MOTHER’S AGENDA

Sri Aurobindo says that the vital part, the vital being is the greatest obstacle because it is unregenerate, and that there would be a possibility of transforming it if it surrendered entirely to Love and Knowledge; but as its predominant quality is force, energy, power, it does not like to submit to other parts of the being, and this justifies its refusal to submit itself, for those virtues in their essence are as high as the others. That is why it has neither the same power nor the same capacities, for it is not developed, it has not surrendered, and this is what causes the dilemma: it does not submit because it has this power, and this power cannot be utilised because it is not surrendered. So, how to get out of that? The vital, if it were surrendered, would be a very powerful help, extremely useful, it would make the whole process go much more rapidly. But because it feels its own power, it refuses to submit to the others; and because it does not submit, its power cannot be utilised. So, what is to be done? Sri Aurobindo states the problem — he is going to solve it afterwards; if we continue reading, after a while he will tell us how to solve this problem — but he states it first so that we may fully understand the situation.

If the vital were a mediocre being without definite qualities, there would be no difficulty in its surrendering, but it would be altogether useless. But, on the contrary, the vital is a sort of stronghold of energy and power — of all powers. Yet generally this power is diverted; it is no longer at the service of the Divine, it is at the service of the vital itself for its own satisfaction. So, as long as it is like that, it cannot be used. It should come to understand that this energy and power which it feels within itself cannot be useful unless it enters into perfect harmony with the divine plan of realisation on earth. If it understands that, it becomes quiet and allows itself to be enlisted, so to say, in the totality of the being, and then it takes on its full strength and full importance. But otherwise, it cannot be used. And usually, all its activities are activities which always complicate things and take away their simplicity, their purity, often their beauty, and their effectiveness, for its action is blind, ignorant and very egoistic.

Sweet Mother, is the divine plane the plane of the psychic being?

It is a higher plane than that of the psychic being. The psychic being is, so to say, the vehicle of the Divine, it contains the Divine, is the habitat of the Divine, but the Divine is higher than it. For the psychic being is only an aspect of the divine manifestation.

Is not the Supermind also the psychic being?

The Supermind is far higher than the psychic being also. What Sri Aurobindo calls the Supermind is the element or the divine Principle which is now going to come into play in the universe. He calls it the Supermind because it comes after the mind, that is to say, it is a new manifestation of the supreme divine Principle. And it is related to the psychic as the Divine was related to the psychic, that is to say, the psychic is the home, the temple, the vehicle, everything that must outwardly manifest the Divine. But it is divine only in its essence not in its integrality. It is a mode of outer manifestation of the Divine, outer compared with the Divine, that is, terrestrial. Is that all? Nothing else?

How should we come out of the physical consciousness which keeps us preoccupied all the time and exclusively with physical circumstances?

There is a considerable number of ways. There are intellectual ways, ways which may be called sentimental, artistic ways and spiritual ways. And generally, it is preferable for each one to take the way that is easiest for him, for if one wants to begin straight away with the most difficult, one comes to nothing at all. And here we always come back to the same thing, to what Sri Aurobindo describes in The Synthesis of Yoga: it is the way of knowledge or the way of devotion or the way of works. But the way of works is precisely the one which keeps you in physical life and makes you find your liberation in it; and perhaps this is the most effective way of all but also the most difficult. For most aspirants the way of meditation, concentration, withdrawal from physical life, rejection of physical activities is certainly easier than the way of action. But they leave the physical consciousness just as it is, without ever changing it, and unless one becomes like a sadhu or an ascetic who leaves behind all active life and remains in constant concentration or meditation, one achieves nothing at all. That is to say, an entire part of the being is never transformed. And for them the solution is not at all to transform it, it is simply to reject it, to get out of their body as quickly as possible. That is how yoga was conceived of formerly, for, obviously, it is much easier. But this is not what we want.

What we want is the transformation of the physical consciousness, not its rejection.

(To be continued)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 19 September 1956

THE MOTHER

The Ponder Corner

It is the unity of all in the solidarity of a common manifestation
That will allow the creation of the new and divine world upon the Earth.
Each will bring his part,
But no part will be complete except as a power in the solidarity of the whole.
Sri Aurobindo

Cover: The Earth in the hand of a child - as the world celebrates Mother Earth Day on April, 22nd.
India’s leaders salute Auroville on its 50th Anniversary

India’s leaders and government honoured Auroville on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee. In a special message, President Ram Nath Kovind wrote: “The International Township of Auroville, inspired by the vision and ideals of Sri Aurobindo, one of modern India’s greatest sages, is a unique symbol of human unity, of transcontinental collaboration, of harmony and synthesis. Auroville represents humanity’s aspiration for peace and goodwill.”

Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an inspiring address during his visit to Auroville, praising The City of Dawn’s many significant accomplishments: “Auroville has brought together men and women, young and old, cutting across boundaries and identities…. The world has received positive vibrations from Auroville in many forms over the years. Be it unending education, environment regeneration, renewable energy, organic agriculture, appropriate building technologies, water management or waste management, Auroville has been a pioneer.”

The Prime Minister closed his speech with these words: “May Auroville serve as a beacon to the world. May it be the guardian which calls for breaking down narrow walls of the mind. May it continue to celebrate the possibilities of humanity’s oneness. May the spirit of Maharishi Aurobindo and the Divine Mother continue to guide Auroville to the eventual fulfilment of its lofty founding vision.”

For the “fulfilment of its lofty founding vision” - let’s give a special ‘50th birthday gift’ the still-missing acres of land needed for a harmonious & unified City of Dawn!

Please specify your donations ‘ACRES FOR AUROVILLE’
- via Auroville Unity Fund (checks & bank transfers)
  - via www.auroville.com/donations/
- via your country’s Auroville International center www.auroville-international.org
Tax deductibility, news & videos at www.colaap.org also as www.land.auroville.org

Acres for Auroville is a collaboration of Auroville International & Lands for Auroville Unified
Auroville’s two dimensions

A study of the Mother’s vision of Auroville would make it abundantly clear that Auroville has two broad dimensions. One of these is Auroville’s universal dimension: the growing spirit of human fraternity, the human evolution, a new world and a new creation - and the other is Auroville’s India-centric dimension: to pave the way for India’s highest potentialities, the Indian renaissance based on an evolutionary worldview, vision, knowledge and inspiration.

In this golden jubilee year of Auroville, we therefore find it worthwhile to recall the following words of the Mother.

“And the clear vision: the same thing which in the history of the universe made the earth the symbolic representation of the universe so as to concentrate the work on one point, the same phenomenon is now taking place: India is the representation of all human difficulties on earth, and it is in India that the ... cure will be found. And then, that is why – THAT IS WHY I was made to start Auroville.

It came and it was so clear, so tremendously powerful!” ...

... It was very interesting. It remained the whole time, for more than an hour, such a strong and clear vision, as if suddenly everything became clear. I often used to wonder about it (not "wonder," but there was a tension to understand why things, here in India, have become such a chaos, ... and instantly, everything became clear, like that. It was really interesting. And immediately there was: "Here is why you have made Auroville."

(The Mother’s Agenda, Vol. 9, 3rd February 1968)

These words of the Mother about India establish an eternal link between India and Auroville. In this 50th year of The City of Dawn, India’s leaders along with Aurovilians and the worldwide Auroville Family all remember and salute this profound link!

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

Aryadeep

Mandakini

Please specify “ACRES FOR AUROVILLE” (all Master Plan priority plots) or GreenAcres (exclusively Greenbelt plots) for all donations via Auroville Unity Fund (checks or bank transfers), Auroville Donation Gateway (credit or debit cards) www.auroville.com/donations/ or via Auroville International www.auroville-international.org

Tax deductibility, news & videos: www.colaap.org now also accessible as www.land.auroville.org

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FUNDRAISING FOR LAND**

The Land Board is active, and funds are urgently needed for several projects.

**Earth Day is April 22nd**

Let’s care for the land and celebrate Earth Day! Auroville is a leader in evolutionary regenerative design, research and education.

A desert transformed back into the original rare coastal forest (TDEF).

We regenerate!

We afforest!

Forests bring biodiversity for plants and animals. Forests make the earth absorb rainwater and raise the water table.

By promoting and donating for Land for Auroville you participate in an essential work for Auroville, the bioregion and the world.

Let’s be active on Earth day: write to your personal network and promote our website for newbies, and the green community, foundations and corporates: Funding Auroville, as well as crowdfunding (Paypal accepted) and spread the appeal via www.facebook.com/Aurovillefunding.

Or join GreenAcres on land.auroville.org/campaigns/green-acres - for the Auroville family!

**Acres For Auroville**

The A4A flyer & letter for the April 24th Darshan are in this News & Notes - we invite you to share them widely with friends in the "global Auroville family"! You can also sign up on our website http://land.auroville.org to receive our communications directly. Check out our site to find all the latest news on the A4A land campaign and its support, Art for Land. Thanks to all of you, A4A’s fundraising has successfully led to many new acres of land for Auroville. So let’s keep up this great energy! Together we’re building a precious 50th Birthday gift for Auroville - the gift of its land!

The Land Fundraising team

**PARTICIPATORY WORKING GROUP GUIDELINES: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR FEEDBACK**

Dear Community Members,

This is to invite your feedback on the latest set of proposed amendments to the Working Group Guidelines, which include the Participatory Working Groups’ Selection Process: https://goo.gl/yATzwn

Amendment objective: The objective of these amendments is to create participatory, transparent, evolving organizational system that brings us closer to Auroville’s ideals.

Amendments to Working Groups’ Selection Guidelines

These proposed amendments have been created based on feedback received by participants and observers of the Participatory Working Groups Selection process since the last amendments to this process in 2016.

How to Enter Your Feedback

Please use the following link to open the interactive feedback form: https://auroville.formstack.com/forms/pwg

Feedback Deadline - Saturday, May 5, 2018

The deadline to submit your feedback is Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Once the feedback period has ended, the Study Group on Organisation will:

a) invite all feedback participants to a working session to finalise feedback incorporation and add any last-minute changes;

b) publish a revised version of the Guidelines that incorporates the feedback received.

For more information on this process, please do not hesitate to visit the RAS Lounge (we’re on the Town Hall 1st Floor from 10am-midday on Tuesday and Thursday) to share your thoughts and feelings on this or any other subject in person or email raservice@auroville.org.in or call us on 948 6623 749.

Much love,

The Study Group on Organisation and the Residents’ Assembly Service

**A COLLECTIVE CHALLENGE: FROM FEELINGS OF DISCRIMINATION TO UNITY IN DIVERSITY**

In order to address the issues and feelings related to discrimination in Auroville, the Auroville Council wishes to form a subgroup that together with members from the community will hold a year-long focus on this theme through initiatives, various types of events, courses and social multicultural moments that celebrate our unity in diversity and enable us to hear and understand each other on a deeper level.

The first event will be the Cross Cultural Dialogue hosted by Restorative Circle team that will take place on 28/29th April.

The Auroville Council invites all those who share our concerns and would like to give time and energy to address this issue in a meaningful way, to be part of the larger organizer team.

If this speaks to you and inspires you to join this team, please contact us at: avcouncil@auroville.org.in.

For the Auroville Council,
Mita, Selveraj and Shivaya
Cross-Cultural Dialogue:

Discrimination in Auroville

Are we divided as a community?
Do we live Human Unity to our fullest potential?

Let’s come together & dare to listen! April 28 & 29 (Sat - Sun) - 9am-5pm
Limited Seats. Registration Required.
To register, go here: https://bit.ly/2EF3nLI

With love, Restorative Auroville
(L’aura, Janet, Shanti, Kati, Rita, Pranjal and Genie)
restorative@auroville.org.in

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’

Stray dogs in Auroville

Dear Community, the Auroville Council met with community members concerned with the issue of stray dogs in Auroville, and we have found a nucleus of committed members to form a subgroup (Sharma, Rita E, Susan, Rita, Debub, and Martin, Enrica, Shiroya, Mita from Council) to follow up with the following action points.

1) To conduct a pet/dog audit through massmail which will lead to a supporting and responsible group of dog owners and dog lovers.
2) The Council to write to L’avenir, architects and project holders discouraging that workers and watchmen at construction sites feed stray dogs to keep them company and then the dogs are left behind being territorial about the site.
3) The spots where we have received complaints from are to be looked into and solutions sought as soon as possible. Ganesh Bakery/Kofpu, Transformation/Future school, Madhuca, Maitreyi 1 & 2, Prayatna, Neem tree, Surrender/Akra, Kalpana/Vikas.
4) Guidelines to help dog owners to be created, including information on vets and trainers.
5) Work on a project to raise funding to be able to sterilize and vaccinate 70% of stray dogs in the area in order to be able to keep the population stable. This would involve also finding partners NGO’s who would work with Integrated Animal Care to do this work.

We open to suggestions and to committed people from the community to collaborate with us to accomplish our action points. Thanking in advance for all the collaboration from the community.

Warm regards,
The Auroville Council and subgroup on Stray Dogs.

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 746

Dated: 21-04-2018

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

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:
Senthil NARAYANAN (Indian)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
Amudieswari SHANMUGAM (Indian) staying in Prayatna, working at Visitors Center Cafeteria.
Devan SHAH (Indian) staying in Arati III, working at Unity Pavilion.
Fabiola IGLESIAS (Indian) staying in Udhyogam, working at Upcycling Studio.
Nicolas METHOUT (French) staying in Dana, working at Botanical Garden.
Suresh SEKAR (Indian) staying in Creativity, working at Isai Ambalam Guest House.

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
Amarnath THANGARAJ (Indian)
Alessio FERRANDO (Italian)
Asha SUNDER (Indian)
Saranya PANNEERSELVAM (Indian)
Sridevi VENKATESWARAN (Indian)
Rajan MALLAIYALATHAN (Indian)
Ruchir SHARMA (Indian)

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

Reminder about Current Housing Situation

Dear Community, the housing board is asking your understanding and cooperation.

Please be aware that Auroville has still 33 names of Aurovilians on the waiting list in need of housing.

And there 200 names of Newcomers that need to integrate themselves into the community.

In the last months, Aurovilians have asked the housing service to have the stewardship of next door house when this becomes available.

Please we need all houses that

Thank you, Sonja for Housing

Houses available for transfer:

1. Shakti community - Remy's House: Plinth Area 77.71 Living hall, Kitchen, toilet / Bathroom, Balcony, Skylight in Living hall, Channel Roofing + Common Laundry
2. Adventure Forest: Plinth area 121.62 Sq.m approximately. Double storied load bearing structure residential house with 1 Bedroom, kitchen, hall and Balcony. Separate Toilet & Bathroom. Store room without roof. (*The house is re-evaluated*). 
3. Auromodele - Antakarna: Plinth area: 159.35. RCC framed structure residential building with bedroom, living room and toilet. Suitable for couple or family.
Re announced:

4. Apartment in Arati - 3B Second floor: Plinth area of 161.0 Sq.m. Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with brick walls plastered in cement mortar, RCC flat roofing consisting of front verandah, Living cum Kitchen, Two Bed room & Toilet with common stair. **(May also available for house-sitting with affordable contribution)**

5. Veronique’s House - Swadam: Area: 39.28 Sq.m. Single storied load bearing structure Residential building with brick walls plastered in cement mortar, Bamboo roofing consisting of front verandah, Living cum Kitchen & Toilet with open stairs.

6. Fertile Forest - Turiya's house: Two residential houses are available. I. Ground floor BFirst 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

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

**Housing Projects under construction:**


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

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Looking for placement of students completed training in accounting and Tally**

Dear unit holders,

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology has trained 20 students who have been placed in various positions such as store keeping etc. They had been also trained in typewriting and English Communication.

For your offer pl. contact: Lavkamad

Executive Auroville Institute of Applied Technology
Phone 9443238303

**StoryYoga for Children: Narrated Stories for the Child Soul**

**StoryYoga for Children** is a new project. I have begun to share stories I have written that seek to bring greater Beauty, Light, and Spirit into storytelling. I invite you to visit the new website at www.storyyoga.wordpress.com, which is a space for you and your children (and children of all ages!) to enjoy my stories with audio narration done with the support of Miriam and Auroville Radio.

With the help of Marlene and Marion as narrators, we have now finished 4 stories in English, as well as in Russian language by Alena Demidenko. More stories will come later, including translations in other languages like German, Italian, Tamil and more.

I offer these stories for anyone to share and also use with the children they work with in schools, projects, or just for fun. Stories included are Yaroslava’s Flowers (also available in book form), Julia’s Smile, Laney’s Friends, and The Legend of the Flute Player. We hope you enjoy the stories and share them with others around the world. Donations can be made online towards this project if inspired to do so, but we also would love to have more volunteers to help translate and narrate these and other stories in many different languages. If interested in helping with this, or if you have any ideas or requests for this project, please contact me, Noel, at earthyogaunity@gmail.com. Thank you and may the Stories of your Life be filled with Peace and Joy. Noel

Visit Noel’s Blog Website / Say Hello on Facebook!

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**POSTINGS**

**One more member added in our family!!!**

Dear AV friends and family, we are happy to inform you all that our son Abinandan was born on 8th of April in Nallam clinic with the Blessings of Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

With Love, Balamurugan, Valli, Saravanavel (Equality)

**New wildlife book**

For those who missed the book launch event at Unity Pavilion on April 12th, there will be an opportunity to obtain a copy of this new 400-page full colour book on the Coromandel’s wildlife at 20% discount price at the Pour Tous outlets up to April 30th. Come and take a look at the display copy; I don’t think you will be disappointed! - Tim, Prisma

**Old pavers in flower style available at RS**

Following the recommendation of FAMC, Road Service informs the community that old pavers in flower style are available. They are still good for access roads to community or for paving alleys inside communities. Aurovillans can get them against a contribution to Road Service, which will be used for the maintenance of roads. Please send an email to RS (roadservice@auroville.org.in) with your request about the quantity. Delivery will be done by Road Service which will charge for the transport. Road Service.

**Help Young Newcomers to get settled**

Hello friends, I am Kavitha (working with YouthsLink), and I am in touch with many young Newcomers who are trying to join and settle in Auroville. Many of them don’t have much savings for basic furniture (bed frame, cupboard, table, curtains, kitchen items etc.), if you have anything to give away for free or for a good price, please do let me know. We can also fix things for them if need be, and pick-up the items whenever is convenient for you. +91 8940568266 WhatsApp or SMS is best to reach me. kavitha.urvasie@auroville.org.in. Thank you very much!

**Free Store Summer Timings**

Dear all, during the months of May and June, Free Store, including tailoring section, will be open from Tuesday to Saturday 9 AM to 12:30 PM. **Mondays we will be closed.**

The free store team would like to request kindly to bring your articles clean, dry and in good condition, and have the expiry date of cosmetics and health products checked before exchange. We also like to remind you that our tailoring section only takes orders from the 1st until the 15th of the month, and to bring washed clothes in your own bag. Thank you for your collaboration and understanding.

Enjoy summer! Freestore team
HAND CAMERA needed at AVSRC

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. Contact manuelstoewer@web.de, thanks!

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.beatrix.s@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

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

AV Music and Dance group update

We are going to this concert, featuring an in-demand young Chennai singer just back from his maiden tour of the USA. Sunday, 22nd April, 2018 - 6.05 to 9.00 PM At the SocieteProgressiste School - 12, Chetty Street - Pondicherry (see map here)

Programme:
Vocal: Sri.Bharath Sundar
Violin: Sri.L.Ramkrishnan
Mridangam: Sri.Vijay Natesan
Ghatam: Sri. Chandrasekhar Sharma

To let art lovers know about your event, or to subscribe about all Indian Classical Music & Dance events in AV, just send a mail to the mailing list musicanddance@auraville.org.in!

All USA Meeting 2018

Greetings,
On our 2nd - 5th the All USA Meeting 2018 will celebrate Auroville, Matagiri and the California Institute of Integral Study in their 50th year. The gathering will be held at Matagiri and the Ashokan Center (http://ashokancenter.org/). The theme is “Art as a Bridge”. We will also inaugurate “Auroville House”, part of Matagiri’s new infrastructure.

Please find registration information about AUM 2018 at the following link: www.matagiri.org/events.

Updates will also be posted at: https://www.facebook.com/events/182622895862678/

Financial aid is available for room and board. Please contact us at info@matagiri.org.

Warmly, Julian Lines (Matagiri, 1218 Wittenberg Rd, Mount Tremper NY 12457)

APEAL

Fence and access road for Siddharta Farm

Dear Aurovillians, more land has been bought to expand the cultivation for rice. But nothing can be planted yet as we need the land to be fenced and build a road for access. We need funds to do that and we hope you can participate with donations to the account #0486 - the estimate comes to about 1.5 lakh.

Thank you - Siddharta Farm, cell 900 37 38 560

THANK YOU

KOTTAKARAI 15th of APRIL

I thank the volunteers Lydia, Paen, Sylvia, Sofia and Tony for their help at the exhibition “The World Post Contemporary Wave” which took place in Kottakarai Bus Stop on Sunday 15th April.

I would also like to thank the anonymous people of Kottakarai who were very supportive during the one-day show of many prints of art pieces.

On the same day, another event was organised by another curator, an artist of the Narrative Movements at the parking place in front of Auroville Visitor centre. I just would like to clarify that I was not responsible for it as it was another person in charge.

I thank all people who came to Kottakarai bus stop despite the confusion created by this unfortunate double location.

I am very happy that I participated in this global event and that I brought art to people who do not usually visit exhibitions. If somebody is interested to see the prints that were displayed, please do not hesitate to contact me. Ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk, or 7094344154. Ivana

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Dutch language specialist needed: Avitra is looking for a Dutch native speaker, ideally for full-time, with a good command of English for an engagement in the area of proofreading, translation, dtp/layouting, coordination and client communication. Dutch as mother tongue, and fluency in English (orally and in writing) is a must. A general inclination towards language-related work and relevant skills is a bonus. Specific dtp knowledge is not required, but general familiarity with work on the computer (and typing skills) is important. Working times are in the range of 3-4 hrs per day, from Mon to Fri. The work would be done on-site and requires some travel (but working partly from home may be negotiable). If you’re interested, please send us an email and we will give you more information. If you're not interested yourself but may know someone in your surrounding, feel free to pass on this message.

Avitra - Auroville International translators phone 9786714857 / avitra@auraville.org.in

HEALTH

Av Health Centre closed 30/04 and 01/05
The Av Health Centre and Pharmacy will remain closed on Monday 30 April 2018 and Tuesday 01 May 2018 for our annual staff tour

Opening of MATTTRAM (“TRANSFORMATION”)
- CENTRE FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT - MATTTRAM will OPEN ITS DOORS on Monday 23rd of APRIL at the FORMER HALL OF MITRA HOSTEL.

For appointments about consultation, counseling and therapy, call Mattram daily from 12.00 - 12.30 at 0413-2623551 / 7639071051, or email mattram@auraville.org.in.

Daily free “walk-in” consultation from 9 - 10 am with one of the team members.
- Monday: Rosalba, supportive system therapist, Bach flowers and mandala healing
- Tuesday and Thursday: Jerry, clinical psychologist and psychotherapist
- Wednesday: Polani, clinical psychologist
- Friday: Linda-Grace, medical shiatsu and meridian psychotherapy
- Saturday: Barbara, consciousness and energy work based on integral psychology

General Program:
- Every Monday from 4.30 - 6.00 pm: “Presentation and Course time”.
- Every Tuesday from 4.30 - 6.00 pm: “Sharing about an actual psychological topic”.
- Every Wednesday from 4.30 - 6.00 pm: “Youth Time”.

Contact us at mattram@auraville.org.in for next week’s topics.
INTEGRAL HEALTH

Classical homeopathy hypnotherapy child care
Aditi Patel, fully qualified classical homeopath from Baroda, with 6 years of experience including working alongside an allopath, is joining Integral Health from 15th April onwards. Welcome to make appointments now, 2623669 9 - 12.30
Integral Health will be fully functioning with Aditi and Malar all through the summer! Peter and Sigrid will be out of station from April 22nd onwards, all May and June.
Sigrid gives sessions in transpersonal regression therapy, inner child work, trauma therapy. Malar has trained in homeopathy and provides homeopathic consultations, homeopathic First Aid, providing follow up remedies etc. Malar can visit your womens group, Service Unit etc. and present the homeopathic first aid and PC remedies.
First Aid Kits with 32 remedies are available, description in English, French, German and Tamil are available.

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

Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, and Tamil

Malar is managing the office, the First Aid Kits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12.30 a.m.

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

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FOR A REFRESHING SUMMER

Ayurveda health tips: According to Ayurveda, the qualities of summer are hot, sharp, and penetrating. That's why our pitta dosha - the subtle energy that controls metabolism - can cause us to overheat. The sun saps the energy from the body, from the plants and the earth, increasing the heat and dryness. Pitta needs to be looked after to maintain a good energy, mental clarity, joyfulness, good digestion and blood circulation and a sound sleep.

When Pitta is out of balance it will give skin problems, hot flashes, exhaustion, indigestion or loose stool. Emotionally, Pitta needs plants and the earth, increasing the heat and dryness. Overheat. The sun saps the energy from the body, from the face, heart and lower abdomen (these are the 3 main parts that should remain fresh to maintain the coolness in the whole body); do foot bath in the evening with vetiver roots, rose water.

Protect the body from the heat by avoiding the direct sun, keep a humid towel on the head.

Swimming, Aquagym, any water activities. Qi-Gong, Tai Chi, light running: max 30 minutes early morning or late evening; walks in green environment, forest.

Soft yoga, pranayama (Sheetali, Sheetakari, ida nadi inhalation-left nostril inhalation), meditation with Gayatri mantra.

Walk under the moonlight, full moon bath.

Wear loose and comfortable cotton or silk clothes (white, blue, green, grey colours).

To refresh the ambiance use lemon or orange peel, jasmine flowers, lavender, wet cloth hanging at the open window, vetiver curtains.

Avoid:

- Physical exertion
- Direct exposure to the sun between 10 am to 4 pm

Cooling plants for the summer:

- Amla: the fruits are refrigerant and full of Vitamin C, also a Rasayana fruit
- Aloe vera: the pulp is a bitter tonic, rejuvenate the blood and tissues
- Bilva - Aegle Marmelos: the fruits are used in juice and the leaves in a decoction to calm body and mind
- Dhania - Coriander: the seeds are used in urinary infections, kidney weakness
- Japapushpa - Hibiscus: the leaves and flowers are used for hair shampoo and conditioner; the flowers for herbal tea
- Manduka pani - Gentella asialtica: the leaves are rejuvenative and a tonic for the brain and nerves
- Pudina - Mint: the leaves are used for herbal tea, recipes and foot bath
- Radha consciousness - Clitoria Ternatea: the flowers are used in herbal tea or juice
- Saariva - Sarsaparilla - Nannari: the roots are used in syrup
- Shatavari - Asparagus racemosus: the rhizome is Rasayana (rejuvenative), cooling, calming Pitta, very good for women to harmonize the hormones
- Usheer - Vetiver: the roots are used for bathing

Yashtimadhu - Licorice: the root is Rasayana (rejuvenative), used internally to refresh the body and when there is irritation, inflammation or ulcer in the digestive tract.

Wishing you a light and joyful summer.

Berengere (Bee) in Pitchhandikulam Forest and Santé Clinic
**SPORTS**

**MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) and Self-Defence for Women:**

**SUMMER BREAK:** Last lesson on Monday 23/04.

Dear Mixed Martial Friends, this message is to share that our MMA course will stop for some time. Our last lesson will be Monday 23rd, as usual 5:30 to 7 at Dehashakti.

I want to thank all my students and friends, without you our 3 years of training and progress together would not have been possible.

We will start as soon as I’ll be back in Auroville, so few months.

Keep training in the meanwhile! Check our page on FB: Auroville Mixed Martial Arts. Love, Giacomo

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**EATING OUT**

**Exciting new lunch menu at Neem Tree:** We are starting to serve North and South Indian Thalis for lunch at Neem Tree from April 23! Visit us to enjoy a range of sandwiches, salads, dosas and a variety of juices served throughout the day from 12 PM onwards.

**Location:** SK Roundabout, behind Auroville Library. Opening hours: 12 PM to 9 PM. Sunday Closed

**Solitude Lunch scheme:** We invite anyone on Auroville maintenance to eat at Solitude Farm cafe 6 days a week with our new lunch scheme.

Valuing local food is at the heart of our wellbeing.

If you haven’t yet tried please come and discover a summer of beautiful organic food that awaits you and awakes you! If you’d like to know more about what we are doing and why come for a tour and introduction to our work on Saturdays at 11:30 am followed by lunch.

We have also been creating a farm shop with daily fresh organic produce, jams, dried flowers and natural soaps etc. come and discover! :) Love, Solitude Team

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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 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 :-(

**Naturellement and Garden Cafe closed on Saturday 21/04:**

Dear community, Naturellement 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 Naturellement team as we do every year for Earth Day. You are welcome to help us! Happy Earth Day!

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**AUROVILLE RADIO / TV**

Greetings Auroville...

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

Please collaborate with us in sharing event details and video clips of events happening in the community of Auroville. We would be happy to hear from you, and also do make use of our services.

Please do follow our updated website which offers a wide range of information with written, audio and video content and stay connected with us for more event updates on our social media sites, Facebook and Twitter: Website: www.aurovilleradio.org / Facebook: www.facebook.com/auroville.radio / Twitter: AurovilleRadioTV (@AurovilleRadio) | Twitter.

From our volunteers we have: Kartickh - Trovadores, poetry, Music, Marius Solo, Interview with Sigrid, Wildlife Book Launch Steve - An Ode to Auroville

rtm - Tamil New Year Celebration, interview with Tom on Our Water, From My Little Hut in the Forest by Yorit Rozin

Out of regular programs: Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo. Gangalakshmi reads her Selections in French of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. And here are also the news of Tuesday, Thursday, Monday.

Your AurovilleRadioTV Team (www.aurovilleradio.org)

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**NOTES**

**A Point of View**

These few lines are intended to be polemic. One of several well documented articles (publicized) on page 2 of “the Hindu” was illustrated by 2 photographs (24.2.18).

The first showing the Savitri Bhavan, the other a statue signaled well in advance on road signs to be of Sri Aurobindo.

Every time I come across a reproduction of this “monument” (I.G.S.R.A.N.), I wonder of how long I will be able to repress my innate tagging instincts (R.I.R.) and put a penguin (on the backside of the photo only of course). And this until detail will inform us on the who, why and how behind the landing (atterrissage forcé?) of this sacrilege to our mother of all arts in the beautiful surroundings of Savitri Bhavan. Although we have in our township plenty of good ideas, inspiration and artists. Probably alone in my feelings. I, nevertheless, could convince my other self to submit them.

-Amar
Call for a think-tank and action group to address the pesticide situation in Auroville: Please join in!

Dear community,

Over the last two weeks, two articles have appeared in NEH on the subject of pesticide spraying on the cashew fields around Auroville. The second one was an urgent call to action, as presently Auroville does not have a structure in place to deal with what has become an emergency, both for our environment and for human health.

The call was - and is - to all those concerned and interested to get in touch with each other (the Green Center offers to function as a liaison only to start the process) in view of forming a team or group, a ‘think-and-action tank’ to start addressing this many-layered situation. We believe that we cannot afford any longer to do nothing and simply wait for the situation to turn around due to external factors, without Auroville contributing its part.

To date we have received exactly three replies!! Therefore this renewed appeal: If you are willing to contribute in any manner, offering your thoughts, observations, knowledge, initiatives, time, skills etc., please come forward, contact us at awgreencenter@auroville.org.in and we hope that this will create a base from which an action can be taken in terms of finding, planning and action. Someone has to make a start; collaboration is the only way, and surely the momentum will gather!

We wait to hear from you! It concerns each and every one of us!
Your Green Center (Jasmin, Libeth, Isabelle, Apple, Island)

Drive Efficiency - Electric vs. Petrol

A general consensus among academics and researchers is that, even in a coal-dependent region, electric engines have an environmental edge over the most fuel-efficient internal combustion engines. That is due to the dramatic gains in vehicle efficiency offered by electric motors and powertrains.

In conventional vehicles, chemical energy is stored as petrol, and converted into thermal energy through fuel combustion. Pistons convert the thermal energy to the mechanical work that turns the wheels. The conversion process is, at best, 35% efficient. The majority of the energy stored in the gasoline is lost as heat.

Electric vehicles have the lowest overall energy conversion losses, because the chemical energy is stored in a Lithium-ion high density battery that converts the chemical energy to electrical energy with 85% to 90% (some efficiency is lost in heat in cells and wires or fuses). The majority of the energy stored in the battery is lost as heat.

Experience in the Caribbean has shown that using pesticides and cutting and burning infested host plants are not successful techniques. For environmental reasons, biological control is the best long-term management option. IMPORTANT NOTE: Don't separate the bug from the plant at any point. Avoid pesticides to fight this pest for a few reasons. One is that you could kill off good bugs. Besides, according the University of Florida Department of Entomology, there is no known insecticidal control for this pest.

In Matrimandir Gardens we started to control Mealy Bug in Existence Garden in 2012 with Lecanicillium lecanii that is now an approved name of an entomopathogenic fungus species, that was previously widely known as Verticillium lecanii. When L. lecanii spores come in contact with the Mealybug, they attach to the cuticle (outer skin) and then germinate and grow directly through spiracle into the inner body of the host. By taking nutrients from the Mealybug it further proliferates and colonizes the entire insect and thus drains the insect of nutrients. The infected Mealybug eventually dies. After 5.5 years using it in MM Gardens, we have so far, a fair control of MealyBug, there isn't yet "Pest Resistance", and it is safe for good bugs and other creatures like lady bird, butterflies, etc.

Verticillium lecanii is available for those who have Mealy Bug problems or want to have preventive action, in Probiotics House - Reve. Please visit us, and we will direct you in how to use it.

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EARTH DAY 22 April 2018:
End Plastic Pollution

On the 22 April 1970, millions of people took to the streets across the USA to protest against the negative impacts of 150 years of industrial development. Already the picture was clear: Around the world, pollution was running out of hand, and biodiversity was in decline as a result of heavy use of pesticides and other pollutants. Global ecological awareness was growing, in the US President created the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and robust environmental laws such as the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act were put in place.

Earth Day has long become a worldwide event; each year more than a billion people in 192 countries take part in what is the largest civic focused day of action in the world.

It's a day of political action and civic participation; people clean up their neighborhoods and sign petitions, host corporations and governments announce sustainable measures and pledges. Faith leaders connect Earth day with protecting God's creation, humans, the infinitely diverse family of living beings, and the planet we all call home.

Males have a pair of wings and two long waxy tails and are capable of flight. This insect can complete its entire life cycle in as little as 23 to 30 days.

In its egg stage, the pink hibiscus mealybug disperses most easily by wind. The wax, which sticks to each egg, also facilitates passive transport by animals or people. Wingless crawlers and adult females have been known to travel short distances over the ground to get to other host plants in adjoining fields/gardens. As it feeds, the pink hibiscus mealybug injects into the plant a toxic saliva that results in malformed leaf and shoot growth, stunting, and, occasionally, death. Leaves show a characteristic curling, similar to damage caused by viruses. Heavily infested plants have shortened internodes leading to rosette- ing or a “bunchy top” appearance. The pink hibiscus mealybug has a wide range of hundreds of unrelated plant hosts, and the list is growing as the pest spreads into new geographic areas. So far, this insect has been found on 215 genera of plants. Its wide host range favours rapid spread and complicates effective control.

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This year the special theme of the Earth day is *End Plastic Pollution*. It aims at creating support for a worldwide effort to eliminate single-use plastics, along with global regulation for the disposal of plastics.

The International Earth Day Network (EDN) will educate millions of people about the health and other risks associated with the use and disposal of plastics, including the pollution of our oceans, water, and wildlife. From poisoning and injuring marine life to the ubiquitous presence of plastic particles in our food, disrupting human hormones and causing many life-threatening diseases, the situation has become an acute threat to life on the planet. The EDN has embraced the following goals: Ending single-use plastics; promoting alternatives to fossil-fuel-based materials; promoting 100% recycling of plastics; corporate and government accountability; and changing human behavior by choosing to *refuse, reduce, re-use and recycle plastics*.

In years past when the Auroville Green Center had more man- (or rather women-) power, we organised an Earth day market and fair, there was a parade and stalls, large-scale clean-ups, cake contests, upcycling workshops, and all kinds of fun and educational activities. Little if any of this has happened in the last few years... with the exception of Cinema Paradiso’s full week of excellent environmental films, to which we can again look forward this year (see *Eco Film Fest 2018* programme in last week’s *N&N*!). - We would like to honour all those in our midst who devote themselves to the health and healing of mother Earth - and they are numerous! Among the most obvious, our EcoService, WasteLess, Upcycling Studio, Zero Waste, MG Ecoduties and various other dedicated initiatives (apologies for the incomplete list!!), those who innovate and educate, those who with exemplary patience clean the rubbish from our roadsides, Sunday after Sunday, those who nurture our farms and forests, and all those who in so many ways big and small, make a difference through their daily actions... a big thank-you to all of you! - Happy Earth day, and let’s remember the message of a volunteer who co-organised Earth Day celebrations in Auroville a few years back: *Earth Day is every day!*  
*AV Green Centre (Lisbeth, Jasmin, Isabelle, Apple and Island)*

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### Papaya in peak season on Auroville’s farms: Please eat to heart’s content!

Papaya is a generous year-round fruit but the sweetest and most abundant harvests come in early summer - that is, now! In Auroville we have the privilege of organically grown and tree-ripened papaya, a fruit from the hard, green and tasteless specimens mostly sold in the cities (ever tried to find a good papaya in Pondy shops?). And yet, nowadays, our farmers are having to take back from Foodlink rejected papayas that were *perfect*, beautiful and tasty on delivery. Why? ‘People didn’t buy them...’!! So here’s an invitation to enjoy what our earth grows, a fruit that’s not only delicious, but amazingly versatile and bursting with health benefits. Rich in vitamins A, C, E and folate, it helps the immune system, digestion, heart, eyes, and skin, helps preventing diabetes, regulates the menstrual cycle, and even fights cancers (the fruit but more so the leaves). Need inspiration how to use it? Ripe papaya can be enjoyed in many ways, raw and cooked, in smoothies, deserts, sorbets, bakes and salads, while green papaya has its own wide range of uses, from soups and vegetables to salads and chutneys.

A variety of recipes has been posted on *Auronet*: please add your favourites to share!  
*Community kitchens, restaurants, families, all of us, let’s celebrate the papaya season*, don’t let it go to waste, but help ourselves and the Auroville farms that grow them for us! *(Shared by AV Green Centre)*

### 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 :)*

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

#### Needed 1: I would need an accommodation until my application for Newcomer has gone through, and also after! Please contact me for house-sitting or low cost accommodation possibilities, thanks: Rajan Daniel (08281197760)*

#### Needed 2: I am looking for house sitting for me (long term volunteer) and my son (student of Last school) until the first week of June. Please contact Juan Carlos at 8903396713 or kamalavid@yahoo.es*

### AVAILABLE

*Avonuracle Library of Things (ALoT), an initiative by earth&us, at the container opposite PTDC: borrow tools, toys, kitchenware, travelling & hiking gear at your convenience. alo.t@avuroville.org.in, NOW ONLINE! alot.myton.com/library/inventory/browse*

### Home items available:

I still have a few home items available, including a dining table and benches, curtains, straw mat, and kitchen utensils. Please see the description at this [link](#)

Contact me by mail or by whatsapp if you’re interested.  
*isilsroupages@gmail.com or 7094403704*

### Bike: 2014 Baja Avenger 220, black, Tamil Nadu plate. Only 15,500 km from new. In great condition and regularly maintained. Contact Mahesh at 9585434799 / 8300337443 (minimum 1 month stay)*

### Stove & Bed: Bajaj gas Stove: 1-year old, serviced 2month ago. I also have a bamboo single bed. Size 2,15m/1m. It is bigger than the regular size. For contribution. If you are interested please call 9943368410, Kay.*
Available for free: 1 cartridge HP color 678, package not open. Preferably to schools or AV services. Also 2 new batteries 1050 R20 1.5v. I will put them in Free store on Monday or Tuesday afternoon. If anyone need them before, just send me an email.
michelle@auroville.org.in, Michelle

Various: new quechua travel rucksack (red-black, for a small journey...), an excellent small fridge with stabilizer (42x42x46cm), a brand new telephone (black color, old type with many facilities....), also a big bag of silk cotton (2nd hand but purified by sunlight), and a compass (from Europe) for free. No pictures available, e-mail schima-dorit@auroville.org.in or call: 763 954 0624, love, Schima

LOOKING FOR...

Belly Dancing Teacher or fellow Dancers: I’m looking for Belly Dance classes. If somebody knows this art and want to teach, please contact me - or if you are interested to learn, we could gather and find a teacher. valentina.beatriz.sz@gmail.com

Dog Sitter: Looking for animal lovers who like to cattle and take care of my small sweetie dog (4kg) in July and August. He is very nice, calm and cute. I would really appreciate if you could help me. Please leave a sms 8498764602 or email premshakti64@gmail.com. Thanks, Lakshmi

Aquady... water filter: Please call 2623012 or email aly@auroville.org.in. Thanks, Ally

Educator-babysitter: needed for a few hours a week in the summer months of May and June. You must take care of Kavi (7 years old) and will need to do recreational activities, homework and games. We are looking for a person who speaks English and if you have some understanding of Italian language it's even better. Contact Mira: 759 8915842 miratonioni@auroville.org.in

LOST & FOUND

Key (Found): single key, with a leather keychain, brand “dorset”, possibly a big lock or door key. Found on Friday 13 April near AV Foundation and SAILER buildings. (now at NN office)

Mobile Phone (Lost): White cell phone Xiaomi redmi 4, lost on 17/04 maybe near Vérité. If you found it, I would be very grateful to get it back. Please contact Elad at rafijoejoe@gmail.com

TAXI SHARING

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

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 23rd: Leaving Auroville at 3:30 am to Chennai airport. Please, welcome the taxi with me. You can call 0413-2622970 or email at claudineaurovie@gmail.com

April 23rd: Departing from Auroville (Samridhi-East) at 8:30pm and reach Chennai Airport around 11pm. Contac 9487061008 or 04132622398 or auroidiego@aurovie.org.in, Diego

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

April 24th: Taxi will leave Auroville at 3.30pm going to Chennai. For info email Glenn at carbonneutral@aurovie.org.in or sms 9443167917

April 26th: I’m leaving Auroville after lunch (time very flexible), going to a hotel in Chennai close to the airport. If you want to share a taxi, contact me - Anna - by sms (not whatsapp) 9384458827 or mail annakristinlindh@gmail.com.

April 30th: Taxi to Chennai airport on the at 5am. sms: 9385403592 / E-mail petrabuschfeld@aurovie.org.in

May 2nd: leaving at 3pm from Petite Ferme to Chennai airport. Contact +1 9488 610506, gerhard@aurovie.org.in, Gerhard

TRAVEL

May 2nd/3rd: Taxi leaves Auroville at 10pm for Chennai Airport. Sharing both ways possible, if you land on the 3rd early morning for example, as the taxi will come back to AV empty. For info email Yën at yen@bbox.fr.

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

Latest offers from International Airlines: Emirates has promotional offers to Europe and USA / Qatar Airways has special fares to Europe & USA / Air India has promotional offers to Paris, Frankfurt, Tel Aviv, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Milan, Rome and other destinations / Oman Airways has special offers to Paris & other destinations in Europe / Jet Airways has promotional fares to International sectors.

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

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

There are 2 useful online calendars of events in Auroville:
- Online Auroville Events Calendar - (no need to log in for guests! - just scroll down the page) The schedule of events for the week can be accessed by all, including Guests and Visitors, on the Aurovet login page: www.auroville.org.in
- Auroville Art Service: artservice.auroville.org/calendar/

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

Earth Day Clean-Up

22nd April, Sunday - Time: 6 AM
Meeting point: Town hall Main Entrance

22nd April is celebrated as Earth Day each year worldwide and various events are held globally to demonstrate support to tackle environmental pollution.

Auroville Clean Up group is hosting an event to mark this day and increase awareness in students from various schools around to participate in clean-up activity and understand the importance of waste management.

For support and information:
e-mail: avcleanupgroup@aurovie.org.in
Account number : 102331
Contact mobile numbers:
K.Ganesh: 9843467040 / S.Balaji: 9843600701
P.Anandan: 9443349444 / K.Lakshmanan: 9786521948

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Join us for a glimpse of the play of Spirit in Nature -
with Patricia
April 22 EARTH DAY 8.30-10am
Sri Aurobindo’s poem ‘The World Game’ and other resources help us see the interconnection of all. It’s a moment in the beautiful forest to be together with the story of our smiling selves and the Earth.

Your advance registration assists preparations:
Contact: spiritandnature@auroville.org.in
www.spiritandnature.org/

SUMMER EVENT AT AVAL
SPECIAL FUND RAISER SALE!
All are invited to our annual sale event
At Auroville Village Action Group in
Irmubai
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 - Irmubai Main Road
OPP. TNEB Sub-Station - Irmubai
avagoffice@auroville.org.in / www.avag.in

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition Reminders:
- “Ivana’s Art from Auroville”: at Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas until 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. Open daily 9am - 5pm Ivana ivana.frousou@yahoo.co.uk | 7094344154
- “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.

TALKS

We, at SEA (Social Entrepreneurship Association) are happy to invite you to a talk by Pekka Kontianen of Divya Rasa:
Co-learning and co-evolving with autistic children
Friday, April 20 - 4:00 - 6:00 pm
SAIILER Conference Hall

Pekka Kontianen is a co-founder of Divya Rasa, a commune in Tiruvannamalai for autistic children and their families. The founders, inspired by the tradition of the Siddhars and by Sri Aurobindo and his message about human evolution, have a radically different approach to their work which uses the panchabhootas (water, fire, earth, air, space), contact with animals, art, chanting, rhythm and music. He is a co-author of “Autism in light of Ancient Wisdom: Unifying the core and periphery”. Pekka will be sharing about the journey of Divya Rasa and their unique approach of partnering with the autistic children for co-learning and co-evolution.

Santé invites you to a talk:
Facing Mental Challenges on the Spiritual Path
Part 3: Adverse Forces on the path of Yoga
By DR. ALOK PANDEY, Sri Aurobindo Ashram
Apr 21, 2018 - 9:00 AM

At SAVITRI BHAVAN, SANGAM HALL
Any sincere practitioner of yoga knows that the journey of yoga is not a bed of roses. An ancient scripture speaks of it as 'the razor's edge'. True, the Grace is there as also many beautiful experiences on the way. But each stage and sometimes each step forward is marked by challenges thrown by the great ‘Adversary’ whose work it seems is to test the aspirant to a higher life.

Therefore, arises the need for balance and moderation, humility and vigilance, courage and sincerity, faith and endurance as one advances on the way. Many are the forms these forces adverse and hostile to the yoga can take, some extremely deceptive in nature. Yet there are ways to detect them and keep them at arm’s length; to escape their snare and, if caught in their diabolic web, means to address the crisis.

There is a tendency to overlook this aspect of yoga or even deny their existence. While it is true that they need not be given more importance than it is due but their effect and the dangers they can create is very real. It is therefore good is one is well equipped to deal with them when the situation so arises.

This presentation will start with a 20-minute talk by Dr. Alok Pandey followed by questions and answers.
Sponsored by Santé-Auroville Institute for Integral Health

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

Lilaloka
- NEW Activities offered from July 2018 onwards
Dear friends, from July onwards, Lilaloka, Self-Learning and Resource Centre for the Child, will offer several group / individual activities for children (open to children from schools or not, with or without special needs). These activities will take place morning and / or afternoon. For the moment, we’re announcing the activities without a date planner, so that you know what will be available and can contact us if you are interested by any of the activities (please see who to contact and how according to each activity - a first contact would help us also plan according to the demand). We will announce the timings in July, so keep it in mind and check out the news -!-

Warmly, Lilaloka’s team (www.lilaloka.org - Facebook page: Lilaloka Auroville)

- FACILITATOR: Anna - Anna’s activity will be announced when she recovers from her injury - lots of love, Anna!
- Land Art - All ages. FACILITATOR: Ishta. Creation of Art in Nature using what Nature gives. This ephemeral Art develops the creation of the “here and now”, avoiding the desire for possession related to his/her own creation. https://www.auroville.org.in/group/nirmiti-project---land-art-. Contact Jitta first: 9195053161
- Creating a herb garden, learning about various uses of plants and herbs, understanding and discovering Nature. All ages. FACILITATOR: Jitta. Contact: 9195053161.
- Shiatsu / Reflexology for children: All ages. FACILITATOR: Marianne. Contact: 2623336 / 9443085038
- "Rock and Water": 6 to 10 years old and 11 to 14 years old. FACILITATOR: Megan. This activity, through body-awareness and discussions, is aimed at raising self-awareness of personal strengths and abilities and at learning how to play, work, and live together with others in a changing, multicultural society. https://youtu.be/9CzF98K5OTY (introduction video). Contact: megan@verite.org.in.
- Self-discovery through play, using the mediums of art, games and verbal expression. All ages. FACILITATOR: Megan. Contact: megan@verite.org.in.

AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

So what are you doing now that the hot summer is already upon us? Maybe it’s time to take some time out and learn a language! We’re going to start some new classes in May.

The French You Need, in 10 Days!

This 10-day French intensive program will begin on May 7th, and end on May 18th (two weeks, Monday to Friday). During these 10 days, you’ll learn French basics: you’ll be able to order in a restaurant, to book an accommodation, to ask for help for many situations (shop, directions…), in addition of course, to all the classic stuff including presenting yourself, telling time, etc.

So, don’t waste any time: join our new French class! Please come to Language Lab to make yourself known, get more details and register.

Some people have also asked about classes for kids. With Gwendolene gone (she had to return to France), we won’t be doing separate classes for kids, but the older kids are welcome to join the adult classes.

We plan to do an intensive Hindi in 10 days as well. Contact if interested. Those who did the class last summer are welcome back to refresh their knowledge and practise, and new students are welcome.

French-English and Hindi-English Visual Dictionaries available.
We’ve received copies of an excellent French-English and Hindi-English visual dictionaries. With beautiful, colorful, modern photos, covering many different facets of life, these dictionaries make language learning fun. For those of us who were used to the wonderful, but very boring Bhargava’s Hindi-English dictionaries, this Visual Dictionary is a breath of fresh air. All those who want to learn Hindi or French, please come and check them out. We are collecting orders and the publisher has given us a discount for Auroville. They are available at our Reception for you to have a look and order if you wish.

We’ve also been working on adding materials to our mediatheque. These are audio, video and software resources for language learning. Come and check it out.

Places will also open out for the Tomatis programs in May.

Incidentally, if anyone is coming back to Auroville from Europe and is willing to bring back some Tomatis headphones, please let us know. We’re also looking for people coming to Auroville from Australia or New Zealand, to bring back a very small and light package. Please let us know if you hear of/know anyone who could help.

Contact us at all@auroville.org.in

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JOY COMMUNITY GH

Healing relationships and communication With Sirish Every Tuesday - Next on April 24th
Join for morning session: 9 am - 12 pm or All day session: 9 am - 4:30 pm (with lunch break).

How to handle chaos in relationships? We will investigate core values as the basis of understanding ourselves and others. Through a process of uncovering the challenges we face in relationships, we can examine and begin to transform the patterns. This helps us identify blocks from values & culture that interfere with creating strong family and personal relationships. We will also explore body movement to remove the blocks and release the pattern. No registration required.
For more information: Sirish 8127 52 4550

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:
Tuesday 24 April: NO - Parents with Babies Yoga
Wednesday 25 April: NO - Aligned Vinyasa Yoga
Satrds 21 & 28 April: NO - Aligned Vinyasa Yoga

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

Vérité Summer Break

Vérité will be closing all programming activities (sessions, intensives and therapies) and Guest House from 1 May, 2018; we expect to resume on 1 July 2018.
We welcome proposals for future programming activities. Please contact us (programming@verite.in) for the programming application materials.
We wish you a very happy summer!
Vérité Guest House and Programming team

OTHER EVENTS

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
24th April (Tuesday) - This week: ‘Practice - The Sunlit Path’
• 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-auroville.com

Summer Courses at AIAT: Auroville Institute of Applied Technology in Irumbai is offering summer courses in Computer applications (MS-Office, Internet), English Communication, Music and drawing/painting for youth above the age of 5.
These courses are beginning on 16th of April and will last till 31st of May 2018. Course fee is just total Rs. 500 for 1.5 hrs /day (Mon-Friday). Pl. contact Phone: 0413-2671758 or 8903166923
Lavkamad for AIAT
2 workshops at Bamboo Centre:
- 23rd to 29th April - “Bamboo Linga Retreat” workshop (construction of a 50ft Geodesic dome)
- 25th to 28th April - “Bamboo Construction workshop”
For info, contact bamboocentre@auroville@auroville.org.in
Bamboo Centre, Auroville

Workshop: TRUTH ON STAGE. The Auroville Theatre Group would like to explore what it means to bring “truth on stage”. What is truth in a performance? How do you discover the truth of the moment, of the character, of the line, of the scene? Workshop will be offered as follows:
Evenings of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday April 23, 24 and 25 at CRIPA 7:30PM-10:00PM.
Contribution will be asked from guests. For more information, please call Jill at 9486416173

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 inspiration 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 this field are being offered. Full program attendance is required. If you are interested to attend, please send an email to: info@agpworkshops.com. For more details please visit: www.agpworkshops.com

Holidays for your Sounth Bath: Svaram will not conduct any Wednesday sound-baths until further notice. Enjoy the summer!

Women Temple: In Butterfly barn, Sve-dame On Wednesday 25 April, from 7 to 9pm. 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. Dariya. (inspired by www.awakeningwomen.com)

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:30pm. Duration: 52min.
FOUR GREAT ASPECTS OF THE MOTHER
On 24 April 1920 the Mother arrived for the second and final time in Pondicherry where she settled permanently to work with her divine Consciousness Force and Sri Aurobindo towards a Life Divine on Earth. In the film which we are showing to seek their knowledge, strength and energy on the development of a real step ahead of us: they spend their time concentrating on their knowledge, strength and energy on the development of their minds and bodies in a natural environment which they dearly preserve and care for. Once a year, they gather in the crater of a dormant volcano to decide which planets they ought to send messengers to. There are volunteers for every planet except Earth, which is considered too polluted and too dangerous. One woman alone, Mila, decides to go there to seek out her identity... In the form of a philosophical tale, the film addresses themes as diverse as anti-conformism, ecology, degrowth, feminism, humanism, pacifism, social values or the rejection of harmful technologies; also through dialogues or humorous situations and references to spirituality. The film director composed the original music score and filmed on location in Australia and France.
Original French version with English Subtitles - Duration: 1h.39'

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, April 27th, 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 :)

LOSING TOMORROW
52 Minutes / English / 2005 / Directed by Patrick Rouxel
A film on the biodiversity of the Indonesian rain-forest and an insight into the logging, pulp and paper, and palm oil industries. Losing Tomorrow is a self-produced film with a poetical first half and a more classical second half.
(Reminder: 20/04: VANLIFERS - Portrait of an Alternative Lifestyle)

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

MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM
(IMC, Town Hall)
- Reminder: Friday 20 April: Eco Film Fest
- Friday 27 APRIL at 7.45 pm
“La belle verte” (The Beautiful Green One)
Directed by Coline Serreau, FRANCE, 1996
With: Coline Serreau, Vincent Lindon, Marion Cotillard
Synopsis: The ‘Green Planet’ belongs to another solar system. Through the simplicity of their lifestyle those who live there are a real step ahead of us: they spend their time concentrating on their knowledge, strength and energy on the development of their minds and bodies in a natural environment which they dearly preserve and care for. Once a year, they gather in the crater of a dormant volcano to decide which planets they ought to send messengers to. There are volunteers for every planet except Earth, which is considered too polluted and too dangerous. One woman alone, Mila, decides to go there to seek out her identity... In the form of a philosophical tale, the film addresses themes as diverse as anti-conformism, ecology, degrowth, feminism, humanism, pacifism, social values or the rejection of harmful technologies; also through dialogues or humorous situations and references to spirituality. The film director composed the original music score and filmed on location in Australia and France.
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DOCUMENTARY NIGHT at UP
This week on Thursday 26-04-2018 at 8 pm at the UNITY PAVILION we will be screening a light, yet informative and mind-opening documentary “Sacred Geometry” from the series Spirit Science. Do come and update your softwares sacredly and geometrically. :)
The FRENCH PAVILION presents
Saturday 14th April 2018 at 5pm - Town Hall - Cinéma Paradiso
«Martin Autour du Monde» (or Le Biomimétisme, ou comment trouver des solutions en imitant la nature?)

Martin Around the World (or Biomimicry, or how to find solutions by imitating nature?)

Documentary in French only Written and directed by Fred Cebron. Dur.: 100min

The project: «Martin Around The World» was born in 2007, when Sean Penn’s “Into the Wild” was released. “Into the Wild” is inspired by a true story, that of Christopher McCandless, a young American boy who, to feel fully alive, decided to experiment adventure and freedom to the end, to a degree that would far beyond what society today allows.

It is as “idealistic backpacker” that the family of Martin takes the road 3 years later, with the desire to see the wild beauty of our planet and specially to learn to answer the question: Can man return to the most total nature, that which presided over the birth of its origins? Is it possible for him to survive in an unfamiliar, hostile yet welcoming place? And if the answer is yes, what lessons can we draw from it to provide solutions to today’s problems?

This questioning led the hero of the film, eager for knowledge and extreme sensations, to his own loss when he was barely 24 years old. Christopher McCandless was found dead in the wreck of an abandoned bus in the wilderness of Alaska. Just before he died, he wrote: “Happiness is only real if shared.”

With this experience, it is with family and aboard a 4x4 truck of 15 tons, which can travel 2500 km without crossing a fuel pump and provided with a reserve of water to live for a month in the deserts of the world, the most hostile, that Fred, Laure, 5-year old Martin & 1-year old China will live during 5 years adventures in natural environment. Their goal, traced throughout this road movie, is to build human relationships with men and women who have found sustainable solutions to live in nature in accordance with themselves, and in the truth. More info: Fred Cebron. www.martinautourdumonde.com /vimeo.com/user3896456 //facebook.com/martin.autourdumonde/.

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 age 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 forest 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.

Indian - Monday 23 April, 8:00 pm:

- BILU RAKKHOSH (Bilu...A Demon Within)

India, 2017, Writer-Dir. Indrasis Acharya w/Anirban Banerjee, Anjoshnu Banerjee, Koneenica Banerjee, and others, 128mins, Drama-Fantasy, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG)

In this acclaimed debut feature film by the director, the story revolves around the central protagonist Bilu. Working in a typical corporate environment, Bilu finds himself stranded and gasping. He loves singing and always wanted to pursue it as his career. But like many he got trapped within his own demons (hence the name!). His own worldly desires and expectations of others keeps him trapped. In search of an escape. Bilu who rebelled from being a puppet of the reality imposed by others, creates his own, for Bilu albeit with a demons inside, is also a dreamer.

Don’t miss! This screening is made possible by the director who has shared the film with us. He will be present in person for a brief Q&A session following the screening.
Potpourri - Tuesday 24 April, 8:00 pm:
• A QUIET PASSION
UK-Belgium, 2016, Writer-Dir. Terence Davies w/Emma Bell, Sara Vertongen, Rose Williams, and others, Biography-Drama,125 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated:PG-13
Emily Dickinson personified the wit, intellectual independence and pathos of the poet whose genius only came to be recognized after her death. This acclaimed film exquisitely evokes Dickinson’s deep attachment to her close knit family along with the manners, mores and spiritual convictions of her time that she struggled with and transcended in her poetry.

Interesting - Wednesday 25 April, 8:00 pm:
• NATURENS UORDEN (Natural Disorder)
Denmark, 2015, Writer-Dir. Christian Sønderby Jepsen w/ Plou Asbaek, Simon Bang, Thomas L. Corneliusen, and others, Documentary, 138 mins, Danish w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR


ANDRZEJ WAJDA FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club
Ciné-Club - Sunday 29 April, 8:00 pm:
• CZLOWIEK Z MARMURU (Man Of Marble)
Poland,1977, Dir. Andrzej Wajda w/ Krystyna Janda, Jerzy Rzadziwolwicz, Tadeusz Lomnicki and others, Drama,160mins, Polish w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
In 1976, a young woman in Krakow is making her diploma film, looking behind the scenes at the life of a 1950s bricklayer, Birikut, who was briefly a proletariat hero, at how that heroism was created, and what became of him. This milestone film from Poland comes from a period of political thaw, moderate affluence and agonized self-questioning between the end of hardline post-war Stalinism and the return of authoritarianism, culminating in the imposition of martial law in 1981.

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=Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support. Pl make a donation to “Cinema Paradiso” (account #105106) at the Financial Service or set up for a monthly contribution. Thanking You, MMC/CP Group

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The archives are found at http://www.auroville.org/contents/186

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Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm
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How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the N&N email address (below).
Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.

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

Visiting hours: No visitors on Wednesdays. By appointment on other days.

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REMINDER TO ALL GUESTS from the Auroville Guest Coordination Group:
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.

Please do so at one of the 3 Guest Registration Service locations (at Visitors Centre, Town Hall, Aspiration Financial Service) in addition, guests are required to register each time they move to a new destination inside Auroville.

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