divya at Solar Kitchen on Eventbrite.com, event name: “Auroville 50th Choir and Instrumental Ensemble”, link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/auroville-50th-choir-and-instrumental-ensemble-tickets-42976180914
Please keep in mind that the number of seats is limited, therefore we kindly request you to not make more reservations than you need.

Please come on time and be seated by 7.45 pm.
For more information on the original compositions, see upcoming publication on Auronet by CRIPA.

Concert at Matrimandir amphitheater
1st of March, 6 pm
Merope will give a unique concert at the Matrimandir Amphitheater on 1st of march at 6 pm. Merope is a European Indie band inspired by nature and dreams, their songs are telling stories about the connection between humans and nature.
More info at: https://meropemusic.com/

26 February, Monday, 7.30 pm
At CRIPA, Kalabhumi
An offering for the 50th Anniversary of Auroville and 140th Anniversary of the Mother

The Golden Rain Bells Symphony
A Concert of the Russian Singing Bells and Presentation of the new Music Album by Vera Joshi
Dear Friends,
I am happy to share with you the result of my ten-year research into Sound-Music-Consciousness with the unique instrument from Russia in Auroville. The Golden Rain Bells Symphony is a two-hour meditative composition reflective of the journey of a spiritual seeker towards inner discovery. I cordially invite you all. Vera

Undercover Indian - performance
By Ankita Kumar-Ratta
Undercover Indian is a hilariously witty one-woman show about a young Indo-Canadian woman who goes to live in India to learn about her identity. She takes on a job in waste management, lives with her 87-year old grandparents, and meets a charming Indian boy. What could go wrong? This autobiographical story asks: what do you do, when home is in two places?
Undercover Indian comes to Auroville after sold out shows in Toronto and Mumbai!
Friday, 02.03.2018, 7.30pm
at Auromode Yoga Space
www.auromodeyoga.space/events
BAUL MUSIC CONCERT

SANGHAMITRA DAS BANERJEE

BRINDABAN DAS BAUL

PRASANTA DOME

From Santiniketan, Kolkata

MONDAY 26TH FEB 2018
8 PM
VISITOR CENTER

Baul in Bengali means ‘insane’ or ‘possessed’. This community of nomadic initiated spiritual seekers rejected traditional norms and choose a way of life upholding music as the unifying power.
The Lilā - 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 Wednesday 21st 5pm
Exhibition: February 22nd to March 10th 2018
2.30 - 5.30pm. Closed on Sundays
21\textsuperscript{st} February to 10th March

At the Art Center of Citadines

The LILA CIRHU offers for the 50\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary of AUROVILLE,

AN EXPERIENTIAL EVENT IN SILENCE
“On the Way to Supermanhood”
- Satprem

Offering:

- At the entrance a banner «On the Way to Supermanhood» created by Shanta
- An exhibition 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.
- Every day, an incredible initiatory path, in silence, toward the intimate «PERFORMANCE» of Frédéric, staged by Philippe and Thierry (in French, schedule and dates below) - \textit{This performance is CANCELLED DUE to FRED’S ACCIDENT}
- 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 exhibition:
  - Computers available to read 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 languages and be spread 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 “On the Way of Supermanhood”, offered as a memento of this event.

\textbf{WELCOME TO ALL}

The immersion in this book through the exhibit offers an ESSENTIAL KEY in our troubled times

Centre D’Art Citadines,

From Monday to Saturday 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm

The daily «Performances» by Frédéric have been CANCELLED due to his accident

The 24th, 27th February, and the 1\textsuperscript{st}, 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 5\textsuperscript{th} of March at 4.30pm,

Norman will give a « lecture » of « My burning Heart »

On Saturday mornings 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
As part of Auroville 50th anniversary celebrations,
Lila CIRHU presents:

On the Way to Supermanhood
from Satprem

A French performance
Interpretation: Frédéric
Staging: Philippe et Thierry

From Monday to Saturday
at 3:30 pm and at 5:00 pm
Duration 25 minutes
In Centre d’Art des Citadines
From February 21 to March 10, 2018
(24, 27 February and 1, 3
and 5 March a single representation
at 15h30)
From the palm of your hand

Available on Google Play Store (@this [LINK])
Locations, Events, Descriptions, Maps, Contact Information all @ your fingertips
**March Schedules**

Dear all, the March schedules will be published in the next News&Notes (dated March 3rd). In case you need to see the programs from these Centers before then, you can access the following websites and find their schedules:

Joy Activities: [www.joyauroville.org](http://www.joyauroville.org)
Holistic: [www.aurovillo-holistic.com](http://www.aurovillo-holistic.com/)
Pitanga: [www.auroville.org/contents/3185](http://www.auroville.org/contents/3185)
Savitri Bhavan: [www.savitrighbavan.org](http://www.savitrighbavan.org)
Language Lab: [www.aurovillanguagelab.org/courses.php](http://www.aurovillanguagelab.org/courses.php)
Auromode Yoga Space: [http://www.auromodeyoga.space](http://www.auromodeyoga.space)
Verité: [http://www.verite.in/](http://www.verite.in/)
Arka Wellness Centre: [https://www.auroville.org/contents/2886](https://www.auroville.org/contents/2886)

We are sorry for the inconvenience, the News&Notes team

**AT CREATIVITY HALL OF LIGHT**

**ERRATUM**

**FAMILY CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP** with Moghan
10TH OF MARCH (not 3rd) from 9am to 6pm
please contact Moghan 9751110486 moghan@auroville.org.in

**Joy Activities**

Cancellations at Joy Community ATB and Yoga Nidra: Dear Friends, the Yoga Nidra and ATB classes are cancelled on the 26th and the 27th of February. Love; Joy Team

Laughter Yoga with Nikhil: Saturdays (starting 3rd of March) from 4 to 5 pm @ Joy GH Hall. Laughing Yoga is a set of joyful exercises to keep yourself healthy. Like any other exercise for example: gym, aerobics, running etc. the aim of Laugh Yoga too is to keep your body fit and mind sound. The only exception is that it’s a lot more FUN ;) About teacher/facilitator Nikhil Thapar: CLYT (Certified Laughing Yoga Teacher), trained by Dr Madan Kataria himself, founder of Laughing Yoga movement. Teaching/facilitating for over 7 years in India (Himachal Pradesh, Rishikesh) and Europe (Poland, Latvia, the Netherlands, Belgium, Russia and Thailand.

Also a Certified RYT-200 (Sivananda Yoga Vedanta, Madurai) and AMPT (Ayurvedic Medicine and Panchakarma Therapist, Kerala).

Experience Auroville Program

**Venue:** Joy Community Hall, Center Field

**Date & time:** March 1st to 4th, 8 am to 5.15 pm

A four days’ intensive program to experience Unity and Diversity in the context of everyday life in Auroville, for people who are interested in joining or volunteering in Auroville or for those who seek to deepen their understanding of the community.

During this time, you will have the chance to explore different aspects of the Auroville reality:

- Day one you will learn about the roots and history of Auroville.
- Day two we will become familiarized with some of its current activities.
- Day three will focus on the potentialities of the community with emphasis on youth and education.
- Day four we will try to bring it all together in synthesis with the Dream.

Here we will answer your questions and doubts. This experience will help you clarify your impressions and insights. It is an opportunity to better understand your inner calling.

Advance registration is required. NO DROP-IN. 50 % discount for people under 30 and long-term volunteers.

For additional information and a detailed program please find it listed under the activities of the Joy Community website [www.joyauroville.org](http://www.joyauroville.org) or on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/joyauroville/](http://www.facebook.com/joyauroville/) or contact us via email at joycommunity@auroville.org.in or by phone at 9487272393. We are always available in Joy Community Guesthouse in Center Field for further clarifications regarding the community at large and to help you discover Auroville.

**SCHEDULES**

**VERITE**

Please contact Verité to register for the following intensive:
0413 2622045, 2622606, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in

Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

**SOMATICS: AN INTRODUCTION FOR EVERYBODY!**
with Maggie - Friday 2nd, March - from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements (mind-body) training in the tradition of Thomas Hanna. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.

Maggie is a professionally trained Somatic Movement Educator and offers workshops, classes and clinical sessions in highly effective technique.

**ARKA**

Teresa is back to the regular Pilates classes in Arka.

These are the timings: Pilates class with Teresa Tuesdays 7:30am to 8:30 all levels are welcome, Wednesdays: 5:30 to 6:30pm all levels are welcome, Thursdays 7:30am to 8:30 all levels are welcome Fridays 5:30 to 6:30pm only for regular Pilates practitioners who know the Pilates breath, keep their attention on the core and also to listen the body and rest at any moment needed on class.

Hormonal yoga for women at Arka

For those who don’t know about Hormonal yoga, it is a natural treatment, combining postures, movements and breathing techniques from different yoga, which reactivates hormone production in a natural way and eliminates most symptoms of hormone problems (menstruation cycle and other problems). As it increases estradiol level, it also helps in the prevention of cardio-vascular diseases and osteoporosis. With energetic exercises of dynamic yoga, specific pranayamas and Tibetan energy techniques, Hormonal Yoga Therapy acts directly on the hypophysis, thyroid, ovaries and adrenal glands. Please contact Arka (0413 2623799) or Brigitte by email Brigitte@auroville.org.in or on cellphone (0413 2623799) to confirm your participation before Tuesday 27th of February.

Thursday 1st of March, Friday 2ndnd, Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th 2018 - 11.15 am to 12.30 am.

All are welcome (young and ever young women).

For more information about the technique, [http://www.dinahrodrigues.com.br](http://www.dinahrodrigues.com.br)

**OTHER EVENTS**

The Art of Listening over 2 weekends - 10th-11th March and 16th-18th of March 2018

Coaching is the art of listening profoundly and asking powerful questions, facilitating sustainable and real change. This experiential certificate course provides you with core coaching skills, essential to anyone interested in optimizing their relationships. You will learn to listen in a focused and intuitive way, ask questions that quickly build resonance and trust, and facilitate transformation.

As a result, you will master an inclusive leadership style and maximize your relationships based on mutual respect and openness. Julie, a Certified Professional Coach from London’s prestigious Coaches Training Institute, will train you to coach anyone, on any topic, focusing on each person’s full potential. Call 0755-696982 or email info@auruvillaretreat.org to register. For more details, please visit our website Auroville Retreat - [http://www.aurovillaretreat.org/retreat.php?subj=87](http://www.aurovillaretreat.org/retreat.php?subj=87)
**Inner-Work-Workshop**

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

27th 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 Collective Yoga**

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

**Place: Savitri Bhavan**

**Time: 9 am to 12 Noon**

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

Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922)

No Registration required (except for groups)

Fees: Voluntary Contribution

All are welcome

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

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**Drawing Workshop February 24th and 25th at Creativity Centre for Research, Education, and Experience in the Visual Arts (CREEVA) is delighted to present to you the following intensive full-day workshop:**

**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/-.

Aurovillians 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.

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**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

Sadhana Forest, March 2nd, Friday.

**Schedule of Events:**

16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest
18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
18:30 Eco Film Club begins with ‘previews’ of short Sadhana Forest films
20:00 Dinner is served
21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film, you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!

**Note:** Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 19:00 :)

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**UNITY**

99 Minutes/English/2015/Directed by Shaun Monson

Despite the advent of science, literature, technology, philosophy, religion, and so on -- none of these has assuaged humankind from killing one another, the animals, and nature. UNITY is a film about why we can’t seem to get along, even after thousands and thousands of years.

This movie is showcased in light of Sadhana’s newly started UniverCity of Compassion (UCC) residential training program. For more information on the UCC email: india@sadhanaforest.org.

(Reminder: 23/02 - Stealing Africa)

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 2677682 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org / https://facebook.com/sadhanaforest

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**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

Monday, 26th of February 2018 at 6:30 pm Duration: 52min.

BUILDING MATRIMANDIR – LABOR OF LOVE

The documentary of building the Matrimandir shows archival footage of the early stages of the construction, as well more comprehensive coverage of the final stages and - there are also interviews with some of the builders. The construction of Matrimandir presents also a special part of the growth of Auroville.

The film will be shown in English and is also available in eight other languages, published by Auroville Video Production in 2008.

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**L’HOMME APRES L’HOMME**

Monday, February 26th at 4.30 pm.

At MMC Auditorium (Cinema Paradiso) - Town Hall

A powerful introduction to Sri Aurobindo’s and Mother’s evolutionary action

2 filmed interviews with Satprem and Sujata (original French language with English subtitles):
1) Satprem, Le Chemin vers l’Intérieur - Satprem, The Way towards the Within
A short portrait of Satprem, Mother's confident for 20 years - 1981 - 30 mins
2) "L’Homme après l’homme - Man after man" 1981 - 1 hour

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**“AUROVILIAN CONVERSATION”**

Movie projection at MMC Friday 23 Feb at 4.30 pm.

“Aurovillian conversation”

What will you tell a Newcomer?

100 Aurovilians speaking their heart out.

A simple question opening a deeper depth of conversation.

Find out a hundred different flavors of one Truth.

Video - 55 Minutes

This is the Part 1 of a series on Karmayoga.

We believe “ Work is an integral part of our collective life which requires all of us in our capacity to participate.”

What makes our dream come alive?

Let us dive in and reflect!

Coming soon: Part 2 - What keeps you here?

Part 3 - What is your contribution towards the vision of Auroville

Project team:

Uma Prapapatil Danielle de Diesbach Puneet Bhatnagar

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THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS

«Only the divine fact»

The encounter of Pascal Vidal with Satprem

Documentary

Movie directors: Michelle Decoust & Gabrielle Baud

In presence of Pascal Vidal and Michelle Decoust

Saturday 24th February 2018 at 5 pm

Town Hall - CINEMA PARADISO

In French only, length: 55min

Note from The Direction

Pascal Vidal had the great opportunity of meeting Satprem in his residing place in Kotagiri in 2006. Contacted by Yolande Lemoine, who became a close friend, Pascal accepted to visit Satprem to release his sufferings. This movie relates to the invisible link between these two beings, as Pascal dreamed of Satprem’s house nine years before his visit.

Yolande Lemoine had an intense written correspondence with Satprem for more than 40 years, and Pascal Vidal compiled them in a book.

Today Pascal Vidal heals with the colors, trained in phyto medicine by Professor Pierre Magnin, with whom he maintains a strong bond. Together, they cultivate the humanitarian spirit of medicine.

CINEMA PARADISO

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

2018 Film program 26 February to 4 March

Indian - Monday 26 February, 8:00 pm:

- VIKRAM VEDHA

India, 2017, Dir. Gayatri & Pushkar w/ Madhavan, Vijay Sethupathi, Shraddha Srinath, and others, Crime-Thriller, 147mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: UA (PG-13)

Part of the neo-noir genre, in this film a non-nonsense cop Vikram leads a special task force formed to eliminate Vedha's gang - running amok on the streets of Chennai, making a mockery of law and order. An encounter planned by a Vikram's friend kills Vedha's trusted aides and brings him out of hiding. Vedha targets Vikram and engages in a disturbing mind game resulting in a quest to reveal the truth behind that encounter.

Potpourri - Tuesday 27 February, 8:00 pm:

- ALI ZAOUA, PRINCE DE LA RUE (Ali Zaoua: Prince of the Streets)

Morocco-Tunisia-France-Belgium-USA, 2000, Writer-Dir Nabil Ayouch w/ Mounim Kbabs, Mustapha Hanchali, Hicham Moussoune, and others, Crime-Drama, 90mins, Arabic-French w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

Ali wants to become a sailor. When he lived with his mother, a prostitute he had heard about the fairytale where a sailor finds an island with two sun. His father, a legendary singer. The daily dose of glue sniffing represents their only escape from reality. Since they left Dib and his gang, they have been living on the portside of Casablanca in constant fear of Dib's revenge. There is no time for fairy tales; things are getting serious.

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