MOTHER’S AGENDA

(Continued)

But then, when that true Compassion of divine Love comes and you see all those things that look so horrible, so abnormal, so absurd, that great pain over all beings and even over things... Then there was born in this physical being the aspiration to relieve, to cure, to make all that disappear. There is something in Love in its Origin that is constantly expressed by the intervention of the Grace; a force, a sweetness, something like a vibration of solace, spread everywhere, but which an enlightened consciousness can direct, concentrate on certain points. And that’s just where I saw the true use one could make of thought: thought is used as a channel to carry the vibration from place to place, wherever it’s necessary. This force, this vibration of sweetness is there over the world in a static way, pressing to be received, but it’s an impersonal action, and thought - enlightened thought, surrendered thought, the thought that is nothing more than an instrument, that no longer tries to set things in motion, that is satisfied with being moved by the higher Consciousness - thought is used as an intermediary to make contact, to build a connection and allow this impersonal Force to act wherever it’s necessary, on precise points. (silence)

We may say in an absolute way that the remedy always goes together with the trouble. We could say that the cure for every suffering coexists with the suffering. Then, instead of seeing an “unnecessary” and “stupid” trouble, as people generally think, you see that the progress, the evolution which made the suffering necessary - which is the cause and the goal of the suffering - achieves the desired result, and at the same time the suffering is cured, for those who can open up and receive. The three things - the suffering as a means of progress, the progress, and the cure of the suffering - are coexistent, simultaneous, meaning that they don’t follow one another, they take place at the same time.

If, when the transformative action creates a suffering, there is in what suffers the necessary aspiration and opening, the remedy is absorbed at the same time, and the effect is total, complete: the transformation, along with the action necessary to obtain it, and at the same time the cure of the false sensation caused by the resistance. And the suffering is replaced by... something unknown on this earth, but which has to do with joy, ease, trust, and security. It’s a supersensation, in perfect peace, and clearly the only thing that can be eternal.

This analysis expresses very imperfectly what we could call the “content” of the Ananda. I think it’s something that has been felt, experienced (partially and very fleetingly) through all ages, but which is beginning to be concentrated and almost concretized on earth. But physical Matter in its cellular form has, we can’t say a fear or an anxiety, but a sort of apprehension of new vibrations, and that apprehension naturally takes away from the cells their receptivity and takes on the appearance of a discomfort (it’s not a suffering but a discomfort). But when that apprehension is counterbalanced and cured by aspiration and the will for total surrender and the act of total surrender, then that sort of apprehension having disappeared, there comes supreme ease.

All this is like microscopic studies of the phenomena of consciousness independent of mental intervention. The need to use words to express ourselves brings in that mental intervention, but in the experience it doesn’t exist. It’s very interesting because the pure experience holds a content of truth, of reality, which disappears as soon as the mind intervenes. There is a flavor of true reality which totally eludes expression for that reason. It’s the same difference as between an individual and his portrait, between a fact and the story told about it. That’s how it is. But it’s far more subtle.

So then, to return to the letter, when you are conscious of this Force - this Force, this Compassion in its essential reality - and see how it can be exerted through a conscious individual, you have the key to the problem.

I’ve had experiences...

MOTHER’S AGENDA, 28 September 1966

The Ponder Corner

I should love my neighbour not because he is neighbourhood, -
for what is there in neighbourhood and distance?
nor because the religions tell me he is my brother, -
for where is the root of that brotherhood?
but because he is myself.
Sri Aurobindo
ref. Essays Divine And Human, Bhakti, p.491

Cover: Leopard photo adapted from the new Prisma’s Wildlife Book - to be launched this week at Unity Pavilion on Thursday 12th at 4pm.
Report Working Committee over the month of March 2018.

The month of March was marked by the absence of a few members who took a brief breather after the February events. The following are the major events of the month.

1) Working Committee functioning: A Restorative Circle (RC) process has begun to try and heal the rift in the Working Committee. In this RC, some members expressed the hurt felt, following the allegations from two members of the Working Committee that they had not been given a proximity pass for the visit of the Prime Minister, due to actions of the PM Task Force in which a few Working Committee members were involved. We would like to express our gratitude to the Auroville Council for helping initiate this process, to Janet and L’Aura for guiding it, and for Sheba and Manas to attend. A second restorative circle is scheduled for Saturday, 7th April.

2) Proximity Passes and feelings of discrimination: The letter of Dr. Karan Singh, regarding the perceived discrimination which has been published on the Auronet has been replied to as follows: The Auroville Council is following up on this topic.

Dear Dr. Karan Singh,

We apologise for the delay in responding to your second letter. This is mostly due to the fact that the Working Committee did not arrive at a uniformed voice within its group on this matter. During this crisis, the Auroville Council had already been asked by many members of our community to look into the matter of feelings of discrimination in this particular incident of issuance of proximity passes during the visit of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi.

Since the Working Committee was so closely involved in this issue, and in the absence of a uniformed voice within the group, we thought it best to request the Auroville Council to arrive at a statement, if possible.

The Auroville Council has in the meantime shared with you their response to your second letter.

We were hoping to respond to you when we had a consensus within our group. However, consensus within our group on this topic seems difficult to arrive at in the very near future.

We apologise that we did not think of conveying even this information to you, so as to update you and the Governing Board, of our predicament.

With regards,

The Working Committee.

A discussion took place with the members of the Auroville Council and Residents' Assembly Service how best to follow up on this issue. The Council will report on his issue soon.

3) Follow up on GB meeting in New Delhi: Hemant and Carel met with ex-officio member of the Governing Board and Joint Secretary HRD Dr. Saravana Kumar in New Delhi to follow up on the various issues discussed in the meeting of the Board, e.g. progress with the appointment of two members of the Board and all members of the International Advisory Council, progress with the approval of the Regulations Entry and Exit, progress with the approval of the change of the Rules of the Auroville Foundation, and financial matters, e.g. release of the final installment of the regular Government of India grant and release of the additional installment of the grant for the 50th anniversary.

4) Clemency: At the occasion Auroville’s 50th anniversary, the Working Committee has sent a request to the Hon’ble Minister of Home Affairs to allow the return of three Aurovilians who have been barred from returning to India for unknown reasons, e.g. Gilles Pfeiffer, Stuart Leard and Stuart Coles.

5) Selection new Land Board members: A separate communication on clarifications around the selection process of the new members of the Land Board has been published separately by the Auroville Council jointly with the Working Committee.

6) Land issues: We have asked the Secretary in his function as Estate Officer to address a few land encroachment issues, e.g. at Sri Ma, nearby Djaima, and nearby Rève.

7) Visa issues: Following the decision of the Ministry of Home Affairs that people who have been given 5-year Stay Visa and Residential permits in the past, though they entered India on a visa issued for a lesser period, can continue to obtain 5-year extensions if their original visa had been has issued with a recommendation from the Secretary to the Indian Mission abroad to issue a 5-years Entry Visa, a list of approximately 187 people, has been submitted to the Regional Registration Office, Pondicherry.

8) Post office location: We are looking into the possibilities to shift the Post Office to a building in the Service Area, next to the BSNL building and the offices of UTS, the Safety and Security Service. the Telephone Service and the Electrical Service.

9) Beach erosion: To tackle the ongoing beach erosion at Auroville beach communities, a team of Guy, Jan and Samrat have established contacts with IIT and NIOT in Chennai to find out workable solutions and obtain the required environmental clearances; another team is investigating the legal steps required to obtain permission to execute protection works on Auroville’s properties, which is now blocked due to decision of the National Green Tribunal.

10) Parking Kuilapalayam: The search for the best way to allow for short term parking in Kuilapalayam to relieve stress on the road is ongoing.

The Working Committee

Carel, Hemant, Inge, Mandakini, Ranjith, Partha, Sauro.

Forest Group meeting report of Friday, March 2, 2018, in Youth Centre/Bliss Forest

Present: Enea, Vengatesh, T Saga, S Balu, Kalu, Hans (notes), D Segar, R. Kumar, Nanoj, Jivatma, Ana, Yuval, Natasha, Ambre, Amos, Kalou, Laure, Cristo, P Elamalai, Christof, David, Dave (chair), Glenn, Kannyaappan, Shivaraj, V Boobalan, John, Sarah, Rita, Shona, Achilles, Diego, Nathalie, Agnes, Ladina, Noe, Mani (and many more, but not everyone present signed the attendance list)

-Youth Hive:

Youth Hive went through a prolonged process of finding a suitable location for the project. At last, site permission was given by TDEC to build in a part of Bliss Forest. While time is running out because of time bound allocation of funds and recognizing the importance of the project for Auroville, the
Forest Group questioned the suitability of the proposed location in Bliss Forest. The main reason for the objection: the extreme proximity of a water cause and the subsequent need for a buffer zone of 10 meter between water cause and any development. The proposed site is already very small, there will be no place for a buffer zone between water cause and construction, and the site does not allow for any future extensions or phases. The Forest Group proposed a different location for the Youth Hive: a corner of Gaia, in the Cultural Zone. Vegetation has already been wiped out, there are no space constraints and the character and Youth Hive fits nicely with the destination of the Cultural Zone.

Discussions with other Auroville Working Groups are ongoing.

- **Housing Board:** The Housing Board asked the Forest Group, by its Green Group representative Yuval, the following question: per acre forest, how many houses are allowed? The Forest Group Guidelines state the following: one land steward (+ staff quarters) per 25 acres. As each forest community is different, realities on the ground may be also be different. It’s the steward who decides what structures are needed for the upkeep of the forest.

- **Artwork in Miracle:** Kalu, who is responsible for the art structure, informed the Forest Group of her wish to find a permanent spot for her spherical piece of art. The Forest Group agreed to placement of the artwork in Miracle, close to the Circus. Conditions are: temporary placement only and no new other building or storeroom.

- **Waste management in the bioregion:** Christo introduced Laure, who is working on a comprehensive bioregion waste management plan. While appreciating the effort, the Forest Group urged Laure to do so in close collaboration with already functioning waste management initiatives in Auroville.

- **Tree Care:** Glenn informed the Forest Group about Tree Care getting a change of ownership. Tree Care is now dealing directly with the provider of all types of forest tools, such as chain saws, spares, biodegradable oils, etc., and can deliver these tools at cost price. Send repair requests for forest tools to Glenn, who will coordinate purchases with Tree Care.

- **New nursery:** Balu informed the Forest Group of his plans to start a new nursery in Azhagu Boomi. The Forest Group appreciates the initiative, but urged Balu to concentrate on coastal trees, because the already existing Auroville nurseries provide sufficient young plants for most of Auroville’s forests.

- **Finance:** The new financial year is starting in April 2018. Please make sure that all your monthly financial statements of the previous financial year 2017-2018 are with the Forest Group accountant, Hans. Most stewards have already done so, but few statements are still missing: check your March statement for the missing ones. The forest stewards find the current layout of the monthly statement unhandy. There is not enough space to write and it’s not always clear what needs to be filled in. An improved statement, with clear instructions, will be presented in the next Forest Group meeting.

- **Next meeting:** Next meeting will take place in Freedom, on Friday, April 6, at 3pm.

**Prime Minister’s visit**

Dear Community members, in response to the concerns raised regarding the Prime Minister’s visit and the exclusion of Ranjith and Partha (Working Committee members) from being in close proximity to the Prime Minister, the Auroville Council has looked into the issue to understand better what has happened. According to the information which we obtained, the PM task force was not responsible for the decision which removed Ranjith and Partha from the list. Unfortunately, it was not possible for us to determine with exact clarity how this happened. The best that can be said is that the atmosphere surrounding the Prime Minister’s visit was very hectic and uncertain, with many late developments and changes. There was a strong concern from the official persons responsible for the Prime Minister’s security to reduce the list of persons in close proximity to the Prime Minister as much as possible in every venue, and many Aurovilians of all backgrounds, not only Ranjith and Partha, were removed from the planned program under these circumstances.

As this unfortunate circumstance has found a broader resonance in the community with respect to longstanding feelings of discrimination, inequality and disempowerment among many Aurovilians, and in line with the message of Dr. Karan Singh, chairman of the Governing Board, the Auroville Council will start working on a larger community process where these concerns in the community can be discussed and brought into the open.

Though the sequence of events was painful for all those involved, we hope that we can all move forward with lessons learned, and an earnest goodwill to work harder towards the true human unity to which we all aspire.

Warmly,

for the Auroville Council: Angelo, Elisa, Enrica, Martin, Matripasad, Mita, Sandarya, Selvaraj and Shivaya

**From L’Avenir: Update on Line of Goodwill**

Dear community members, this is an update on the Line of Goodwill initiative. We received a site application for the project in November 2017. We have taken the time until now, to find clarity on what it means to vision and manifest an initiative of this scale in Auroville, to contact the immediate neighbors and the main working groups.

Here is how we intend to proceed with this initiative:

1. The Line of Forces being significant urban clusters in the masterplan with large impact on society, economy, environment and several other factors, we feel a ‘site permission’ is not what needs to be issued. Instead, we have decided to acknowledge the initiative by issuing a “Letter of Intent” that will formally acknowledge the beginning of visioning of this Line of Force, held by the present project team.
2. This Letter of Intent is an acknowledgement that L’avenir d’Auroville acknowledges that there is an urban study being done for this Line of Force. This should result in an urban design guidelines document, in direct and regular consultation with L’avenir d’Auroville. An environmental impact study, neighbours and community input, will be a big part of this process. The urban design guidelines document will include extensive material research and recommendations, water, waste water and waste management guidelines and recommendations, on how the built structures should respond to climate amongst other parameters that will ensure that the final product reflects the agreements reached.
3. Anupama Kundoo has been asked by the project team to start the urban study on this Line of Force. We have reached an understanding with the project team that she will hand over her concept study to an open platform of planners, architects, environmental experts etc. within Auroville, who will take up the task of finalizing the urban design guidelines. L’avenir d’Auroville will be the interface between this open platform and the community, giving regular updates and carrying feedback back to this team to incorporate into their work.
4. Only upon finalization of this document, will L’avenir d’Auroville invite building applications for the Line of Force.
5. L’avenir d’Auroville has received several feedback on this initiative already based on general meetings held by the project team. We have tried to answer the concerns in collaboration with the project team and will soon upload them on the Auronet.

In conclusion, we are not discussing specifics of buildings within the project, such as Petra or Gateway, until the urban design guidelines are finalized. The process of creating these guidelines will be in liaison with the Interface team of L’Avenir for periodic presentations to the community. The feedback from these sessions will be compiled to be incorporated into the study. The detailed timelines of this process, including stage wise presentations, are yet to be worked out.

We are aware that an initiative of this scale should not be taken lightly, or treated as just another project in Auroville. We believe that this initiative presents us with an incredible opportunity to synergize knowledge, collaborate, and to take the leap into the future armed with courage, goodwill and perseverance.

We will come back to the community soon with more details on the next steps. Best regards, L’avenir d’Auroville team (Anita, Anu, Aurovici, Divya, Inge, Pino, Sindhuja, Tejaswini)
Art for Land’s Gala closing event on February 15th - a great success!

On February 15th, Art for Land Year 3 ended 6 weeks of its exhibition and fundraiser for Auroville’s land with a Gala closing event & fundraising dinner - and now here’s the high-energy Auroville Radio clip from the event: www.aurovillearadio.org/art-for-land’s-gala-closing-event-fundraising-dinner

Check it out and treat yourself to excerpts from:

- The superb star concert by Soham Munim - recognized as one of India’s new music talents - accompanied on the tabla by Ravish Shet
- the dynamic Rock & Blues concert by Auroville’s “Soul Cypher” - with the fabulous Edo, Margherita, Matthew, and Mehul
- the sumptuous fundraising FEAST - a treat for the eyes as well as the palate - with all food donated by Auroville eateries Annam Kitchen, Aurelec Cafeteria, Auroville Bakery, Coffee Ideas, Naturellement, Neem Tree, Roma’s Kitchen, Sustenance farm, Tanto (New Creation), Visitors Centre Cafeteria and Well Café
- the peppy commentary by Mandakini of Acres for Auroville (who presented the visual tribute to “The Mother as an artist” at the event)
- along with this video, there’s the audio track of Auroville’s Loretta with her stirring recitation of “Auroville” - the poem she composed in The Matrimandir Worker’s Camp in 1971

With gratitude, we express our warm appreciation to Auroville Foundation Secretary Thiru Mohan Chunthak who presided over the closing event and for his ongoing support!

ACRES FOR AUROVILLE thanks the UNITY PAVILION and AUROVILLE ARTS for the enormous work involved in this success - with gratitude to the Unity Pavilion team for its outstanding organization and generosity, plus:

- the 80 artists who donated their artwork for the land - representing Auroville, as well as the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, and India.
- the 10 Auroville International artists - Nathalie, Suzanne, Nuno, Debbie, Véronique Menanteau, GAP, Josee Lamers, M.Leddy, Gé Huting, and Li Koevan - who all brought their works from as far away as Canada, the USA, France, Portugal & The Netherlands!
- the many friends and guests who made donations for 125 of works of art and who contributed other material support
- the volunteers who enthusiastically supported the Unity Pavilion team in so many ways
- the wonderful support of Outreach Media, Rolf, Angela, and numerous Aurovilians “behind the scenes”
- the Auroville Radio team for this great video and audio

All proceeds from Art for Land - for the artworks, prints, cards, photographs, Grace Lottery, fundraising events, & fundraising dinner - go to the “Acres for Auroville” campaign exclusively to purchase the missing land needed for Auroville’s Master Plan area!!

Clarification regarding new Land Board selection process

Dear Community members, we have received some questions for clarification from the community on the number of residents to be selected for the Land Board.

The answer to this question depends on the date we consider as reference for the start date of the term of three years for members of the new Land Board:

November, 2014: When the Auronet announcement was published by the Auroville Council of the names of members of the new Land Board! or
18th May, 2016: When the Office Order of the new Land Board was issued?

At the time when we made the proposal for the selection process of the Land Board, 18th May, 2016 was assumed to be the reference date, and therefore (due to a staggering process) the term of office for 2 members would end in May 2018 and for the remaining 5 members it would end in May 2019, three years after this date.

However, late last year, 5 members (not 2) resigned and Sukrit and Kaniappan agreed to continue. We are currently undergoing the ongoing selection process to replace these 5 members of the Land Board.

Although the AvCouncil and WCom now agree that there are valid reasons for which the date of December 2014 could have been decided as the start of the term of office, for the sake of continuity of the ongoing selection process and ongoing work of the Land Board, and because a full Land Board is required to be in place as soon as possible, the Selection Committee is to select 5 new members that would join Kaniappan and Sukrit.

A staggering will take place a year after the Land Board has been selected (May 2019), when Kaniappan’s and Sukrit’s terms will be over according to the Office Order dates (they will be eligible for re-selection).

We hope this clarifies the ambiguity around the number of members to be selected during the ongoing selection process.

With regards, The Auroville Council and the Working Committee.

Announcement from BCC on Wage Increase effective after April 2018

BCC has decided to increase the wage-budget by 7%. This figure has been reached after carefully considering the inflation rate and the local variations therein.

However, a raise in the wage-budget does not mean each wage should increase by 7%. Instead, BCC recommends the services to decide on the percentage increase of wages for the workers within their activities such that those earning less can get a higher raise than those earning more per day.

Thanking you, Sincerely, BCC

Houses available for transfer:

1. Adventure Forest: Plinth area 155.63 Sq.m approximately. Double storied load bearing structure residential house with 1 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 help maintain its quality, atmosphere and assure a harmonious mix of people. (Contact louis@auroville.org.in for visit and more information)

Re announced:

3. Fertile Forest: Turiya’s house: Two residential houses are available. I. Ground floor & First floor with Plinth area195.05 Sq.m - Living cum Kitchen, Bed, Toilet. II. Ground floor with 110.67 Sq.m - Ferro-cement and Terracotta tile roof with Living cum Kitchen, Bed, Toilet, Therapy room.


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

5. From Sunship: Immediately available. One single unit of 42 Sq.m completely furnished and equipped-kitchen,bathroom and cupboard- with Collective cafeteria,Laundry,technical maintenance and management by Aurovilians!! (*Contact louis@auroville.org.in for visit and more information)

Housing Projects under construction:

2. **Kalpana Housing Project**: Project Holders: Satyakam and Devasmita. Architect: Ovid Atelier / Neel and Supriti. Contractor for the finishing work: Auromira / Jothi Prasad. Since 15th January 2018 the finishing work (flooring, painting, wood and plumbing work, false ceiling) has started in full swing. Out of 42 apartments 8 units are still available, 3 units Studio / 3 units 1 BHK / 1 unit 2 BHK / 1 unit 3 BHK. We will be ready by 30th July 2018. Contact Person:satyakam@auroville.org.in/ is available in the model apartment the third floor of the South Block on the site on: Thursday: 3pm to 5.30 pm and 3rd Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm. Surya is available the second and fourth Saturday.

### NEW SITE AND BUILDING APPLICATIONS

- **7th April 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 21st April 2018.

**BUILDING APPLICATIONS**

Outside Master Plan:
- 1. **Floor Extension** for Prabhu at Auromodele_Petite Ferme Built-up area: 39 sq.m.
- **NOC issued in the last weeks**:
  - 1. **Floor Extension** (Neelanjan), Nicole at AV Visitors Center
  - 2. Warehouse, Sunit Future @ Auroshilpam
  - 3. Housing Project “Y” Extension, Housing Service at Kriya community
  - 4. Charging station & Bus stop, Integrated Transport Service at Town Hall
  - 5. Workshop & Charging Station, Integrated Transport Service, Opposite to PTDC
  - 7. Temporary Structure, Michel T at Dehashakti School Sports ground
  - 8. Kitchen for Nature Camp, Peter Klingspies at Kodaikanal
  - 9. Studio, Nivetha at Douceur

**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, 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’avenir d’Auroville.

Warm regards, L’avenir d’Auroville team

(Amita, Anu, Aurovici, Divya, Inge, Pino, Sindhuja, Tejaswini)

### FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 744

**Dated: 07-04-2018**

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians and Newcomers, 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**

Ayyanar JAGANATHAN (Indian) Staying in Sangamam and working at Ilaigankral School.
Divyanshi CHUGH (Indian) Staying in Gaia and working at Unity Pavilion.
Janmejay MOHANTY (Indian) Staying in Auromode and working at Matrimandir and Mohanam.
Prakash AZHAGAMUTHU (Indian) Staying and working at Botanical Garden.
Sivakumar SUNDARAM (Indian) Staying in Surrender and working at SAVI.
Jayasutha DHAYALAN (Indian) Staying in Gokulam Farm and working at Aurocreation.

Radhika M SANKARANARAYANAN (Indian) Staying in Ilaigankral and working at AV Consulting.

**NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED**

Keerthi SUBRAMANI (Indian) (Indian)
Valentin SOLTYS (French)

**CHILD OF NEWCOMER**

Anant Sántë M JANMEJAY (Indian) Born On: 11/03/2018
Adhitya PILLAI (Indian) Born On: 06/02/2008
Shanjanaa DHAYALAN (Indian) Born On: 01/07/2013
Anantinioan M JANMEJAY (Indian) Born On: 08/05/2007

**AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED**

Babu ELANGOVAN (Indian) Staying in Azhagu Bhoomi and working at Botanical Garden.
Jeyandar S YAFAROVA (Indian) Staying in Djaima, providing legal services to AV Foundation and Auroville.
Lavanya SURESH (Indian) Staying in Aspiration and working at Oli School.
Narmadha SANDIJIVY (Indian) Staying in Auromodele and working at Deepapanam.
Senthamari RAMESH (Indian) Staying in Acceptance and working at Annam Kitchen.
Vasanth RAMACHANDRAN (Indian) Staying in Kriya and working at Svaram.

**AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED**

Varalakshmi NATARAJAN (Indian)
Vanitha BALAMURALI (Indian)
Isabel JIMENEZ (Spanish)

**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

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Fundraising for Land - crowdfunding launch**

You are invited to connect your network to Facebook Auroville funding and promote the launch of our crowdfunding campaign and our video “Auroville - Empowering the Future”. It’s already gone viral with 5000 views Please SHARE the Facebook page - not only click on “like” - so we can have a big snowball effect! A reminder: we now provide ongoing land information on 2 websites:

- Funding Auroville is for those newly approaching Auroville - for foundations, organizations, CSR funding through an ecological perspective
- and our Colaap website - Land Auroville - which remains the contact and tool for the extended Auroville family!

The land needs all of us! Be our ambassadors!!
The LFAU Team and Auroville Funding: Aryadeep, Mandakini, Sigrid, Jothi, Christine, Nadia, Slava

**NEWS&NOTES PAPER COPIES UPDATE:**

NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS PAUSED until JUNE:

Thank you all for filling your form and sharing your feedback, suggestions and needs. We are going through all and will reply to you as soon as we can! 2/3 of paper readers have not re-subscribed for their paper copy, many have switched to soft version only, leaving the resources needed for the paper copies for those who need them, and more time to create a proper soft version for its soon 5000 readers.
Cross-Cultural Dialogue

Discrimination in Auroville
Saturday, April 28 - Sunday, April 29

We welcome all Aurovilians and newcomers who would like to join this 2-day Cross-Cultural Dialogue.

Please register as soon as possible, so as to confirm your seat.

In response to the recent claim of discrimination against some in the Tamil community in Auroville, we are hosting a 2-day Cross-Cultural Dialogue. We offer a space to explore this topic further and to have a deep sharing about our experiences and pain, as well as our felt sense of oneness and aspiration to manifest Human Unity. We are aware that this is a risky conversation, with many divergent opinions. Over the years, we've had several Tamil Aurovilians express that they do not feel like they are treated as equals. And in response to this, there are just as many counter-arguments to defend other perspectives.

With this Dialogue, our intention is not to prove facts or experiences, but instead to hold a space for deep listening, where everybody's voice can be heard and respected, so that as a community we can better understand the complexities of our cross-cultural relations.

We envision exploring questions such as these:
• Do we experience a divide in Auroville, between Tamil Aurovilians originating from the bioregion and others?
• Do we think our cultural differences and history play a role in this divide?
• Have some of us lost connection and trust in one other, and why?
• How do we bridge this divide and walk towards a truer embodiment of Auroville's ideal to manifest “Unity in Diversity?”

We sincerely believe that if we can come together with a willingness to dialogue, we have the potential to reach a place of renewed understanding and trust. We hope to end with creative action agreements, so as to support our collective to live more harmoniously together.

DIALOGUE DESIGN: We'll be hosting the space based on the principles of Restorative Circles, which relies on reflective listening and slowing down the regular dynamic of back-and-forth debate.

We propose to schedule Pre-Discussion appointments (on Thursday, April 19 and Thursday, April 26), so that we can meet in smaller groups before our scheduled event, in order to review the process and to hear some of your initial thoughts on the topic of discrimination, as well as answer any questions you may have.

We offer to meet Tamils who joined Auroville from the bioregion separately, as the recent claim of discrimination has come from within this community, and we want to give them an opportunity to speak and be heard in a safe environment. We will also arrange for translation support, if needed.

SCHEDULE:
A. Pre-Discussion:
We are offering 2 dates. Please choose the one that suits you best.
• Thursday, April 19
  - 3pm - 4.30pm: non-Tamil Aurovilians
  - 5pm - 6.30pm: Tamil Aurovilians, especially those who are concerned about discrimination
• Thursday, April 26
  - 3pm - 4.30pm: non-Tamil Aurovilians
  - 5pm - 6.30pm: Tamil Aurovilians, especially those who are concerned about discrimination

B. Dialogue:
• Saturday, April 28 - Sunday, April 29
  - 9am - 5pm
  - lunch and tea breaks are included

C. Post-Discussion / Follow-Up:
• ...to be decided collectively...

FILMING: We intend to make a documentary about the event, and it will be shared if and when needed in Auroville, and possibly beyond, in connection with this body of work (conflict resolution, cross-cultural reconciliation, Restorative Circles, Auroville’s history, etc.). We will respect the choice of those who do not want to be filmed, and not include their image in the camera’s view or any documentation about this event.

REGISTRATION: Please register as soon as possible, so as to confirm your seat. Registration closes on Wednesday, April 18.

We you may register in 1 of 3 ways:
1. Fill out the online form here: https://bit.ly/2Ef3nLJ
2. Or answer the following questions, and send them by email to restorative@auroville.org.in
3. Or answer the following questions, and drop them off in person at L’aura’s house (in Centre Field).

Please answer the following questions:
• Name
• Community
• Email
• Phone number
• Explain in a few sentences why you would like to join this 2-day Cross-Cultural Dialogue.
• Confirm your seat. Registration closes on Wednesday, April 18.
• Please confirm which Pre-Discussion date you will be attending:
  □ April 19
  □ 3pm - 4.30pm (non-Tamils)
  □ 5pm - 6.30pm (Tamils, especially those concerned about discrimination)
OR
□ April 26
□ 3pm - 4.30pm (non-Tamils)
□ 5pm - 6.30pm (Tamils, especially those concerned about discrimination)
• Please confirm which Pre-Discussion date you will be attending:
  □ willing to be filmed
  □ not willing to be filmed
• Any other questions / comments.

DONATION: We offer this event for free. However, if you would like to support us financially, we welcome all donations! Our expenses will include: lunch, tea and cookies, photocopies, hall and sound equipment rental, and a stipend for our filmmaker. You may transfer your donation to “Joy Living Learning Donations #251772,” or sign the blue sheet during the event itself.

With love,
Restorative Auroville
L’aura, Janet, Shanti, Kati, Rita, Pranjali and Genie

PS. We offered our first Cross-Cultural Dialogue in Sept 2016, with 55 Aurovilians participating. The experience was powerful and enriching for everyone present. If you would like to know more, or to read our reports, please see Auronet: www.auroville.org.in/article/60486. If you would like to watch a short video-compilation we made, see: bit.ly/2GwR3B.
Vanakkam,

Sangamam in Tamil means ‘confluence’ or ‘a group of people coming together’.

The Sangamam celebration was held as part of Auroville’s 50th Anniversary events on the 4th of March 2018. This event was held in honor of all those who have come together in the spirit of community building over the last 50 years in Auroville. Many local and foreign pioneers have come to Auroville from the world to transform this landscape in a true spirit of human unity.

The event took place near the Visitor’s Centre, as Auroville’s 50th Anniversary’s largest event, the gathering had moving participants of around 7500 people coming from Auroville, its beautiful bioregion, and welcoming many friends and guests from around the world.

The festival was inaugurated at 9:00 am, welcoming group with Nadhaswaram music, an invocation, and lighting of the lamp called the “Kuthu Vilakku’ by the chief guest Thiru. Mohan Verghese Chunkath I.A.S (retd.), Secretary Auroville Foundation and Thiru. P.R. Srinivasmurty, Under Secretary Auroville Foundation. The stage was adorned by many Aurovillian pioneers who came to share their experiences with great enthusiasm. It was a journey that took many of us down memory lane and kindled a flame of aspiration amidst the spectators. The special guests and the elderly Aurovilians who were invited and participated in the event: G. Vardharajan, Shyamala, Andre T., Mary Babu, Frederick, Aster Patel, Sauro and R. Meenakshi. They later gathered to plant a sapling together, as a remarkable gesture in memory of the millions of trees that had been planted together over the last 50 years. The elders who spoke helped inspire the crowd and many young aspirants to work in service of a greater purpose.

The celebration included many types of different activities – everything from stage performances, exhibitions on Aims and Early Days of Auroville, Unending Education high lighting the present educational activities which include the neighborhood, Chronological Physical Development of Auroville, Kolam (Design) mass women participation, Further followed by art, music, Kids corner, games, and sports for all. Many children and youth groups had prepared impressive costumes and performances of theater, dance, song, Jazz, and yoga. The performers came from the Auroville community, Bioregion as well from elsewhere in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. The cultural event was an intercultural program which included East and West. Lunch and snacks were provided for all participants.

The event was organized to act as a platform for sharing information about Auroville and the educational activities that unite this region. Therefore, an exhibition was displayed on Auroville’s ideals, development, and projects which were a highlight for many who attended. The exhibition was one of the first to be fully translated into Tamil, making the information accessible to many more. The festival also included many informative stalls, such as Auroville Institute of Applied Technology, Ilaignarkal, Ecofemme, STEMland, Aikiyam, LEC, Auroville Village Action, Terrasoul, and many more sharing their handicraft products and information about their work.

The program also held space for lively discussions with elders and youth about the early days, recent achievements, and future dreams for the Auroville bioregion. The theme of ‘unending education’ was highlighted through speakers from Pitchandikulam on watershed management, Dental Care on hygiene care, STEMland team on education, Youth Link for young adults, Life education Center on Women Education, AVAG on social work, Eco- Femme on sustainable menstruation, Auroville Water Board on water sharing, Outreach Team on Education and Yatra Arts & Media on association with Auroville. Each member elaborated their activities in brief to the audience in the language of their choice, at times being assisted with brief translations into Tamil or English for the benefit of the mixed audience.

Around mid-day, as a big part of Tamil culture, everyone gathered to share a meal together. Aurovilians and units had helped cover the costs, in order to provide a free meal for all workers, Aurovilians, friends, and guest gathered at the venue. Several thousands of people visited the event and many expressed their wish to have Sangamam happen more regularly. It was felt by many that communicating the Auroville dream was crucial to its manifestation. The event held a spirit of confluence and goodwill. Highlighting the courage and perseverance that it took to build Auroville so far brought a sense of humility and aspiration to all those wanting to take this dream forward.
Auro Sangamam Team

The Auro Sangamam team is quite a unique group, bringing together many Aurovilians. Sangamam events have been organized in Auroville over the last 30 years. However, this last event, the team has grown to include around fifty Tamil Aurovilians! It is quite symbolic to have such a large number gathering together, to dream and plan for gathering even more people through the spirit of celebrating the Auroville dream. The Auro Sangama team have been meeting regularly for the past 6 months. The current team has been focusing on bridging and connecting with the Auroville's neighborhood, to truly bring forward the Tamil culture’s inherent nature of embracing and welcoming. Therefore, Sangamam events include a real effort to highlight the local / Tamil culture as well as being a platform to communicate what Auroville is about. As the Tamil population in Auroville is over one-third of our residents, this culture, in particular, would love to share its genius to enrich the life of Auroville. Therefore, those who are part of the Sangamam team welcome everyone who would like to learn and explore this culture more and find creative ways to help the bioregion better understand the many cultures coming in from other places of India and abroad.

This Sangamam Celebration has been organized in collaboration with many Auroville groups and individual volunteers who have stepped forward to offer their time and energy to co-create this beautiful event. Therefore the sense of gratitude resonates in many directions - to the Auroville Foundation, Bharath Nivas team, 50th Anniversary team, Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC), All Auroville Units, Services, Auroville Radio, Manohar, Outreach Media, Auroville Radio, ABDA, Future School Student’s Media Team, the many Photographers, and countless volunteers. A lot of gratitude also to the program venue neighbors - Aurodam community, Visitors Centre, and the African Pavilion. The basic amenities for the people like drinking water by Alok, AV Water Service, Pour Tous Water Service, Fire and Emergency Service, AV Security Service team, Auroville Electrical Service, Progress, Auroville Bakery, Deepam Candles, Omega, PTDC, Foodlink, Ferme Cheese, Matrimandir, Police department. Witnessing all those participating in such an event, where hard work and good will result in a sense of deep fulfillment and celebration, one has but a glimpse of what a true Human Unity manifests as.

Donations received: GOI General Expense Rs. 5,00,000., Capital Expense Rs. 2,36,900., Auroville City Service (BCC) Rs 60,000., Units, Services, Individuals, T-Shirt sale, Stalls, Organizing team gathering / workshop etc. Rs. 7,29,020. Total received is Rs.15,25,920.

Expenses: Chronological Development Of Auroville Rs. 82,010., Unending Education Rs.83,750., Organizing team gathering / workshop expense Rs. 13,500., Cultural Events Rs. 1,57,736, Kids Corner Rs. 45,415., Sports Rs. 9,214., Site Management Rs. 3,04,765., Stage Audio, Light Generator Rs. 75,712., Lunch and Snacks Rs. 2,83,703., Transport (Participants / Workers) Rs. 54,575., Stall Expense Rs. 6,974., Video Coverage Rs.70,000., Gift Expense Rs 10,569., Volunteer T-Shirt 20,000., Printing Rs. 5,459., General Expense Rs 26,541., Security and Fire Safety Rs. 8549., Administration Exp. Rs. 10,000., Total Expense Rs.12,68,472. Balance amount: Rs. 2, 57,472.

Cordially,

Auro Sangamam Team


There were many more volunteers; we regret for not mention their names and we would like to thank all for their support and help.

For further details email: aurosangamam@auroville.org.in www.aurosangamam.org Photo Credit: Marco https://www.flickr.com/photos/128238309@N07/albums/72157688546034410/with/39959360044/
Ongoing admissions for Isai Ambalam School.
Isai Ambalam School is an Auroville outreach school near Alankuppam following CBSE syllabus (with NESS). The school will cater to children from Creche (3 years) to 8th Grade. The children will continue further education in NESS. We request all unit holders to encourage the staff they work with to send their children to this Auroville outreach school. The school also welcomes children in the age group be it Aurovillian, Newcomer or long-term Guests.

We follow alternative schooling methodology including real-life EBBs grounded in values and provide children a rich opportunity to grow holistically. Our children have also done well in the mainstream. Please look up the school blog to know the latest happening at the school: tinyurl.com/iaschool/

Please write to the school (Isaiambalamschool@auroville.org.in) or to Sanjeev (sanjeev_r@auroville.org.in) or call Kavitha (8940434614) for admission. Thank you, Isai Ambalam Team.

KALPANA SPORTS COMPLEX

SWIMMING POOL / GYM / COFFEE SHOP / SPA

Project Holders: Lila, Devasmita and Satyakam

Kalpana Sports Complex (KSC) situated at the crown road in front of Kalpana Housing, has recently received the site NOC. The site survey is done and the design process will begin.

KSC will be open for all Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, AV Students and contributing AV Guests. It is NOT an exclusive facility for Kalpana residents only, as rumor has it! KSC will be cooperatively linked to La Piscine. The same equipment will be installed at both facilities to support mechanical breakdowns.

The staff will be interchangeable for both locations.

School scheduling will be shared according to proximity of AV schools to each pool to reduce transport expenses and equipment/swimmer overload.

Finances will be linked to assure that both pools can be maintained from all the different activities.

KSC will not accept guests who do not contribute to Auroville.

La Piscine at New Creation Sports Ground Kullapatayam will be the outreach pool for non-contributing guests from outside and plans to join the Rashtriya Life Saving Society as a branch serving this area of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry which would generate additional income while providing vital Life Saving Education within Auroville and the vicinity.

La Piscine will also continue to welcome all Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers and Guests and will continue to schedule class timings for schools.

The plans for KSC will include:
- 25m Lap Pool (deep enough to dive and wider lanes!)
- Children’s Recreation pool
- Baby pool
- Aerobics studio
- Table Tennis room
- Billiard room
- Coffee Shop
- SPA

Lila, Satyakam and Devasmita
for the KALPANA SPORTS COMPLEX

My Creative Satsang - Activity report 2017/2018

“My creative Satsang” is an educational and cultural project born during the summer of 2017.

Today, creative writing is one of its most popular activities. But the project will also manifest theatrical productions and wide-ranging creative and artistic collaborations in the future.

My Creative Satsang is a project that deals with the individual and collective investigation of the creative heritage unknown in us.

Writing, for example, is a tool for creative expression and self-knowledge. It was born from my passion for writing and at the same time from my personal need to see clearly in myself. If it is true that the world is a stage on which we are the actors. If it is true that we recite each one’s own role to give life to a symphony of intertwining stories and that nonetheless everything is still a great illusion. If it is true though that we do experience this illusion as real, however, during our incarnations. If all this is true, then I manifested the need to deeply understand the role I was assigned. What fate? Why those circumstances in my life? And to learn what? Why the repetition of the same stories, the same pains. And was there a way to change all this? What can I do? Who was my character? I needed to talk to the different parts of me. I needed to describe myself from the inside as well as from the outside. I needed to know my story from all possible angles so I could forget it one day. Turn the page. Finally.

I have worked extensively and thoroughly with this tool. Now I have a knowledge that allows me to use it creatively in every field of my life. Last but not least, that of artistic research.

Many different people have gone through the Monday’s class experience or the playgrounds. Many cultural events created. More than I expected. I went through all this with the freshness of a new experience. With ingenuity and the help of a Force that organized everything despite the fact I had never been a creative guide before.

Some of the people who attended my groups now are writing their first book. It makes me happy to know that the work done together is giving real results. Working in groups with other people to unlock creative potentials has a strengthening effect.

The atmosphere that the group creates is tangible, and has a positive effect on most of the participants.

When the adventure of My Creative Satsang began, it had another name. The project then went through different phases, tests, adaptations. It is still in a continuous process of identity formation.

Personally, after a year of experience of groups and teachings I start to have clearer ideas and the project is becoming more concrete.

But My Creative Satsang is not just about writing. It deals with education, promotion of cultural events and theatrical productions.

Some examples of what has been realized between September 2017 and March 2018:
- Creative writing classes
- Creative writing playgrounds
- Savita’s Rani solo “R.I.P.” performed in Cripa (promoted by My Creative Satsang)
- My Creative Writing newspaper (We went out with the number 0 and the number 1)
- Interviews with performative artists that will be put online
- A future collaboration with Auroville Radio on the theme of creative processes in the arts
- Participation in “Auroville for the lands” by Unity Pavilion for the fund raising.
- Participation in the ‘Drift Theater Independent Festival’ of Dharamsala with a creative writing playground.

Monday classes are still running every Monday from 4.30 to 6pm until May 13th. Then I will start again in August. If you want to give it a try, please send an email to mycreativewriting@gmail.com.

Francesca of My Creative Satsang

Tempeh, Amazing Food

The Potential Health Benefit list is too long to be covered here. However, Aurosoya Organic Tempeh is a high protein fermented Soyfood, highly digestible due to the fermentation process. Cholesterol and gluten free, it is ideal for vegetarian/vegan cuisine or anyone looking for a healthy diet. Tempeh is a good source of B vitamins (B5,B2,B3,B6 and B12), fiber and minerals, such as manganese, copper, iron, phosphorus and magnesium. Extremely rich in calcium (more than in cow milk) it is very beneficial to people having bone density deficiency. How to eat Tempeh: Tempeh can be eaten raw or cooked. If eaten raw is the best way to preserve its nutritional and probiotic benefits, it brings out all its flavors and enzymes. Firm in texture, Tempeh can be easily sliced, boiled, fried, deep fried, steamed, grilled, baked, turned into chips, mixed into soups, stew, salad, etc. It also performs very well as cheese grater and spread when in its raw form. What you need to know: 1) If you are not used to fermented food, start with a small amount in order to prevent any stomach discomfort. 2) The aroma should be mushroom-like, earthy flavor and the texture never slimy. A slight smell of ammonia is fine.
3) The flavor becomes more noticeable and pronounced as it ages.
4) Small grey or black spots on the surface are normal and safe to be eaten.
5) On the contrary, never eat Tempeh when pink spots are visible on the surface.

6) How to store: Tempeh stays well in the fridge for one week. You can also freeze it up to six months. Available at Pour Tous, PTDC and HER'S in its frozen form (for the time being). Kindly place your order if you want to experience it fresh straight from the incubator at Aurosoy ∶ a truly delicacy!... Aurosoya Tempeh is Certified organic and GM free … Contact Persons: Akila. Land line (0413) 262 3809. Fred: 978 677 3499. Wishing you all good health! Aurosoya Team

**POSTINGS**

**Newborn: Dyuman is here!**
Dear Friends, we are very happy to share with you all that on Sunday 25/03/2018, we got a healthy baby boy called Dyuman. Chandra & Ayyanar (Pony Farm)

**Birth of a baby boy. Welcome Mithilesh!**
Dear community members, we are very happy to share with you that we have been blessed with a beautiful baby boy named "Mithilesh" on 29th march 2018 at Sante clinic Auroville. We would like to thank everyone at Sante for taking such a good care of us. Especially Paula, Krishna, Shanti & Thilagam. Love & Smile, Thulasi & Sarany (Realization Community)

**MAHA TRAVELS - NEW ADDRESS**
Dear Community, we have recently moved and we would like to inform all Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers and Guests that our new address is: MAHA TRAVELS, KOTTAKARAI, AUROVILLE. (Near Ganesh Bakery). Our telephone number will remain same as before: 9413 - 2622915, 9843600701, 9943881067. Thank you, BALAJI for Maha Travels.

**NEED HELP WITH YOUR BAMBOO?**
If you have Bamboo Clumps growing in or around your backyard, you could contact the Bamboo Centre to help you harvest it free of charge, also we can check the health of the clump and replace the Bamboo with better species. If you wish to learn Farming / Treatment / Harvesting bamboo, we are offering free training and taking volunteers. Kindly contact Romel: 9619996080 or mail us bambocentre@auroville.org.in

**Auroville Library of Things is now online**
You can check availability, reserve or list things just with the tap of your fingertips.
Visit: aurolot.myturn.com/library/inventory/browse to experience the joy of sharing! You can check availability, reserve or list things just with the tap of your fingertips.
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**Darkali Fitness Track**
Darkali Fitness Track welcomes you every day from 4.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. **We are open in the morning on request.** Please send your request to dft@auroville.org.in and we are happy to open it for you. Please remember to come 30 minutes before closing time. **Way to the gate in Google Maps:** goo.gl/dPDfTg

**50th Anniversary Collaborative Film**
We would like to invite everyone to participate in a collaborative movie about our birthday. The idea is to share the best footage that you have from the anniversary and the related experiences (from November until March) that may be worth showing. OutreachMedia will then edit all the footage together to make a collaborative film by the people.

If you are interested please send us your clips via www.wetransfer.com to valentina.beatriz@gmail.com. Resolution must be Full HD, up to 1 minute per clip and 1 clip per event maximum. You can send several clips, but please don’t send more than 1Gb per person.
Thank you! Valentina & Serena - Outreach media team

**APPEAL**
- **Windarra Farm (Back to Basics) needs a Water Tank**
The new Windarra Farm (Back to Basics) is in need of a water storage to be able to function independently. The Farm group and the Auroville Council request donations to realize a water tank. The water tank will cost approximately Rs 2 to 2.5 lakhs. The farm is already paying off a loan and hence this appeal to see if the tank can be established with some help from the community. Please donate to account no. 252677 (Windarra water tank) Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**
- **Isai Ambalam school is looking for an Aurovilian teacher for any grade up to 8th Grade:** Isai Ambalam school is an outreach school of Auroville near Alankuppam registered under NESS for CBSE. We are looking for an Aurovilian teacher who has completed D.Ted or B.Ed who can handle up to 8th standard. A person who is open to new learning methodologies and with good communication and writing skills in English and Tamil may apply. Please look up the school blog to know the latest happening at the school: tinyurl.com/iaschool. Please write to the school (Isaalambschool@auroville.org.in) or Sanjeev (sanjeev.r@auroville.org.in) or call Kavitha (8940343614). Isai Ambalam School Team

- **SAIHER new project:** SAIHER is working on a project to create a Boarding for Auroville children below the age of 16 years. A need has been expressed to create such a facility. To start with and as an experiment we would use two to three staff quarters being constructed by SAIHER. If the project takes off, we would build something suitable for a Boarding. We envisage to start with not more than three to four children. The children would be chosen by a clear process depending on the needs of the children and recommendations of parents and teachers.

- **Rainbow Child Auroville Program** is looking for a long term volunteer or newcomer to help with Children Yoga and Energetic Games for Minimum 1 year. Every Saturday from 10 am to 12 in Pitanga Yoga Hall. Contact Gala. Certitude on 0413 2632423 or email victor@auroville.org.in

**HEALTH**
- **INTEGRAL HEALTH: Classical Homeopathy, Hypnotherapy Psychomotricity, Child Care**
Aditi Patel, fully qualified homeopath from Baroda is joining Integral Health from 15th April onwards. Welcome to make appointments now.

Integral Health will be fully functioning with Aditi and Malar all through the summer! Peter and Sidrig will be out of station all May and June.

Sigrid gives sessions in transpersonal regression therapy, inner child work, trauma therapy.

Malar has trained in homeopathy and provides homeopathic consultations, homeopathic First Aid, providing follow up remedies etc. Malar can visit your home or share with your Work Unit etc. and present the homeopathic first aid and PC remedies.

- **First Aid Kits with 32 remedies** are available, description in English, French, German and Tamil are available.

- **Ookobaka** (for soothing effects of pesticides), PC Shock, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Blood Pressure etc. are available in our remedy box, along with Harmony and Samata. Just come and take anytime. Benefits are well established - no side effects.

**Consultations are generally held in English, French, German, and Tamil.**
Malar is managing the office, the First Aid Kits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12.30 a.m.

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

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Malar malar@auroville.org.in 9585012007

Mahalakshmi Home for Assisted Living

This is to update the AV community about the “Mahalakshmi Home” for assisted living, a project situated next to “Arka”, undertaken and managed by the AV Health Services (AVHS).

It will accommodate 8 Aurovilian seniors permanent and 2 temporary who need some assistance and care in their daily lives. 4 Aurovilians have already reserved a place, we have place for 4 more seniors.

The inauguration of the project is planned for the 15th of August 2018.

Any donation towards finishing and equipment is welcome.

PT account 0727 (Mahalakshmi Home).

For more information please contact Manfred (AVHS)- phone 0413-2622565 or email: manfred@auroville.org.in - The AVHS team

Santé Annual Statistics Report - April 2018

Dear Auroville Community,

We are happy to share with you some information about the services and staff of Santé over the past few years. The Ambulance Service Report will be sent separately.

First, let’s look at the increase in patient flow over the past 3 years of service:

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* Kailash clinic estimations:

Next, let’s look at the variety of health care providers and therapists:

General Practitioners, Paramedic, Dr. of Ayurveda, Nurse- Midwife, Women’s Health Practitioner, therapists of Medical Shiatsu, Acupuncture, Homeopathy, Meridian Psychotherapy, Physiotherapy, Hypnotherapy, Life coaching & Ozone therapy.

Other services that provide our community great convenience and quality care include: Qualified nursing care, first-aid and wound care, ECG monitoring, minor surgery, laboratory tests, home visits and in-patient care, medical workshops and classes.

Our future plans include continuing our offered services and expanding our maternity care facilities. The Morning Star Birth Center is on the horizon for the Santé campus. As of March 2018, Santé has had two Aurovilian children delivered in our temporary maternity facility in Santé. We hope there will be more to come!

Your Santé Team

EATING OUT

WELL Studio Café closed on 14/04/2108 for Tamil New Year

Dear all, WELL studio Cafe will be closed for Tamil New Year on Saturday 14/04/2018.

Please join us for breakfast and lunch any other days, Monday to Saturday from 8.30 till 16.30. Vegetarian and vegan Mediterranean food in our beautiful garden in Sve Dame. For groups and take away please call us: 0413-2622229

E-Mail Address - wellcafe@auroville.org.in

Love, WELL Cafe team.

AUROVILLE RADIO / TV

Dear listeners/viewers!

We are happy to share with you all what we managed to capture in past week as a team of AurovilleRadioTV.

Please 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: www.aurovilleradio.org / Facebook: www.facebook.com/auroville.radio / Twitter: AurovilleRadioTV (@AurovilleRadio) / Twitter.

From our volunteers we have: D - Performance - Chudamani an English Play, Rtm - Youth Choir in Concert, (with link to Fred C video) and Spirit and Nature, Sara reads Yaroslava’s Flowers in Italian language, Veena Recital on 30th of September 2017 at Unity Pavilion. An interview with director of theater play “Balli” - by Sanjay Raphael.

Out of regular programs: Gangalakshmi reads her Selections in French of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. And here are the news of Tuesday, Thursday and Monday.

Your AurovilleRadioTV Team (www.aurovilleradio.org)

GREEN MATTERS

No more Pesticides? We urgently need a Strategy!

Has pesticide spraying gone worse this year?

Is a question widely asked as so many in Auroville are suffering from pesticide-related illnesses (for instance, practically all of us at the Green Center have been affected, and so have our families). Answering it is not so easy, because it is hard to get from guesses and estimations to solid facts, and we don’t have a comprehensive picture of the entire Auroville area in this regard. Besides, even if the quantity of pesticides sprayed remained the same, new products keep being introduced (which contrary to the manufacturers’ statements, are often much more toxic than the previous ones!). And lastly, there is a cumulative effect of the poisons - in the soil, the water, and our own bodies.

The background: Our direct environment is among the most intensely sprayed areas (cashews coming second only to cotton); pesticide use in this area started in the mid-70s when the Green Revolution brought free current for pumping ‘limitless’ groundwater, replaced the traditional rain-fed rice and millets by irrigated high-yielding varieties, and introduced cashew as a cash crop, the ‘gold of wasteland’. While today many farmers in India are saying No to Pesticides and convert to organic cashew cultivation - after all they and their families are the most directly affected by the relentless spraying! - the movement has hardly reached our area yet. The pesticide lobbies with their local tentacles are still strong, farmers are warned of crop losses if they convert, and are sold cocktails of highly toxic chemicals many of which are banned and restricted.

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All this in spite of years of educational efforts from Auroville’s side, and Njal proving beyond any doubt that his organic test plots opposite Solar Kitchen yielded more cashews than the neighbouring cultivations dowsed in chemicals. Many of our communities and schools share fences with village neighbours, who apply pesticides at least twice and up to six times (!) between the flowering and fruiting season. And Auroville itself owns a considerable amount of cashew lands, which get leased out every year to the highest bidder, and the responsible working group (LRM in the past, now Landboard) does not have an easy time monitoring that the ‘organic-only’ condition is respected by the leasees.

What can be done? The past efforts: A number of concerned Aurovilians have taken initiatives, such as Joss, Johnny, Dr. Lucas, Njal & Rita and Christiane with the “No More Pesticides” campaign; Srimi of Yatra Multimedia with the educational theatre play ‘Poison’ for which Claudine wrote the script and which was shown in all the surrounding villages. The EMS (Environmental Monitoring Service) conducted a year-long pesticide-testing project across Auroville two decades (!) ago. Neem-based products like Limonool and Nimazal were made readily available as alternative crop sprays. Many of these efforts have had little visible impact but we believe they shouldn’t be considered failures; rather let’s learn from the experience and adapt future initiatives accordingly.

What is possible today? Change can initiate from different levels: the law-makers; the farmers; the community (e.g. neighbours); the consumers - and ideally it would come from all these at the same time. It’s obvious that on some of those levels we are Auroville owns a considerable amount of cashew lands, which get leased out every year to the highest bidder, and the responsible working group (LRM in the past, now Landboard) does not have an easy time monitoring that the ‘organic-only’ condition is respected by the leasees. Change can originate from different levels: the law-makers; the farmers; the community (e.g. neighbours); the consumers - and ideally it would come from all these at the same time. It’s obvious that on some of those levels we have had little visible impact but we believe they shouldn’t be considered failures; rather let’s learn from the experience and adapt future initiatives accordingly. Consumers have the ultimate power in deciding the kind of food that is grown, and although we may be far from a critical mass, here is a clear call to each one of us. Finally at the community & Landboard levels, we believe there is a lot of scope, by nurturing our relationships and communication across language, cultural & social differences... There are some positive examples in Auroville where neighbours have adopted organic methods thanks to their good rapport with and the example of their Auroville neighbours. Practical proposals: The first and most obvious task is at home, by ensuring that all Auroville-owned leased cashew lands are organically cultivated as per agreement. Here we propose the neighbourhoods to come into an active role, by assisting the Landboard in its monitoring task. Practically, we suggest the at the beginning of the season, the Land Board makes a list available of all the Auroville-leased cashew toposes with a map, plot numbers and the names of leasees, so that those living in an area can observe, if necessary collect samples, and notify the Landboard which then takes action. Transparency and collaboration are key here, along with an increasing trust on all sides.

Igor of the EMS (in Aurobrindavan) offers assistance in testing, whether in-house or at an external lab. Samples can be of four types, he explains, soil, water, air or vegetation; such analysis is complex and rather costly, depending on how many pesticides are included and what level of accuracy is needed. Clearly there is a necessity in fact an urgent call for a comprehensive strategy for the health of our area and all its inhabitants, humans, birds, bees, butterflies, and every living creature around us as we are far more interconnected than we realise! How can Auroville pick up the momentum, well in time before the next cashew season starts? Dear fellow-Aurovilians, please engage and take action, report your observations and share your suggestions, with the Landboard, with the Green Center, and with our working groups!!

How to recognise pesticide poisoning:

Acute symptoms: Stinging and red eyes, constricted throat, cough, unseasonal cold, nausea, digestive upset, kidney pain, fever, headaches and general malaise.

Chronic effects: Damage to nervous system, reproductive system, liver etc.; cancers, immune-system & metabolic diseases, birth defects, etc. Worst affected are the men, women and children involved in the spraying actions.

What can I do?

- Limit exposure where possible (e.g. avoid paths & short-cuts through cashew growing areas)
- Keep pets away from treated fields
- Relocate if necessary (especially if pregnant or with small children!)
- Okoubaka, homeopathic remedy for dealing with pesticide effects, is available free of charge from the Integral Health Centre in Prayatna and also from Health Centre
- Buy only organic cashews!!
- Support organic farming as a conscious consumer!
- Help monitoring cashew spraying on Auroville lands (in your neighbourhood)
- Promote the use of organic neem-based pesticides, available on order from FoodLink (Nimbicide)

Auroville Green Center: aveerecenter@auroville.org.in (Lisbeth, Jasmin, Isabelle, Apple, Island, and others who joined this specific effort)

Sunday 8th of April at 9.30 am:
Baraka, with Achilles (91594-48069)
Baraka is a community dedicated to forestry and farming, and to fostering a sustainable way of living. A small team of dedicated people look after 40 acres of Auroville’s bioregion in the greenbelt area, tending mostly forest but also orchards (it is famous for its mangoes) and vegetables. With its horses, cows, dogs, geese, turkeys and wildlife, Baraka offers a learning ground for young ones (of all ages!) to connect with animals and plants, nurturing a living relationship with of nature through interaction.

Directions: ca, 15 minutes’ cycle ride from Solar Kitchen. Past the Matrimandir main entrance; follow the road to the North past the Kottakarai turn-off, at the next crossroads turn right into the greenbelt road. Follow this road from its paved beginning past the Youth Center and Transition to the Entrance of Dana on your right side. Opposite on the left you see the Baraka gate; follow the winding road to the parking.

Next week: Sunday 15th April - Espace forest (near Minati), with Island. Details see next N&N.

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. alo@auroville.org.in, NOW ONLINE! aurolov giám.com/library/inventory/browse

Refrigerator: “Haier” with a guarantee height 117, width 54. Mirror on the wall in a wooden frame height 96, width 34, Glass plate one comfort. My mail btv.12@mail.ru. Tatyana

Kitten : She was rescued a few months back and is well now. As I am leaving Auroville soon I would like her to be adopted rather than leaving her on my own again. Thank you! I can be contacted at Kovar 7833989853

Three beautiful kittens require a good home, as soon as possible. Please contact: FlonaFrazerJehui@hotmail.com if you’re interested. With thanks, Fionn

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3 PUPPIES NEED LOVING HOMES!
The one and only Singam, the motorbike rider, lady-stunner, the insane lion mane emperor of the cultural zone, has just joined forces with his partner in crime Maxie, the fierce Rottweiler / German Shepherd Lassie who chases all the cows away.

Together they have created a spectacular trio of mamasitas. Living at the Youth Center, the puppies do well at socializing with humans, and each has a unique personality. They desperately need homes as the Youth Center has enough canine companions already!

To have a look at the pretty puppies, enquire at the YC landline (0413-2622857) or call Luc (9751621599) or Satya (9443085323).

10 Month Old Puppy: Would anyone like to have a black male retriever dog? It is a retriever with long hair (which I have cut). He is healthy, 10 months old, very friendly with other dogs & humans & playful. A quick learner, he would be good as a companion and watch dog. Will be good with children. Information on this breed. To have him as a pet or for a photo, contact Shama 04132622128 | shama@auroville.org.in

Yamaha RBX Electric Bass Guitar: Reddish color. Selling. Please contact Ray 8289764499 geertedwolfgang@yahoo.co.uk

Cycle: I have new Atlas Erika (ridden only 18 days) and it is up for sale as I have to leave Auroville soon. It is in pristine condition. If interested, please contact Kaveri 7839389853.

VARIOUS: Treachers: 11m SS-mesh like new, fine and strong, no need to paint! 2 Beautiful Tibet. Carpets (95x90cm, 65x150cm), 1 Hand-Embroidered Kashmir Carpet (90x145cm), ASPI-Garden Sprayer, Rucksack Type. 10. If interested, please come Sunday 3-5pm to Schima’s house in Transformation. Leave message only if necessary 7639540624.

Royal Enfield Bullet Electra: 2009 model with 37,000 KMs. Comes with good protective jacket, luggage rack, two helmets, spare parts and tools, and ~10 months’ insurance. Delhi plates. WhatsApp (don’t call) +12506371202 Jesse.hume@outlook.com

Bike: Hero Honda Impulse end of 2013. Contact Guy guydimitri@gmail.com / 04132622945 / 9626722945. Thank you

LOOKING FOR...

Hawaiian Hula Dance Teacher: Is there anyone out there to teach me Hula Dance? Jesse chichico@auroville.org.in

Dutch Tutor: for Fluent English speaking Indian girl in Pondicherry. Multiple classes a week preferred. Rashi 9677864438. Submitted by Simone

Work: Kamala, a resident of Sanjeev Nagar, is looking for part-/-full-time work. She can do household works and gardening. She’s worked at Unity Pavilion for a few months. In case you are interested in engaging her, please get in touch with Ambika (who is from the same village and works at Savitri Bhavan hostel) 7639217535 (after 5 pm). Submitted by Jaya

LOST & FOUND

Blue Children bag with red train picture fell from my bike outside of Centerfield Kindergarten or somewhere on my way to Transformation last Monday. If you found this bag please contact me in 7539956719 or osnatshifman@gmail.com. Thanks a lot, Osnat, Evergreen.

TAXI SHARING

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

April 7th: departing Auroville at 3:30am for Chennai Airport (International Departure). 1 person going. Please contact Elise at 04132622943 or elisegal@gmail.com

April 9th: departing Auroville, on 9th April for a pick up at Chennai Airport at about 3 pm. Going and back empty. Sharing both ways possible. I am staying at Creativity. Please contact Nedret: +917708213618 . Email: nedretgulcan@gmail.com

April 11: At 4 pm a taxi will leave AV for a flight departing from Chennai airport. If you want to share, both ways, please contact 94 89 85 23 75 / hhedia@gmail.com

April 12th: departing Auroville at 5am for Chennai Airport (International Departure). 1 person going. Sharing both ways possible. Thanks Sibylle 8940567857 siapro@web.de

April 12th /13th: Taxi leaving Auroville around 11:30pm on April 12th for a drop-off at Chennai Airport on April 13th at about 2:30am. Sharing both ways possible. Contact Sabine at +91786775818 (whatsapp ok) or taxabine@auroville.org.in, thanks!

April 17th: To Chennai on 17th Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning after 6 am. Contact 0413-2623082 or 9442934306 or varadarajan1936@gmail.com. Varadarajan

April 19th: I will leave Auroville at 3am. Would you like to share a taxi? Contact Isora 9385336187 or isiauroville@gmail.com

April 21st: From Chennai 21st Saturday evening or Sunday morning after 6 am sharing possible. Contact 0413-2623082 or 9442934306 or varadarajan1936@gmail.com. Varadarajan

Week’s Happenings

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri

read by Mother to Sunil’s music

Every THURSDAY - 6.00 to 6.30 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 No Photos and do not to use your cell phones, cameras, i-pads, etc.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm

Please be seated by 5.55 pm, no late entry.

Thank you.

Amphitheatre Team

Wildlife Book Launch

Learn about the wild crocodiles living down the road near Cuddalore, and the leopards that may also be living unseen not far away. How about the threat of Rock Bee attacks? Are you aware that only 1 in 20 venomous snake bites may kill, and what action to take if bitten? Learn that female praying mantises often eat their lovers as they mate! Do we have vampire bats locally? Is there anything good to say about cockroaches? Or rats? Or spiders?

How about flamingos, chameleons, dragonflies, mosquitoes, earthworms, lice, scorpions, bugs & snails, butterflies & moths, mongeuses, houseflies, etc.?

A total of 88 profiles on life-forms big and small - some popular & attractive, some unpopular & shunned, and some plain scary & dangerous, all relevant to our part of India - are covered in a just completed Auroville book on the Coromandel coastal region (which we lie at the heart of) to be launched at Unity Pavilion - 4.00pm on Thursday April 12th

All are invited for refreshments and to learn about this new 4-colour photo-rich publication. We look forward to seeing you for a short presentation on the book and its contents, which will be on sale there at over 20% discount.

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An Ode to Auroville
On the occasion of its Golden Jubilee
An Offering of Hindustani Classical
and light classical (Vocal) pieces
by group of singers
from Sri Aurobindo Ashram

7th April 2018
Saturday evening
8:00 pm - 9:15 pm
at CRIPA, Auroville

Organised by:
ARPAANAA (Geeta, Creativity & Mona, Yantra) arpanaa@auroville.org.in
SOUL CYPER

POP FUNK REGGAE SKA R&B ROCK
AND LOVE

MARGHERITA - VOCALS
MATTHEW - BASS GUITAR & VOCALS
MEHUL - DRUMS
EDO - LEAD GUITAR

FRIDAY THE 13TH
8PM AT CRIPA
**TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**

*Dear Community Vanakam!*

All are cordially invited to celebrate the Tamil New Year in Indian Pavilion, SAWCHU, at Bharat Nivas on 13th April 2018, 5:30 pm onwards

**Program details**
- 5:30: Lights & Kolam
- 6:00: Live music
- 7:00: Refreshments and Snacks
- 7:15: Screening of the film

made out of Sangamam Festival on 4th March 2018

Let’s celebrate this year’s Tamil New Year as part of the Auroville 50th anniversary together.

Nandri Vanakam

Event organized by: Auro Sangamam, Bharat Nivas.

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**Informal Sharing**

- **Spirit & Nature vs The Dolphin’s Way**

Aikya has always loved nature in all forms. Some years ago she got a strong call from Africa... and when she read Linda Tucker’s book ‘The mystery of the White Lions’, she knew she had to meet them. Then started a wonderful inner and outer adventure of a Dream coming true, One United Roar and Lion Hearted Leadership. Here she will share her story, more about what the White Lions represent, and the golden thread of finding purpose throughout it all. From childhood Ally established a deep friendship with dolphins from her home island. This connection assisted her in the awakening journey to her true purpose in life. Here Ally will share her personal experience with wild dolphins and her research into human-dolphin connection.

In the event we will have following documentaries: ‘The Journey’ and ‘Sacred White Lions’. Contribution requested from guests. Registration NEEDED in order to arrange the place.

Contact: spiritandnature@auroville.org.in/see spiritandnature.org

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**EXHIBITIONS**

**Ivana’s Art from Auroville**

Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas 13-21 April, 2018

The exhibition entails work, which Ivana created over the past 3 years. Diverse art includes drawings and paintings by various mediums such as oil, acrylics, watercolor, pastel and charcoal.

Inauguration: Friday, April 13th 5pm
Open daily 9am - 5pm (Sunday closed)

Ivana Ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk | 7094344154

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**Narrative Movements presents**

**The World Post Contemporary Wave**

Curated by Ivana Frousova

SUNDAY 15.4.2018 (10am-3pm)
Venue: Kottakarai Bus Stop, Auroville, Tamil Nadu

The World Post Contemporary Wave is an unconventional Art Awareness program happening in 44 different places globally, in a single day, to celebrate the World Art Day. The event is curated by artist-curators with the participation of more than 200 artists nationally and internationally.

You can reach the place by the main road from Visitor parking place direction to Kottakarai. All are welcome.

Please, be aware that it is in the open space so you need a protection against the sun.

Contact for curator: ivana@auroville.com, +917094344154
Contact for Narrative Movements: narrativemovements@gmail.com www.narrativemovements.com

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**CULTURAL EVENTS**

**BALI**

**- A Preview by AVArtService**

We all know the wonderful work in theatre done by our neighbour, Adishakti, and have had the opportunity to enjoy excellent performances by them and by the artists they have invited. Since Veennapani’s death, the company has shared with us a yearly festival in her memory. On April 7th, we will have the opportunity to see their new production BALI. Scripted and directed by Nimmy Raphel, BALI has the eyes of India’s theatre world turned onto it because it is the first play coming out of Adishakti since the passing of its well-known founder.

In Auroville, we have had the opportunity to enjoy the work of Nimmy as she journeyed from being a ‘musician’ in BHARANAL to the highly skilled and talented actor that the world now recognises her as. She stepped into scripting and direction under the guidance of Veennapani and created her first solo production, NIDRAVATHWAM, with a story based around a mythological character from the Mahabharata.

In BALI, she continues to draw inspiration from mythology, and has chosen to re-look at one of the most controversial moments in the Ramayana. The story is popular with actors of Kathakali, Therukoothu, and other traditional theatre forms and the discussion around the ethics of the death of Bali is a moment that is skillfully dwelt upon and played out in these performances. Of course, the role of the monkey-king is given to the best and most experienced actor only. In Nimmy’s version, we have the promise of enjoying the skill and craft of Adishakti’s veteran actor (and artistic director!), Vinay Kumar, in the role of Bali.

If you don’t already know the story of Bali (or Vali) and Sugriva, do look it up before going for the play. Here are a few links: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vali_(Ramayana); ntsin.com/a-tale-of-two-brothers-bali-and-sugriva-the-ramayana.html; sites.google.com/site/karmastoriesou/vali-s-story; thewire.in/books/arshia-sattar-ramayana-children; www.hindupedia.com/en/Kishkinda_Kandam#Bali_Vadham.

The premiere of BALI is this Saturday, April 7, at 7pm at Adishakti in Edayanchavadi. There will only be one showing. I, for one, am certainly looking forward to seeing Vinay, Arvind and gang back on stage together in this new production, towards which they have been working on for the last many many months!! Thank you Nimmy.

by Krishna Devananand for AVArtService

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**SCHEDULES**

**NEW Ayurvedic Massage and Birenda Massage at Arka**

I am Ion Conder, I am an Aurovillian and from 15th of April 2018. I will start to give treatment with Ayurvedic massage and Birenda massage. Please take an appointment with me.

Contact: Ion-8903205842
Come, Create with Us!
Experience, Express and Explore yourself though the Visual Arts

Centre for Research, Education and Experience in the Visual Arts (CREEVA) is a platform for people to experience art first hand and overcome the inhibitions. It is a place where art enthusiasts can experiment with mediums, form, themes, etc. and hone their skills. CREEVA lets you explore deeper and find your language to express. It helps you practice your yoga of art regularly and peacefully.

**Weekday 5pm-7pm @ Creativity Community Atelier, Near Solar Kitchen**
- **Monday** Mediums with A. Sathy - Work with different paint mediums to use in your own expression.
- **Playful Tuesdays** with Dominique - Explore and create your own understanding of known artists and also on Art which will expand your own expression.
- **Hands-on Wednesdays** with Nausheen - Exploring Clay workshop is to make a connection with the material, sensing it, playing with it to see what could possibly be created.
- **Drawing Thursdays** with Lakshay - Figure Drawing. Classic way to understand the form, anatomy, perspective, etc. Support is available.
- **Creative Fridays** with Helgard - Come, experience and enjoy the colours. An engaging and meditative process to make you express yourself more freely.
- **And, Sketchy Saturdays** with Jean-Marie from 3-5pm at different places. Call to confirm the location. Bring your own materials.

Pls. BE ON TIME. It's a cooperative; pls. feel free to use the studio's art materials. It's free for Aurovilians and Newcomers. The base contribution for Volunteers is Rs.100 and Guests is Rs.200 per session. It's a non-profit; donate more generously for art to flourish. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email. Call 04132622641 or email to creeva@auroville.org.in

We have an open studio everyday from 9:30am to 4.30pm at Creativity Community and Kalakendra.

### CREATIVITY HALL OF LIGHT

**Family Constellation Workshop:** with Maghan
Saturday 7th of April 9am to 6pm
Contact: maghan@auroville.org.in / 9751110486

**Vocal & Nada Yoga**
Thursday 12th & Friday 13th April - 9 - 5 pm

Italian Maestro Wisdom & Yogic Approach: discover & develop the energy and physical parts of the body involved in vocal sound production. Learn to use these parts through vocal practice and sound healing circle to consciously create and strengthen your unique inner musical instrument. Nada Yoga/Access Inner Consciousness Through Sound. Ancient Nada Yoga links music to spiritual growth through vibrational sound. Use musical scales inside energetic centres to deepen auditory and kinesthetic awareness. Use Indian Raga to free emotional blockages. These techniques help you to sing in tune. Nada Yoga is a powerful meditative tool to deepen movement between consciousness states, enhance inner peace and contentment. Sacred Chants Help to quiet the mind & open the heart to the Divine Within.

No need of any previous experience, Bring a small mirror with you. To register call Hansini 9487544184 / 04132622823

### QUITHEALING CENTER

**Somatic Movement with Maggie**
Saturday 7 - Sunday 8 April 2018 9.30 AM - 5.00 PM
Quiet Healing Center 04132622329 / 9488084966

Somatics is a system of slow, mindful movement. It improves the function of the nervous system, creating more ease and freedom within ourselves. Somatics teaches us to recognise and release holding patterns, resulting from pain, injury, stress or habituated posture, and enhances any kind of exercise such as yoga, dance, sport or just moving through life. You will also learn a daily practice in order to maintain better flexibility, coordination, balance and wellness, resulting in a decrease of aches commonly attributed to stress, injury and ageing.

**Aqua Yoga: Watsu & OBA Basic**
April 9-14th 1pm-6:30pm
Quiet Healing Center 04132622329 / 9488084966

Watsu & OBA are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool. Watsu Basic introduces movements and body mechanics to float someone on the surface; OBA Intro introduces and offers a unique underwater experience (with noseclip). Practicing basic techniques and qualities, you will experience floating people and being floated, on the surface and under water, creating a space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit. No previous experience required!

### AT VERITE

**SESSIONS AT VERITE** - 0413 2622045, 2622606, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in

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

**Dear Inner dance dancers** - coming Saturday 07/04, 5pm - 6:30pm at Verite will be the last session for this season.

"Please come to end the season together. It will be a session of heart, love and gratitude. We will dance prayer and devotional songs. I would like to express my gratitude and to thank all of you who joined me in this beautiful journey. Have a great summer, much love to all of you, Yoffi."

**Parents with Babies Yoga** - with Suryamayi- Tuesdays 9 to 10 am until 17th April

**Meditative Dance** - with Yoffi - Thursday 12 April from 9.30 to 11 am

Please note the following cancellation:

- Aligned Vinayasa Yoga - with Suryamayi - Saturday, 14th April

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**OTHER EVENTS**

### AT JOY COMMUNITY GH

**Healing relationships and communication** With Sirish
Every Tuesdays - April 10th, 17th and 24th
Join for morning session: 9 am - 12 pm or All day session: 9 am - 4:30 pm (with lunch break).

**How to handle chaos in relationships?**
We will investigate core values as the basis of understanding ourselves and others. Through a process of uncovering the challenges we face in relationships, we can examine and begin to transform the patterns. This helps us identify blocks from values & culture that interfere with creating strong family and personal relationships. We will also explore body movement to remove the blocks and release the pattern. No registration required. For more information: Sirish 8127 52 4550, Joy Community Guesthouse - Center Field, +91(0)9487275393, www.joyauroville.org www.facebook.com/joyauroville

### SAVITRI - ONE DROP OF PRACTICE

...Still this is not a mere allegory, the characters are not personified qualities, but incarnations or emanations of living and conscious Forces with whom we can enter into concrete touch and they take human bodies in order to help man and show him the way from his mortal state to a divine consciousness and immortal life. –Sri Aurobindo-

A weekly Savitri get together, every Thursday morning from 9:30am to 10:30am at the Reading Room of Savitri Bhavan. In this gathering of Savitri Lovers, each line is explained in an elaborate way to open up doorways of possibilities of practice in our day to day life. Each drop of light turns into a guiding step for progress and transformation, ultimately leading to the Divine Realization.
**Inner-Work Workshop**

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

10th April (Tuesday) - Focus this week on: 'Savitri'

Place: Savitri Bhavan - Time: 9 am to 12 Noon

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

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

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises. Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 04132609292). 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](http://www.integralyoga-auroville.com)

**Computer Literacy**

Weekly individual beginner's support (computer literacy) at Blue Light on Saturday mornings, from 10 am-12.30 pm. Open to any community member using Linux.

To set up an appointment, please write to bluelight@auroville.org.in. Blue Light’s office is located at town hall between Auroville multi-media center and the Auroville Foundation building. Email: bluelight@auroville.org.in / phone: +91 413 2627500. Looking forward to working together. Best, Myriam

**Workshop: TRUTH ON STAGE**

The Auroville Theatre Group would like to explore what it means to bring 'truth on stage'.

What is truth in a performance? How do you discover the truth of the moment, of the character, of the line, of the scene?

Workshop will be offered as follows:

- Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, April 16, 17 and 18 at CRIPA 7:30-10:00.
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday April 23, 24 and 25 at CRIPA 7:30-10:00.

Contribution will be asked from guests.

For more information, please call Jil at 9486416173

**Women Temple: In Butterfly barn, Sve-dame**

On the following Wednesdays, at 7-9pm: APRIL 11 & 25. Welcome into the circle, of the character, of the line, of the scene? How do you discover the truth of the moment, of the character, of the line, of the scene?

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**AVIVA’S METHOD FOR MEN**

Aviva method is a physical exercise system which ensures healthy blood flow in the lower body and regulates the related glands for optimal hormone level. One practicing it can enjoy all the benefits of the healing oxygen, minerals and hormones carried by blood to the body parts in this area. These set of exercises developed specifically for men to bring improvement for prostate problems, to increase fertility, to cease depression, and to regulate bowel movements. It uses elements of folk dances, certain habits of natural communities, wisdom of healers and facts stated by Western medicine.

at Deepam School, Kulapalayam - April 4, timing: 9-12am

For more information please contact Zsolti at bogiszolti@gmail.com or 7598447623

**Software Development practices and programming in Python and Django to develop websites**

A course by STEMland - Aura Auro Design is offering

What? Learn what it takes to be a good programmer with skills like version control (git), automated testing, database concepts, etc. Put this in practice with a couple of hands-on projects to learn programming in Python, designing websites in Django.

When and where? This three week (six session) course will commence from the 9th of April 2018 at the iSmart Classroom in Udavi School and will happen on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

Ground Rules: Be on time. You can skip one class but the second class you skip you drop the course.

Fees? The course is free. For registration form write to: poozvih@auraauro.com

What I need to know? Basic programming experience in any programming language

About the Course Facilitator: Sravan Reddy is a graduate of IITD and has been working in the last 5 years with ICTD in Delhi developing large scale web based programs.

- STEM Land - Aura Auro Design

**Sustainable Habitats Workshop**

Auroville Green Practices is organizing a 4-day workshop titled ‘Sustainable Habitats’ scheduled from 10th - 13th April 2018. This workshop is aimed at deepening the understanding of a sustainably integrated approach to planning, designing and building of human habitats. A series of interactive workshops and site visits based on the broad themes of planning and design, green building material, energy management, integrated water management, waste management and landscaping will be offered. Concessional fees (to cover food expenses) for Aurovilians working in this field are being offered. Full program attendance is required. If you are interested to attend please send an email to: info@agpworkshops.com. For more details, please visit: [www.agpworkshops.com](http://www.agpworkshops.com)

**Green House Gas Accounting & offsetting carbon footprint**

Half-day workshop on 10th April, 2018, Time: 2pm to 5pm.

Auroville Consulting is offering awareness and training course on Green House Gas Accounting and carbon footprint. Participants will be familiarised with the basics of Greenhouse Gas Accounting, why and how it is calculated, its relevance to activities, how it can be offset etc. The workshop is primarily targeted to executives and accountants from Auroville units. Individuals performing accounting responsibilities are encouraged to participate. For more information and registration, please contact info@aurovilleconsulting.com or call us on 0413-2622 571

**FILMS**

**Documentary Night at UP**

This week Thursday 12-04-18 we will be screening ‘Beyond Thinking’ delving into the realms of the thinking process and what is it that Beyond Thinking one arrives at. OM ! :)

**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

Sadhana Forest, April 13th, 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 :)

**GREEN**


Her name is Green, she is alone in a world that doesn't belong to her. She is a female orang-utan, victim of deforestation and resource exploitation. This film is an emotional journey with Green's final days. It is a visual ride presenting the treasures of rainforest biodiversity and the devastating impacts of logging and land clearing for palm oil plantations.

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, or visit [www.sadhanaforest.org/ucc](http://www.sadhanaforest.org/ucc)

**The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 2677682 or 2677683, or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in.**

Visit us online [sadhanaforest.org](http://sadhanaforest.org) / [facebook.com/sadhanaforest](http://facebook.com/sadhanaforest)

**THE FRENCH PAVILION presents**

KalaChakra - A Documentary written and directed by Natalie Fuchs, in French only (duration: 80min)

- Saturday 7th April 2018 at 5pm
- Town Hall - Cinéma Paradiso

The film starts with a voice over on the colorful prayer flags fluttering in the wind: "I was 8 years old when my parents came back from the hospital and told us:
AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:30pm

CONSCIOUS - Fulfilling our Higher Evolutionary Potential

The film by ‘Integral Inspirations’ seeks answers to the questions: What if consciousness on earth is evolving? What if we can participate in the evolution of our own consciousness? What if an evolutionary leap in our consciousness is essential?

Several interviewees as Shraddavan, Stanislav Grof, Fariba Bogzaran, Brian Thomas Schwinme, Michael Murphy, Sean Kelly, Larry Seidlitz, Batman Shirazi and others express their insights on these issues.

‘Integral Inspirations’ - founded by Alan Baiss and Joseh Garcia- is a grassroots organisation comprised of California Institute of Integral Studies alumni, and many others, working in collaboration to manifest integrally inspired dreams.

Duration: 66min

CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 9 to 15 April 2018

Indian - Monday 9 April, 8:00 pm:
- RADIOPETTI

India, 2015, Writer-Dir Hari Viswanath w/ Lakshmanan Koratur, Shobha Mohan, Ramanujam Tvv, and others, Drama, 82mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (G)

This award winning debut film tells the story of a man lost in another world, a world of the past, brought alive to his ears by a radio host. How his life journeys with his love for this inanimate thing alongside his family and friends? Where will this love take him? A film not to be missed.

Italian - Tuesday 10 April, 8:00 pm:
- FAI BEI SOGNI (Sweet Dreams)

Italy, 2016, Dir. Massimo Bellocchio w/ Berenice Bejo, Valerio Mastandrea, Drama-Romance, 134 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Always inseparable with his beloved and joyful young mother, 9-year-old Massimo, now has to endure the tremendous blow from her death and the insufferable burden of accepting his loss. He grows up to become a distant and detached journalist who chose to shut down his emotions, not out of revenge, but in order to survive. However, inevitably, after the death of his father, Massimo will need to confront his past, react to the pain, refuse to be a victim, and ultimately, face courageously the greatest pain, the loss of his mother, and the most insidious monster: the fear of living.

Interesting - Wednesday 11 April, 8:00 pm:
- LE PEUPLE INTERDIT (Forbidden People)

Canada, 2016, Writer-Dir. Alexandre Chartrand, Documentary, 92mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

"The screen is black, the voice is dead."

My sister was dead.

Interesting - Friday 13 April, 7.45 pm

“Eat Drink Man Woman”, “Yin shi nan nu” (original title)

Directed by Ang Lee, Taiwan, 1994

With: Sihung Lung, Kuei-mei Yang, Chien-tien Wu, Yu-wen Wang, Winston Chao, Ah-Leh Gua, Sylvia Chang

Synopsis: Senior Master Chef Chu lives in a large house in Taipei with his three unmarried daughters, Jia-Jen, a chemistry teacher converted to Christianity, Jia-Chien, an airline executive, and Jia-Ning, a student who also works in a fast food restaurant. Life at the family’s house revolves highly around preparing and eating an elaborate dinner every Sunday. The stability of these meals gives the family's house revolves highly around preparing and eating an elaborate dinner every Sunday. The stability of these meals gives

Interesting - Thursday 12 April, 8:00 pm:
- LA FILLE DE BREST (150 Milligrams)

France, 2016, Dir. Emmanuelle Bercot w/ Sidse Babett Knudsen, Benoît Magimel, Charlotte Laemmle, and others, Drama, 128 mins, French W/ ENGLISH subtitles, Rated: PG

Irène Frachon, a doctor who lives in the Breton town of Brest, dares to stand up to the French health and pharmaceutical industry, helping to uncover a medical scandal surrounding the commercialization of a controversial medicine (Le Mediator) whose side effects have caused the death of hundreds of people.

Interesting - Saturday 14 April, 8:00 pm:
- KELEBEGIN RÜYASI (The Butterfly’s Dream)

Turkey, 2013, Writer-Dir.Yilmaz Erdogan w/ Kivanc Tatlitug, Mert Firat, Belgic Bilgin, and others, Biography-History, 138mins, Turkish w/English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG)

Last day of 1941 summer, the era of Obligation, during the famine atmosphere of the WWll. In the middle of all this poverty and turmoil, there are two poets in their early twenties: Muzaffer Tayyip Uslug and Rustu Onur. They have been carrying tuberculosis germs in their lungs and love of poetry in their hearts for years. Two poets who have the constant habit of making bets on things that they do not own, make a bet on a beautiful girl. They will both write a poem for her and whichever Suzan likes, the other will fade from the scene.

Children’s Film - Sunday 15 April, 4:30pm
- ESCAPE FROM MR LEMONCELLO’S LIBRARY

USA, 2017, Dir:Scott McAbey, w/ Casey Simpson, Brianna Yde, Klarkke Pipkin and others, Adventure, 69mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

Can twelve 12-year-olds escape from the most ridiculously brilliant library ever created? Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library plunks a dozen sixth-graders into the middle of a futuristic library for a night of nonstop fun and adventure.
ANDREJ WAJDA FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club
Ciné-Club - Sunday 15 April, 8:00 pm;
• BRZEZINA (The Birch Wood)

Poland,1970, Dir. Andrzej Wajda w/ Daniel Olbrychski, Olgiert Lukaszewicz, Emilias krakowska and others, Drama, 99mins, Polish w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Set in the pre-World War II era, a young man dying of tuberculosis returns to his older brother’s farm in the countryside. His presence there heightens and then heals conflicts of long standing. The younger brother is too full of life to die before his time; he makes love to a farm girl, plays the piano, and generally lifts his and everyone else’s spirits. He becomes involved in a family conflict after learning that his deceased sister-in-law may have had an affair with a hired man. The hired man is slated to marry the farm girl the younger brother has had a fling with. Frustation and anger reign until tragedy puts it all into perspective once more.

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 mcmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support.

Pl make a contribution to “Cinema Paradiso” account (#105106) at the Financial Service or set up for monthly contributions.

Thanking you, MMC/CP Group

SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES - APRIL 2018

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271

Auroville Safety & Security Team: Call us 24/7 for emergency or assistance on 94430 90 107 (save the number in your phone). Contact us on the same number until 10.30pm for booking an escort (latest escort at 11PM). Visit our office (Service Area - Near Gas Bottle service / Telephone Service) from Monday to Friday (9.30AM to 12.30PM - 2.30PM to 4.30PM) and Saturday (9.30AM to 12.30PM). Office: 0413 263 400 (office hours only), email: security@auroville.org.in

Auroville Library, Crown Road: opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday. email: avlilb@auroville.org.in. tel: 0413-2622 894

Auroville Library of Things (ALoT) is currently housed in a shipping container opposite PTDC. This space is an initiative by earththus and has been designed to facilitate sharing within the community. The current inventory comprises mainly of tools, toys, kitchenware, travelling and hiking gear. Although, eventually, we want to include all kinds of things that can be incorporated into a library system. Please drop in to donate or borrow things at your convenience or reach us at aloot@auroville.org.in.

Bike/Car repair & servicing: ★ Painting ★ Modification ★
General service ★ Bike renting. Please contact Satyo: 9443438287
At Abri workshop (old puncture service) Auroville. We accept Auroville PT account.

AvHC: The Pharmacy is open 8.30 to 5 pm daily including Saturdays. The doctor’s consultation is the same with a lunch break from 1-2pm, except Saturday up to 1pm only. Phone no 0413-2622123 and 0413-2622081. Email: avhealth@auroville.org.in

City Transport: Quick “Pick up and Drop” Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater people carrier, free of charge for Aurovillians, Newcomers and Guests for trips within the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele and Repos/Quart chargeable with per passenger fares, from Rs.110/- for person single trip. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 0413-262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30 am-6.00 pm. E-mail: visitorscentre@auroville.org.in - Please note that it is not a taxi that can be ordered in advance for an exact time, but will normally reach you with 10/15 minutes, and will not wait for you for onward or return trips - if needed it will come back to pick you up again when called.

Cycle Kiosk: We remind you that we have several inexpensive and restored cycles available, as well as a few Art Bikes too. Come and see! From 9.30 am to 4 pm - Monday to Saturday. Opposite PTDC/Foodlink/Solar Kitchen. Repair and maintenance of all types of bicycles.

Cycles and children car seats rentals: available at Vehicle Service, Town Hall: Monday to Friday 9am to 12.30pm, 2.30 to 4.30pm. Saturday: 9am to 12.30pm. Contact avvhealth@auroville.org.in or phone 9843734825

Auroville Dental Centre: Protection / Telephone: (0413) 2622625 or 2622007 / email: aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in

EcoService, Kottakarai: Palani 9443535172 or Kali 9443090114, ecoservice@auroville.org.in

Electric cycles rental, Kinisi e-Mobility: CSR, first floor of the yellow/blue building. We are open from 9am to 5pm (Monday to Saturday). Landline: 0413 262-2168 / 2748, Mobile: 83004-60679 / 60680. Email: kinisi@auroville.org.in - http://www.kinisi.in

Entry Service, Multimedia Center: 1st floor, Town hall Complex: We are open to the public MORNINGS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 09:30AM-12:30PM and AFTERNOONS (by appointment only): Monday to Friday 14:30 PM-16:30PM. Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only. For more information on joining Auroville: +91 (0)413 262 2707 email: entryservice@auroville.org.in

Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. This phone is reachable 24/7.

Financial Service, Town Hall and Aspiration: Mon to Sat, 9 to 12.30 and 3 to 4.30pm

Free Store: Mornings: Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12:30 pm. Afternoons: Tuesday and Thursday: 2:30 to 4:30pm. Telephone: 0413-2623680 email: freestore@auroville.org.in

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

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

Guest Registration Service: ALL GUESTS in Auroville (including Indian nationals and foreigners as well as friends and family members of Aurovilians) are required by Indian law and Auroville regulations to register within 24 hours of their arrival. In addition, guests are required to register each time they move to a new destination in Auroville. The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates at 3 locations: Visitors Centre - at the far end of the Expo Hall (big white building on the left), opposite Dreamer’s Cafe - All days 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-5:00 / Town Hall - reception area - Monday-Saturday 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-4:30 / Aspiration - Financial Service office left side - Monday-Saturday 9:00-12:30

Guest Service above the Solar Kitchen: 1st floor. Opening times Monday to Saturday: 9:30am to 12:30 and 2 to 5 pm.
Closed on Thursdays and Saturdays afternoon. avguestservice@auroville.org.in - contact no. 0413 2622675

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

Integral Health, Prayatna: classical homeopathy, transpersonal regression therapy, Gestalt therapy,
psychomotricity for children and adults, trauma remedies, child & women health, hypnotherapy. integralhealth@auroville.org.in - 0413-2623669 - Mon to Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.

**LFAU - Fundraising for Auroville's land:** with its two campaigns 'Acres for Auroville' & 'Green Acres' Aryadeep, Mandakini LB, Sophie, Sigrid, and secretary Jothi. Welcome: Mornings from 9:30 - 12.30 at Town Hall, 1st floor. LFAU 0413 2622657. lfau@auroville.org.in / www.colaap.org

LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas; LOE Library Open every Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12 am / Afternoon Monday to Friday: 2.30 to 4.30 pm. loechu@auroville.org.in

**Auroville Residents Service:**
- **Aurovilians daily:** 4.30pm to 6pm. To make appointment.
- **Doctors, Th & Dentists:** Santé. 4th floor at Town Hall is open for public from 10 AM till 12 Noon from Monday till Friday. We are happy to welcome your patients. Santé service: +91 9488187555. Santéemail: santepurpose@auroville.org.in
- **Puncture service & OutreachMedia** include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622 098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904. Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment. outreachmedia@auroville.org.in

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

**Nandini:** Email nandini@auroville.org.in. Open to the Participants - Distribution: (PTDC area) Ph: 0413-262033: Tuesday to Saturday 9 am to 12.30 pm / Tuesday & Thursday 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm / Tailor: (Aurosarjan): Ph 0413-2622527 Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9 am to 12.30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 3 pm to 5 pm - To avoid plastic bag please bring your own cloth bag

**OutreachMedia Services:**

**Puncture service, area service:** next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4 30pm; phone 0413-2622471, cell 9442891235.

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

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

**Sanet - Auroville Institute for Integral Health.** Crown Rd. Staff includes Doctors, Therapists, Midwife, Nurses, Lab. Hours: Monday to Saturday 8:45 to 12:30 and 2 to 4:30. Closed Tuesday afternoon. Crown Road near Arka. Call 0413-2622803 for appointment.

**Savi:** Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville, a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months). We offer welcome information, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers' stay. From Monday to Friday from 10 till 12 pm. at the Unity Pavilion. For more information call (0413)2622121 or go to Savi website: www.auroville-learning.net.

**Skyworks:** Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, power line cleaning. SatYajil: 853 103 35 49

**Shared Transport Service (STS):** Taxi sharing +91 9787880211 | +91 9840983080. Contact: Avscreindia@gmail.com / email: office@avscareindia.com

**Vehicle Service, Town Hall:** Monday to Friday: 9am to 12.30pm, 2.30 to 4.30pm. Saturday: 9am to 12.30pm. Rental of bicycles and children car seats also available. avvehicle@auroville.org.in or phone 9843734825

**Video Library, Town Hall:** Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 10am to 1pm and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 3 to 6pm.

**Important information about News & Notes**

**Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations:** Tuesday 5pm

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

**Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.** Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday.

**Articles for the Notes section** no longer than 500 words. All articles and reports need to reach us by Tuesday noon.

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News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 0413-2622133, email: newsandnotes@aurouville.org.in

Auroville Emergency Contact Numbers
**Save them in your phone now!**
- Auroville Safety and Security Team: 9443090107 (Email: avsecurity@auroville.org.in)
- Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
- Farewell: mobile number: 9803836246, reachable 24/7.

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