News & Notes

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Clean Mobility

Can be Reality
And so, in this case, what Sri Aurobindo has recommended as the most direct and most total way is surrender to the Divine — a surrender made more and more integral, progressively, comprising the physical consciousness and physical activities. And if one succeeds in this, then the physical, instead of being an obstacle, becomes a help.

What does this sentence mean: “Look life in the face from the soul’s inner strength and be master of circumstances”? That is precisely the opposite of the method which consists in rejecting the whole of the physical consciousness and all physical events. “Look life in the face”, this means: don’t turn your back on it! It means: face life as it is instead of running away from it and call to your aid the inner psychic force — this is what Sri Aurobindo says: “the soul’s inner strength”, the inner psychic force — and with the help of this psychic consciousness rise above circumstances and master them. That is to say, instead of submitting to all that comes and suffering all its consequences, one rises above circumstances and lets them pass like things that do not touch you and do not impair your consciousness. That is what it means.

It is said that to be conscious of divine Love all other love has to be abandoned. What is the best way of rejecting the other love which clings so obstinately (Laughter) and does not easily leave us?

To go through it. Ah! To go through, to see what is behind it, not to stop at the appearance, not to be satisfied with the outer form, to look for the principle which is behind this love, and not be content until one has found the origin of the feeling in oneself. Then the outer form will crumble of itself and you will be in contact with the divine Love which is behind all things. That is the best way. To want to get rid of the one in order to find the other is very difficult. It is almost impossible. For human nature is so limited, so full of contradictions and so exclusive in its movements that if one wants to reject love in its lower form, that is to say, human love as human beings experience it, if one makes an inner effort to reject it, one usually rejects the entire capacity of feeling love and becomes like a stone. And then sometimes one has to wait for years or centuries before there is a reawakening in oneself of the capacity to receive and manifest love.

Therefore, the best way when love comes, in whatever form it may be, is to try and pierce through its outer appearance and find the divine principle which is behind and which gives it existence. Naturally, it is full of snares and difficulties, but it is more effective. That is to say, instead of ceasing to love because one loves wrongly, one must cease to love wrongly and want to love well. For instance, love between human beings, in all its forms, the love of parents for children, of children for parents, of brothers and sisters, of friends and lovers, is all tainted with ignorance, selfishness and all the other defects which are man’s ordinary drawbacks; so instead of completely ceasing to love — which, besides, is very difficult as Sri Aurobindo says, which would simply dry up the heart and serve no end — one must learn how to love better: to love with devotion, with self-giving, self-abnegation, and to struggle, not against love itself, but against its distorted forms: against all forms of monopolising, of attachment, possessiveness, jealousy, and all the feelings which accompany these main movements. Not to want to possess, to dominate; and not to want to impose one’s will, one’s whims, one’s desires; not to want to take, to receive, but to give; not to insist on the other’s response, but be content with one’s own love; not to seek one’s personal interest and joy and the fulfilment of one’s personal desire, but to be satisfied with the giving of one’s love and affection; and not to ask for any response. Simply to be happy to love, nothing more.

If you do that, you have taken a great stride forward and can, through this attitude, gradually advance farther in the feeling itself, and realise one day that love is not something personal, that love is a universal divine feeling which manifests through you more or less finely, but which in its essence is something divine.

The first step is to stop being selfish. For everyone it is the same thing, not only for those who want to do yoga but also in ordinary life: if one wants to know how to love, one must not love oneself first and above all selfishly; one must give oneself to the object of love without exacting anything in return. This discipline is elementary in order to surmount oneself and lead a life which is not altogether gross.

As for yoga we may add something else: it is as I said in the beginning, the will to pierce through this limited and human form of love and discover the principle of divine Love which is behind it. Then one is sure to get a result. This is better than drying up one’s heart. It is perhaps a little more difficult but it is better in every way, for like this, instead of egotistically making others suffer, well, one may leave them quiet in their own movement and only make an effort to transform oneself without imposing one’s will on others, which even in ordinary life is a step towards something higher and a little more harmonious.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 19 September 1956

The Ponder Corner

To see the truth does not depend on a big intellect or a small intellect. It depends on being in contact with the Truth and the mind silent and quiet to receive it.

Sri Aurobindo


Cover: “Clean Mobility can be a Reality” by the Kinisi Team, supporting Auroville residents and volunteers to move lightly, silently and ecologically around our city and forests.
Dear All,

This a little advance notice that soon the News&Notes team will take its yearly summer pause. Last publication will be on the Saturday 12th of May. After a 3-week pause, the next publication will be on Saturday 9th of June. (deadline for this issue will be as usual Tuesday 5th of June, at 5pm - or noon for reports etc.)

Please plan accordingly, and submit all necessary info for these 3 weeks off, so we can print them in advance in the issue of Saturday 12th of May.

Wishing you all a nice relaxing summer,
the N&N team

ARE YOU GOING OUT THIS SUMMER?
DO REMEMBER TO INFORM US SO WE CAN PAUSE YOUR PAPER DELIVERY.
AUROVILLE ZERO WASTE!

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SUMMER TIME....

FUNCTIONING, TRAINING & COLLABORATION:
Since the beginning of 2018, a few changes have been introduced in the functioning of our team. The dispatcher of the Auroville Ambulance is in close liaison with the AVSST (Auroville Safety and Security Team) and a collaboration with both teams has proved positive. In many situations when the ambulance has been dispatched, a member of AVSST is also requested to rush to the spot to help secure the situation and carry out the crowd management. AVSST team members are also now training with our team to have some specific skills required to be qualified attendants. There is a lot of enthusiasm in this group and we are optimistic of the results.

In December 2017, members of our team met with the Emergency Team of PIMS and invited them to Auroville for an eventual networking and collaboration. The outcome of this has shown good results of working together on the medical and human level. The PIMS Ambulance Dispatch is in regular contact with us and in case our ambulance is out of service, we can count on them. AVSST members are also ready to guide them in Auroville so as not to lose time. PIMS also has motorcycle paramedics who can get on site quickly to stabilize an emergency patient, while the ambulance follows soon after.

Alok Mallick, who has thus far been driving the AV Ambulance with great care and dedication, was offered a 4-week intensive course at PIMS in collaboration with IHCD, UK. He completed the course with excellent results and is now a qualified Advanced Paramedic with Advanced Life Support (ALS) training. It is important to note that the presence of an Advanced Paramedic in the ambulance is of prime importance as his specific, emergency life-support skills are very valuable and quite different from those of other health care providers. Although in European countries, all ambulance drivers are paramedics, in India, Auroville is probably the only place where we now have an Advanced Paramedic driving the ambulance!

LOOKING AHEAD:
We are looking forward to the following:
1) The ambulance has to be moved from the Transport Shed to the City Centre; e.g. at Santé, to increase efficiency and have better coordination
2) Organization of a central dispatch for Auroville Emergency Service with a 4-digit telephone number.
3) Upgrading the training of our support team members

Above all, we remind ourselves once again that this kind of work asks dedication and spirit of service towards the manifestation of Auroville according to Her Dream.

The Auroville Ambulance Team

Community News

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Presentation given during the General Meeting on Matrimandir on 16/04/2018
This meeting at the Unity Pavilion was attended by 80+ Aurovilians. To see the annotated version containing the comments made orally during the presentation, click on this link: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/68679

Quarterly report from Auroville Ambulance Team - January, February and March 2018

STATISTICS:
During the initial 3 months of 2018, Auroville doubled its population, like every year, due to the presence of guests and visitors. The AV Ambulance team noticed that the number of calls and interventions also increased more than any other year at the same time.
- Total number of calls: 56
- Total number of interventions: 50
- Medical advice provided by dispatcher: 6

Out of these, 44 cases were attended by the Auroville Ambulance, 4 cases were attended by PIMS Ambulance, 1 case was attended by East Coast Hospital Ambulance and 1 by Nallam Hospital Ambulance.

Ambulance used by:
- Aurovilians: 43
- Guests: 7

This is an interesting phenomenon that though the number of interventions are more during the guest season, it’s not necessarily the guests who request for the Auroville Ambulance service.

Nature of Intervention:
1) Distress level high: total no. of cases - 21
   18 by AV Ambulance; 3 by PIMS
2) Transportation/Return from hospital: total - 29
   26 by AV Ambulance; 1 by PIMS, 1 by Nallam, 1 by East Coast hospital

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General Meeting: Land Protection Group Recommendations & Progress Report

Dear Friend,

This is to invite you to a General Meeting (GM) to hear an update from the Land Protection Group (LPG) on the progress of their work with regards land protection in Auroville.

WHEN: 4.30pm, Monday May 7
WHERE: Unity Pavilion

Background

This GM, coordinated by the RAS, will present the community with the results of the Core Group (those LPG members that attend all meetings) formed at the Land Protection Workshops, held in Dec 2016 & Jan 2017.

This meeting will:

a) present the LPG recommendations to the community;

b) answer questions and make clarifications; and

c) hear and incorporate feedback.

Three-month feedback processing period

After this meeting the LPG will allow three months to process the community’s response to their recommendations and feedback received.

Recommendations shared with Governing Board and RA

After the three-month period, the LPG will share its recommendations with the Governing Board and the Residents’ Assembly, at which point the RAS will conduct a community survey to assess whether an RA Decision-Making Event is required to ratify or reject the LPG proposal.

For more information on this, please do not hesitate to email or call us 948 6623 749.

Much Love,
Your RAS Team

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 747
Dated: 28-04-2018

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

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
Joel De GRAAF (Dutch) staying in Prarthna, working at UHU (University of Human Unity).
Raif STRUNZ (German) staying in Angira Garden, working at Isai Ambalam Guest House.
Radhiga Gnanavel (Indian) staying in Auroville Place in Kullapalayam, working at La Terrace Solar Kitchen.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Divyanshi CHUGH (Indian)
Jing (Known as Shola) XU (Chinese)
Radhika M SANKARANARAYANAN (Indian)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
Poungodai THIAGARAJAN (Indian) staying and working at Sidhartha Farm.

VASU PALANI (Indian) staying in Amritam, working at Omega.

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
Aleksandr SINEEV (Russian)

Elena SAMOKHINA (Russian)

Manonmani (Known as Sangeetha) VASUDEVAN (Indian)

Rajalakshmi GOTHANDABANY (Indian)

Saranya THULASILINGAM (Indian)

YOUTH TURNED 18:
Kiran BALDWIN (French) staying in Anusuya, studying at Future School.

Eurydice Ariane Luce TARPIN (French) staying in Prarthna, studying at Last School.

Harishkumar SIVACOMUAR (Indian) staying in Samasti, studying at Lycee Francais de Pondicherry.

Aloe TORMO MIR (Spanish) staying in Maduca, studying at Future School.

Tara Bene REX (German) staying in Kailash, studying at Future School.

Nikita Jenina SOEDERLING (Swedish) staying in Gaia, studying at Future School.

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:
Jan COLEMBIEWSKI (Australian)

LEFT AV ON THEIR OWN:
Xiaoqing LIU (Known as Maggie) (Chinese)

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

L’avenir d’Auroville - Planning Mission mode

Dear community, the Interface team of L’avenir d’Auroville is going on Planning Mission Mode!

What is Planning Mission Mode?

The Interface team was selected in end of October 2017 with the mandate to finalize the Terms of Reference (ToR) document (agreements with the community which will be the basis of development priorities and plans). Following that, we would need to set up teams that will work to create the detailed development plans for all 4 zones and other areas.

In the last 5 and a half months, we have been unable to focus on this work, as we are overloaded with the day-to-day tasks, firefighting of issues that crop up and 50th anniversary related works.

In the next 3 to 6 months, we will be focusing on:

- getting clarity on the different versions of the Master Plan and understanding them
- finalizing the ToRs, with community participation.
- setting up working frameworks with different groups involved in various aspects of city planning work.

Please note that ongoing projects, small extensions/ renovations will continue to be processed. We are choosing to start with this now, during the summer months when Auroville slows down and when most groups operate with a skeleton crew, so as to cause the least disruption.

In order to give you an overview of the work of the last 5.5 months, we will publish a long-overdue report in the next week’s News and Notes.

Thank you for your understanding.
Best regards, L’avenir d’Auroville Team

ANNE, Anu, Aurovicl, Divya, Inge, Pino, Sindhuja, Tejaswini

NEW SITE AND BUILDING APPLICATIONS - 28th 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 12th May 2018.

SITE APPLICATIONS

- Green Belt

1. Thamarai Learning Center at Annai Nagar, near Discipline Site Area: 1.27 acres / Built-up area: 460 sq.m.

Project Holders: Alok & Bridget

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Project Brief (from Project Holders): this project aspires to support building unity and full potential between Auroville and the surrounding villages. We want to propose the importance of building platforms of co-creative cross community initiatives that will develop relationship and build awareness for the needs of both Auroville and the villages to build a sustainable future. This project can be a platform for furthering education and potentially micro project development and social enterprise. This proposed building and sports area for Thamarai learning Centre in Annai Nagar will house Thamarai’s key programs of after school, daily and weekend educational activities with supplementary education in digital literacy, sports, arts and culture, meeting space for the villagers of Annai Nagar and surrounding villages. The building will be in the centre of the village which is very important for accessibility as well as the fact that the after school children travel home by foot after dark. There are no projects to join facilities directly with but collaboration on activities with other Auroville services and programming is a key element of all Thamarai activities.

BUILDING APPLICATIONS
- International Zone:
  1. Common Toilets for Tibetan Pavillon at Tibetan Pavilion
     Built-up area: 40 sq.m.
- Cultural Zone:
  2. SAiIER staff quarters Phase 4 at Transition/ Dehashakti
     area. Built-up area: 395 sq.m.

NOC issued in the last week:
1. Studio Naqshbandi extension @ Yantra
2. Prabhu’s house extension @ Auromodele/ Petite Ferme

Please note:
- An NOC (No Objection Certificate) is issued only after evaluation and processing of the community feedback received during the two-week period.
- Any work on the site/ building should start only with an NOC.
- Site permission is valid for one year. For fencing and clearing of the site, special permission of L’avenir d’Auroville is needed.

For additional information, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 0413-2622-170 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
(Anita, Anu, Aurovici, Divya, Inge, Pino, Sindhuja, Tejaswini)

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. Auromodele - Antakarna: Plinth area: 159.35. RCC framed structure residential building with bedroom, living room and toilet. Suitable for couple or family.

Re-announced:
3. 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 & Toilet with open stair.
4. Veronique’s House - Swedam: 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 stair.

For more information, contact: Housing Service (Town Hall) / Phone: (0413) 2622658, e-mail: housing@auroville.org.in
5. From Sunship: Immediately available. One single unit of 42 sq.m. completely furnished and equipped-kitchen, bathroom and cupboard- with Collective cafeteria, Laundry, technical maintenance and management by Aurowilians!! (“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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Reminder about House-Sitting Agreements
The Housing Service would like to inform all community members that it is advisable to have an official house sitting agreement done when leaving Auroville for some time. It is securing both parties, the steward and the house-sitter. A special note goes to those who wish to become Newcomers and to those who are at the end of their newcomer period: If you are house-sitting, you will need to present a valid agreement from Housing Service to Entry Service, in order to be confirmed either as a Newcomer or as an Aurovillian.

The Housing Service

Auroville Projects Overview - Collective Developments 2018
A call to put together a list of projects further developing Auroville, to create synergy and focus for the community.

Do you have a project ready to go or planned for Auroville in 2018?
Please join this listing and update on projects to happen in Auroville 2018!
“Auroville Projects 2018” creates a base for synergy - and eventually connects people with the projects they like to participate in.

How to register your project?
Just login to Auronet and add your project: name of the project, project holder, and contact details, in the post under “Discussion” at this link: www.auroville.org.in/article/68684. Unfortunately, neither RAS nor AV Council would have the time and space to collect this listing, so let’s do it this way! Namaste, Sigrid

Auronet Pulse update
The present Pulse question on Auronet (seen at this link) is: Speed breathers on some Auroville roads have been removed for Mr. Modi’s visit in February. Are you in favour of them being reinstalled after the visit? (question submitted by Tim)

Answers so far (totaling 167):

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There were in all 29 comments (for and against) with suggestions. Here are some points made:
Speed breakers cause back problems. …We need speed cameras on the roads, maximum speed should be a realistic 45 km/h, 25 km/h, … Publish pictures of drivers > 55km /h on Auronet along with their speed. They can also help AV security. … We must have authorised personnel who can stop speeding vehicles and penalise them. … Streets designed for low speed don’t need speed breakers. … We need an efficient mobility plan with environmentally friendly public transport.

Anyone listening?
Warmly, the Auronet team
Funds available for performances from Auroville Artists in Auroville

Funds can be requested now for the financial year 2018/19. Applications will be considered only until 30.05.18.

Please send a mail to "av.artistgroup@email.com". We will send you a questionnaire about your performance. Return it as soon as possible. In a subsequent meeting distribution of funds will be allocated. Nuria & Rolf

Summer Program for Kindergarten Age Children

The teachers of Kindergarten, Nandanam and Aha Kindergartens will offer a summer program of crafts, games, stories and swimming pool:
- to all children aged 4 to 7 (but not Jallam and Yellow groups).
- on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12.00 (no school bus, no lunch).
- from the 14th of May until the 8th of June.

For running the program volunteers above 13 years old are very much welcome. There will be a meeting on Friday 4th of May at 9am at Nandanam kindergarten to organize the program, please come if you are willing to help.

Ongoing admissions for Isai Ambalam School

Isai Ambalam School is an Auroville outreach school near Alankuppam following CBSE syllabus (with NESS). The school will cater to children from Creche (3 years) to 8th grade. The children will continue further education in NESS. We request all unit holders to encourage the staff they work with to send their children to this Auroville outreach school. The school also welcomes children in the age group be it Aurovillian, Newcomer or long-term Guests.

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

Please write to the school (isaiambalamschool@auroville.org.in) or to Sanjeev (sanjeev@vauraville.org.in) or call Kavitha (8940344614) for admission. Thank you, Isai Ambalam Team.

earth&us | STS Accounts — 1-April-2017 to 31-Mar-2018

earth&us launched STS (Shared Transport Services) in January 2017 as a service to enable easy taxi sharing and reduce carbon emissions. Till date, we have offered hundreds of shared rides, saved thousands of rupees and reduced emissions by thousands of tons of CO2.

In addition to this, our self-imposed mandate is to use the profits generated from this service only toward promoting sustainable transport initiatives in Auroville and not for personal or office expenses. Two important points to notice from our detailed accounts below:

1. Till date, we have made zero payments toward salaries and 2.
   Paid over Rs 1.5 lakh towards GST.

So far we have managed to cover our costs through other projects.

Thank you for your support Auroville Community and well-wishers. This would not have been possible without your encouragement and guidance.

Earth&Us / Shared Transport team
(see impactwala / earth&us / Shared Transport / Library of Things (ALoT) / What is impactwala?)

DUAL SYSTEM OF TRAINING in AIAT - Auroville Institute of Applied Technology

With great pleasure AIAT announces its affiliation to the Dual System of Training (DST under NCVT) for the benefit of the students. On 4.4.2018 AIAT received the affiliation order for the Dual System of Training from the Director General of Training under Skill Ministry in following 3 trades:


3. Draughtsman Mechanic in Partnership with Appasamy Pvt.Ltd. During the 2 years of training period students will be trained for 7 months/year at AIAT and for 5 months/year at the workplace. During the training period at work place students are entitled to receive a stipend from the company as per Govt. rules (70% of the min. wages in Pondicherry or Tamil Nadu).

Benefits for the students:
A) Students who have been trained under Dual System of Training (DST) would have industrial experience by the time they complete the 2 years training thus are better employable than others.
B) Students undergoing a DST course would receive a stipend from the companies.
C) Students trained under DST will have an examination only once a year.

AIAT was promoting the Dual System of training as it is practiced in Germany for last 6 years and had presented its concept to DET in Chennai and DGT in Delhi. AIAT is one of the 2 private ITI's in TN and the only one from Villupuram District who got affiliation to DST.

Students interested in joining in one of the above courses may soon contact our Admission Cell very soon because of limited number of seats. For more details contact: AIAT Phone: 0413 2671758

Confirmation

Dear Aurovilians,

House of Mother’s Agenda confirms three times a week, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 4 pm - 5 pm listening to Mother’s recordings of the Agenda or Entretiens in French. We permit ourselves this information because many of the Indians of the new generation want to hear these recordings. Every time we can follow the English text in the books while listening to the recordings in French at the same time.

The emission of Mother’s voice impregnated with Knowledge, opens us to Her.

With Love, GangaLakshmi

SUMMER TIMINGS at TREE CARE:

Dear community, we, at Treecare, will be taking a break from our pruning services beginning of May for the summer months as the summer heat is starting to roll in. Our services as Stihl dealers we still be available to all. If there are any emergencies or if someone has last minute pruning before the summer rains please let us know. Our contacts are:

Anadi 9655477329 / Jonas 9159843572 / Julian 9443658125

We wish everyone a pleasant summer.

Regards, Treecare team

Auroville Residents Service summer opening timings for May & June 2018

Please note that the Auroville Residents Service office will be open for public from morning 9:00 am to 12.30pm, Monday to Friday. We will be closed in the afternoons starting from May 1st. We will come back to our regular timings from July onwards. Thank you. Residents Service Team

Change in Housing Service office timings

Dear Community, kindly note the change in Office timings: The Housing Service will be open now every morning (except Wednesday, closed), also for the accounting/ payments. And for special requests appointments you can write us at housing@auroville.org.in for a quiet moment on an afternoon.

Thank you, Sonja for the Housing Service

Summer opening times - 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
**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

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**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.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

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**APPEAL**

**Thank you from Ivana:** Thank you all volunteers who helped to organize my exhibition “Ivana’s Art from Auroville” at Kala Kendra. Lots of people contributed to the show by their advice or work and I appreciate it very much. It does not matter if it was just to arrange flowers or all day framing of my paintings. The exhibition could not happen without you! Thanks a lot. You have been great. Ivana

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**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

**Architect for Housing Service:** The Housing Board is asking for an Architect that is willing to work (part or full time?) in our team on different GOI funded Housing Projects.

The qualifications are that the architect has an Indian recognised license and is willing to continue a few designs that have already been started and would need detailed work. And would preferable be willing to work for a maintenance. The work could be done with the team in the office or at home/studio.

Kindly refer to the Housing service by mail or every morning (except Wednesdays and Saturdays).

Thanks, Sonja for the Housing Service

**UPASANA, Integral design: Communication & Graphic Design Coordinator:** Position title: Communication and Graphic Coordinator / Reports to: Upasana Executive / Location: Upasana, Auroville / Length of Assignment: 12 months with mid-term evaluation and 1-month probation

**UPASANA:** back ground: Located in Auroville in southern India (www.upasana.in), Upasana is a place where responsible design, wisdom of Indian culture, social business, and spiritual progress get woven together seamlessly. At Upasana fashion is used to tie threads to larger issues of sustainability. At Upasana we believe in creating design for change, a sustainable future through fashion.

**Role Description:** Responsible for Brand communication for Upasana.

**Top 3 Responsibilities:**

1. Content writing for posts- blog- print - web
2. Social media manager -Facebook posts -Instagram -designing creative writing and posting
3. Website - design banners for homepage and collections, Update products, banners and collections.

**Top 2 Objectives of the Role:**

1. Responsible for Brand communication for Upasana.
2. Build and hold conscious fashion Hub.

**Required education, skills and experience**

- knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and Indesign and basic knowledge of CorelDraw.
- Job will also include knowing softwares such as PowerPoint, Excel and Word.
- Knowing social media - Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest.
- Ability to learn and work in a large team.
- Skills in photography would be appreciated.

Write to: Office@upasana.in

**UPASANA, Integral design - Project Coordinator:** Smallsteps: April 2011

**Position title:** Smallsteps: Coordinator

**Reports to:** Executive twice a month

**Location:** Upasana, Auroville

**Length of Assignment:** 12 months with mid-term evaluation and 1-month probation

**UPASANA Background:** Located in Auroville in southern India (www.upasana.in), Upasana is a place where responsible design, the wisdom of Indian culture, social business, and spiritual progress get woven together seamlessly. At Upasana fashion is used to tie threads to larger issues of sustainability. We believe in creating a design for change, a sustainable future through fashion.

**Smallsteps Project Brief:** Carry your own shopping bag. Avoid plastic bags. Smallsteps bags are reusable handmade shopping bags. Using one Smallsteps bag can prevent the usage of over 500 disposable plastic bags that a single person would use over a year. It is a tiny effort which contributes a great deal to the environment. These bags are stitched by women from villages in Tamil Nadu, India. Smallsteps is more than just a bag. It aims at three main changes in the world:

1. Conscious consumption – to raise the awareness of the impact of purchasing decisions on the environment and the consumer’s health and life;
2. Woman Empowerment - to provide the means to support women in rural areas, by offering employment opportunities;
3. Environment conservation - to make a real change on the natural resources that are affected by plastic pollution.

The Smallsteps project was launched on Earth Day 2007. Since its creation, over 100 ambassadors and friends from India and around the world had been involved in communicating, educating, distributing and fundraising for Smallsteps.

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**Cross-Cultural Dialogue: Appeal for Financial Support**

Hello Friends, you are probably aware that we are hosting a Cross-Cultural Dialogue this coming weekend, looking at the topic of discrimination in Auroville.

By the way, seats are full and registration is closed!

We have 60 participants registered, and we’re in need of financial support. We need approximately Rs.15,000 (lunch, tea/snacks, photocopies, equipment).

If you can support, please donate to:

“Joy Living Projects #252235”

kind regards,
Laura, Janet, Shanti and Kati
for Restorative Auroville

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**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. Maintenance 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.
Dear Friends, Joy

The bags come in 2 styles - a side bag or tote bag, and a backpack style. The bags can be folded into a compact sized pouch when not in use, making it convenient to carry around.

Role Description:
Smallsteps Coordinator main role is to facilitate the journey of Smallsteps from social project to social company. Build a sustainable model which funds the campaign. Build jobs at villages. Build a community around a green campaign. Coordinator will play a key anchor to all activity.

Top 3 Responsibilities:
1. Communication to Project (30%)
   - E-mail
   - Social media - blog - level communication
   - Customer Relations
2. Marketing effort (40%)
   - Manage retail conversation
   - Co-branding
   - E-commerce
3. Manage team (30%)
   - Manage or get managed social media
   - Production at village level

Top 3 Objectives of the Role:
1. Create and Execute Action Plan
2. Communication external and internal.
3. Marketing and campaign boost.

Required education, skills and experience:
- Marketing background
- Social business and entrepreneurship
- Multi-tasking ability and time management skills

Compensation: Will be provided.

Ps write to: Office@upasana.in

At Joy Community Guest House: Dear Friends, Joy Community Guest House is looking for a responsible person (Volunteer/Newcomer or Aurovilian) to do the work of accounting and reception; the person should have good accounting knowledge, computer skills, welcoming attitude, spirit of service and vision and motivation to be part of a very dynamic team; the person should be fluent in English; the knowledge of other languages is very welcome. Please send your CV and Motivation letter to joycommunity@auroville.org.in

Kind Regards, JOY Team :)

Isai Ambalam school is looking for an Aurovillian teacher for any grade up to 8th Grade: Isai Ambalam school is an outreach school of Auroville near Alankuppam registered under NESS for CBSE. We are looking for an Aurovillian teacher who has completed D.Ted or B.Ed who can handle up to 8th standard. A person who is open to new learning methodologies and with new communication and writing skills in English and Tamil may apply. Please look up the school blog to know the latest happening at the school: tinyurl.com/iaschool/

Please write to the school (isaialambaamschool@auroville.org.in) or Subash (9486222047), Sanjeev (9449835658), and Kavitha (8940434614) for this purpose. Isai Ambalam School Team

HEALTH

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

Medical Equipment needed at AvHC
Dear Community, some of you may have medical equipment in your homes/storerooms which was used during convalescence after a fall/surgery.

In case you have crutches, walkers, wheelchairs or any other useful equipment in good condition and you don't need it anymore, you could contact us and we happily come and pick it from your home. AVHS constantly need medical equipment for the seniors or temporarily for people after surgery. Thank you!!!

AVHS 0413-2622425 or avhs@auroville.org.in

EATING OUT

New goodies at the AV Bakery: daily gluten free pizza, healthy crackers and cookies and a selection of vegan cakes. Sesame bagel (Mon, Wed, Fri) and much more!

We thank all of you for your feedback and support and wishing you a happy and cool summer. The AV Bakery Team

Well Studio Cafe will be closed for May day on Tuesday 01/05/2018.
Please join us any other day for breakfast and lunch. Monday to Saturday from 8.30 till 16.30.

Vegetarian and vegan Mediterranean food in our beautiful garden.

Love, Well Cafe Team. (Sve Dane)
For groups and take away please call us: 0413-2622229

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

Le Zéphyri - closed on Friday the 27th. Open on May 1st:
Have a lovely day! Much Love, the Zephyriens! N

Naturellement and Garden Cafe closed on Tuesday 1/05:
Dear community, Naturellement Company as well as the Garden Cafe will be closed on Tuesday 1st for May day.

Love, Naturellement team

GOYO, restaurant closed for Summer: Goyo, Korean silent restaurant will be closed from 24th of April to the end of June.
We hope to accommodate you again in July after refreshing.

With Gratitude, Goyo

LA PISCINE TEAM TOUR & SUMMER TIMINGS
It's time again for the La Piscine Team Tour! Dev and Devaraj are in the middle of the construction of their new houses and cannot go on tour, and they have graciously offered to keep the pool open in the afternoons.

So here is the schedule:
May 3, 4 and 5, pool is open from 12 noon till 7 pm.
Sunday, May 6 pool is closed full day.
Pool re-opens on Monday May 7 as usual at 12 noon.
Also, on May 7 we will start keeping the pool open until 8 pm for those of you who like to swim under the stars!

Thank you all for your generous contributions for the Tour La Piscine Team

Kabbadi Championship 2018 in Auroville
Dear friends, the Auroville Kabbadi Club is going to conduct the Puducherry State Kabbadi Championship Tournament in Auroville at Newcreation 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

Greetings Auroville...

We are happy to share with you all what we managed to capture in the past week as a team of AurouvilleRadio/TV.
Please do collaborate with us in sharing event details and video clips of events happening in the community of Auroville.
We would be happy to hear from you, and also please do make use of our services.

Follow our updated website which offers a wide range of information with written, audio and video content and stay connected with us for more event updates on our social media sites, Facebook and Twitter.

Website: https://www.aurouville.org
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/auroville.radio
Twitter: AurouvilleRadioTV (@AurouvilleRadio) | Twitter

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This week, students from Future School worked with us on their project on mythology within English language, and they read and produced:
Surya • The Creation of the Earth - Lore Prometheus
Manisa • Eros the God of Love • Leela The Queen Sheba's meeting with King Solomon • Jianghao • Ham the horrible monster • and more to follow next week!

From our volunteers we have: Wobbli and Andrea - Integrated Transport Service • Gino - Paolo on Bossa Nova • Ivan's Art Work
Renu • Norman Reads Norman 1 • Norman Reads Norman 2
rtm • Noel's new book Oki's Heart read by Marion • Co-learning and Co-evolving with Autistic Children • Spiritual Life and Sexual Instinct • Adverse Forces on the path of Yoga • Happy Earth Day… Zooming In

Out of regular programs: Malrenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo. Gangalakshmi reads her Selections in French of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Here are also the news of Thursday, Friday, and Monday.
Your AurovilleRadioTV Team

NOTES

Who believes in Blue Skies has never looked up at sunset
Coloring at Matrimandir red orange brown yellow rose turquoise blue my day falls down smiling.
Anandi 16-4-18

GREEN MATTERS

Papaya blues, papaya heaven!

...or how the humble papaya may help our collective evolution...

Last week's invitation to celebrate the papaya peak season, discover new ways of enjoying it, and help our farmers who are faced with an acute excess, has met with two equally genuine, though very different answers:

One is a comment from a number of Aurovilians who actually stopped buying Auroville papayas after getting too many times unripe fruit that ended up moulding instead of ripening. Fortunately, this not the case with the majority of papayas from our farms, but it is an important feedback for some places where the fruit is being plucked too early, instead of allowing it to gather its natural sweetness on the tree.

This brings home clearly the importance of an efficient communication between the community and the farms, in both directions. The farmers need and want to hear the needs of the community: Please do let them know your experiences, your comments and your questions! On the other hand, as ‘consumers’ we need to be regularly informed how best we can support our farms, as this is very often not obvious. (Of course, volunteering is always very welcome and this connects you directly to Nature’s rhythm and the farms’ pulse!)

One thing we’d like to remind all is that our farmers cannot make their trees grow only small papayas! Large papayas are regularly getting spoilt on the shelves, returned to the farmers or refused upfront because ‘nobody buys them’. Would it change if more people discovered that the large papayas are frequently the sweetest and tastiest ones! (Maybe they could be shared between neighbours or friends?)

The other, touching response came from our friend Dr. Nirima Oza (member of the Governing Board) who lives in Pondy. In her words:
“Last week I had a chance to buy two Auroville papayas from Foodlink, and wish to share my experience:
• For the first time I saw papaya that did not get fungus while ripening.
• The skin did not change color completely, but turned soft as it ripened.
• My amma while cutting the fruit, exclaimed ‘Amma, id nat palam’... THIS is a country fruit’.
• For the first time we saw such beautiful colour. The smell too was excellent...
• It was juicy, and above all... the taste! It was really the first time that we all, including my guest, enjoyed such natural sweetness of a fruit!”

She goes on to suggest that if Auroville vegetables and fruits are faced with excess, people in Pondy, who often desperately hunt for fresh organic food, would love to buy them! Whether such a step is feasible and desirable, may ultimately be our farmers’ decision... but whether this option will be considered or not, obviously depends on none other than us all, and what we choose to eat...

Share your thoughts with us,
Your Auroville Green Center • avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

Jayasmita, Lisbeth, 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 efficiency of 85% to 90% (some energy is lost to heat in cells and wires or fuses). Overall, electric motors are almost three times more efficient than an internal combustion engine.

The KINISI Team • We Rent e-Cycles: mail kinisi@auroville.org.in / tel: 8300460680

KINISI Summer Special for Volunteers!

Now that the guest season is over, we have about 20 e-cycles available for rent and for sale at Kinisi. It is a good time to come and visit us at CSR, as we will have more time to show you our different models, to explain how the e-cycle functions and how to maintain the battery for optimum range and speed. You can also get a half-day free trial on any model you choose!

We are offering a special Summer rate of Rs. 90/day for 3-month rentals to active registered SAVI volunteers. If you drive 15 km/day (that’s only going once to Tanto beach and back) it will cost you less than renting a moped!

Here is why:

- Mileage of moped = 30 km/L, so for 15 km you need 1/2 litre petrol
- Cost of 1/2 L of petrol (1L = Rs. 95:2) Rs. 47.50
- Cost of renting a moped Rs. 60/day
- Total cost of moped rent + petrol Rs. 107.50/day

So, over the 3-month period (May-June-July), you will save: Rs. 1610.00!

And if you drive more than 15 km/day, you will save even more!
You will also have the added benefit of contributing to Auroville’s move towards a silent, non-polluting and sustainable mobility.

Signed: The KINISI Team
(CSR, in front of Auromode Guesthouse)
email kinisi@auroville.org.in / tel: 8300460680
ACCOMMODATIONS

**Needed:** Dear Aurovilians, I am looking for house sitting opportunity in July. I am Ra, 38-year-old pre newcomer, with significant experience in house sitting. If you have something to offer please call or sms: 9655177556. Thanks, Ra.

AVAILABLE

**Auroville Library of Things (ALoT), an initiative by earthhaus,** at the container opposite PTDC: borrow tools, toys, kitchenware, travelling & hiking gear at your convenience, aлот@auroville.org.in. **NOW ONLINE!** auroilot.myturn.com/library/inventory/browse

A very sweet female kitten: almost 8 weeks old, needs a home. She is a calico cat (see picture on AV net) with nice round features and super soft fur. She gets along well with other domestic creatures and is toilet trained. Call if you are interested in giving her a forever home. Contact Elke: 94665 20868.

Home Items available: 1) Panasonic MK-GW200 Super Wet Grinder (White) - it is in a perfect condition, hardly used. 2) Coffee Table. 3) KAFF Kitchen Chimney 60 cm 700 M3/H (Base LX 60 Stainless Steel). Please contact for details: Sonia - Whatsapp: +91 8940288090 Email: sonialalitadevi@gmail.com.

Bed: I have a 2.5 year-old cane bed(no mattress). Size is 7x3.5 feet. It is a bit bigger than the regular size. For contribution. If you are interested please call 944368410, Key.

Bikes and Cycles: 1. Honda Unicorn 2013, red colour, with 40000 km. in very good condition. Always properly serviced. 2. Also 2 decathlon bicycles, one for a girl from 4 to 7 years old, the other one from 7 to 11 years old girl. 3. TVS in very good conditions. If interested you can contact me via mail: zikost@yahoo.it, thanks, Costantino.

LOOKING FOR...

**AVAL NEEDS A MANNEQUIN:** We are looking for second hand mannequins for our social enterprise AVAL, run by a group of women with the support of Auroville Village Action Group. Around 50 women have been trained in tailoring and crocheting as well as in enterprise skills and have started a collective business. Please contact us at Auroville Village Action Group, 0413-2678871/2678872 - avagoffice@auroville.org.in

Looking for a Classical music teacher: The Mira Cultural Group is looking for a classical music teacher who can teach Bajans and Carnatic songs to women and children. Please contact Madhi or Grace by email grace@auroville.org.in or call on 9490522975. Thanking you, Madhi, Usha, Grace.

Trekking shoes (Men): Hello, I am going for a trek in the Himalayas in June so I am looking for men shoes size 44/45 (US: 10/11). Please contact me by email at darysebastien@gmail.com or whatsapp: +918838293291

**Trumpet:** Hello, I am Shanks a musician living in Auroville for 3 years now. My trumpet has been damaged a week before a show. If you are interested in lending or selling me a trumpet that is not being used please email me on chungates@gmail.com or whatsapp me on 9943310229.

House work: Looking for a very reliable Amma for your place? Please contact Cristo at 0413-2622356 and 9665544933 or by mail at cjm@auroville.org.in. I have known this Amma for over 20 years. She is a very well trained, honest and hard-working woman who is now looking for a new opportunity. Cristo

Work for a Lady: Our gardener Senthil is looking for a job near the centre of Auroville for his 27-year-old wife, Rajeshwari. Rajeshwari has completed grade 12 and 2 years of nurses training at PIMS. She can only speak and read a little English, but is willing to learn. She is willing to do any type of work. If you are interested, please call Senthil at 7639738618. Thank you, Janet (Arati)

LOST & FOUND

**Flying chappals? (Lost)** For the second time in one month, after lunch in Solar kitchen, I could not find my chappals. Someone took them by mistake, and left similar ones. It happened around the 13th April. The first time, they came back after a few days, but this time no. Why? They are old and damaged, but so comfortable. Quechua brand. If you are responsible of this mistake, please contact Antoine 8940740529, I will be very happy to have my chappals back.

Screen of my band: I have lost the screen of my band, 'somewhere between dosa corner and courage community. If someone finds, contact divyanshi.0222@gmail.com. Thanks, Divyanshi!

Single key. (Found): possible a bicycle lock key, on a brown/orange string. Found near Kalabhami on 24/04. Pass by News&Notes office to collect it.

TAXI SHARING

Auroville service of taxi sharing available with STS at: [http://sheredtransport.auroville.org/](http://sheredtransport.auroville.org/) (an initiative by earthhaus)

April 28th: Taxi will leave Auroville at 7pm to reach Chennai airport at 10pm. If you’d like to share, please contact Lesley on 9488373742 or lesleybra@yahoo.com

April 30th: Taxi to Chennai airport at 3:30 am. sms: 9385403592 / E-mail petrabuschfeld@auroville.org.in

April 30th: More suitable for the return trip from Chennai airport to Auroville, as Taxi is quite full on the way to airport. Sharing on return trip from Chennai airport is possible after/around 8 pm on 30th April, Monday, Thanks, Lalit, [lalit@auroville.org.in, 94437-90172]

May 2nd: leaving at 3pm from Petite Ferme to Chennai airport. Contact +91 9488 610506, gerhard@auroville.org.in. Gerhard

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 Yen at yen@bbox.fr.

May 2nd: leaving from Auroville at 11:30 pm night to Chennai airport: contact: (land line) 0413 262 37 67 , antarcalli@yahoo.fr, Antarjyoti

TRAVEL

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

Latest offers from International Airlines: Etihad Airways has promotional offers to Europe / Emirates has promotional offers to Europe and USA / Qatar Airways has special fares to Europe & USA. / Air India has promotional offers to Europe / Oman Airways has special offers to Paris & other destinations in Europe / Jet Airways has promotional offers 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@auroville.org.in
- Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 - 2623030, domestic@inside-india.com
- Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622047, insideindia@auroville.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 Auronet login page: [www.auroville.org.in](http://www.auroville.org.in)
- Auroville Art Service: artservice@auroville.org/calendar/
On Monday, the 30th of April, SLI invites you to an Organic Community Dinner commemorating the Buddha Purnima, the full moon night of great spiritual relevance. The dinner will take place between 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. at our campus in Kottakarai. (A contribution is welcomed but optional.)

Tula, the Organic Textile range will be available as an exhibition and sale at SLI from Sunday 29th April onwards. We are excited for you to join us for a wonderful meal.

Facebook: Sustainable Livelihood Institute
www.tnavsli.in / programme@tnavsli.in
RSVP: Kumar - 99434 64311 / 0413 - 2622690

EXHIBITIONS

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.

White Peacock clay club invites everybody for the

Ceramic Exhibition
of the graduate group
-Bhavyo, Hyeyoon, Masha, Narayan.

Please come with friends to

Savitri Bhavan on Saturday 28
at 4 pm for the opening moment.

Young artists will offer you a cup of tea and a cookie.
The exhibition will remain open for one week till 5th of May from 3 to 5 pm.

TALKS

Comm4unity: 2nd edition – the Presentation!
Dear Community,
You are all invited to YouthLink office in Progress community on Friday 27th April at 3pm for the presentation of our Comm4unity 2nd edition - a 6-week course. Participants will share their experience and learning during this transformative journey. We want to honor all the facilitators who offered their time and wisdom and all those who are part of our extended team. Anyone who wants to know more about our courses, this is a good chance….
We hope to see you there to celebrate together with some tea and snacks! YouthLink Team

CULTURAL EVENTS

Jazz-Café Presents
a Concert with
VerA&Rolf - Jazz
Shakti Trio - Bossa Nova
Amando&Dhani Band - Rock
Swaha & Band - Blues
at the Visitors’ Center on Sunday 29th April at 7:30 PM
As usual, you will find tea, coffee and cakes served with a big smile.

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SAVITRI BHAVAN

May 2018

Exhibitions

Sri Aurobindo: A life sketch in photographs
In the upper corridor

Glimpses of the Mother: photographs and texts
In the Square Hall

This month NO FILMS & NO OM CHOIR

Full Moon Gathering
Tuesday, May 29 7.15-8.15pm
in front of Sri Aurobindo’s statue

Exhibitions, Main Building and Office are open Monday to Saturday 9-5
The Digital Library can be accessed on request Monday-Saturday 9am-4pm
Everyone is welcome

ARDA WELLNESS CENTER & MULTIPURPOSE HALL - MAY 2018

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BEAUTY PARLOUR

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| Ongkie by appointment 9843930178 |
| Mimi - by appointment 9489694626 |

| WHEN |
| Monday to Saturday (Until 15th May) |
| Monday to Friday (Until 10th May) |
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Holistic will be closed from 29 April to 26 May 2018 for vacation
## Pitanga Programme for May 2018

(please note that Pitanga will be closed for 1st of May)

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*For the following therapies & treatments please book your appointment on phone, 2622403/2622994*

*Awakening the intelligence of the body* with Vani
*Foot Reflexology* with Lila
*Journey through the memory of the body* with Vani
*Life Coaching* with Vani

**Note:** (*) Denotes classes for those willing to commit for a minimum of 3 months

**NEW CLASS AT PITANGA:** Hatha Flow Yoga with So-Youn: 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.

## Joy Activities

**Joy activities with Helena: A Summer Break :)**
It's time for the summer break, Yoga and Acroyoga classes will stop at the end of April. Last Prana Vashya Yoga class will be held on 27th and last Acroyoga class on 26th. Please refer to our updated May schedule regarding other classes and therapies :)

Thank you, Helena and Joy team

**MANTRA chanting @ JOY cancelled on 3rd & 4th of May:** The Traditional Sanskrit chanting classes will not happen in the first week of May. After that, class will happen throughout the summer. Everybody is welcome! _/\_ Warmly from JOY Team :)

### Sessions

| **Mantra Chanting** (beginners) with Sonia | Thursday (cancelled on 3rd of May) | 6:15 to 7:15 pm |
| **Mantra Chanting** (advanced) with Sonia | Friday (cancelled on4th of May) | 6:15 to 7:15 pm |
| **Laughter Yoga** with Nikhil | Saturday | 4 to 5 pm |

### Therapies

| **Shiatsu Massage** (on Appointment only) with Sara | 944 36 17 308 |
| **Reiki** (on Appointment only) with Marcia | 7598260379 |
| **Bach Flowers & Counselling** (on Appointment only) with Stefania | 9486363442 |

50 % discount for Savi registered Volunteers and people under 30. On donation basis for Aurovilians and New Comers

Joy Community is located in Center Field, after Nandanam School, next to Center Guest House
For info and reservations, please contact us at: 9487272393 Email: joycommunity@auroville.org.in
Come, Create with Us!
Experience, Express and Explore yourself though the Visual Arts

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

Weekday 5pm-7pm @ Creativity Community Atelier, Near Solar Kitchen

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

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

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

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: Saturdays 28 April: NO - Aligned Vinayasa Yoga

New Session: Saturday: 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
MAY & JUNE CLOSED

Verité 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

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)

- Nature’s Theater - http://lilaloka.org/natures-theatre/ - 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/nirmitti-project---land-art-. Contact Jitta first: 9159053161
- Creating a herb garden, learning about various uses of plants and herbs, understanding and discovering Nature. All ages. FACILITATOR: Jitta. Contact: 9159053161.
- 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: megangonlag@auroville.org.in.
- Self-discovery through play, using the mediums of art, games and verbal expression. All ages. FACILITATOR: Megan. Contact: megangonlag@auroville.org.in.

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

Reminder about Ten-day Intensive classes for French, Hindi and Tamil:
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, from 11am to 12pm). During these 10 days, you'll learn French basics: you'll be able to order in a restaurant, to book accommodation, to ask for help in many situations (in a shop, directions...), in addition of course, to all the classic stuff including presenting yourself, telling time, etc.
Basic Spoken Hindi Intensive class
Another 10-day class, starting on May 7th and ending on May 18th: for two weeks, Monday to Friday, from 10 to 11am. Those who did the class with Vandita last summer are welcome back to refresh their knowledge and practise, and new students are welcome. Mita is looking forward to getting back to teaching after a gap. Get ready to master basic Hindi conjugation: enough to be able to travel up north, or to enjoy short conversations with the many Hindi speakers in Auroville. Enjoying yourself, laughing and having fun is a basic requirement for this class!

Basic Spoken Tamil Intensive
A new batch will start in May. Saravanan would like to offer something new this time. He’ll avoid writing on the black board and will focus on a lot of conversation practice. The class will involve working together with the Tamil materials on the Lab mediatheque, followed by card play with Introductions, Questions, Useful words, Tamil culture, based on the “Fun with Tamil” grammar. The class will also watch a Tamil movie. There will be a Whatsapp group to update students and to share short advertisements in Tamil and audio recordings of the materials covered in class. Though the class will remain twice a week, it is intensive because of the number of topics covered in 10 days. Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10-11am. For those who have already done some Tamil before, and need to review, this is the class for you. Also, for totally new students who want to jump in and immerse themselves in Tamil.

The regular Beginners Tamil class at a slower pace, has a change of timing: 11.30am to 12.30pm on the same days as before: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Malcolm continues teaching English classes from 5 pm to 6 pm: the Pre-Intermediate class is on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the Beginners’ class is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Piero continues teaching Italian classes for the Pre-Intermediate level from 5 pm to 6 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Juan Carlos continues teaching Spanish classes for Beginners from 4 pm to 5 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Susana continues teaching Intermediate Spanish classes from 4.30 to 5.30pm on Wednesday and 11.30 to 1pm on Saturday.

For more information, timings and dates, and registration, please contact Language Lab.

French-English and Hindi-English Visual Dictionaries available.
We’ve received copies of 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.

We are looking for people from different parts of India and around the world to make audio recordings in their mother tongues. We're 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.

NEW SCHEDULE OF CLASSES - May 2018
New students are requested to fill out the form and register BEFORE attending any classes.

We have excellent university-level video and audio study materials and software in our mediatheque, which enable self-study in various languages.

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The Language Lab is open:
Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Saturday 9am to 12pm.
Location: International Zone, beyond the Unity Pavilion and Pump House.
Phone: 0413-2623661, 6380042388 Email: info@aurovilleguagecentre.org

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**Santé - Auroville Institute for Integral Health**

Clinic Phone: 0413-2622803
- email: sante@auroville.org.in / adminsante@auroville.org.in

Working Hours: 8:45-12:30 & 2:00-4:30 Monday - Saturday for Aurovilians, Newcomers & registered Guests, Volunteers & Friends of Auroville

For emergencies, contact Auroville Ambulance: Tel: 9442224680 (24x7)
Government Ambulance: Tel: 108 (24x7)

Please note: Blood tests and Lab collection Mon-Fri only before 12:00pm.

Santé is closed every Tuesday afternoons for staff meetings

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**Santé Therapists’ Schedule for May 2018**

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**MATTRAM**

(“TRANSFORMATION”)

**CENTRE FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT**

housed at FORMER HALL OF MITRA HOSTEL

For appointments about consultation, counseling and therapy, Mattram is daily available from 12.00 - 12.30 at 7639071051, 7639071051 or at mattram@auroville.org.in

Daily free “walk-in” consultation from 9 -10 am with one of the team members.

Monday: Linda Grace medical shiatsu and meridian psychotherapy
Tuesday and Thursday: Jerry clinical psychologist and psychotherapist
Wednesday: Palani clinical psychologist
Friday: Rosalba supportive system therapist, bach-flower and mandala healing
Saturday: Barbara consciousness and energy work based on integral psychology

General Program: Postponed until after the Summer recess

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### OTHER EVENTS

**PAUSED until JUNE: Contact Improvisation Dance classes and jams:** See you all back in June! Contact John: 8524963049

**Improvised Theatre Workshops for Children!**

Tuesday May 1, 7.30pm - 9.00pm at Unity Pavilion FREE!

Does your precious little princess or prince act like they’re made for the stage?

Do their regular daily performances cry out: future film star? Are they aged between 6 -12 years?

If the answer to all of the above is yes, or you just think that your child might benefit from an opportunity to flex some creative cerebral muscles in the form of improvised theatrical storytelling, then this is the workshop for you (and your child)!

**How to register for this workshop**

To register for this workshop, please email jesse@auroville.org.in or call/message/WhatsApp me on 948 6623 749, Do it now!

Please note: If the workshop has not received at least 10 registrations by 5pm Monday, it will not go ahead, so if you’re keen, register now! Jesse

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**Restorative Circles: Learning Community Exploration**

**“Building a Compassionate Justice System”**

Fri, May 11 - Sat, May 12 - 9.30am - 5pm, with lunch break

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

Contact L’aura for more information and to join: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016. [Other upcoming RC events: joylivinglearning.org]
Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies
India and the World – Bharat Nivas

We have received a film entitled *Conscious: Fulfilling our Higher Evolutionary Potential* made by Alan Bais and Joseph Garcia, who have been visiting Auroville since many years.

We wish to show this film on Saturday, April 28, at 6 pm in The Bhumika Hall of the Sri Aurobindo Centre, Bharat Nivas. Duration of the Film is 65 minutes.

This film could lead us to share our personal experience on the path.

After the screening, please stay back to continue this inter-change. B. and Aster will be present as anchors.

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**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

Sadhana Forest, May 4th, 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 :)

**ALMA:** 65 Minutes / non-narrative / 2010 / Directed by Patrick Rouxel. Alma is a reflection on the value of life. It reveals what lies behind products such as meat, leather, dairy foods and exotic hardwood. The film invites us to question our consumer habits, to open our eyes and hearts, and allow room for empathy.

( Reminder: 27/04: losing tomorrow)

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.

Or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org / facebook.com/sadhaneforest

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**DOCUMENTARY NIGHT at UP**

This week at the Unity Pavilion, on Thursday 03-05-2018 at 8 pm we will be screening the documentary *CROP CIRCLES: Cross Over from another Dimension*. In this documentary the makers have elaborated on the phenomena of crop circles which have been widely happening and recorded the world over and yet their origins have remained a mystery and shrouded in secrecy. Welcome all to take part in this week’s immersion. :)

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**MUSICAL NIGHT at Unity Pavilion**

We are starting a new weekly series for collective listening of classical concerts which uplifts the mood and spirit of the listeners. In this spirit, this Saturday 05-05-2018 at 8pm we will be opening the night with Anoushka Shankar’s 2016 Berlin Concert. Anoushka Shankar is a world-renowned Sitarist. Daughter of Pandit Ravi Shankar, she has created a niche for herself in the classical circles. Come and enjoy the evening with a wonderful rendition from the best!

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**AUROFILM**

**MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM**

(MMC, Town Hall)


- Friday 4 MAY at 7.45 pm:

Synopsis: Documentary master Frederick Wiseman turns his attention to one of the world’s greatest ballet companies, The Paris Opera Ballet. He has been much acclaimed for his bare and non-narrative style. He just places a camera somewhere and registers what happens. No information about the action or the people involved is given. But Wiseman did choose the locations. He did choose what to register. And for how long each set and set of actions are supposed to roll. The result is a deceptively documentary narrative about the Paris Opera. But the story told is of course Wiseman’s interpretation of the Paris Opera... Exceptional!

Original French version with English subtitles - Duration: 2h.39'

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**OUTDOOR FILM SCREENING!**

**AUROFILM and Swiss Pavilion present:**

**AT VISITOR’S CENTRE (Behind the Cafeteria)**

Tuesday May 1st at 7.30 pm

On the occasion of 70 years of the Swiss Indian Friendship (2017 - 2018) the Embassy has launched a series of programs in various fields. The year-long celebrations intend to increase expert - to - people, expert to expert and People to People contacts and networks. One of the highlight themes of the section arts and culture has been exchanges / collaborations in culinary art, visual art and performing arts, and of course film promotion! The Embassy in collaboration with the Consulates General in Mumbai and Bangalore, launched on 6th March 2018 a special Friendship Bus, that brings the best children’s films of 2015 to various regions in India:

- MA VIE DE COURGETTE (MY LIFE AS A ZUCCHINI)
  Directed by Claude Barras - Switzerland/France - 2016 - Animated, fiction - 66 min. Original French with English subtitles.

Synopsis: Courgette (Zucchini) is an intriguing nickname for a 9-year-old boy. Although his unique story is surprisingly universal. After his mother’s disappearance, Courgette is befriended by a policeman Raymond, who accompanies him to his new foster home filled with other orphans his age. At first he struggles to find his place in this strange, at times, hostile environment. Yet with Raymond’s help and his new-found friends, Courgette eventually learns to trust and might find true love and, at last, a new family of his own. The film has been nominated for the best animation film of the Oscars. For children and everyone above 8 years old! Welcome!

**SAIIER & AUROVILLE PICTURES:**

Projection of new FILM + 3 presentations

SAIIER is pleased to announce the completion of a new short film that has been created by Auroville Pictures (Claire and Hervé) to give viewers an impressionistic view of the diversity of activities and people working within the SAIIER family.

The first public viewing of this new film will take place on: 28th April at 4 pm in the SAIIER Conference room.

Claire and Hervé will briefly share their experience in the making of the film, as well as giving a short introduction to the film-making apprenticeship they offer.

Brief presentations by Devi from Life Education Center, Sudhir from the Tinkering Studio in Udavi School as well as Paula Caesar who is working on a project around AuroGames will also be given during the gathering.

LEC offers skill training in tailoring and activities in the spirit of Auroville to women from the nearby villages. Skill training helps them earn a livelihood and the learning activities help in widening their horizons. LEC provides a space for these young women to explore and discover themselves, become self-reliant and confident.

The Auroville Tinkering Studio is a space for children between 10 and 16 years of age to refine their physical cognitive skills in an environment where they can conceptualize and experiment with materials. This helps the students to enhance learning in maths, science and logical thinking.

AuroGames is a large set of learning materials inspired by the concept of Integral Education and created by AuroCulture to teach a variety of concepts and values to a range of ages.

All are invited to learn more about SAIIER and to share in refreshments and an opportunity to mingle and interact with other Aurovilians.

We look forward to seeing a full house on the 28th!

The SAIIER Team

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**CINEMA PARADISO**
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

**Film program 30 April to 6 May 2018**

**Indian - Monday 30 April, 8:00 pm:**
- **QARIB QARIB SINGLLE (Almost Single)**
  India, 2017, Writer-Dir. Tanuja Chandra w/ Irrfan Khan, Parvathy, Bajrangbal Singh, and others, Romantic-Comedy, 125mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)
  The story revolves around Jaya Shashidharan, a widow in her 30s who lives alone and works at an Insurance company. Yogi on the other hand is a happy-go-lucky maverick and sort of entrepreneur. These two characters who are polar opposites and meet through a dating app. Circumstances made them take up a journey where they set out to revisit Yogi’s past flames. However, what follows is a journey of self-discovery for both. A journey that leaves them astounded. Rarely one finds a Rom-com in India that is truly delightful, vaguely believable, and actually funny! That and coupled with effortless acting makes this film an absolute must see! If you have not already - definitely watch!

- **FROM BUSINESS TO BEING**
  Germany, 2015, Dir. Hannah Heningin & Julian Wildgruber w/ Jan Kabat-Zinn, Otto Schamer, Pier Carlo Padoan, and others, Documentary, 89mins, German-English and others w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
  How do we want to live and work? The film tells the story of three executives of big companies searching ways out of the “rat race”, and looking for more meaning and authenticity. The filmmakers meet experts from economy, science and meditation who build bridges between ‘business’ and ‘being’ and give new impetus for a cultural shift in the business world, focusing on the well-being of all.

**German - Tuesday 1 May, 8:00 pm:**
- **TOT S’ACCÉLÈRE (Fast Forward)**
  France, 2016, Dir. Gilles Vernet w/ Nicole Aubert, Jean-Louis Beffa, Nicolas Huot, Documentary, 82mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
  A philosophical and poetic portrait of the famous Baron Munchhausen. His crazy, yet entertaining stories, views and behavior is what sets him apart from others. He becomes alienated from the society that fails to grasp his brilliance. In fact, his mistakes of his youth and how his inaction left four women sisters had for him. Despite the 15 years apart, Wiktor becomes the focal point of discussions of the maids of Wilko once more. The film is a peaceful one with little action, and shows how a man regrets the mistakes of his youth and how his inaction led four women longing for him.

**Interesting - Wednesday 2 May, 8:00 pm:**
- **TOUT S’ACCÉLÈRE (Fast Forward)**
  France, 2016, Dir. Gilles Vernet w/ Nicole Aubert, Jean-Louis Beffa, Nicolas Huot, Documentary, 82mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
  A philosophical and poetic portrait of the famous Baron Munchhausen. His crazy, yet entertaining stories, views and behavior is what sets him apart from others. He becomes alienated from the society that fails to grasp his brilliance. In fact, his mistakes of his youth and how his inaction left four women sisters had for him. Despite the 15 years apart, Wiktor becomes the focal point of discussions of the maids of Wilko once more. The film is a peaceful one with little action, and shows how a man regrets the mistakes of his youth and how his inaction led four women longing for him.

**Russian - Thursday 3 May, 8:00 pm:**
- **TOT SAMYY MYUNKHAUZHEN (The Very Same Munchhausen)**
  Soviet Union, 1979, Dir. Mark Zakharov w/ Oleg Yankovsky, Inna Churikova, Elena Koreneva, and others, Comedy-Fantasy, 142mins, Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
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**International - Saturday 5 May, 8:00 pm:**
- **THEIR FINEST**
  UK-Sweden, 2016, Dir. Lone Scherfig w/ Gemma Arterton, Sam Claflin, Bill Nighy, and others, Comedy-Drama, 117mins, English-Hungarian-Polish-French w/ English subtitles, Rated: R
  Based on the 2009 novel Their Finest Hour and a Half by Lissa Evans in this film the British ministry plans to release propaganda films during London Blitz of World War II. Catrin Cole is hired as a publicist for the Ministry of Information to produce the films that the public will actually watch. In the line of her new duties, Cole investigates the story of two young women who supposedly piloted a boat in the Dunkirk Evacuation. Although it proved a complete misapprehension, the story becomes the basis for a fictional film with some possible appeal. In the face of personal and professional challenges - in making the film, the team share a hope to contribute something meaningful in this time of war and in their own lives.

**Children’s Film - Sunday 6 May, 4:30pm**
- **CONDORITO: LA PELICULA (Condorito: The Movie)**
  Peru, 2017, Dir. Alex Orevelle w/ Omar Chaparro, Jessica Cediel, Cristián de la Fuente and others, Animation, 88mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
  Condorito embarks on a hilarious adventure to save the planet and his loved ones from an evil alien.

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**ANDRZEJ WAJDA FILM FESTIVAL @ Cine-Club Cine-Club - Sunday 6 May, 8:00 pm:**
- **PANNY Z WILKA (The Maids of Wilko)**
  Poland,1979, Dir.Andrzej Wajda w/Daniel Olbrychski, Anna Sieniuk, Maja Komorowska and others,Drama,118min,Polish w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
  After 15 years of being away, Wiktor returns to visit his aunt and uncle at the advice of a doctor to get away for a while and recover from the loss of the death of his best friend. Nearby, in a gorgeous manor house, live five sisters whose lives were always filled with talking about Wiktor. Wiktor’s return rekindles the love four of the sisters had for him. Despite the 15 years apart, Wiktor becomes the focal point of discussions of the maids of Wilko once more. The film is a peaceful one with little action, and shows how a man regrets the mistakes of his youth and how his inaction led four women longing for him.

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