இனிய புத்தாண்டு நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள்
Happy Tamil New Year!
MOTHER’S AGENDA

Our nature, our consciousness is that of beings ignorant of each other, separated from each other, rooted in a divided ego, who must strive to establish some kind of relation between their embodied ignorances; for the urge to union and forces making for union are there in Nature. Individual and group harmonies of a comparative and qualified completeness are created, a social cohesion is accomplished; but in the mass the relations formed are constantly marred by imperfect sympathy, imperfect understanding, gross misunderstandings, strife, discord, unhappiness. It cannot be otherwise so long as there is no true union of consciousness founded upon a nature of self-knowledge, inner mutual knowledge, inner realisation of unity, concord of our inner forces of being and inner forces of life. In our social building we labour to establish some approach to unity, mutuality, harmony, because without these things there can be no perfect social living; but what we build is a constructed unity, an association of interests and egos enforced by law and custom and imposing an artificial constructed order in which the interests of some prevail over the interests of others and only a half accepted half enforced, half natural half artificial accommodation keeps the social whole in being. Between community and community there is a still worse accommodation with a constant recurrence of the strife of collective ego with collective ego. This is the best that we can do and all our persistent readjustments of the social order can bring us nothing better than an imperfect structure of life.

It is only if our nature develops beyond itself, if it becomes a nature of self-knowledge, mutual understanding, unity, a nature of true being and true life that the result can be a perfection of ourselves and our existence, a life of true being, a life of unity, mutuality, harmony, a life of true happiness, a harmonious and beautiful life. If our nature is fixed in what it is, what it has already become, then no perfection, no real and enduring happiness is possible in earthly life; we must seek it not at all and do the best we can with our imperfections, or we must seek it elsewhere, in a supraterrestrial hereafter, or we must go beyond all such seeking and transcend life by an extinction of nature and ego in some Absolute from which this strange and unsatisfactory being of ours has come into existence. But if in us there is a spiritual being which is emerging and our present state is only an imperfection or half-emergence, if the Inconscient is a starting-point containing in itself the potency of a Superconscience and Supernature which has to evolve, a veil of apparent Nature in which that greater consciousness is concealed and from which it has to unfold itself, if an evolution of being is the law, then what we are seeking for is not only possible but part of the eventual necessity of things. It is our spiritual destiny to manifest and become that Supernature, —for it is the nature of our true self, our still occult, because unevolved, whole being. A nature of unity will then bring inevitably its life-result of unity, mutuality, harmony. An inner life awakened to a full consciousness and to a full power of consciousness will bear its inevitable fruit in all who have it, self-knowledge, a perfected existence, the joy of a satisfied being, the happiness of a fulfilled nature.

An innate character of the gnostic consciousness and the instrumentation of Supernature is a wholeness of sight and action, a unity of knowledge with knowledge, a reconciliation of all that seems contrary in our mental seeing and knowing, an identity of Knowledge and Will acting as a single power in perfect unison with the truth of things; this inborn character of Supernature is the foundation of the perfect unity, mutuality, harmony of its action.

THE LIFE DIVINE, chap. XXVIII: The Divine Life

SRI AUROBINDO

A spiritual atmosphere is more important than outer conditions;
If one can get that
And also create one’s own spiritual air to breathe in and live in it,
That is the true condition of progress.

Sri Aurobindo
ref. Letters on Yoga, p.651
Happy Tamil New Year!

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Forest Group Meeting - Freedom 06-03-2018
Present (39 participants):
R.Kumar, A.Sivarraj, Island, Dave (facilitation), Omid (Fertile), Shona, Fiona, Johny, Christoph, Karthik, Priyadarsini, Natasha, Manolo, Noe, Terenti, P.ELumalai, John (Fertile Field), Jan (Fertile Field), Glenn, Francois (Fertile) Mani (Samriddhi), Cristo, Fabian (notes), Hans (Abri), Julia (Fertile), Petar, Nathalie, Ambre, Rita, Balu (Azhagabhoomi), Kannappan, D.Segar, T.Saga, B.Venkatesh, Shanti, Madda, Iyanar, Ramani, Dominik.

Maintenances:
- Venkatesh from Abri Forest asks after working for many years for a full maintenance. Hans - the steward of Abri - and the Forest Group support the request. Hans will write to the BCC and the HRT.
- Evergreen: Natasha requests that the half maintenance of Amir (who is leaving Evergreen) will be added to her half maintenance making it a full one. The Forest Group has no objection and Hans will write to BCC and HRT.
- Freedom: Iyanar asks for half maintenance for his wife Ramani, living with him in and taking care of Freedom. The Forest Group has no objection and Hans will write to BCC and HRT.
- Infinity: Madda informs about the maintenance situation in Infinity (Gopal being normally on a full maintenance from the Farm Group which has been put on hold by the Farm Group for reasons the Forest Group cannot follow and Madda being on half maintenance from the Forest Group) and reminds the group that her request for a full maintenance is pending since a long while. Hans will prepare a list of all pending maintenance requests so that the Forest Group has a better picture and can submit all approved requests to the BCC and HRT.
- On the same topic it was discussed that at times Forest Group members on maintenance but with smaller holdings of stewarded land could be called upon to work in other Forest areas on request. This was agreed.

Aurodam:
- David informs that he has seedlings of Pterocarpus Marsupium available.
- He also informed that recently a number of people from Aurodam met with the team of Line of Goodwill.

Azhagabhoomi:
- Balu informed that he is planning to build a simple capsule next to his existing house on plot no. IR 226/6. This was agreed.

Abri service buildings update:
- Noe - representing the Tree House Community - gave a brief update on the situation in Abri (see meeting notes from January 2018) and mentioned that their group has met with members of the Green Group and Bindu of the FAMC to reframe the overall project proposal and define next steps. The process is ongoing; main priority is to clean up the site and protect the buildings from further damage.

Statements:
- Hans reminds the group members to submit missing statements
- There was a larger discussion on the format of the statement sheets so that they can capture the actual costs of running a forest community.

Fertile Field:
- John introduced John as a new member of Fertile Field community. He is from Assam and has formerly worked at Sacred Groves; he and his wife/partner Sarah have a young daughter called Mahi and are in the process of becoming Newcomers. They will live together with Jan and Jana in Fertile Field and settle down in an existing capsule.

Hive Project / Bliss Forest:
- Christoph and Glenn gave a follow up of the discussion between members of the Forest Group and L'Avenir d'Auroville on the topic of the Hive project (please also see last month’s meeting notes published in the News & Notes from April 7, 2018). The Forest Group members would like to state - as they did in several emails and meetings with the representatives of L’Avenir d’Auroville already - that to place the Phase 01 of Hive in this location (a small, 1/16th of an acre plot on the Eastern side of the road from Townhall to Svedam, roughly opposite of the Ilaignarkal School) is not appropriate, especially as the Forest Group has proposed what they consider to be a much more suitable plot in the area of the Cultural Zone and Gaia Forest/Park. Here it also needs mentioning that this particular area will already be put under stress with the planned clear cutting on the neighbouring land to start the Solar Power project of Varuna.

However, as the Forest Group wholeheartedly supports the basic idea of the Hive project, if the planning body insists on issuing the NOC for the first phase of the project in this small and restricted location then the Forest Group can agree if following parameters are kept:
- All mentioned buffers and boundaries are to be respected including the protection of a large Mimusops Elengi on the area marked for building.
- Details of infrastructure (including access, traffic, parking, waste water treatment, electricity supply etc.) are made available before the Building Application and that infrastructure items do not further impact on the Bliss Forest area.
- That this is clearly a single-standing project and that further phases of the project find their space somewhere else. Given the reasonable objections to this particular site for the project, while another far better suited plot is clearly available, as well as what it sees as misinformation to date from the town hall - for the time being, the Forest Group feel a lack of trust in L’Avenir’s intentions. For this reason, the majority of the group are currently opposed to the current location, however for the time being the group is placing their confidence in the capacities of the forest stewards and their support group to come to a compromise.

To this end, a stakeholder meeting between members of the Forest Group, d’Auroville, Hive project holders and others is planned to find a mutually agreeable way forward.

The Forest Group would like to thank Iyanar and Ramani and their worker to host us with cake and tea.

The next meeting will take place on Friday, 4th May in Miracle.
Addendum - The "correct" version of the Master Plan?
In recent years the Forest Group has become aware of the importance of being clear as far as which version of the Master Plan is being referred to, especially while making important planning decisions. As far as the Forest Group is aware, there are two distinct versions with important differences:


Both versions are available for viewing at the new Auroville Archives building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the 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.

Registration: Please register as soon as possible, so as to confirm your seat.
Registration closes on Wednesday, April 18. Fill out the online form here: https://bit.ly/2Ef3nLI

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 togetherness and aspiration to manifest Human Unity.

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 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 Dialogue 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 our 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-Discourse:
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 AND Sunday, April 29
  - 9am – 5pm
  - lunch and tea breaks are included
  - Filming: We intend to make a documentary about the event, and will be shared if and when needed in Auroville, and possibly with 5000 views. Please SHARE the Facebook page - not only click on 'like', but choose Share - so we can have a big snowball effect!

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

From COALA: meeting invitation for all ALAs

Coala* is the coordinating team of ALA (Auroville Learning Activities):

Some time ago, a gathering of ALA stakeholders scheduled in March could not happen due to insufficient registered participants, and some voices have expressed to us their regret. Instead, we decided to have a shorter informal session to explore the journey back and forward, while reviving our inspiration for the ALA sector and its coordination.

This is why we would like to invite all ALAs for a half-day session on Saturday 21st April, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Verite/ILC.

Our agenda points will be, after a short overview of past achievements and challenges, how we envision the growth of ALA sector and what kind of coordinating services may be required from Coala. Also, the Coala team is in need of having members who resonate with its envisioned role & have the passion to follow it collectively. Looking forward to welcome you there.

The Coala team
(Dominique, Dhanya, Lalit, Leena, Manas, Sandyra)

*Coala stands for ‘Coordination of Auroville Learning Activities’

Fundraising for Land - Crowdfunding is launched

You are invited to connect your network to Facebook Auroville funding and promote the 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’, but choose Share - 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

General Meeting on Matrimandir on 16/04

At the Unity Pavilion on Monday, April 16, between 4.30 and 6.00 pm.
It will be the first introduction of the new executives to the community. We will be sharing our work for the past 8 months and giving general information on present and future developments in Matrimandir. We will also share the present garden situation with the community. This will be followed by a QA session.

The Matrimandir Executives
Aurosylle, Eric, Hemant, John, Jyoti, Louis, Vladimir

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FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 745
Dated: 14-04-2018

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

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
Loredana BLASIÖN (Italian) staying in Felicity, working at Auromiraville Paper. 
Sengeni BALAKRISHNAN (aka Parthibhan) (Indian) working in PTDC, staying at Inspiration. 
Hong Nakhoong KIM (Korean) working in PTDC, staying at Arka. 
Evelyn Eunyeong KOH (Korean) working in Financial Service, staying at Arka. 
Melin BERNADETTE (aka Uma) (Indian) staying in Savitriv Hostel, working at Outreach Media. 
William A.R. SOOSAI (Indian) staying in Savitri Hostel, working at Rangoli. 
Harsha SHARMA (Indian) staying in Certitude, working at T.LC. 
Stella RODRIGUES (Colombian) staying in Auromode, working at PTDC. 
Olivier NORMANDIN (French) staying in Sanjanaka, working at Deepanam & AV Art Service. 
Xavier COLOMBET (French) staying in Certitude, working at Kriya & Joy of Impermanence. 
Niharika ROUT (Indian) staying and working at Transition school. 
Laxman BESRA (Indian) staying in Djalma, working at Dental Centre.

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:
Sana SHARMA (Indian) Born on 06/06/2004 
Soham COLOMBET (French) Born on 23.04.2016

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:
Saswati PATTNAIK (Indian)
AUROVILILIANS ANNOUNCED:
Rajalakshmi JAYAMOURTHY (Indian) staying in Pump House, working at LEC. 
Krisnamourthy DEVARASU (Indian) staying in New Creation, working at Progress Landscape.

AUROVILILIANS CONFIRMED:
Chandra AYYANAR (Indian) 
Gopi GOPAL (Indian) 
Venugopal RAMASA (Indian) 
Chandra Jeet (aka Vivek) SINGH (Indian)

RESCINDED:
Gabriel BELLONI (Argentinian) 
NOTE: Individuals are entered into the Register of Residents (maintained by the Auroville Foundation) shortly after filling the B/FORM and meeting with the Secretary of the AVF. The appointment date for these is set and communicated by the Entry Service to the individual at the respective time, and NOT AT THEIR PERSONAL REQUEST. This is the last step of the Newcomer process where the status of Newcomer Resident is switched to Aurovilian Resident.

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

Yours, The Entry Service

Houses available for transfer:
1. Adventure Forest: Plinth area 155.63 Sq.m approximately. Double storiory 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 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 Sunsh unprotected: Immediately available. One unit of 42 Sq.m completely furnished and equipped-kitchen, bathroom and cupboards 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: Ovold Atelier / Neel and Supriti. Contractor for the finishing work: Auromiraville / 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. 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 - 14th 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 28th April 2018.

Building Applications - Outside Master Plan:
1. House for Vikraman (Boomi and Anjali’s son) at Aspiration community - Built-up area: 78 sq.m.

NOC issued in the last week:
1. Sathyesseelane’s house extension - Adventure
2. Santé Service Building - Santé campus, Residential Zone
3. Sindhuja B & Michael’s house extension
4. Revised NOC (updated estimate) - Abundance guest house - Douceur
5. Hive Hub - Vocational Belt - Cultural Zone
6. Brotherhood - Industrial Zone
7. Anitya (formerly Joy of Impermanence) - Residential Zone

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@aurolville.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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Nature Camp Cancelled This Summer
We regret to inform the community that we have come to the difficult decision to cancel all three Nature Camps scheduled for this summer 2018.
As you might know, there was a recent incident in Theni in which several trekkers lost their lives due to forest fire. In response,
Volunteering in Ramghat near Nainital.

Through the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Delhi Branch, an offer has been extended to the youths (15 years and above) to volunteer in Ramghat/Nainital in May/June. In view of the fact that the regular Nature Camp this year had to be cancelled, this might give a chance to the youths of Auroville to have a camp in the Himalayas. Someone with organisational skills and sense of responsibility has to come forward to organise this, i.e. train-ticket, bus-ticket, put together two batches of cr. 10/12 youths for about two weeks each, finances etc.

If you want to participate please apply to avsrc@auroville.org.in

Frederick / AVSRC

YouthLink, Service

Offering young adults (18-40yrs) information, education and general support. Priority to Aurovilian, Newcomer, and Bioregional youth. Please make an appointment by email to youthlink@auroville.org.in or whatsapp +91 8778 312 841.

We, the AVSRC want to download old sports video footage of an older Sony hand camera on our office computer. Unfortunately, the Camera is broken, so we are not able to connect it with the PC. So we want to ask the Auroville Community, if somebody has a camera for “Mini DV Tapes”, which we could borrow for one day.

Summer Timings for the Auroville Library

We would like to inform everyone that the opening times of the Auroville Library for the months of May and June will be the following:

Monday to Saturday from 9:00 to 12:30
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 16:30 to 18:30

The Auroville Library

50th Anniversary Collaborative Film

We would like to invite everyone to participate in a collaborative movie about Auroville’s 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.sg@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

Tribes India Android App

Aurinoco System as part of its new external facing initiatives has recently signed an MoU with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the Govt of India, for building them an e-commerce platform through an Android app for all Tribal artisanal products. Which are sourced, curated and distributed by the Tribal Affairs Ministry under the TribesIndia brand. These artisanal products are sourced from various tribes across India and is made available through initiatives such as minimum support price etc. for the empowerment of Tribal folks spread across rural India.

In the spirit of collaboration Aurinoco System is also making a documentary on the various initiatives by the Government of India, through its many regional government organizations and as well as NGOs working for the Tribal cause. Recently a 5-member team along with filming equipment from AurovilleRadioTV (Nadia, Stephano and Simon), Outreach Media (Serena) and Dev - embarked on a journey spanning 9 states across length and breadth of India such to document some of this wonderful work being done by capturing their stories of struggle, successes and everything in between. The team is currently back in Auroville and would love to hear from volunteers who may be keen to help with some post production editing, subtitling (Hindi, Marwari, Gujarati, Bengali and English) graphics and some social media management - in return for some scrumptious pizza at Tanto!

Please email Dev at dev@aurinoco.org.in to help take it forward. Some of the updates from the team can also be followed through the following link on FB: facebook.com/TribesIndiaAdventure/ Submitted by Chandresh

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FREELAND

Maggi Lidchi-Grassi’s magnificent book “The Great War of Kurukshetra” is available at Freeland Bookshop. A writer whose novels have been celebrated by Henry Miller, Nadine Gordimer or Doris Lessing, Maggi Lidchi-Grassi not only revisits this founding epic of Indian culture (and partly Western spirituality through one of its most famous chapters: The Bhagavad Gita) but delivers the literary work of an exceptional power of which Henry Miller wrote: “Reading this book, I was jealous of the author”. The Mahabharata of Maggi Lidchi Grassi is a “great novel” as it is no longer written. Freeland Bookshop

Thank you, Angela! The newly formed Entry Board wishes to express its warmest and profoundest thanks to Angela, without whom the transition from the old to the new Entry team & process would have been so very much more cumbersome than it was now. As Angela moves on, we gratefully acknowledge her enormous energy and true concern, her persistent hammering home of the many crucial points of the complex secretarial process, her staunch demeanour when grumbled to, her immense patience of having to explain yet another detail, - and generally for having been such a good sport and seasoned Aurovilian.

Thanks, Angelina, and we know we can keep counting on you when in need!

With much love from Alain, Dheena, Joël, Mauna, Rajendra, Rama Narayana, Susmita, Ulli and Veronique.

A big thank you to all, Auroville’s, wonderful, farmers and farmers. Each year there are new fruits and vegetables available and in ever larger quantities. I am so grateful for this bounty and appreciate all the hard work that goes into making all this available to us. Nandita, Quiet

APPEAL

Appeal for donations for "Cross-Cultural Dialogue on Discrimination"

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 (April 28-29), and all are welcome to register. 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 togetherness and aspiration to
manifest Human Unity. (For full invitation announcement, see last week's News&Notes.) We are offering this event for free, and we appeal for your support to cover the cost of our expenses: lunch, tea and cookies, photocopies, hall and sound equipment rental, and equipment for filmmaking (estimated total: Rs.22,000). You may transfer your donation to “Joy Living Learning Donations #251772.”

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: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/60486. If you would like to watch a short video-compilation we made, see: https://bit.ly/2Gvrg3D

With love, Restorative Auroville ( L’aura, Janet, Shanti, Kati, Rita, Pranjal and Genie)

Exploring other corners of the world- studying at university

Dear members of the community,

I have lived and grown up here in Auroville since I was a child. Auroville's beautiful environment and people have help me thrive here. I now wish to venture and explore a little of the environment and people in other corners of the world. It gives me great pleasure to share with you that I have been offered an opportunity to study at university. I want to study a mixture of architecture, community planning and development under the name of ‘Sustainable Design’. Being surrounded by the beautiful innovative ideas and projects here has inspired me to learn the art of designing and planning communities in a sustainable way. I want to learn new techniques and methods so that I can bring them back home and help the growth of my community, while I also meet new people and experience a different lifestyle away from home. I am excited yet nervous see what this journey of my life will bring. If you would like to know more about me or my journey, or are interested in helping me in any way, please do contact me at bhavya@auroville.org.in. I look forward to sharing more with you. Sincerely, Bhavya

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Work opportunities at Entry

The Entry Board and the Entry Secretariat are urgently looking for new colleagues to help with their office work. Maintenances are available.

- 2 office staffs/secretaries for the Entry Secretariat. Job description:
  - welcoming applicants
  - administrative follow up of applicants
  - managing email inbox and email correspondences
  - scheduling appointments
  - managing database
  - collaboration with other working groups
  - taking minutes

Good command of English; basic writing & computer skills (Word, Excel) and capable of teamwork. Speaking Tamil would be an advantage. After an initial one-month trial period a minimum one-year commitment is required.

Send us an email at entryservice@auroville.org.in with some information about yourself and a resume with your skills and experience. Thank you, and welcome! The Entry Service teams.

Help Desk Job Available at AVTS

Srinivasan, the anchor of the Help Desk at Telephone Service for the last 3.5 years, will be moving on to other pastures. His excellent service and patient assistance to Auroville will be sorely missed and we are sad to see him go.

We now seek a suitable person to fill up the void created by Srinivasan's departure. The candidate needs to be:

- Fluent in English and Tamil (spoken and written)
- Available to man the TS Help Desk, attend telephone and deal with visitors, field staff and BSNL Auroville Exchange
- Comfortable with Office and other software

- Open and enthusiastic to learning new skills
- Able to work full time and 8 regular hours
- Able to maintain records and reports
- A team player who cheerfully takes on responsibility

If you are interested or know a suitable person please email telephoneservice@auroville.org.in or call 0413-2622364. AVTS

Data entry person needed at SHARAN

SHARAN requires a data entry person for our office in Aurelec. The applicant should have a good knowledge of English, basic computer skills, be quick in typing and particular about details. Salary will be decided on merits. Please write to data@sharan-india.org and copy to nandita@sharan-india.org or call 0413 2622424 during office hours. Working hours would be 9 am-5 pm.

HEALTH

Contact lenses available: The Pharmacy has a large quantity of disposable single-use contact lenses, with degrees of -1.00/-0.75 and with degrees of -1.50/-0.75. Please collect from Pharmacy if interested.

SPORTS

Kabbadi Championship 2018 in Auroville

Dear friends,

The Auroville Kabbadi Club is going to conduct the Puducherry State Kabbadi Championship tournament in Auroville at New Creation Sports Ground from 03rd to 06th May 2018. Around 60 men and 25 women teams are going to participate in this tournament.

We welcome your kind support and contribution. FS. A/C. No: 0258

Thank you, Auroville Kabbadi Club

EATING OUT

Well studio Cafe will be closed for Tamil New Year on 21/04.

Dear all,

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 - wellicafe@auroville.org.in

Love, Well Cafe team.

Tibetan Pavillon: Last dinner before the summer...

Dear Friends; on Wednesday the 18th of April, we will be holding our last fund raiser dinner before the Summer. We request you to register with us at: 0413 2622401 or send an e-mail at kalsang@auroville.org.in. We wish you all the pleasant summer. Thank you for all your supports and good wishes.

Namgyal and Kalsang.

21/04: Last Japanese Lunch in Joy Community Guesthouse

Dear Friends, this is to announce that we won't be offering lunch on Saturday 14th as it is holiday and we'll have the last community lunch of the season on April 21st as Emiko is going to Japan after that and she'll come back only in July. For this time, Emiko will prepare vegetarian and tuna sushi and sashimi. Ingredients are as usual all fresh and organic (some from our vegetable garden) and depend on the inspiration of our Japanese chef Emiko. By reservation only (1 day in advance). For info and reservation call us at 9487272393 or email us at joycommunity@auroville.org.in. 25% discount for Aurovilians, New Comers and SAVI registered volunteers and 50% discount for monthly lunch scheme.

Joy Community team :-)

Naturlement and Garden Cafe closed on Saturday 21/04:

Dear community, Naturlement Company as well as the Garden Cafe will be closed on Saturday 21st of April for our company day. We will be cleaning the surrounding fields in the morning with the entire Naturlement team as we do every year for Earth Day.

You are welcome to help us!

Happy Earth Day!
I have been vegan for over 15 years now and just like moving to Auroville, it’s one of the best things that I have ever done in my life. I realised that cows don’t like to be tied all day, artificially inseminated and have their babies taken away from them so that their milk can be sold. I realised that they are living beings, just like us, who only want to live their lives. Chickens don’t like the way they are made to lay 250+ eggs a year or having to go to slaughter at the age of 6 weeks. And like us, they are all earthlings and have a right to happiness on this planet just like we do.

As a doctor I realised that a plant based diet is the best for health too. All animals eat by instinct and so they are less sick than we are. We are instinctually attracted to fruits and vegetables but seeing a chicken or goat walk by does not make our mouth water. We have been conditioned to eat animals that have been killed and cooked but unlike real omnivores we would get sick if we were to eat them raw and we certainly cannot kill them and tear them apart and eat them raw with our own appendages. Every child refuses cow’s milk when its first offered to them. Instinctually they know that they are not calves. Milk causes mucous problems like colds, coughs and sinuses or amoeba and dysentery too, as well as hormonal problems like hypothyroid, diabetes, PCOD, breast, prostate and ovarian cancers. I’ve helped thousands of people reverse diseases with whole plant based foods. You can learn more and get free recipes from www.sharan-india.org, Dr Nandita Shah, founder of SHARAN

GREEN MATTERS

Two-Wheeler Emissions
1) Cycles, e-cycles and e-scooters produce ZERO DIRECT EMISSIONS. This is a very valuable contribution to public health and the environment.
2) Mopeds and motorcycles produce DIRECT EMISSIONS, which include over 40 substances listed as hazardous air pollutants, 15 of which are carcinogenic for humans. For example:
   - Aldehydes (formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, acetone, etc.) - they damage the cells lining the airways, prompting white blood cells to enter the lungs.
   - Benzene - is a proven carcinogenic substance.
   - Cadmium oxide - one of the main by-products of combustion, is damaging to the lungs and kidneys on inhalation, and is probably carcinogenic.
   - Carbon monoxide - reduces the oxygen carrying capacity of the blood, interfering with the transport of oxygen from the lungs to the tissues (including the brain). It can cause headaches, nausea, fatigue, and at high concentrations, coma and death.
   - Nitrous oxides - they aggravate asthmatic conditions, inhibit the growth of plants, damage freshwater, soil life, and buildings (through acid rain). They irritate the lungs, and increase susceptibility to viral infections.
   - Sulphur dioxide - causes breathing problems, aggravates asthma, and worsens both respiratory and cardiovascular diseases.
   - Unburned hydrocarbons - Short term: acute respiratory problems, reduced lung function, chronic bronchitis, asthma, etc. - Long term: cardiovascular problems, lung cancer, bladder cancer, etc.

How about INDIRECT EMISSIONS?
All types of vehicles produce indirect emissions, because they use energy that has to be produced (petrol or electricity), and it takes energy to build, use and dispose of them. All these processes generate emissions, some of them even more polluting than direct emissions from vehicles (for example fracking). We concentrate here on CO2 emissions, assuming that all electricity production comes from coal.

CO2 Emissions per 100 km of travel:
Moped: 768 kg / Motorbike: 384 kg / e-bike: 192 kg / e-cycle: 89 kg
In Auroville we compensate 162% of our energy consumption with wind and solar, therefore our electricity is absolutely green.

Source: www.eta.co.uk/environmental-info/emissions-what-goes-in-must-come-out/
The Kinisi Team
Dear community,

The writer then asks what they can do, which alternative products they can propose to their neighbours and where to get them; they are ready to speak to them but they are in need of support, in form of accessible knowledge, products, advice that is non-commercial in nature.

The writer asks for a Department of the Environment responsible for monitoring and taking action; instead in Auroville each one of us is ideally an environmentally conscious citizen, and most of the early Aurovilians were green pioneers by necessity... Therefore at least for now we don’t have any group with this mandate, and ever since Njal left us, there hasn’t been a structured and consistent effort to address the ever-more urgent pesticide situation.

We are not repeating here last week’s Column’s discussion of the various possible measures. But given the urgency of taking action at Auroville level, here is our appeal: Those who are concerned and ready to offer some initiative or action, at any level, please come forward, contact us at avgreencenter@auroville.org.in and we will connect you with each other. Let us collaborate, under any name or no name, in any form, get together and initiate an action plan; surely the momentum will gather and offer... affordable and enjoyable accommodation for people approaching Auroville in a spirit of gaining a deeper experience. We are very happy to announce that we are now in a good economical position to offer long term guests (minimum 2 weeks stay) a 25 % discount and volunteers (minimum 1 month stay) a 50 % discount all year round (including the high season). This discount is in addition to the low summer rates, which means that you will be able to enjoy super low rates in addition to the super joyful atmosphere that we have here even when most of the places become too quiet. For details please pass by Joy Community (Center Field) or email us (joycommunity@auroville.org.in). We also wish a great summer to everyone. Giovanni, Ruba, Sara and Stefania

www.joyauroville.org / www.facebook.com/joyauroville

House-sitting available: for a responsible house-sitter to stay in our place in Vikas Community for May, June & July. Please contact Ray for details 8289876449 / geertdewolf@yahoo.co.uk

Needed 1: I am a Muthu, 29 years old, a long term volunteer working in Auroville Earth Institute. I love cats and plants. I am looking for a house to stay and can keep the place clean. I have experience in permaculture so if you have a garden I can take good care of it until you are back. Thank you. If you have a house and you need a sitter please contact me at 8870358825, Muthu

Needed 2: Pre-newcomer/registered longterm volunteer is looking for a housesitting, everything from 3 months to a year, please get in touch goinngopal@posteo.net. Thank you Myriam!

Available

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

Now Online! aurovil.myturn.com/library/inventory/browse

Cat family: Our 10-month old cat just gave birth to two healthy kittens. We are moving soon and sadly will not be able to take them with us. They look for a loving home where they won’t have to be separated. Contact: Rishabh +919873343132

PS. A special appeal to our Auroville shops, restaurants, community kitchens and consumers: Please sell and buy only organic cashews! Together we can make a crucial difference!

ACCOMMODATIONS

Long-term accommodation discount in addition to low summer rates in Joy GH: dear friends, since the beginning we have been trying to offer... affordable and enjoyable accommodation for people approaching Auroville in a spirit of gaining a deeper experience. We are very happy to announce that we are now in a good economical position to offer long term guests (minimum 2 weeks stay) a 25 % discount and volunteers (minimum 1 month stay) a 50 % discount all year round (including the high season). This discount is in addition to the low summer rates, which means that you will be able to enjoy super low rates in addition to the super joyful atmosphere that we have here even when most of the places become too quiet. For details please pass by Joy Community (Center Field) or email us (joycommunity@auroville.org.in). We also wish a great summer to everyone. Giovanni, Ruba, Sara and Stefania

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Cashews & pesticides: From a silent emergency to positive action
-A Proposal
Dear community,

This is a follow-up on last week’s Green Column on cashew spraying, which provided some basic information on our local situation, and called for more information-sharing and practical proposals to address this toxic emergency of our environment. During the last few days, many of you have emailed or talked to us, sharing observations, concerns, questions, and feelings from frustration to outrage or powerlessness. It seems confirmed that this year has seen yet another increase in pesticide spraying (‘Last year’s harvest was poor, so now they want to be careful’ we’ve heard.... A mail we received speaks for many: “This year they spray on all sides around us, more and more and more. Everywhere in the fields I see the discarded blue pesticide bottles, and the poison seems to be stronger than ever and more than ever. The smell is terrible and it is often hard to breathe... We never had such frequent and severe headaches as for almost 2 months now, at times all day long. Today they are already harvesting nuts and still they are spraying, I don’t understand!! The soil all around us must be completely toxic; nothing can live there anymore. I am sure birds die and everything else...”

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3 beautiful black and white kittens: Our kittens are semi-wild, and so are excellent at catching mice, whilst at the same time, they are affectionate and love to be held and cuddled. If you think you can provide a home for one or more of them, please come and visit. You might just fall in love with them! Contact: fiona@fraserjehu@hotmail.co.in or phone 262 3019 or 242 3333 and ask for Fiona. With thanks, Fiona

Kitten: I am a young female kitten of about 5 weeks old, adorned with a tortoise-shell coat of nice thick fur. I have chub-er-like features and some naughty dispositions that I will confess to you later. I am potty trained, off course...what else do you expect from a dainty lady like me? Call if you are interested in given me a forever home. Contact Elke: 94865 20868

Refrigerator: “Haier” with a warranty - height 117, width 54. Gas plate one comfort. My mail btv.12@mail.ru Tatyana

Treasures once more: 2 Tibetan carpets (195by90cm and 65by150cm), embroidered Kashmir carpet (90by145cm) photo can now be sent by e-mailing me! 11m SS-screen, very fine and strong, no need to paint and a 10l rucksack-type garden sprayer, hand pump, schima-dorti@auroville.org.in

Yamaha RBX Electric Bass Guitar: Reddish color. Please contact Ray for details 8309876449 / geertdewolf@yahoo.co.uk

LOOKING FOR...

Foldable massage table: in good condition. Please let me know if you have one to rent/ lend/ sell, email: ally@auroville.org.in or 7639318999. Thanks! Ally

Second hand bicycle for man: please write to Hartmut at vonlieres@gmx.de

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

Summer Job: My name is Sanjeevika, I am sixteen, I have finished 10th grade and I am staying in New Creation. I am looking for a job over the summer break (May). I can do jobs like babysitting, house cleaning or be a sales girl so please contact me at 7339163758 or contact aurochild@auroville.org.in

Looking for House Work: Sumadhi has been working at our house for 15 years. She is honest, loves children and pets, cleans well and speaks Basic English. She is looking for work 6 mornings a week. Contact Claudia: 9488483212.

Watchman/Gardener work: the watchman at CRIPA is looking for half day work as a gardener or similar to help pay for his daughters’ college education. Please contact him there if you can employ him.

LOST & FOUND

Glasses (Lost): between MM, town hall mall and solar kitchen on Wednesday 4th April. Specifications: light silver metal frame with extremely thick glass on the left side, Contact: 9488 483348 or peter@auroville.org.in. Thank you for any hint!

Phone (Lost): I lost my phone on April 10th on the way from Saracon to town hall. It is a black “Redmi note 4” phone with a Blue “Smelly Cat” cover. My name is Avantika, Email ID: avantikagarg007@gmail.com. Phone number to contact - 9486491981. I am a volunteer working at Eco Femme. Any help is really appreciated.

3 keys (Lost): Last week, I lost 3 keys, with a key ring from Arunalaleshwari, with Arunachala mountain. If found, please SMS to 948 996 9825.

Bike key (Lost): Single key on ring with ceramic red/black striped hanger on Tuesday 27/03, at the Town Hall backside parking lot. Contact Mouna 9443168323 THX!

TAXI SHARING

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

TAXI to Aravind Eye Hospital: I am looking for someone who will go there in the near future so that we can share the taxi fare. Chieko, chicocchio@auroville.org.in

April 16th: departing Auroville at 10pm for Chennai Airport, 1 person, taxi coming back empty. Please contact Rimma 0413-2622492 or 9751604905, or hrimbk@bk.ru

April 17th: Taxi to Aravind Eye Hospital (south of Pondicherry). Leave Auroville at 8:30 am. Please call B at 9943532829 or bgrefu@auroville.org.in

April 17th: my taxi starts around 8pm on the Tuesday evening from AV/I will leave Chennai at 1:50am the next day. 18/4 Wednesday morning - taxi sharing both ways possible.. Please send SMS 8940 567857 or sigapro@web.de … thanks, Sibylle

April 18th: Departing Auroville at 7pm for Chennai airport, pick up at Aspiration. Co-sharing + 2 other persons possible (total with me:3). Please contact nathalie.lesoult@gmail.com or 917603907201.

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

April 21st: From Chennai 21st Saturday evening or Sunday morning after 6 am sharing possible. Contact 0413-2623082 or 9442934306 or varadharajan1936@gmail.com, Varadharajan

April 24th: leaving at 3 am, to Chennai airport. If you are going to Chennai airport very early in the morning at that date, please email me. lebuin@yahoo.com, Burcu

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 (Sunday closed)
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9 to 5 pm
Ivana Frousova | 7094344154

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

Exhibition Reminder:
- “Auroville, India, The Earth”: Photo Exhibition curated by Olivier BAROT, until 30 April 2018, at Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies, India and the World, Bharat Nivas. Opening Hours: 9 to 5 pm.
A special evening at CRIPA with 2 performances

on Saturday 14th April

6.30pm
Veena and Mirudhangam
with Bruno and Jeeva

8.00pm
Solo Piano Recital
with Pushkar Carlotto

CARNATIC CLASSICAL
Regard on Raga

VEENA AND MIRUDHANGAM
With Bruno and Jeeva

At CRIPA at 6:30 pm on 14th of April

Recital
by
Pushkar Carlotto
(Repeat of Feb. Recital)
Original compositions

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

CRIPA, Kalabhumi.
Sat 14th April 2018, 8pm
(approx. Duration 70 minutes)
INVITATIONS

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

SUMMER EVENT AT AVAL
SPECIAL FUND RAISER SALE!

All are invited to our annual sale event
At Auroville Village Action Group in Irumbai
April 20th from 10am to 4pm
April 21st from 10am to 4pm

AVAL is a Social enterprise run by women with the help of Auroville Village Action Group (AVAG). Around 50 women have been trained in tailoring and crochet as well as in enterprise skills and have started a collective business.

On this special occasion you will be able to treat yourself and friends to beautiful handmade products, and at the same time you will help us to provide future training and support to more women in the bioregion.

AVAL is a brand by Women for the benefit of women
Auroville Village Action Group - Irumbai Main Road
OPP. TNEB Sub-Station - Irumbai
+91 (0413) 267-887
avagoffice@auroville.org.in / www.avag.in

SCHEDULES

REMINDER: The monthly schedules and activities of the Auroville Centers can be found on the following websites:
- Joy Activities: www.joyaurowvillie.org/
- Holistic: www.aurowille-holistic.com/
- Pitanga: www.aurowille.com/contents/3185
- Savitri Bhavan: www.savitribhavan.org
- Language Lab: urowvillalanguagelab.org/courses.php
- Auromode Yoga Space: www.auromodeyoga.space
- Vérité: www.veinte.in/
- Arka Wellness Centre: www.aurowille.org/contents/2886

AT CREATIVITY HALL OF LIGHT

New! Hatha Flow Yoga Classes With So-You

Tuesdays: Hatha Flow with Sound Mandala(432hz)
Fridays: Hatha Flow Basics
Timing for both days: 5:30pm to 6:50pm

The class is based on the alignment of Iyengar and flow of Ashtanga. It remains authentic to ancient yoga tradition while tackling modern challenges. After class, you will be So Young!!

NEW CLASS AT PITANGA: Hatha Flow Yoga with So-You:

Hatha Flow class is based on alignment and flow. It remains authentic to ancient yoga tradition while tackling modern challenges. For ascending our awareness of body and mind and spirit effectively, we are taking a specific subject and different peak pose on each class.

Through the action experience your presence deeply.
PAUSED: Asanas for Teenagers’ Class (Monday & Wednesday @ 4.00 to 5.00 PM) is stopped for the school holidays and will resume after 10th of July 2018.

**AT JOY COMMUNITY GH**

Salsa Bachata Latin Dance Workshop with Nikhil At Joy Guest House Hall. Wednesday April, 18th - 5 to 7 pm
Take out those best pair of shoes with crazy dancing feet and bring them to Joy for some spicy Latin beats!!! Learn how to dance the basics of Salsa and bachata dance in an introductory beginners’ workshop. After learning and practicing some fun filled dance moves, the stage will be set free for exploring!! No experience or partner required, we get everything here spontaneously!! For more Information call Nikhil at 98 71 167448 Joy Team :)))))

**VERITE**

SESSIONS AT VERITE - 0413 2622045, 2622606, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in. Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

Please note the following cancellations with Suryamayi:
- Tuesdays 17 & 24 April: NO “Parents with Babies’ Yoga”
- Wednesdays 18 & 25 April: NO “Aligned Vinyasa Yoga”
- Saturdays 21 & 28 April: NO “Aligned Vinyasa Yoga”

New Sessions:
- Dance Exploration with Priscila: Saturdays 21 & 28 April: An individual exploration of body and mind through movement. A space to discover and try new ways of self-expression in connection to music

Dancing as Love: Women’s Dance Circle With Divyanshi - April 20 and 27, 2018, Friday, 5-6:30 PM
Focus of the Class
1. Simple yoga-based warm up,
2. Learn the posture for dance,
3. Learn basic belly dance step and Rajasthani folk dance spins,
4. The regulator of exercises that offer practical tools for personal growth,
5. Learn the English translation and deeper meanings of devotional Hindi song(s),
6. Navarasas: Express the four rasas of Shringara, Karunyam, Adhibhutam and Shantam (Love, Compassion, Wonder, Peace) through your body,
7. Dance with your Heart in the women’s dance circle on instrumental music and devotional songs.
No previous dance experience required.

REGULAR EVENTS

Note from the editors
The Regular Events column is printed once a month, and sent via pdf/published online weekly.
Guest-houses are kindly requested to put this section up on their notice boards for their guests.
Kindly inform us of any changes/cancellation of your event, or if you want your regular event to be added to the listing.

Online Auroville Events Calendar
- (no need to log in for guests! - just scroll down the page)
  - The schedule of events for the week can be accessed by all, including Guests and Visitors, on the Auroenet login page: [www.auroville.org.in](http://www.auroville.org.in)

AuroYoga for Beginners: On hold. The regular classes will restart 26th of May.
Auro Yoga with Helena on Thursdays at 4 to 5:30 pm @ JOY GH; Auro Yoga is a dynamic partner practice that blends the wisdom of yoga, the dynamic power of acrobatics and the loving kindness of healing art. This practice cultivates playfulness, trust and community throughout movement; all levels welcome but a basic yoga practice is preferable. For more info: joycommunity@auroville.org.in

African Pavillon’s regular events: Every Thursday enjoy the drumming circle together with African dinner from 6 pm till 9 pm. Contact Dance is every Tuesday from 6 pm to 7.30 pm. Every Wednesday dance Salsa from 6 pm to 8 pm (Intermediates start at 6pm, Beginners start at 6:30pm). Join the Hatha yoga classes from Monday to Saturday from 4 pm to 5.30 pm. Transformational yoga classes are Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 10.30 am. Contribution is requested for building the Pavilion.

Auroville Aikido at Auroville Budokan (Deshashakti): Teenagers’ class: Monday & Wednesday evening 5 to 6:00 pm with Cristo and Surya. Children classes are full (Registeration now opened for July.) Adults: beginners are welcome on Saturday morning 6.30 to 7.30 am (mixed levels) with Murugan/John/Surya. Advanced with Murugan/John: Tuesday, Thursday 6.00 to 7.30 am and Saturday 6.30 to 7.30 am. Please be at the Dojo/Budokan 10-15 min. before class starts. Beginners may wear long loose pants & t-shirt with sleeves for the start (no tight fitting please.) White “keikogi” will be required for continued practice. For all activities at the AV Budokan: Health Fund or private insurance necessary - Reasonable contribution required for the Dojo. For more info, please write to budokan@auroville.org.in or contact Surya: 0413-2623-813 or 9655-485487.

Aikido with Sep (Tanseikai group): Practice of Aikido at the Auroville Budokan under the guidance of Sep Overlaet, 6 Dan Tokyo Aikikai. Hours of practice: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm, to 8:30pm. Minimum age is 15. For further information contact Sep: overlaet@gmail.com / 8497755035.
Alcoholics Anonymous: meeting (open) every Saturday 6pm, Centre Guesthouse (Merriam Hill Centre). Contact: Ingrid 9443843976 or Shankar 9442010573.

Argentine Tango: Practica (practice space open to all tango dancers) Wednesdays 7.30-9 pm at SAHWCHU.

Astrology, its holistic approach: Astrological Chart by Uma Gimenez. You are welcome to call and fix an appointment at 0413-263080 or 9443697972 (Surrender). The reading can be held in English, Spanish, French and Italian.

Astrology, Vedica: Readings in traditional Vedica Astrology to address any issue or area of life where you need more clarity. A single session lasts 60 to 75 minutes, so please plan accordingly. Study sessions are also possible. See [http://www.allthingsvedic.in/](http://www.allthingsvedic.in/) for details. Contact Vikram on 9843948288 or at vikram@aurouville.org.in

AYYA Auroville Youth Activities: A brand new website presenting the regular Youth Activities available in Auroville: youthactivities.auroville.org.in. The primary goal is to provide the Auroville community (especially children/parents), with an organized and simple overview to become aware of the activities available in Auroville for the Youth. If you wish to add your activity to the website, kindly send your contact details (sport, name, phone number, email) to youthactivities@auroville.org.in.

Awareness Through the Body with Stefania on Tuesdays at 5 to 6:30 @ JOY GH Hall; Based on the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, Awareness Through the Body is a comprehensive curriculum of exercises that offer practical tools for personal growth, introspection and self-knowledge, giving participants the opportunity to discover and explore more about themselves. For more info: joycommunity@auroville.org.in

Bach Flower Sessions: With Rosalba, at Baraka. Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons. Advance appointments by calling 9787702844 or email to rosalba@auroville.org.in.

Bach Flower Healing Session: Bach flower essences gently help to achieve harmony and balance to all aspects of your being. For appointment call Sitara 9751798408 or email: tara@auroville.org.in

Brahmanaspati kshetram: The Mother and Sri Aurobindo Centre is launching regular activities: Every Thursday meditation 6:00-6:60 pm - Every first Sunday of the month reading circle from 5:30 pm led by Bhuvana Sundari in Tamil and English (for directions kindly consult Google maps at this link: [here](#)).

Body Care in Auromode: Facial treatment - cleaning, scrubbing, masaging, moisturizing mask, rejuvenating mask, deep cooling mask, exotic SPA - Scrub, Wraps (chocolate, Tropicana). All materials used made from natural and organic products. Body Treatment - Cup massage. For more information contact Svetlana +919344639707

Body fitness & Self-defence class: Learn Karate and Kick boxing for self-defense and body fitness. On Saturday and Sunday between 6.30 and 8.30 am. Place: SAHWCHU building, Bharat Nivas. For more information contact: 9442485459 or 9786167917

Buddha Garden Farm Tour: with audio companion is now available every morning Monday to Friday between 10.00am and 11.30am.

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Please come to the Farm Office near the entrance to get your device and a map. If you would like to download the audio companion onto your smart phone beforehand please contact priya@auroville.org.in

Budo Waraku: Keiko (practice) of Budo Waraku at the Auroville Budokan on Mondays and Fridays from 7pm. to 8:30pm. Waraku is a Japanese Budo based on ancient Shinto wisdom. The ancients taught the “Kototama”, the power of sound. The universe is made of sound. The practice will be directed by Sep and Yoko, direct disciples of Maeda Hiramaos Sensei, the founder of Budo Waraku. Minimum age is 15. For further information contact Sep: overlaet@gmail.com | 848975035.

Capeoera (Group Ginka Saroba): Classes open to all levels, led by Prof. Samuka da India and his students.
- ADULT CLASSES >> Monday: 5:15 PM - SAUCHU (Bharat Nivat) | Tuesday & Thursday: 6:00 PM - Deepanam School | Saturday: 4:30 PM - Dehakhatki Gymnastics. Free trial class every first Thursday of the month.
- KID CLASSES >> Monday & Friday: 1:15 PM - Deepanam School - Contact us prior bringing a new kid.
- OPEN RODA (Capeoera Circle) >> First Friday of each month 5.30PM - Visitors Center
Contact: info@ginka-saroba.com | www.ginka-saroba.com | 9488328435

Children Activity Garten: in a friendly home environment for ALL children from 2 to 6. Open Mo – Fr from 9 am to 1 pm and on the regular school holidays. Contact: saroja@auroville.org.in or 76390.17692. http://activitygartenauroville.esy.es

Carnatic music - singing lessons and veena: For adults and children 8 years and older. Bruno (Utility). Telephone 2623308 / mail nadopasana@auroville.org.in

Chinese fire cupping /Moxibustion Therapy: Fire cupping (火罐) and Moxibustion (艾炙) are both ancient therapies based on Traditional Chinese Medicine(TCM) theory. They can remove one’s blockages and accumulate qi. They will use the artistry of falling off as well as improving one’s immune system; effective in acute and chronic internal organ disorders such as pain, stiffness, fever, chill, cough, wheeze, nausea and vomiting etc… By appointment only: Chun - 80989-00708/chun@auroville.org.in at Arka Wellness Center

Computer Literacy Support @ Blue Light: Weekly individual beginner’s support (computer literaciy) 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 2622500

Contact Improvisation class and jam at African Pavilion: every Tuesday 6pm-7.30pm. Contact improvisation is a form that utilizes the physical laws of friction, momentum, gravity and inertia to explore the relationship between dancers. The class will be led by Karthik Rajmohan who is one of the first generation of contact dancers in India. A jam will follow after the class. All are welcome!

Contact Improvisation Dance classes and jams: Wed and Thursdays 5:30pm - 7:30pm at European House, (located inside and to the right of international house - opposite Tibetan pavilion). We will use this new space to explore and play with movement, flooring, spatiing and flying. We will use the artistry of falling off balance, counterbalance, finding the shelves of the body and learning the mechanics of the body in order to handle someone else’s weight or be lifted. Looking at body design and structure to find effortless, efficient and graceful movement. Wednesday class we will focus on technique and improving our contact movement vocabulary. Thursday will start with a structured warm up and develop into a free space jam, where we can play and dance. Both classes are designed for all experience types. Contact John: 8524963049

Creative Fridays: FRIDAYS 5 to 7 pm. At CREEVA (Centre for Research, Education and Experience in the Visual Arts) in the Creativity Studio/Atelier. Come, experience and enjoy the colours. An engaging and meditative process to help you express yourselves more freely. Pleasure and release time, in non-fragile clothes! Free for Aurovilians and Newcomers. Contribution of for Guest, and reduced for Volunteers. Please call in advance: Helgard 9486534326 - 0413 2622427, helgard@auroville.org.in

Creative Writing: Never stop being creative, whatever happens in your life! A regular writing playground presented to you by My Creative Satsang. Every Monday 4.30 to 6 pm @ Sanjana Community (after Arati, before Maduka) in Francesca’s place. For more info: 0413-2623987 or email me to avmcreativewriter@gmail.com. Please call or write me an email before you come if it is your first time. All of you are welcome as long as you bring with you a notebook, a pen and the fun of expressing yourself. Let’s just show up on the page and let that “something” move through us!

Cuban Salsa: Learn and practice Cuban Salsa, every Wednesday, 6-8 pm, at African Pavilion. Intermediates start at 6pm, Beginners start at 6:30pm. Class is Free and all are welcome. Instructors: Mouhsine & Camilla. For questions, email serrar@gmail.com

Dance Offering: Welcome to weekly gatherings. To listen deeply to your body, allow life to express itself uniquely and unfold through movement, to celebrate together and offer the fruits of our practises. Free authentic dance and contact improvisation. Mondays, 5 -7 pm in Vérité. Thank you for coming on time to begin together!

Dancing as Love: A women’s dance circle with Divyanshi on Fridays from 5-6:30 PM at Vérité. Welcome to weekly gatherings in April. “Dancing as Love” is the beauty of movement as a medium of worship and an expression of love for the Divine. Come join to dance to express the deep love in your Heart, letting go of dancing to impress. Using belly dance & Rajasthani folk as our paltet, each of us shall paint the unique ray of light and love through our body movements on the canvas of a song, letting touch our life as well as letting our lives become a window to entering the song. You’ll rise in energy, emotions and bodily health, and be full of a renewed love for the essence of life! No dance experience needed. Wear comfortable clothes. For more info: divyanshi0222@gmail.com

Darkai Fitness Track: welcomes you every day from 4pm to 6:30pm. Please remember to come 30 minutes before closing time. We are happy to open the fitness track in the mornings on request. Please send your request to dft@auroville.org.in. Way to the gate in Google Maps: goo.gl/dpDTeF

Eco Femme open session: Eco Femme welcomes you on every Thursday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am for a small talk about our work, sustainable menstrual products and menstruation experiences. Contact number: 9487179556. Our office in the Saraco campus, near Ganesh bakery, just before Windarra.

Explanations in Clay with Naasheen: cancelled for April and May

The Eternity Game- El Juego de la Eternidad: An oracle with 64 cards based on Sri Aurobindo´s Yoga. Individual and groups, in English, Spanish, and French. By appointment. Contact : Anandi: 0413-2622547 or anandi7@auroville.org.in.

Family constellation workshop with Moghan: next sessions at Creativity Hall of Light. Contact Moghan: 9751110486 / moghan@auroville.org.in

Feminine dance for all women in Cripa, Kalabhumni on Tuesdays at 4pm. An ancient art for communication, healing transformation and to facilitate birthing. We create an opportunity to reconnect joyfully to our body, reawaken the flow of feminine energy, move to the living pulse of life and have fun in the loving presence of other women. Wear comfortable dance clothes. galit@auroville.org.in

Flamenco: by Lola at CRIPA. Every WEDNESDAY - INTERMEDIATE: 2.30 to 3.30pm - BEGINNER: 3.30 to 4.30pm. WELCOME !!

French classes at Savitri Bhavan, House of Mother’s Agenda: French classes at House of Mother’s Agenda, every Monday and Friday from 5 pm to 6 pm.

From the Food Lab: Horizon. (In front of Sve-dame). Mon.,Tues., Thurs. 4.00 to 6.00pm. Call Lorenzo before coming at 9491662374. All relevant information about the after effects of food on your body for e.g. allergies, intolerance, chronic pathology. Homeopathic Immunopharmacology is available.

Board Game Evening: Every FRIDAY from 6 pm onwards at Le Zephyr in Visitors Centre. We have many games but feel free to bring along yours.

Hairdresser/Hair stylist: Hi my name is Ladina. I offer haircutting, hairstyling, highlights at my home salon Monday through Saturday for the ladies. Private home service also available. For appointments please contact 9787337465.

Hatha Flow Yoga Classes with So-You at Creativity Hall of Light. Tuesdays: Hatha Flow with Sound Mandala(432hz). Fridays: Hatha Flow Basics. Timing for both days: 5:30pm to 6:50pm. The class is based on the alignment of lyengar and flow of Ashtaga. It remains
authentic to ancient yoga tradition while tackling modern challenges. After class, you will be So Young!!

**Hatha Yoga with Bala at the African Pavilion:** Monday to Saturday: 4 to 5:30 pm - Classical Hatha Yoga by a 200hr Yoga alliance certified teacher. Hatha Yoga gives importance to the breathing, relaxation and meditation nature of a pose along with the physical nature of the Asanas. An Asana class consists of eye and neck exercises, Pranayama, sun salutations, Asanas (Poses), final Relaxation and Meditation. Beginners to Intermediate level. Contact: +91 982699804 / 7867992023

**Hindi & English Class:** Learn to speak, read and write Hindi at New Creation every Sunday at 4pm. Contact Shiv: 9110810224 at Reacht for the Stars. shiv.godli007@gmail.com.

**HOLISTIC regular sessions:** See more details and the up-coming intensives: [www.auroville-holistic.com](http://www.auroville-holistic.com); For the following sessions, book at contact@auroville-holistic.com

**Quantum Shiatsu Massage:** With Saní L. Latsze.

**Sophrology session:** With Camille Delobel.

**Regression Therapy:** with Sigrid Lindemann.

**Thai massage** to re-harmonize the energy and heal with Christine Pauchard.

**Acupuncture** with Andres Lokuta.

**Ashanaga Yoga:** Mysore style (7 -8.30am) and **Hatha Yoga** (4.30-6pm) with Christine Pauchard.

**Health & Wellness Coaching:** a process that facilitates healthy, sustainable behavior change by challenging a client to listen to their inner wisdom, identify their values, and transform their goals into actions. Contact Christine 9489805493

**Hum Chakra Yoga:** by Asha, EVERY MONDAY: 5 pm to 6.30 pm. Venue: Hall of Light in Creativity. The word Hum is the root vibration, the source, undivided essence of life and the highest expression of the spiritual nature of Kundalini-Shakti. Hum is the descent from universality (Om) into the human heart. We will identify what are the physical and psychological symptoms of blockage, deficiency and overactive chakras, and we will work on it through different techniques. We will go deeper into the mind, pranayama, pranidhana, Meditation, chanting and through Mother’s qualities (courage, progress, receptivity, aspiration, perseverance, gratitude, humility, sincerity, peace, equality, goodness, generosity) we will make an inner reflection to our consciousness and advance in the stages of personal evolution. Balancing our chakras, each day we will give special attention to some chakra or chakras and we will discover the way to heal ourselves, how to be a balanced and happier person. Yoga for adults. All levels are welcome.

**IMPROV:** Improvisation Theatre or IMPROV, is a form of live theatre where most, if not all, is created the moment it is performed. Our 1.5-hour IMPROV session will give you a taste of what IMPROV is all about and teach you some cool personal and performance skills that will build confidence and self-esteem to make a great impression, awaken and express creativity, and engage the quick-thinking & active listening skills. Date and venue: Every Friday at 4.30 pm at SAWCHU. Contact: Ema (99439 70834) or Elke (94865 20686)

**Jade Beauty Salon:** Jade Beauty Salon is open again, happy to welcome you for Beauty and Time for yourself. Manicure, Pedicure, Waxing, Facial treatments, support for any kind of skin problems. Swiss quality. Now you can find me in Aurosarjan complex, next to Rangoli pink door. Also voucher for a nice giftcards are available. Swiss quality. Now you can find me in Aurosarjan complex, next to Rangoli pink door. Also voucher for a nice giftcards are available. Swiss quality. Now you can find me in Aurosarjan complex, next to Rangoli pink door. Also voucher for a nice giftcards are available.

**Japanese Lunch in Joy Community Guesthouse:** Every Saturday at 12:45. We are happy to announce that we are restarting to serve a beautiful mostly organic lunch accompanied with the usual family atmosphere of Joy Community. Ingredients are all fresh (some from our vegetable garden) and depend on the inspiration of our Japanese chef Emiko. By reservation only (1 day in advance). For info and reservation call us at 9487272393 or email us at joycommunity@auroville.org.in. 25 % discount for Aurovilians, New Comers and SAVI registered volunteers and 50 % discount for monthly lunch scheme. Joy Community team :-)

**Japanese Tea Ceremony:** available on request - Please contact tshawayami@auroville.org.in or at 0413-2622192.

**Kino Auroville:** Kino is a film making movement that advocates the production of short-films on little to no budget, using small crews, and non-competitive collaboration. There are Kino Groups around the world. Kino Auroville is the only one in India. We invite anyone who has made a film in the last month, between 30 seconds and 6 minutes to come and screen it. We meet every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the MMC/CP (MultiMedia Center / Cinema Paradiso) at the Town Hall. Some of the films made can be found at this link: [https://vimeo.com/groups/kinoaurovillemphasis](https://vimeo.com/groups/kinoaurovillemonthly)

**Laughter Yoga:** with Nikhil @ Joy GH; Saturdays 4 to 5 pm. Laughing Yoga is a set of joyful exercises to keep yourself healthy. Like any other exercise for example: gym, aerobics, running etc. the aim of Laughing Yoga too is to keep your body fit and mind sound. The only exception is that it’s a lot more FUN... ;) ;)

**Life coaching, neuro coaching:** For those who are successful but maybe stuck in some area and can’t seem to break out of that rut in order to move to the next level. Gain clarity, set specific, measurable, achievable and realistic goals, overcome negative thought patterns, and make behavioural changes. Contact Vikram on 9849348298 or at ykrnam@aurouville.org.in

**Lilaloka:** Sessions of Nature's Theater on Mondays and Tuesdays: paused until further notice.

**Leela, the Game of the Self Knowledge (a 2000 years old game!):** Come and play the Game of your Life Saturdays 10 am to 12:30 (above 15 years old), in SVEDAME, at the Butterfly Barn. English, Spanish, French, Italian, German and Russian versions all available. Contribution kindly asked. Please call before to confirm your coming. 

**Mandala Practice:** Wednesdays 2:30 to 5 pm, with Rosalba, exploring mandala’s practice in the greenhouse of Auroville. Since the beginning of the human life, people all over the world are connected with special shapes; the Mandalas are part of them. Carl Jung, long time ago, discovered that the practice of drawing mandalas, in spontaneous way, it produces effects and a benefit on our own Life, harmonizing and rebalancing whatever is in need. - My role on all this is to guide you into the process of drawing, the mandala as a Sacred Circle, our own Universe, where to express our inner being of that moment, the moment we draw inside it, using different techniques, to reach spontaneously your center, your connection with yourself. Material all included in the requested contribution. Please contact me for all details: 9787702844 or rosalba@aurouville.org.in. See more on facebook: [www.facebook.com/rosalba.auroville/](http://www.facebook.com/rosalba.auroville/)

**Meditation for Peace and Healing:** Join us from 5:00 to 5:45pm every Thursday around the Peace Table at the Unity Pavilion to build and ‘hold’ a Collective Space for Healing and Peace. Please offer your Presence to help in this collective experiment, whether you need healing yourself or simply want to support others in their healing and well-being.

**Mindfulness - the art of being present:** with Jozz (long term Volunteer) Saturdays from 5:15 to 6.15 @ Joy GH Hall; Mindfulness is the art of being present and aware. In these sessions we will explore simple meditation methods that allow us to open our consciousness and engage wholeheartedly with everything that comes our way. On Donation Basis.

**MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) and Self-Defense for Women:** Every Monday and Wednesday 5:30 to 7:00 at Dehashakti Gymnasium. SUMMER BREAK: Last lesson on Monday 23/04. Open to everyone starting from the age of 14. Please be punctual and in sportswear. Stay at home if sick or if you have open wounds or skin diseases. Free for Aurovilians & Newcomers. Fixed contribution for SAVI Volunteers and for Guests. We welcome at any time your support in form of donations for new material etc. AVMA account: 251884. Giaconmo: 9487340778 / giaconmoaurouville@gmail.com

**Mudra-Chi Workshop:** A body Prayer in a Thai-Chi Form. Every Tuesday at 4.45 pm. At Savitri Bhavan. Facilitator: Anand. See more on information or Special Classes, contact me, anand77@aurouville.org.in

**NEW COLORS:** The NEW COLORS children’s center is in Edayanchavadi village, and offers to homework help for students from grades 1-9 from Monday to Friday between 5 to 7 pm (not on rainy days). ‘The MOTHER KinderGARTEN’ in NEW COLORS is for ages 2-7, open from Monday to Friday with; morning activity 8:30am to 1pm or afternoon activity from 1pm to 4pm or full day activity 8:30am to 4pm. It is suitable for short or long term for Aurovilians & Newcomers and Guests. For registration and for further details contact Ramesh 9865444472 or motherkindergarten@gmail.com or newcolours2002@gmail.com

Odisse Dance Classes: If anyone (who is staying in Auroville long-term) is interested in dedicatedly learning Odissi dance as a beginner & is willing to commit to be regular to classes, please contact odissidanceclass@gmail.com

OM Choir: "The voice that chants to the creator Fire, /The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word". Every Tuesday at Savitri Bhavan, 5:45/6:00pm - and at the OM Choir in the Ashram School, opposite the Ashram Entrance, Pondicherry, Fridays at 7:00pm.

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture (International Zone) - weekly Activities
All activities paused. Thank you, Kalsang

Pilates with Teresa: At Arka. All classes last one hour. Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 am all levels / Wednesday 5:30 pm all levels / Friday 5:30pm advance level. Teresa: 7867998952 / teresa@auroville.org.in

Prana Vastha Yoga with Helena on Mondays at 4 to 5:30 pm and Fridays at 4 to 5:30 pm @ JOY GH Hall; This practice is a 60 asanas sequence focusing on the development of strength with flexibility. The breath remains the key throughout the series and the practitioner focuses on maintaining in the breath during the whole practice. For more info: joycommunity@auroville.org.in

Psycho-spiritual work, tarot and other sessions: To bring more clarity and freedom on life issues where there was confusion and entanglement in order to allow new steps in life. Tarot, deconditioning self-inquiry, "inner personalities" discovery and balancing, guided meditation and other tools...by Antarjyoti in English or French, tel: 0413-262 37 67 or email: antarcall@yahoo.fr

Psycys Let's move your life to a higher plane: $50 to join, $30 thereafter.

Readers group IN ITALIAN: Mother’s Agenda - paused until further notice.

Reception Foncphone: Tous les mardis de 17:00 à 18:30 à La Terrace, en haut de la Cuisine Solaire, Ananda et Michiko sont à la Réception Francophone.

Reiki: with Marcia @ JOY GH Hall. Reiki is an Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing. It is administered by "laying on hands" and is based on the idea that an unseen "life force energy" flows through us and is what causes us to be alive. On Appointment. For more info: 7598260379.

Reiki with Betty: Traditional Mikao Usui method. Healing sessions and certified workshops all on appointment. (English/French/Spanish). Contact by SMS or WhatsApp for details or appointment on +(91)8098074351 or email betty@auroville.org.in

Relationship Based Communication with Sirish on Tuesdays from 9 to 12 and/or from 1 to 4:30pm @ JOY GH Hall; We will investigate values as the basis of understanding ourselves and others. Looking at what we spend time doing and what was missing in our lives gives us clues to where we find our own values. Over a few sessions, we will uncover mutual areas of overlap of values and take our communication language to a higher ground: anticipate problems and create powerful solutions. Contact 8127524550 or sirishnew@gmail.com.

Restorative Circles (RC): workshops, practice groups, calling a live Circle, and other questions. Contact Laura: 9442788016, restorative@auroville.org.in, joylivinglearning@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/RestorativeAuroville

Rise and Shine Dance – Start Your Day Dancing. Every Friday 7:30-9:00am at Cripta hall, Kalabhumni also during the summer. Open for all. Offering also individual sessions of feminine dance. For details contact: pashutilhiot@gmail.com

Sacred Groves - Guided tours: Sacred Groves, an housing project in sustainable building and living. Every Wednesday at 3:30 pm there is a guided tour for those interested in our work and achievements. more information: sacredgroves.in, or contact us: sacredgroves@auroville.org.in or call: 9487421696. The Sacred Groves Team

Sanskrit Mantras: @ Joy GH Hall, Centre Field. Drop in classes on Thursday at 6:15 to 7:15pm and Regular Classes on Friday from 6:15 to 7:15pm. Chanting Mantra is performing an ancient prayer. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition and participation in the chant, the mind gains clarity, the ability to concentrate increases and a person becomes more tranquil. Through daily chanting the mind gains qualities which are essential for students of Yoga & Spiritual Scriptures.

Satsang: a sharing for spiritual upliftment; Savitri Bhavan, Saturdays 5-6:30 pm

SATURDAY MARKET at the Youth Centre: Weekly from 10.00am till 2.00pm. With fresh and local products as well as interactive workshops, a different theme each week!

Savittir in the morning: You are welcome to be with us for Savitri on Tuesday at 6.45 am. with a native English speaker is present. If Tuesday is a special day, we shift to Thursday of that week. Prompting time. Bring your book. Location in Residential Zone near Solar Kitchen may change. For more information, contact pat@auroville.org.in or ramanarayan@auroville.org.in or alena@auroville.org.in

Shiatsu Massage: with Sara (9443617308) or Simona (9489511648) @ JOY GH Hall; Shiatsu helps remove the blockages by re-aligning meridian points, which balances the qi and eases the body and mind. For appointment email joycommunity@auroville.org.in.

Skyworks: Tree Climbing Workshops: RECREATIONAL. You want the experience without learning all the knots? You are welcome to be with us for Savitri on Tuesday at 7:00 pm. A native English speaker is present.

Soma Mantra chant with Shraddha and Margaret: You are welcome to be with us for Shraddha on Thursday at 6:00pm. For more info contact shraddha@auroville.org.in or margaret@auroville.org.in

Solitude Farm activities
- Evening Farm tour with Krishna - Saturdays 11:30am
- Cooking workshop to learn how to use local, traditional ingredients and their nutritional benefits - Saturdays 3pm
- Volunteers welcome! Drop by to visit or call Krishna 9843319260

Somantic Explorations with Maggie - every Wednesday from 5-6pm in Vérité Hall. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging. Open to all, for further info call Maggie: 94866 23465.

Sound Bath - Unity Journey: Every Wednesday 5.30-6.30 in Unity Pavilion. Aurelio and Team will create and share an experiential space of deep relaxation through a basic tuning process and exposure to the soothing waves and vibration of pure acoustic instruments. Gongs, Bells, Chimes, Strings and diverse new and archaic sound sources will invite the listener into a sound journey into inner landscapes and synaesthetic contemplation towards a Unity experience.

svaramsoundhealing@gmail.com

Sound Massag and Bath With Tibetan Singing Bowls and Solar Gong: Lying on a mat with bowls of different pitches, sound energy flows right through your body for a beautiful OM harmonic cocoon of peace, melting away tightness and discomfort while tuning you up to its healthy grounding vibrations. The powerful mystic gong and bronze bowls take us deep inside into our true home. Info & booking for guests: Antarjyoti, tel: (0413)262 37 67. Mail: antarcall@yahoo.fr

Sound Therapy and Exploration in the Body for Self-Healing: Harmonizing and restoring healing sessions through the magic of the sounds from a specially designed sound bed and other music instruments that enhance the self-healing powers of your being...
aim is to put you in a state of relaxation which enables you to see or feel yourself deeply according to your own awareness. In addition to the sound journey, you will be guided through your body to explore new dimensions which has an action and a benefit on the 3 levels: Physical, Energetical and Mental. This exploration based on the concepts of Chinese medicine will help you reconnect with your organs and holistic being. In case of emergency I may help releasing sciatica pain (“Ishcas” in German). To book your appointment, please call Ishka at: (0413) 2622192 / (+91) 99433 05092

South Indian Classical Dance (Bharatnatyam): Bharatnatyam Dance classes offered for beginners. Weekly twice. The classes are offered for children and adults. If you are interested, please contact me after 4pm on my mobile. S.Caveri: 7998368514

Spontaneous Singing: Will start again in July. Antoine - 8940740529 / antoine@aurowville.org.in


Tai Chi Hall @ Sharnga: Monday & Tuesday 7.30-8.30 Chi, Monday &Tuesday 8.30 - 9.30 24-form, Wednesday & Saturday 7.30-8.30 127-form, Thursday & Friday 7.30-8.30 Taichi@aurowville.org.in

Taiwanese style Tea Ceremony: With Isha - Every Thursday 2 pm to 4.45 pm - Hall of Peace, Unity Pavilion - You will experience and learn the East Asian way of drinking and serving tea. Only organic tea will be used - Every Saturday 2 pm to 5 pm. Booking is required. Approx. 1 hour for each session, please choose your time slot. Venue: Swayam - Book at: 0413-2622192 / ishawayam@aurowville.org.in

Tango Dance Class: Argentine Tango Dancing class for beginners is offered at Joy Guesthouse every Friday 7:30-9:00. No partner is necessary. Please bring Sox or dance shoes. Practica is held for all dance levels on Wednesday 7:30-9pm at Sawchhu hall, Bharat Nivas.

Tea Gathering: With Isha - Experience and learn the East Asian way of drinking and serving tea - The art of sharing joy and peace through a cup of tea with your friends will change your perspective towards tea, only organic tea will be used - Every Saturday 2 pm to 5 pm. Booking is required. Approx. 1 hour for each session, please choose your time slot. Venue: Swayam - Book at: 0413-2622192 / ishawayam@aurowville.org.in

Tamil Literary Classes and Craft Lessons: Ilaignarkal Education Centre organizes Tamil Literary Classes every Thursday evening 5 pm-6 pm. Regular attendance is appreciated. Lectures by seasoned professors in Tamil Literature, History and Culture are opened to all Monday through Friday any time Also classes on languages, sewing, drawing, painting and simple handicrafts for Auroville workers and Aurovilians interested. Contact us to organize classes according to your schedule. Phone No: (0413) 2623773. Email: tamlit@aurowville.org.in, R. Meenakshi (Ilaignarkal Education Centre)

Therapies with Vani: 1) Awakening the intelligence of the body: Discovering your Self-healing power and natural intelligence of the body. Experiencing the Presence within by quietening the thought process and contacting the body. Fusion of deep guided relaxation, visualisation, pranic healing, acupressure and foot & cranial reflexology.

2) Journey to the memory of the body: Journey through the trauma memories, emotional blockages and belief systems in order to release and heal these traumas, by getting aware & depogramming these past believe systems put in place in the past, which keep you from living a very joyful life in the present. Fusion of Hladina Method, Hypnotherapy, Self-Inquiries.

3) Life Coaching: Using awareness, visualization & imagination techniques. Life coaching is a very useful in period of changes and new projects to get in order to get in contact with your intuitive self and find the creative & dynamic thread of your life again.

4) Reiki and Reflexology courses possible on request.

For appointment contact Pitanga: 0413-2622403 or Vani: vani@aurowville.org.in.

Transformational Yoga: Every Wednesday and Friday from 9.00 am-10.30 am at African Pavilion. Transformational Yoga gives you the tools you need in order to make a difference in your everyday life. In depth focus of asanas, the chakras, mantras and breathing and meditation techniques gives you the knowledge you need to purify your body, stabilise your emotions, focus your mind, and increase your spiritual well-being. Transformational Yoga aims to awaken all five bodies and seven chakras in order to experience a continuous state of physical, mental, health and stamina, emotional balance higher mental guidance, unconditional love and faith, and spiritual bliss consciousness.

Ultimate Frisbee: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Gaia Sports Field 4.30 pm to sundown (turn left before Gaia community gate). Helps improve stamina, hand/eye coordination, and focus through running, throwing, & catching the disc; along with patience & teamwork and Spirit of the Game. Bring running shoes if you have them. Contact aurowvyleg@aurowville.org.in for any questions or just come ready to play! And see ultimate.aurowville.org/

Ultimate Frisbee women’s team training: Sunday 4-6 pm

Vinyasa Yoga: - at Creativity Hall of Light, every Thursday from 5 pm to 6.30 pm with Bebe Merino. This style is sometimes also called flow yoga, because of the smooth way that the poses run together and become like a dance. Please come and enjoy the classes.

Vocal & NadaYoga: paused until August 2018.

Wellness at Auromode Yoga Space: Thai Yoga massage, Ayurvedic Milana Oil massage, Facial treatments. Details, contacts and booking at www.auromodeyoga.space/treatments or +914132622224.

Women Temple: In Butterfly barn, Sve-dame On the following Wednesdays, at 7-9pm: April 25, Welcome into the circle, to explore this body mystery as a portal to spirit and our unique way how it expresses itself. Through contemplation, movement, touch, self-inquiry, deep listening, celebration... Welcome to bring a flower and a friend! Thank you for coming little early, park at the gate, follow the candles & start together on time. Daryla. (inspired by www.awakeningwomen.com)

World Game in sand: An activity for kids (6years old and above) and adults, organised by Spirit & Nature. The World Game encourages spontaneity, trust in oneself and being in the flow of the moment. An opportunity to be creative, to be able to express our own individuality and to be unique, bring your creativity for info worldgame@spiritandnature.org or appointment spiritandnature@aurowville.org.in

YEP Week: Youth Entertainment Program presents the YEP Week, a program especially designed for guest kids, to enjoy their stay, and discover Auroville. We will take them from place to place, where the kids can visit and participate in various activities. The activities include pony riding, Papier Mâché, quilling, painting... This program (Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 12.30pm) offers a good balance between visits and activities. Contact, YEP Team. Phone: +919626565134 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/YEPAV.

Yoga body with Olesya: At Sharnga Guest House Yoga Hall. Asanas and Pranayama in B.K.S. Iyengar Tradition - Iyengar Yoga is a form of Hatha Yoga, a process of developing your body, vital organs, your mind and the quality of intelligence through mobility, strength, stability and alignment in asana. Morning classes: Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30 am to 10.30 am. Afternoon sessions: Every Wednesday and Saturday from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

Ultimately, contribution is required. Drop-in classes. All are welcome! For more information: olesya@aurowville.org.in or WhatsApp +91-915-905-2743

The Youth Center Pizza Nights are on Fire: And so is the fire wood oven, so when Saturday evening 7:00 pm comes around, get your chappals on and kick your bike to life in front of the oven, so when Saturday evening 7:00 pm comes around, get your chappals on and kick your bike to life, there will be pizzas rolled out dough by the second and a precisely highly trained group of people making them. Contact: avultimate@auroville.org.in with any questions or just come ready to play! And see ultimate.aurowville.org/

**OTHER EVENTS**

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother 17th April (Tuesday) Focus this week on: The Vision and the Way: • 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.

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

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

Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922). No Registration required (except for groups). Fees: Voluntary Contribution. All are welcome. For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit www.integralyoga.aurowville.com
Sacred Groves - Guided tours: Sacred Groves, an housing project in sustainable building and living. Every Wednesday at 3:30 pm there is a guided tour for those interested in our work and achievements. more information: www.sacredgroves.in or contact us: sacredgroves@auroville.org.in or call: 9487421696.

Odissi Dance Classes: If anyone who is interested in a regular Beginners Odissi dance class, please write to me at divyanshi.0222@gmail.com, Divyanshi

Improv Theatre Workshop: For exploring the improvised art of performing, generally related to comedy, as seen in the English series ‘Whose Line Is It Anyway’. It deals with being in the current moment, letting go of judgments and dealing with the unknown using your instincts while having a lot of fun. Improv space is, by design, a place where you are allowed and encouraged to fail. Some reactions after the workshop - “I found it therapeutic”, “I felt like a child”. For Adult artists/beginners/Non Actors, improv is for everyone!

21st and 22nd April - 10am to 12:30pm then 1:30pm to 4pm. Venue - Yatra Cultural Arts Foundation, Auroville.

For contribution and booking your spot, contact - 7011292285 or 9871293577 or email at walkingbirdtheatre@gmail.com.

Submitted by Yatra Srinivassan

Exploring Auroville Architecture
25th - 27th April 2018 at Auroville

Auroville Green Practices is organizing a 3-day workshop titled “Exploring Auroville Architecture” composed of site visits and interactions with architects and building professionals from Auroville. During the program, participants will trail the diversity of architectural expressions in terms of form, context and purpose in the wider setting of this international township. Expected participants are professional and aspiring building professionals and home-owners who would like to gain inspirations and new ideas for their own practices. Participants will enjoy an exploratory tour to different places to witness Auroville’s unique architectural styles. Concessional fees (to cover food expenses) for Aurovilians working in Auroville. For more details please visit: info@agpworkshops.com. For more details please visit: www.agpworkshops.com

Films

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, April 20th, 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 :)**

VANLIFERS: Portrait of an Alternative Lifestyle
67 Minutes / English / 2017 / Directed by Armando Costantino

Are you ready to be inspired? Westfalia Digital Nomads is proud to present this documentary featuring interviews of #vanlifers from different countries and their unique perspectives on choosing to live in a van.

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 / facebook.com/sadhanaforest

AUROFILM CINEMA
At MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM (MMC, Town Hall)

--- Reminder: Friday 13 APRIL at 7:45pm
“Eat Drink Man Woman”, by Ang LEE, Taiwan, 1994

--- Friday 20 APRIL, no Aurofilm program, please check Ecofilm Festival program at MMC Auditorium/Cinema Paradiso.

DOCUMENTARY NIGHT at UP

This week Thursday 19-04-18 at 8pm in Unity Pavilion, we will be screening 'SAMADI' a movie which takes you into your depth of the Being and raises your level of consciousness into a profound state of balance. Come, take part. :)

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:30pm. Duration: 48min.

THE SILENT SELF

In January 2008 Sraddhavan presented an interesting research work on the centenary of Sri Aurobindo’s first major spiritual experience of the silent self in January 1908 and also other spiritual experiences of his yoga. Sri Aurobindo started his practice at Baroda in 1904 after learning from a friend the ordinary formula of prāṇāyama. Afterwards the only help he received was from the Yogi Vishnu Bhaskar Lele who instructed him how to reach complete silence of the mind and immobility of the whole consciousness. Sri Aurobindo was able to achieve this in three days with the result of lasting and massive spiritual realisations opening to him the larger ways of Yoga. And he accepted from Lele as the principle of his Sadhana to rely wholly on the Divine, both for his Sadhana and for his outward actions. The first part of this vivid talk ‘The Silent Self and Sri Aurobindo’ by Shradhavan, consists of an audio recording and a photograph of her. More about Sri Aurobindo’s life, his political action and his yoga can be found in his book On Himself, Sri Aurobindo Birth Centenary Library volume 26 and in volumes 35 and 36 of Sri Aurobindo’s Collected Works - Letters on Himself and Autobiographical Notes.

The FRENCH PAVILION presents

Les Pépites - “Little gems”
Documentary Written and directed by Xavier de Lauzanne. In French only, duration: 88min
Saturday 14th April 2018 at 5pm

TOWN HALL - CINEMA PARADISO

Today, they are 25 years old and are finishing their studies or have started to work. All of them, as children, had to search, in order to survive, in the open-air dump of Phnom-Penh, Cambodia. This is where Christian and Marie-France, a couple of French travelers, met them, more than twenty years ago. They decided to fight without limit to get these children out of this hell. To date, they have helped nearly 10,000 children to access education to build a future.

NEXT WEEK:
Saturday 21 April at 5pm
Cine Paradiso

“Martin around the World”
1 Movie
5 Years of Travel
5 Continents
1 Family
A road movie by Fred Cebron
Climate change is real. But how are we contributing towards combating it? Do we as a community or individual can make a difference? Are we to accept fate and organize ourselves to brace the disasters or do something about it? Where are the answers - are they with the ancient cultures or new innovations?

We dedicate our 14th Eco-Film Fest to the “change-makers”, the communities and individuals who are going against the tide to protect the earth, the inherent knowledge, a sustainable and just way of living. We salute those who are able to think out of the box and change challenges into opportunities not just for oneself but for others. Together we hope, dream, and act!

Eco-Film Fest - Monday 16 April, 8:00 pm:
- **ALUNA**
  Colombia-UK, 2012, Writer-Dir Alan Ereira w/ Mama Manuel Coronado, Alan Ereira, Francisca Zarabata, and others, Documentary-Adventure, 90mins, English-Spanish w/subtitles for non-English language, Rated: NR (G)

Hidden inside the forests of Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Colombia there is a lost civilization of the KOGI tribe. They believe that that we need to maintain critical interconnections within the natural world. It is a subtle and hidden network and interfering in one part has a huge impact on other specific parts. The key message they convey here is to “protect the rivers” but the question is how? The answer is perhaps to draw on indigenous understanding of environmental impacts, and to engage indigenous expertise in the assessments. It is an impactful film not to be missed. We thank Andres for sharing the film.

Eco-Film Fest - Tuesday 17 April, 8:00 pm:
- **K2 AND THE INVISIBLE FOOTMEN**
- **DEVRAI - THE SACRED GROVES OF MAHARASHTRA**
  K2: USA, 2015, Dir Iara Lee, Documentary, 54mins, English-Urdu w/ subtitles, Rated: NR (G)
  Shot in stunning northern Pakistan, the film tells the tale of another set of indigenous people who has helped us remain in tune with nature in a very different way. The film portrays the plight of the unsung heroes, the indigenous porters who for decades have facilitated the ascent of the Earth’s second-highest mountain. The screening is made possible by generous sharing by director Iara Lee and her team Cultures of Resistance Films. Devrai: India, 2013, Dir. Richa Hushingly w/Rivivu Laha and others, Documentary, 35mins, Marathi w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)
  The indigenous tribal communities have been protecting nature in form of sacred groves with their taboos and religious beliefs. Beyond the socio-religious importance the film explores the political and economic significance of Devrai as a tool to assert the ownership and customary rights over their forests annexed by the state since colonial times. A wonderful film by our own Richa and Rivivu who has made Auroville their home since one year. They will be present for a brief Q&A at the end of the screening.

Eco-Film Fest - Wednesday 18 April, 8:00 pm:
- **BASTION OF THE GIANTS**
  India, 2015, Writer-Dir Sumesh Lekhi, Documentary-Adventure, 80mins, English, Rated:NR (G)

The film is an awesome journey into the lives of the Asian Elephant and stunning wildlife in the bio-diverse verdant North Eastern Jungles of India and the challenges of conservation amidst human-animal conflicts as human populations burgeon around these ecological hotspots and ancient elephant lands, competing with wildlife for space and natural resources. How a nation steered in spirituality that is born out of nature will have to rise up to the task of protecting India's wild heritage while offering people livelihood opportunities from the conservation? The film is an odyssey into the picturesque unique wetland canvases and the spectacular wildlife in them and how protection of flagship and keystone wildlife species, by forest departments and governments with support of people and researchers, leads to the conservation. A rare film - generously shared with us by the director. Don’t miss!

Eco-Film Fest - Thursday 19 April, 8:00pm
- **BLUE PLANET II: OUR BLUE PLANET (EPISODE 7)**
  UK, 2017-18, BBC Series w/ David Attenborough, Documentary Series, 56mins, English, Rated:NR (G)

David Attenborough returns to the world’s oceans in this sequel to the acclaimed documentary filming rare and unusual creatures of the deep, as well as documenting the problems our oceans face. This episode examines the impact of human life on life in the ocean. …With stunning visuals and clear message this film is a must see. We will screen the entire series over the summer months.

Eco-Film Fest - Friday 20 April, 8:00pm
- **CHAR... THE NO-MAN'S ISLAND**
  India-Japan-Norway-Italy, 2013, Writer-Dir Sourav Sarangi, Documentary, 97mins, Bengali-Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

This acclaimed film tells the story of Rubel, a young boy who wants to attend school, but whose financial circumstances force him to become a smuggler. Every day, he has to cross a river that forms the border between India and Bangladesh. He stays at an island named Char which is a no-man's land and is patrolled by the border security force of both countries. An existence in transit. A wonderful, must see film, generously shared with us by the director.

Eco-Film Fest - Saturday 21 April, 8:00pm:
- **PERWEEN RAHMAN: THE REBEL OPTIMIST**
  Pakistan, 2016, Writer-Dir Mahera Omar w/Anwar Rashid and others, Documentary, 66mins, English-Urdu w/English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG)

Perween Rahman dedicated her life for the poor of Pakistan. She was shot dead by armed assailants on her way home in March 2013. Over the years she had worked with water and sanitation access, land rights of the poor. She even mapped and documented Karachi’s informal settlements to provide the poor security against land grabbers. Perween’s story and spirit is universal. More so identifiable across the South Asia. She was one individual who had an alternate vision for the development and was bold enough to pursue it. “Development doesn’t come from concrete. Development is not five star hotels and mega road projects. What we need is human development.” This much acclaimed and internationally awarded film has been shared with us by the director Mahera Omar, who wanted to but could not visit in person.

Children's Eco-Film Fest - Sunday 22 April, 4:30pm
- **EARTH: ONE AMAZING DAY**
  UK, 2017, Dir: Richard Dale, narrated by Robert Redford, Documentary, 95mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

This is an astonishing journey revealing the awesome power of the natural world. Over the course of one single day, we track the sun from the highest mountains to the remotest islands to exotic jungles. Cutting edge filmmaking technology bring you up close with a cast of unforgettable characters. Told with humor, intimacy and a jaw-dropping sense of cinematic splendor, the film highlights how every day is filled with more wonders than you can possibly imagine- until now. Don’t you miss!

Eco-Film Fest - Sunday 22 April, 8.00 pm:
- **FORESTING LIFE**
  India, 2013, Writer-Dir Arati Srivastava, Documentary- Biography, 70mins, Hindi-Assamese w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

This national award winning film tells the remarkable story of one man's drive to create the world's first man-made forest on a sandbar - in a world where uncaring eco-terrorists undertake deforestation. It is the biggest forest in the middle of the river Brahmaputra in Assam, India. The documentary takes an inside
look at the life of Jadav Payeng who single handedly planted trees over the last 35 years and transformed a 1400 acre sandbar into a self-sustaining forest ecosystem. An absolute must see! The screening of this film has been made possible due to the generous sharing by the director. Along with this film, upfront we will screen a three minutes inspiring documentary called The Forest Will Set Her Free.

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.

Kindly do not bring snacks, food, candies, and drink to the venue. Also, please be sweet and not chat while the film is on.

We appreciate your continued support.

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**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.

It is going to take us a little while to assess and address all suggestions and needs. We are going through all and will reply as soon as we can!

We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays due to work pressure.

**Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations:**

Tuesday 5pm)
The contents of News & Notes are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

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

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

**The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute** Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday.

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- Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
- Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. reachable 24/7.

**REMEMBER TO ALL GUESTS**

from The Guest Facilities Coordination Group

-Guest Registration Service-

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

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

The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates at 3 locations:

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

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