I had felt your reaction. It does not surprise me. It is precisely one of the general difficulties to be conquered. Perhaps the most hardened one (it seems especially localized in France): the intellectual difficulty. It is really a veil that blocks one’s view and makes one read or understand things on a very narrow range. It almost seems as if people are looking through a slit and catch a thin layer, tiny and bright, and all the rest eludes them: mountaintops are cut off, abysses are filled, and there remains one “pure” line. And if one happens to try and open them to a broader view, the line of sight gets lost in the “mists” or “muggy vapours” you mention. A curious phenomenon…. I do not know if you trust me, but I will tell you that every sentence of Sri Aurobindo is the expression or translation of a precise experience, and not only is it like a world enclosed in a few words, but it also contains the vibration of the experience, almost the quality of light of the particular world he contacts; and through the words one contacts, or can very well contact, the experience. I tell you, Sri Aurobindo is full of marvels – pure marvels – and I discover new ones every time I read his texts again, I say to myself, “Oh, how well he saw this!” And if there happens to be some haziness, I am sure a discovery remains to be made there. Sri Aurobindo never used one word too much. As soon as he comes to the mentally obvious - what would be for you precisely the starting point of a brilliant development - he cuts off. He smiles and leaves you hanging in mid-air – oh, he is surprisingly “discreet,” as you yourself put it, for a man who wrote thousands of pages!

You have not stepped into Sri Aurobindo. On the other hand, I quite understand if intellectuals so easily step into Zen! But I do not want to compare merits. With Sri Aurobindo, I am content to see and smile …. You have “better understood” my book, you say it has brought you “more than Sri Aurobindo” - but of course! That does not surprise me, I am afraid: I simply entered the regions of the “mentally obvious” he neglected, I climbed down a number of degrees. The “lines of force” you felt are simply the little strings I hung here and there to try and hook people on to the true lines of force that seem to elude them completely, because they see and feel just at the level of the mental slit. But I will tell you again, if you have the least trust in me, that Sri Aurobindo is a tremendous giant and not one word of his is without a full meaning …. Some time ago I wanted to have a music lover (a Westerner nurtured on true music like myself, formed in music) listen to a music of genius composed by an Indian; well, this poor boy could make no sense of it! He could not hear! His musical slit was open at one particular level, and he literally could not hear what was above - a true marvel, immense streams of music flowing straight from the Origin of Music. For him, it had no “structure,” it was “shapeless” music - whereas I saw, I could see that marvel, I knew where it was coming from, I could touch that world, and as soon as that high musical tension slackened in the least, I instantly felt that it came down to touch a center on a lower level …. It was the same thing in Egypt. For weeks I lived in an ecstatic state in Upper Egypt; I was with people who were looking at “ruins,” seeing beautiful “statues” - while for me those “statues” were living, those places talked to me, those so-called ruins were full of overflowing love ….So what to do?

Sri Aurobindo often said or hinted that writing, for him, was a sort of concession to the mental world, but that he might very well have done without writing, and that his real Action, in fact, took place in silence. Sri Aurobindo was not a writer, but an evolutionary leaven, a tremendous impelling Force, like the Mother. So we may say that his books, even if poorly understood, or misunderstood, act as vehicles for this Force, and that we should just “take the plunge” and publish them anyhow, until the day that famous mental slit will open, and people will gape open-mouthed. The Work gets done in spite of mental incomprehension, even in spite of mental “comprehension”! Only, it is a pity that people do not see the beauty of the Play and do not consciously take part in it.

Before one takes a first step into the great Kingdom, I think one must have definitively felt all mental comprehension, all mental illumination, and naturally all mental explanation, to be worthless or inadequate …. For more than ten years I have not read any book, but if I am given one in my hands, I immediately know the level of its vibration, in order to see clearly, one must get out of it, obviously. The same goes for the little individual - renouncing the individual is what you call “saintliness,” but it's merely the beginning of Humanity! Does one “renounce” an anthill? - One gets out of it! And it is wide and joyful. We are right in the middle of human infancy.

**MOTHER’S AGENDA, 9 April 1969**

**Satprem, March 27, 1969**

**The Ponder Corner**

There is no real Yoga possible, still less any integral Yoga,
If we do not go back from the outer self
And become aware of all this inner being and inner nature.

Sri Aurobindo
Letters on Yoga, vol.22, p.349
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IMPORTANT INFO FOR YOUR AUROVILLE STAY

REMEMBER TO ALL GUESTS
from Auroville’s Guest Facilities Coordination Group

Guest Registration Service

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

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→ Emergency Service of India: 108
HTF (Highway Task Force) Update 20.08.18

**BACKGROUND:**
The “Bharatmala Pariyojana” is a centrally sponsored and funded roads and highways project under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) of the Government of India. The highway project here is the outcome of a protocol between the central government and the state governments of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. Thus each has a say. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is in charge of preparing the technical proposal, financing, execution, and management. The states of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry are responsible for land acquisition in their respective areas. The concurrence of all of them is needed.

**DELHI:**
As reported to the community earlier, we visited the Chairman of NHAI on 1st August and presented our case, including some alternatives to be considered and studied; some might even be more economical. We were told that they would look into our proposal. We await a reply on the matter. Since then, the MP (Member of Parliament) of Villupuram, Mr. Rajendran, whom we had met in Delhi, has met the Road Transport Minister, Mr. Gadkari, twice on behalf of his constituents and Auroville, regarding the highway. The Ministry of Human Resources Development (that the Auroville Foundation is under), has also written officially to the Transport Ministry.

**TAMIL NADU:**
As land acquisition (for the highway) is a state matter, our MP organized a meeting with the Collector of Villupuram and the officer in charge of land acquisition. This meeting took place on 14th August and was attended by the MP of Villupuram and the MP of Kallakurichi (a region affected by the planned Chennai-Salem road). Present from Auroville were Sauro and Partha (WCom), Mita R., Selvaraj and Aravinda (HTF), BalaMurugan (TDC Regional Planning team), Padmanabhan (Land Board) and two representatives from Kallapalayam who were invited with us to the meeting. The discussion was mainly held with the Collector who clarified that his role is mainly for land acquisition. The following points were brought up by him during the discussions:

- to consider the cost of any possible alternatives that may be suggested.
- the fact that these alternatives should by-pass Pondicherry also, considering that it is not a link with the NH 32 (Tindivanam road) but a bypass for people that need to join the Villupuram-Cuddalore-Nagapattinam Road.
- that any alternatives should not have a negative environmental impact or meet with social resistance and displace people or affect their livelihood.

It was agreed that the Collector will call for a joint meeting in his office with the Project Director, NHAI Chennai, and his staff.

**Further actions required:**
- Information/ presentation to be prepared for the joint meeting with NHAI Project Director and Collector.
- The representatives from Kallapalayam are requesting to have joint meetings in Tamil Nadu with CM or Governor or Transport Minister.
- We were also advised that we should kindly request the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, to meet the Secretary, Highways, Tamil Nadu Government.

**PONDICHERY:**
Prior to leaving for Delhi, we had met with the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Pondicherry twice. We had supplied (as requested) a one-page summary of the issue, possible alternative routes to be studied, and two petitions, one by Auroville and another by Kallapalayam and Bommapalayam.

This would be forwarded by the LG to the MORTH. We had also raised the issue of reviving a cooperative bioregional planning in the area.

**Further actions:**
- We should seek another meeting and report to the LG, possibly with PondyCAN.
- **BIOREGIONAL PLANNING:**
  HTF team members (Navroz, Philippe, Govind, Aravinda) met with Probr of PondyCAN who has been involved in a project promoted by the GOI to make the first bioregional plan for the city of Puducherry and surrounding areas, extending from Kavilweli to South of Cuddalore. It includes active groups in Ousteri and Bahour lakes, both recognized as important conservation areas. While many aspects of this planning have been covered by them, there are some studies yet to be completed. The entire region is particularly sensitive in terms of water conservation and ecology. A highway as planned would have disastrous consequences for it. However, rather than confrontation, a positive cooperation in terms of planning, to ensure benefits to all in the area, is needed.

A larger meeting of all the stakeholders of the region, where officials from Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu governments, and the Auroville Foundation would be invited, is planned for the 1st of September. The aim of this Bioregional Meet would be for the different regions to get to know each other better, and to work towards a cooperative bioregional planning for the entire area, keeping the hydrology of the region as a basis, and covering several other topics of common concern.

A first, very promising meeting to prepare this step was held at the Tibetan Pavilion on 16.08.18 and attended by twenty representatives of all of these areas including eight from Auroville. It was conducted mostly in Tamil. A follow-up preparation meeting to organize all the details of the Bioregional Meet is taking place on 22.08.18.

**Further actions:**
- We still have to meet the CM of Pondicherry. We have agreed to meet jointly with PondyCAN and representatives from Ousteri and Bahour.

**AUROVILLE:**
An emergency Residents Assembly Decision (RAD) on the highway has been sent out through the RAS, for the Residents Assembly to voice its view and exercise its voice via the mechanisms of the Auroville Foundation Act; we hope this will strengthen the hand of the WC in following up the matter with the Auroville Foundation, Governing Board and other authorities. The RAD, as an official decision of the Residents Assembly, carries more weight than views expressed in a General Meeting.

Several members of the HTF feel that the highway situation highlights that the Auroville area is vulnerable and it is time to update the Master Plan, by including the reality of the existing lands of Auroville and linking them to the town centre, and complementing the hydrological framework of the bioregional plan.

For any clarifications, questions or suggestions, please write to “htf@auroville.org.in”.


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**Housing Board Report - June and July 2018**
Meeting every Wednesday. **Members present:** Ulli (Entry Board), Venkat (HRT), Sunder R., Prabhu and Xavier (Community at large), Yuval (Forest group), Mita Dg (Auroville Council), Svenja and Sundar K (Housing service) - absent: Ole. Svenja was accepted as the Housing Service replacement, on a 3-month trial basis, for Sonja who has completed two times a 3-year membership.

**Notes:** Svenja - Silent Presence Keepers: Juan, Iris or Petra

**Interaction with other working groups**
- **Working Committee**
- **Celebration:** Newcomers and volunteers’ accommodation

A security issue was reported that involved the theft of a camera. The issue was brought immediately to notice of the...
Office of the Secretary, AVFoundation (AVF) and Working Committee and a police complaint was filed by the volunteers. As a result of this incident, it was discussed and agreed to improve generally the communication with the caretaker on site and to notify the volunteers to first give such complaints to the Auroville Security Team to address before involving the AVF and the police.

- **Housing Board (HB) and Forest Group**: In view of the fact that Yuval has joined the Land Board and is often occupied with LB matters, the HB asked if the Forest group would like to send another member to represent the forest group. They notified that Yuval can remain part of the Housing Board.

- **HB, Auroville Council (AVC) and Koodam**: **Aspiration**: Concerning the arbitration implementation for the little house, the stewardship and use near Kumar and Sathiyar and the sports team, a different option has been offered that the little house could be managed by Kumar and Sathiyar.
- **HB** is upholding the Housing policy that Aurovilians cannot have a second housing stewardship as there are several requests for second housing stewardships, and considering the long list of Aurovilians (above 100) who need housing such special requests cannot be granted by the Housing Board.

**Farewell matters team (FW), Suzie**: - HS is taking care of the housing asset and moveable assets in the building when a steward is passing away and has no friends and family in Auroville to look after these matters. FW would like a small write up about this. (responsibility of furniture, valuables, pets etc.) AVC has answered to this.

**Housing and Security**: a meeting was called between HB and Security about a breach of security in the Mukti Bridge (temporary) housing compound by a few local young men. There was a threat of violence and some bamboo cutting. The role of the caretaker was needing more clarity of indication of commitment to deal with such intrusions. It is studied what needs to be done to protect this place.

**Auromodele fire issue**: AVSSST (Auroville Safety and Security Team) stated that the fire brigade should be called first and then the security. There is a definite need for the system to be improved. There are 2 tankers and 10 extinguishers in AV and better diesel water pumps are needed. HB suggests that the request for funding should be renewed. Practical fire prevention advice should be published and applied in houses under the care of HS.

**GOI allocation group**: Funds for our application for staff quarters are being applied for the staff quarter projects, like an extension of the Kriya project into couple housing, preparation for the building of the Vibrance apartment project, and Project B., and a youth hostel in Udavi school compound are being worked on.

- **Housing and FAMC**: **Aspiration**: Raju requested to be able to get the stewardship of the next door housing unit, previously used by Riju. In response to this request HB decided that - when the daughter comes of age, she can request to take up the stewardship of Riju’s house against the estimated value. In the meantime, the house will be used as temporary housing for Aurovilians. The FAMC confirmed the insistence of the HB that a steward cannot be given a second stewardship especially if it is possible to extend the place of which the person is a steward, which is the present situation of Raju.

- **Housing and L’avenir d’Auroville**.

- **Housing Development**: as the Housing Service is planning to be more actively involved in housing development and construction, with the help of GOI grants, Auroville Foundation and the FAMC to register a Housing Development unit and apply for an FAMC Resolution for the same. The FAMC with the Housing Board will discuss this on 28th of August 2018.

- **Mauricle news and project AAS**: Doctor-Pingle presented a project to create a place for non-Aurovilians parents of Aurovilians to be able to live in Auroville. This project would be funded by the parents’ donations. This project aims to be of support to Aurovilians whose parents have reached that stage in their life when they need daily help. There could be 5 to 10 units on the ground floor for this purpose. The Housing Board supports the project, but at this time cannot be the project holder.

- **Antakarana Project**: - As this plot in Auromodel has still space for building, Housing Board and FAMC suggested to give spaces for 3 more plots for individual low-cost constructions, supervised by the Housing service and the Auromodel service group.

- **Housing Board continuing**.

- **Aspiration/ Mariekes assisted living**, Request from Riju presently living in Mariekas to have access to the 2.5 Lhks he spent on his housing unit for his medical expenses and living needs. This is in discussion with the Aspiration Community that would like to use his old asset. This request will need the approval of both the BCC and FAMC to clarify if housing assets value can be used in such a manner.

- **Aspiration**: Ganesh implementation of the arbitration concerning the Newcomer hut rebuilding next to his house; Selvam completed the construction of the wall between Ganesh and the Newcomer unit.

- **Edavanchavadi**: - On the plot where Velu & Suguna (Promesse) were given permission to build there is space for 2 additional houses to be built. Notification will be given to Aurovilians who have requested to Housing Service for plots previously.

- **Mathuvan Forest, Sivaraj**: a final talk took place with the FAMC and HB, and an agreement was found and signed, and the issue completed.

- **AVES**: Criteria - HB would like to make comparison of AVES rates and send a mail to AVES with the bills to get clear explanation of the rates of instalments in big projects.

- **HS all-time Accountant presence**: A young Aurovillian, Aravin, was given the apprentice position in the accounting department.

- **Entry Topics**:

- **Saranraj (NC)** is confirmed staying with Christian in Prattha, and Jayasuda Dayalan, NC, in Gokulam farm - The question is why Newcomers and Aurovilians, cannot stay in the village. The answer is that this has been stipulated in the Entry policy that Aurovilians and Newcomers should stay in Auroville. Not staying in Auroville disqualifies a Newcomer to become Aurovillian.

- **Newcomers without funds for housing**: A growing number of Newcomers families are contacting the Housing Service as they don’t have money to pay for Newcomer housing monthly contribution (at a minimum rate 1000 rs a month) nor for permanent housing afterwards. Only some Newcomers younger than 40 could be applying for youth housing if both adults are Aurovilians, Newcomers or Spouse of Aurovillian, but mostly these are families, with only 1 Newcomer and 3 or more additional non-working family members. At the moment, HS has nothing to offer to them. Currently the EB is working on a change in policy, and the amendment will, at one point, be presented to the community.

- **Aspiration Community newcomer houses** - Aspiration Community was asked to lower the Newcomer community contribution of INR 2000 per person to 500 for a single and 1000 for a family. This would not include participation in either community kitchen lunch, or dinner. We also asked them to be open to once again to welcome Tamil newcomers. This was agreed.

- **Promesse** - Mister Varadharajan is authorized to allocate the resource person room at the school and Nimila can stay there as resource person room at the school. Basically this is a staff quarters arrangement. She can now get the HB recommendation to be confirmed as Aurovillian.

- **Housing Service Topics**

- **Realization**: HS mediated in a friction between the house-sitter and steward and the agreement has been adjusted.

- **Horizon**: Food laboratory. Volker would like to use the space for a restaurant in this building and asks that the Housing Service store room which is there to be moved out. It is being studied the original use in the building permission and stewardship of the structure.

- **Sathyavan, Ever** - his stewardship request is under study.

- **Nadaka** has requested support for resettling back into Auroville and to activate the agreement with Aurora that was made when he left the co-steward 4N house in Sharnga. Discussions are ongoing.

- **Service Farm** - HB went to visit Gowri, Raman and their 2 children, and Rajeswari, their sister – if HS could find a space
for Rajeswari and her child elsewhere, this would free some living space for Gowri and the family to live in and have place for their children. The Housing Service will try to find alternative housing for Rajeswari.

- Repairs & Maintenance

**Inspiration community building leaking problem - Different studies and estimates are being prepared, concern is for the completion before the monsoon as there is leaking in the electrical system.**

**Further various repairs are in different stages of estimation and actual work progressing for the repairs of the following housing assets:**

- **Courage - Arya Micky’s house**
- **Sanmit, Felicity, Sangamam Murugavel, Courage, Promesse, Antakarana House.**
- **Housing Loans & Grants; Fraternal contribution waiver requests**
- **Loan requests passed to the loan group, as per the usual procedure:** Loan requests: Alexander and Tatiana for Kalpana; Gabriella for Vikas, Devaraj for Fraternity - additional grant request - 50,000. agreed
- **Kalpana - Sagadevan asking for a waiver 50% and a loan extension to 10 years. Housing Board disagrees as this was clearly stated in the criteria, before the allocation under the financial assistance scheme offered by the project holders.**

**Humility - Ruslan request for a housing loan for 2 lakhs - Pending**

**- House transfers**
- **Windarra Frederike, stewardship - HB discussed together with the AVC and FAMC for clarification of the arbitration implementation issue and present stewardship of Windarra farm unit. It is needed to clear the transfer of the farm unit so Frederike can use the housing asset transfer funds for her future Auroville housing.**

**- Pre-agreements for new Housing Projects (like Kalpana, Sanjana etc.) should be signed together with the Housing service office.**

- **Long term absent stewards and their house-sitters**
- **Sharpana - Ella & Pascal - the family left Auroville on 24.04.2012 (status LEFT with Residents Service). Lisa (daughter of Ella) and Pascal are coming in December and during this time their situation needs to be clarified.**

**Overal clear guidelines need to be created of management of Housing units of which Stewards are out longer than 5 years. A request from the HB to the FAMC has been made to establish a clear and implementable guideline.**

- **Transfer of Stewardship after passing**
- **Vikas - Ross who passed away and Agni Jata his friend asked for her daughter Victoria for stewardship of the housing asset as Ross had wished for this. The HS informed that this house was purchased on a pro-bono basis and will remain as such. Victoria cannot occupy the house either, as she was not living there with him.**
- **There can be no inheritance in Auroville as stated clearly in the Housing Policy 2011. She has been asked to vacate and return the keys to the Housing Service.**

- **Mahalaxshmi House: Lorraine - request for HS to help her to move there. As she had left a housing unit in the Animal care center, 10 lakhs will be given as grant and 5 lakhs she will take as a loan.**

- **Maitreyee II safety measures - because of vehicle petrol thefts a watchman is being employed.**

- **Transformation, Kalabhumy, electrical new line - 7 093 Rs per house - already Sasha asked for help, Schima cannot pay. The HB explained that these expenses will not be covered by Housing funds so it cannot support these requests; HB advises to take a loan.**

- **Freaternity Bhagwanadas - 50 000 Rs request for Parking shed. Not approved. The HB states that he can take a personal or commercial loan.**

- **Second Stewardship issues:** Barbara, previously living in Ritam, and Alkya previously living in Anusuya, have been notified that they have to let go of these stewardships now they are living in new units in Sanjana. It has been reminded to them that one cannot hold second stewardships. These vacated housing assets can be transferred to new stewards to give some relief to the housing crunch.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Call from Entry Service**

*The Entry Service is looking for an Aurovilian or Newcomer office staff member for its Entry Secretariat.*

**Good command of English, basic computer skills, and ready to work in a team.**

**Preferably full time, half time possible as well.**

**Maintenance available.**

**Please provide résumé, photo, and why you would like to work at the Entry.**

**Contact entryservices@auroville.org.in**

**Two Emergency Residents’ Assembly Decision-Making Processes & a General Meeting**

**Dear Friend, this is to inform you that at the request of the Working Committee and the Highway Task Force, the Residents’ Assembly Service (RAS) has commenced two Emergency Residents’ Assembly Decision-Making Events - one on the proposed highway and the other on the formation of the International Advisory Council (IAC).**

*The RAS delivered online voting forms of the highway issue by email to the community starting last Saturday night (Aug 18) and sent out online voting forms on the IAC question the following Monday (Aug 20). On Tuesday (Aug 21) the RAS resent both voting links in its weekly VIBE! newsletter, giving residents another opportunity to vote. The voting links are unique to each email address and are set up to ensure that only one vote can be registered per email per decision. If you receive an error message when you vote, it is probably because you have already voted on that particular decision.*

| YES = I do not want highway |
| NO = I want the highway and/or disagree with the resolution |

- To register your opposition to the highway, please vote “YES” to the question. If you wish to support the highway, please vote “NO”, to disagree with the statement.

**Background on the International Advisory Council:**

*The International Advisory Council (IAC) is one of the three authorities that make up the Auroville Foundation as described in the 1988 Auroville Foundation Act. The IAC is composed of an international panel of eminent individuals and is created by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) within the Indian Government. At present the formation of the IAC is long overdue. The Emergency RAD resolution on the IAC constitutes an official message from the Residents’ Assembly of Auroville to the Government of India requesting the HRD to create an IAC as soon as possible.*

**General Meeting to Update Community on Highway:**

*Both voting processes will run until Wednesday, August 29, when there will be a General Meeting (4.30 – 6.30 in Unity Pavilion) to update the community on the progress of the proposed highway and Auroville’s response to it. At this meeting, anyone who has not yet voted will be able to do so. The RAS team will be present in the meeting to answer questions and to guide people through the voting process.*

**Didn’t Receive a Voting Email?**

*If you did not receive a voting email and would like to receive one, please contact the RAS at raservice@auroville.org.in.*

The Decision asks whether you support a statement that opposes the proposed highway and Auroville’s response to it. At this meeting, anyone who has not yet voted will be able to do so. The RAS team will be present in the meeting to answer questions and to guide people through the voting process.
General Meeting to Update Community on the Highway

Dear Friend,

This is to invite you to a General Meeting (GM) to Update the Community of the Proposed Highway.
Wednesday 29 August
4.30pm at Unity Pavilion

At this meeting you will also be able to vote in the two current Emergency Residents’ Assembly Decision-Making Processes on the highway and on the formation of the IAC.

The RAS team will be present in the meeting to answer questions and to guide anyone who has not already voted, through the voting process.

Your Residents Assembly Service

REMINDER: To All services under City Services: Budget Form

All services/activities that are receiving full or partial funding from City Services are requested to submit a budget within the scheduled submission deadline in order to be considered for continued funding.

There are two forms that need to be filled. They are posted on Auronet (link HERE) for downloading:

1. The Budget Form 2019-20 (request for the next financial year)
2. The Narrative Report Form for 2018 (describing the activities under the current financial year).
Please download both forms, fill them up and submit to BCC office (bccoffee@auroville.org.in).
The deadline for budget submission is 31 October 2018.
Thanking you and wishing you the best, The BCC

Housing Project under construction:

The finishing work at Kalpana is going on well. The South block with 22 apartments is 95% completed. In parallel the finishing work is going on in the North block and East block.
The balcony and staircases railings are in progress. The landscaping work will start soon.
Out of 42 apartments 8 units are still available: Studio: 3 units / 7 BHK (Bedroom, Hall and Kitchen): 3 units / 2 BHK: 1 unit / 3 BHK: 1 Unit. 2 OFFICES are also available at the ground floor in the North block.

In spite of our best efforts we won’t be able to complete by end of August. The next completion date of 15th of Oct. 2018.
Satyakam is available by e-mail for any information, and for a request for a site visit. satyakam@auroville.org.in

Houses available for transfer:

1. Petite Ferme (Ground and First floor): Plinth area: 84.04
Ground Floor - RCC roof with Lounge, Kitchen, Store & Toilet area, Open staircase. First Floor - Sloped Mangalore tile roof with Bedroom.
2. Realization - Mary Kroon House: Plinth Area of 43.00 sqm. Single storied Load Bearing structure Residential building with Stabilized Brick walls outside stabilized earth plastered, Brick vault roofing, living cum bed, Kitchen, & Toilet. Inner furnished wooden stair connects with Mezzanine.
3. Adventure Forest: Plinth Area of 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.

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

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

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 761
Dated: 27-08-2018

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians and Newcomers, joining Auroville.

Prior to Newcomer and Aurovillian status confirmation, there is a community feedback window of two weeks for Newcomers and one month for Aurovilians. Kindly forward your support or grievances to entryservice@auroville.org.in.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Amal Mohamed ALI (Indian)
Aditi Ramanbhai PATEL (Indian)
Shalinie Sekhar (Indian)

AUROVILIANs ANNOUNCED:
Michael MARGO MANGER (French) staying in Kriya and working at Youth Link
Andres ACOSTA (Colombian) staying in Kriya and working at Quiet and Vértè

AUROVILIANs CONFIRMED:
Bertrand CORTET (French)
Lison MOEGLE (French)
Mathilde TRUCHOT (French)
Safia RAOUI (Belgian)

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

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30AM-12:30PM
Monday to Friday by appointment only 02:30PM-04:30PM
Yours, the Entry Service

OBITUARY

Nergez proceeds

In the morning of 22 August, our second-oldest Aurovillian and dear sister Nergez (Homi Pesikaka) passed away in her Creativity flat at the age of 97. Paula of AV Health Services, who had been a steady presence at her side, witnessed the peaceful transition. Hailing from Mumbai, Nergez had the privilege to enjoy a dashan of the Mother in 1972 which touched her deeply. At the time, she also participated in the laying of the Foundation Stone at Matrimandir that turned out to be the beginning of her long connection with the Matrimandir. Yearly visiting Auroville after that, she joined for good in 1977, starting out in Utility. Having been one of Iyengar’s first students, she came as a qualified hatha yoga teacher, but her main love and concern has always remained Matrimandir. Throughout her life she also worked at AVAG, HERS, the Archives, Entry group, Housing, always returning to Matrimandir where she also gave information to visitors. With her frank humour and impish personality, she was a welcome presence in meetings and her places of work. In later years Nergez has resided in Ceritute, Samasti and then Creativity. While always considering herself a ‘Mother’s child’, Nergez also remained attentive to her Parsi upbringing, freely sharing with friends and colleagues her understanding and ways, and fabulous Parsi cookies...

Some 4, 5 years ago, Nergez withdrew more or less from the public eye, staying quietly in her flat, receiving only closest colleagues her understanding and ways, and fabulous Parsi cookies...

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Nergez’s body remained in her Creativity flat, where friends could bid her a last farewell. As per her wishes, her remains were buried in Auroville’s Adventure burial grounds in the afternoon of 23 August. Our warmest condolences go out to her family and to Adil, who was one of Nergez’s closest friends.

Thank you, Nergez, for your brave and dignified stance in life which made you a role model for many. May you be in the Light. Jay MA~

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FUNDING AUROVILLE: fundraising for land, collective developments and Auroville related projects.

“Funding Auroville” is now active with team members: Sigrid, Nadia, Slava, and Bertrand.

Our priority is to fundraise for land, and land related projects. Funding Auroville is reaching out to Foundations, Corporate Social responsibility funding, and Private donors.

Aurovillans are our ambassadors to raise funds to purchase the land. You can help us by doing any of the following:

- Share our Facebook (Auroville Funding), Twitter, Instagram posts with your friends. Find our page at funding.auroville
- Subscribe to our newsletter on the “Funding Auroville” website: funding.auroville.org.
- Add a link to our website and crowdfunding platform to your webpage with a few lines describing our work.
  - funding Auroville: funding.auroville.org.
  - crowdfunding platform: www.globalgiving.org/projects/auroville-land-funding/
- Introduce us to your business contacts.

If you need any help doing that or if you wish to have more information, contact us via email: info@funding.auroville.org or through our website: http://funding.auroville.org.

If you want to meet with us, Nadia is available at the Land Board office every morning in Town Hall, 1st floor.

We all need to work together to generate the funds to consolidate Auroville’s land!

LFAU, Acres4Auroville, Art For Land, Green Acres and Funding Auroville are working hand in hand!

“Connecting Thread”
- a community event meant to bring together Aurovilians, Newcomers, guests, and LEC women
- an enriching time for sharing and collaborating with people from diverse backgrounds to create a quilt collectively. (see cover photo)

It was a challenging, rewarding and joyful experience for the LEC team. About 25 participants from different backgrounds and cultures created the quilt together. The event happened for two full days on Feb 16 and Feb 17. Most of the work except the center part was finished during the two days. The floral center and fine detailing were completed by the LEC team, for whom the event was an opportunity to also demonstrate, communicate with a diverse group of participants, share and exchange skills besides the joy of creating in a group. More photos of the event at www.life-education-centre.org/events/embroidery-tailoring.

Thanks to all participants for making it a joyful event and immense gratitude to Oga, Wonja, Kyung Ae and other South Korean Aurovilians for their support and enthusiastic participation.

LEC provides opportunities for young women from the villages to widen their horizons through activities based on the spirit of Auroville and vocational training in tailoring. Life education centre is located past Celebration area and opposite Isai Ambalam School (Go past Verité and Colors of Nature, make a left at the T-junction at the end of the road and continue. Life Education Centre is just adjacent to the vacant land on the right and BEFORE Isai Ambalam School). Come visit us or visit www.life-education-centre.org to know more about the Centre. The LEC Team

Auroville Underground Music Festival

Dear Friend, this is to invite you to the first Auroville Underground Music Festival - AUM Festival!

WHEN: 4pm - Late, Saturday, Sept 8 - WHERE: Youth Centre

What is it? The Auroville Underground Music Festival (AUM) is a festival dedicated to experimental music and sound and will feature artists working with:
- the creation of atmospheric sound landscapes,
- interesting new vibrational experiences,
- custom synth and bass sounds;
- Loops, beats and all the fun dancy stuff that comes with the new landscapes of 21st century music.

Experimental Music Welcome!!

The Festival has a large ‘open-mic’ section and invites anyone with something experimental and interesting to offer to come forward and share with the festival. Acoustic, electronic, hip-hop, undefined, bring it!

Food & Craft Marketeers Wanted!

The Festival will also feature and food and craft market, so if you have something delicious or amazing that you’d like to sell to the good people of the Auroville Underground Music Festival (AUM), then please send an email describing your product/s to indispirit@gmail.com.

Get in Touch!

If you’d like to perform either an improvised piece or something prepared, it’d be great if you could an email to unitypavilion@auroville.org.in letting us know what you’d like to do. Otherwise WhatsApp on +919486623749.

We Need Funds!

At present the Festival has no funding support. We need to pay Bharat Nivas around Rs4000 for the sound system and lights, so if you have a generous disposition and would like to support the growth of experimental music in Auroville, then please let us know. Alternatively, any donation, no matter how small would be enormously appreciated to Pour Tous Account number: 252654 (please specify that that contribution is for the AUM Festival),

For more information, don’t hesitate to give us a call on 9486623749. Much love, The AUM Festival Team!

Volunteers needed for International Peace Day Celebrations - 21 September 2018 at Unity Pavilion

As in previous years Unity Pavilion is planning to celebrate International Peace day with various activities in which children and adults can participate. This year’s Peace Day celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: the theme is “The Right to Peace- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70.”

If you have an idea for any activity which can be organized on the day, kindly get in touch with us. Also we will need a few volunteers to help with organizing. Aurovilians, Newcomers, SAVI volunteers and guests are all welcome.

Please contact : 0413-2623576 or unitypavilion@auroville.org.in
**Nature Camp Site Now Open for Groups!**

The Nature Camp Team is happy to announce the Auroville Nature Camp site at Kuvunj is now open to Aurovilian/Newcomer groups. The site, situated just outside of Kodaiakanal, is extremely beautiful (just ask anyone who’s been to Nature Camp!) - the perfect place for team bonding for your colleagues or to retreat in nature with a group of friends. It is also very rustic, so you’ll need to organize tents, bedding, food, and gas to bring with you. We have set minimal charges per person for the stay. The money collected will help to further improve Nature Camp facilities. If you’re interested in learning more or booking a spot at Nature Camp, please write us at: naturecamp@auroville.org.in

**POSTINGS**

**Anthropology in Auroville:** I am compiling an archive of anthropological, ethnographic and related studies of Auroville and the larger region, old, new and ongoing. This will form part of an effort to get an overview of the 'Anthropology of Auroville' as well as the development of future studies and research. Please, if there are any other anthropologists in Auroville, I would love to get in touch! If you know of publications, students’ papers, theses, whether historic or ongoing that you can share with me, I will appreciate this highly. Any input you may have on the topic will help. I know that some of you at times get inquiries from students who will come on anthropological field trips to Auroville, so feel free to link them up with me to become part of the Auroville Anthropological Collective. ...“for a living embodiment of an actual human unity”. Thank you, Cecille. Please send email to Cecille@aurolvilleconsulting.com

**BIRTHday and BIRTHdays:** For the still ongoing 50th birthday of Auroville we are collecting 50 Aurovilian Birth Stories which are taking us through the decades and leading beyond; showing the development of future studies and research. Please, if there are any other anthropologists in Auroville, I would love to get in touch! If you know of publications, students’ papers, theses, whether historic or ongoing that you can share with me, I will appreciate this highly. Any input you may have on the topic will help. I know that some of you at times get inquiries from students who will come on anthropological field trips to Auroville, so feel free to link them up with me to become part of the Auroville Anthropological Collective. ...“for a living embodiment of an actual human unity”. Thank you, Cecille. Please send email to Cecille@aurolvilleconsulting.com

**From Singaram to Sigaram!** Those oldie-goldies among us who used in olden days to buy in Pondyi their meager office, school and/or other stationary materials from the little Singaram stationary shop in Nehru street, may be pleased to know that now the shop has morphed into the SIGARAM stationary shop at Canteen street #68 (close to the original Singaram).

As the Singaram owners apparently gave up on their long-lasting ownership battle of the building in which they were housed, the employees of the original Singaram have years ago bravely taken up the goods and running of the shop in a small location literally squeezed against the Manonmani Temple in Canteen Street. Some half year ago they got the opportunity to move in a wee more comfortable place just beside it and they proudly called it ‘Sigaram’. It’s a real pleasure to see the same people, who year in year out would sullenly shuffle back and forth to get you your agendas, pencils, paints or whatnots, now brightly and sprightly, and totally rejuvenated, came forward to help you. Check it out! - Mauna

**Thank you, Highway Taskforce!**

In the six weeks since the large and very diverse team of Aurovilians has started working together as a ‘taskforce’ on the urgent and challenging task of avoiding the planned highway from cutting through the Auroville area, enormous efforts have been made from the side of its many dedicated people (all of whom have jumped in to help while still having other responsibilities to attend to). Countless meetings have taken place, in small and large teams, in Auroville and elsewhere, well over a thousand emails have been exchanged… and noticing the amazing number of mails sent out by several members during the ‘small hours’ between midnight and sunrise, it has rightly been observed that the ‘HTF never goes to sleep’! : -)

Thank you, Highway Taskforce, for shouldering the stress of this fire test that Auroville is going through, and for giving it your utmost best! May we as a community give you all the possible support!

(Submitted by Jasmin)

**A Note of Thanks to Sheril and Daniel**

We would like to thank Sheril and Daniel for their warm hospitality and open hearts in welcoming the children and facilitators of TLC at Sri Ma last week for an overnight camping trip. We were lucky with the weather and could camp on the beach, but they readily offered us an inside “plan B” sleeping space. We were also welcomed to use the dining area for dinner and all enjoyed a wonderful late-night swim in the pool.

Thank you, dear ones, for making us feel so welcome and at home. With love, The Learning Community

**Thanks from YouthLink: Youth Day event**

Dear Community, we are so grateful for each one of you that came to participate the event at Town Hall on the 12th August - in sincerity and solidarity, celebrating International Youth Day together. It was wonderful to feel connected in the Auroville spirit sharing food, hearing about new educational opportunities, watching performances, and dancing together! See under “NOTES” was a rap performed by Jesse that conveys a sense of what the event was about. Thanking everyone for your support.

Much love, the YouthLink team

**Contributions for Kerala**

Dear community, we all are aware of our “God’s own country”(Kerala), fighting a big challenge against torrent rainfall and landslides since past two weeks. People from different places are giving hands to help them in the ways they can. The team of ‘Let’s Talk Trash’, a youth cleanup group of Auroville, is planning to organize, sending the relief materials to some parts of Kerala from our community collectively.

You can donate any of the materials listed below. Used materials will not be taken. There is no cash collected.

The relief materials will be collected again after sending the first round of collected materials.

Materials can be dropped in Townhall Reception between 9.00AM - 5.00PM.

**Last date to drop in contributions: 29.08.2018**

For more information contact: 9443617098, 9751110018
email: lettstalktrash@auroville.org.in

Thank you, Let’s Talk Trash

**YEOLING**

**YouthLink at Humanscapes!**

Hello friends and extended family, YouthLink will soon start activities at Humanscapes Hall which we are trying to furnish. If any individuals or units could help us with donations of second hand items or materials we would be very grateful. Things we need include kitchen crockery and cutlery, gardening tools, and any smaller items such as vases or art pieces are welcome.

The intension of this space is to create activities for young adults in the spirit of education and service.

Thank you for considering to help us.

In gratitude,
the YouthLink Team
+91 8940568266 / youthlink@auroville.org.in

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**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

**Call from Entry Service**
The Entry Service is looking for an Aurovilian or Newcomer office staff member for its Entry Secretariat. Good command of English, basic computer skills, and readiness to work in a team. Preferably full time, half time possible as well. Maintenance available. Please provide résumé, photo, and why you would like to work at the Entry. Contact entrieservice@auroville.org.in

**ASSISTANT/TEACHER TRAINING at ELUCIOLE CIRCUS**
Dear Friends,
The work I do with the children at the Eluciole circus is really enjoyed by them all, and I’m receiving more and more requests from the kids and also from adults to organize more classes.

Since I’m actually the only circus teacher in Auroville, the possibilities are obviously limited and that’s the reason why I would like to start the full training of an Aurovilian or Newcomer, someone who lives in Auroville, and who would like to learn the job of circus teacher, to become first my assistant and, eventually, be Eluciole’s second teacher...

The work we are doing in our circus school is very much connected with the yoga of Auroville, the awakening of the body consciousness, and we are also working on many different aspects of our being: overcoming our fears, developing trust, exploring our resistance, learning to let it go and surrender...

It also creates a connection with the children, through the heart, learning to love and share this love, learning patience and becoming aware that with perseverance and practice everything becomes possible.

This formation will last a year - or more if needed. The trainee will assist the classes as an assistant, and will receive some private classes weekly to develop his/her technical knowledge, with the possibility to receive a financial support during the training.

Please, contact me if you are interested in this project.
The Eluciole school is located at Miracle community.
Contact Kalou: 9787332791 or via email: eluciolecircus@gmail.com
Thank you,
With Love, Kalou

**Work Opportunity at Unity Pavilion**
Unity Pavilion is looking for a full-time team member who is willing to work in a multitasking environment and share responsibilities in the Spirit of Serving the Community. Good computer skills and readiness to work in a team. Preferably full time, half time possible as well. Maintenance available.

Please provide résumé, photo, and why you would like to work at Unity Pavilion. Contact unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

**Pre Creche is looking for a full-time Teacher**
PRE Creche is looking for a full time teacher to start working with us immediately. The candidate should be well organized and energetic. You will be working with children aged from 1 to 3 years old, Monday to Friday from 8:15 to 2:00 pm.

If you’re interested please contact the school (0413 2623161) between 10 to 11 am or Marie Angele (0413 2623072) in the afternoons or Auroprem (9443215063).
*Conditions apply. Regards, Pre Creche Team.*

**Teaching Opportunity at Aikiyam School**
Right away! Here in Aikiyam School we are looking for a Hindi teacher, 5 hours a week, teaching 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8th grades. We can organise the schedule so that the person can come and do all on two days. If you are interested and available for this teaching opportunity, please contact us at aissg@auroville.org.in, or by phone at 0413-2622358.

Thank you, Aikiyam Support Group with Shankar, Principal
- Website: www.aikiyamschool.org

**Health**

**Cluster Headaches sufferers?**
Is there anyone else in AV who suffers from cluster headaches? If so, please get in touch with Matthew at m.b.tildesley@gmail.com / 70 94 34 24 07.

**Childbirth Preparation Classes now at Santé**
Subjects include the role of father during pregnancy and birth, healthy development of foetus, pregnancy comfort measures, breathing, relaxation and visualisation for birth, natural pain relief, water birth, newborn and sacred first hour of life, breastfeeding, healing and recovery.
- Childbirth Class @ Santé: Auroville Institute for Integral Health
  - From Monday August 27th from 4-6pm for 6 weeks until 1st October 2018

Contacts:
- Krishna: 90807 63157 / Krishna.lescure@auroville.org.in
- Paula Murphy: 7598611950 / Paulamurphy@auroville.org.in

**SPORTS**

**UPDATE!!! EXTENDED DATES!**

Certitude Badminton Tournament 2018
Due to the incredible number of participants (over 70 teams!), the Finals of the Men’s Doubles Open tournament (BioRegion) will happen on Sunday 26th August, 6:30 pm at the Certitude Badminton Court

**EATING OUT**
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture (International Zone): Tibetan Dinners are ON again! The Wednesday Dinners from 7 pm onwards at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture have RESTARTED. We request everyone to register in advance for the dinner by calling 0413-2622401 or 8489067332 or send an e-mail to: kalsang@auroville.org.in. All are welcome.
Greetings Auroville... 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 for you to 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: Website: aurovilleradio.org, Twitter: AurovilleRadioTV, FB: facebook.com/auroville.radio. We are happy to share with you all what we managed to capture in the past weeks as a team of AurovilleRadioTV.

Out of regular programs we have: GangaLakshmi continues with her Selections of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo in French. Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga (57 and 58). Here are also the views of 23rd July, and of Monday Musical edition features Dev and Zenas’ choice of Tamil songs. We also have Gopu Oh, and R.I.P. Aretha Franklin.

Your AurovilleRadioTV team

Notes

You’re the Plan!
“Yo! You’re the plan,
if you can’t do it nobody can!
You’re the answer to the problem,
If there’s an issue we’re gonna solve’em.
Calm and collected
And ready for the fight
To do what you know in your heart is right,
working hard to keep the goal in sight,
with your body and soul turned towards the light,
In the reflection watch your eyeballs glister,
As you perk up your ears and take a moment to listen
to words I speak
Move with intention,
Connected to everyone
to something bigger
In the name of fun
Let’s all get together
Under the sun
Let’s unite
towards the light
Cause if we do
then battle’s been won
long before
it ever begun
Love! that’s the plan, if love can’t do it nothing can!
Love is the answer to all the problems,
If there’s an issue love’s gonna solve’em.
Calm and collected
And ready for the fight
Love tells you what in your heart is right
Listen to love to keep the goal in sight
Love turns your body towards the light
With love in your heart, there’s nothing to fight
It’s a burning flame that’ll keep you going all night
You never have to wonder is what you’re doing right
If you’ve got love up ahead straight in your sight
The question now, finally has an answer.
Listen to the music and listen to the light
Listen to the music playing in your heart,
wondering where to begin?
Here’s a good place to start.”

Rap by Jesse at the YouthLink event for Youth Day

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longer navigable, and water shortages are experienced even in North-Western Europe. Less in the focus of the media, Africa and South America have suffered severe droughts and floods.

This June was globally the hottest month ever experienced since recording started in the 1820s. In the Arctic Circle, temperatures have topped 30°Celsius, the world’s permafrost is melting (40 % over the last 4 decades), and the rapidly shrinking polar sea ice is replaced by dark ocean water which cannot reflect the heat back into space. At the same time as the ‘carbon sinks’ of the forests are shrinking, the oceans are showing signs of CO2 saturation, i.e. they are losing their ability to absorb and buffer CO2. The atmospheric CO2 concentration has not been this high in at least 800,000 years, with the warming effect on the climate rising by 34% since 1990, according to the World Meteorological Organization.

As the world struggles to curb man-made pollution that exacerbates extreme weather events, scientists are warning that climate change seems to be outpacing the transition to a green clean global economy. Two thirds of the world’s mega cities are situated less than 10 meters above sea level, and so is much of the agricultural land that feeds them. All of these processes are interconnected and will thus influence all lands, oceans and the humans living on the beautiful planet.

In the next column we will report more positive news on world-wide efforts, such as the Fossil Free divestment commitments of 900 institutions (worth 6 trillion US$) that have renounced investment in the oil, gas and coal companies, and make the transition to 100% renewable energy. And the celebration and initiatives of ‘Rise up for the Climate’ a day of global action coming up on September 20th.

Available

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

CHARCO the loving dog: My name is Loki, volunteer in Auroville. About 4 months ago we rescued a puppy from a fire accident. He is now nicely healed and a sweetheart, but we have recently moved to Surrender and we cannot keep a dog there. We would like to find a loving home for our Charco. He is a Doberman mix breed, very friendly, and is about 7 months old.

If interested, please contact me at 9785721973, thanks. Loki

Various:

- One fridge, one single bed, two fans, one washing machine. If interested please call 9003529670. Titu

Fridge: AVHS has a fridge (not new but in working condition) to give away. The fridge would need small repair (light isn’t working) but works well. If interested, please contact Paulo 9488339348.

Luggage Space available for Paris: I’m flying to Paris on Monday 27th with a baggage allowance of 40kg and I will barely use 15kg. If anyone needs to send things to relatives in Paris just let me know! With Peace and Light, Michelle 8300731300

Water Words: On Governance in WMS

(This is part 8/10 of the introduction to the Water Management Strategy (WMS) that the Water Group is currently working on. Please visit our website to read the full draft and share your feedback.) Water must be made a priority on the governance level in Auroville, and should rest firmly on three principles of fairness, equality and accountability. This means fair and equal access and distribution of available water, as well as holding accountable those people who might perform “water vandalism” (wastage, pollution, misuse). The topic of water should not only be politicized, but must be considered at all levels of governance in Auroville, in the most integrated and comprehensive way. While there is strength and resilience in our current, decentralized approach to water management, projects need to be grounded in a shared vision that is agreed upon by the community. The creation of an Auroville Water Assembly is proposed - a body with representative stakeholders that works to make decisions on water matters. Would this be workable? Regarding water economics, this should be based on the principles of fairness and sharing. While water itself will not be priced, the sourcing, storing and distribution costs need to be covered, with the proposal of a water cooperative - details are in the WMS! Finally, collaboration and active community participation are key in the success of water governance in Auroville. Your feedback please.

Water Group (Aditi, Bala, Christian, Dorle, Giulio, Ingrid-Marie, Jeanne, Meera, Pavneet, Tency, Tom)
Website: www.aurovillewater.in
Facebook: www.facebook.com/aurovillewatergroup

ACCOMMODATIONS

Available: House sitting available for a single person, preferably female, Newcomer or Aurovilian, who has a heart for art and who could also be able to help us with maintenance, coordination and creative work in ZEN+ Art Centre in Acceptance. For more info contact Matej on +91 94990 35375 or matej@auroville.org.in.

Needed: Hi, I am looking for a house-sitting from October to December. If you have a spare place for this time I would be very grateful. It doesn’t have to be for 3 months. If you have something for one month in this time period, that would help also. I am (50) AV, working mainly in Baraka. Please call 994368410, thanks. Kay.

LOOKING FOR...

Modem and Massage Table: Hello Community, I am in need of two items. Can you help? The first is a modem (D-Link or other) for use with an Ethernet cable - NOT wireless. And the second is a massage table. I will be most grateful for either and will be happy to give a suitable contribution. Please contact me at fionafraserjehu@hotmail.com. With thanks, Fiona

Dog-Sitter: Looking for somebody who loves dogs and spend time with them. Ganeshas, my little cute dog needs a dog sitter from 31st August to 10 September. If you like to have fun with him please contact me at 8489764062 or email me prierhadi4@gmail.com. Love and Gratitude, Lakshmi

Guitar: Dear Musicians or not, I wish to resume my guitar lessons and I am in need of a guitar of any color, size, age etc. If you have an acoustic one to donate or exchange or receive a contribution against, contact me on whatsapp +17189024295 or email eleneseñior@gmail.com or landline 0413-2623722, Elene

Work opportunities 1: Dear Friends, I am looking for a new job from September on wards. I am born and grew up in Auroville and have had lots of various work experience through the last decades. Please contact me at aurora@auroville.org.in or 9443558087. Thank you, Aurora.

Work opportunities 2: My name is Meera from Prayatna, I am a Newcomer and am looking for a fitting job in Auroville. I have an MCA in Computer applications and have 2 years of experience in Auroville and the region. Please do not hesitate to contact me, I can send my CV and meet you personally. My Email ID is meerashas954@gmail.com. Warmly, Meera.

Work opportunities 3: Greetings! I am Sathy, 26 years old, volunteering at the AV unit “Taste of Nature” for the past year. I am applying to become a Newcomer. I have done my teacher training in yoga at Sivananda Ashram in Madurai. I would like to be assistant for yoga teachers and to learn better practice, and I am also looking to help in art and handicraft workshop. Email sathyanarayanasamy2@gmail.com, thank you all, Sathy.

LOST & FOUND

Bag of Books (lost): We have lost a bag with story books on 16th August, in front of the Visitors Center main gate. If found please call us on 9999953521. Regards, Manisha.
**Young dog (found):** very sweet with a red necklace taken refuge in our garden. Come to get back him as quickly as possible, we have already two dogs and can't keep him. Thank you, Agnes - New Creation - 9787874081

**TAXI SHARING**

Auroville service of taxi sharing available with STS at: [http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/](http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/) (an initiative by earth&us)

**September 10th**: starting from Auroville at about 3:15pm to reach Chennai Airport by 6:40pm. Sharing both ways possible.

Contact: sergey@auroville.org.in, +91 94434 90153 (whatsapp).

**Week’s Happenings**

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
- Auroville Art Service - artservice.auroville.org/calendar/

**AT MATRIMANDIR**

- **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

**INVITATIONS**

**TALKS**

**BHARAT NIVAS**

**PAVILION OF INDIA: AUROVILLE**

Bharat Nivas presents, at Kalakendra Gallery

Sharing of experiences

Weekly Sessions Tuesday 4:30pm

by early pioneers of Auroville and Friends of Sri Aurobindo Ashram

**Final Presentation of Swadharma 5**

Saturday 1st September at SAIER Conference Hall.

Presentations will start at 2:00 pm and continue until 5pm, with a short refreshment break in between.

Dear friends,

The 5th Swadharma programme ([www.swadharma.auroville.org](http://www.swadharma.auroville.org)) is coming to an end, and the Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI) team would like to invite the community to a presentation by our participants. The 15 young students (age 18 to 30) who have joined us from various parts of India and abroad for these 5 weeks of exploration and self-discovery, will present their journey from what brought them to Auroville in the first place, how this programme helped transform their vision of who they are and reflect on the insights they gained for their life path ahead.

Please Join us for the entire presentation, or feel free to join us any time during this period. Each student will present their journey for about 7 minutes with 3 minutes for questions and answers.

We are looking forward to welcome you!

With Gratitude for all the support we have received from the community.

The Swadharma Organisation Team
- Lalit, Manoj, Min, Siddharth, Sheetal, Sophie & Valentine

Associate Programme Team Members
- Amir, Anita, Aran, Dev, Laura, Manas & Min

**EXHIBITIONS**

**Anubhava- Pan India Gap Year Program**

Admissions Open

Until 15Sept 2018

[gapyearindia@auroville.org.in](mailto:gapyearindia@auroville.org.in)


**Reminder:**

**Feelings Draw**

By Audrey

Aurelec Cafeteria & Art Gallery

Until 31st August 2018

- 8am to 5pm
Matter and Light

exhibition of Art works

until 15 September 2018
at Unity Pavilion

open on all week days
from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

As part of the 50th Anniversary celebration of Auroville, the Unity Pavilion is organizing an exhibition of art works by two well-known artists - Kratu from Auroville and Usha Patel from the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry - to support the action for Auroville's missing land.

As you may be aware, Kratu's ceramic creations are unique in texture and artistic quality and he has been an integral presence in Auroville’s art scenario. This exhibition features some of his exquisite creations.

The late Usha Patel was one of the Ashram artists whose creativity was nurtured directly by the Mother. Many of her works were seen and blessed by the Mother and some were even named by her.

ALL ARE WELCOME

This is a beautiful way to support the purchase of Auroville’s still-missing land!

Bharat Nivas presents

BHARAT NIVAS
PAVILION OF INDIA: AUROVILLE

"The Dawn of Auroville"

An ongoing Photo Exhibition
on the early days of Auroville with rare historical images and texts by The Mother.

Opening hours: 9 to 4:30 pm. Sundays closed.

At Kalakendra Art Gallery
Ongoing until end September 2018.

CULTURAL EVENTS

1st Year Anniversary

KALABHUMI goes Live!

August2018 Edition - Saturday25/08/2018

Live Music Fair - From 4 pm to 11 pm at the Kalabhum Amphitheatre

SUMMER VIBES WITH LOCAL AV BANDS
Dhani Muniz Band / Eddie Jazz Trio / All Stars Blues Band / Soul Cypher

FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY PROMINENT INDIAN ROCK BANDS
Grey Shack / Thermal And A Quarter

Food stalls with beverages, refreshments, pizza and cakes
Fundraiser for music studio with lots of good vibes but...no alcohol please! This occasion will serve to hold a fundraiser, with the purpose of collecting funds to promote Kalabhum music scene and improve our music facility to allow more artists to express, create and teach.

Please take kind note that friends from PDY and outside of Auroville have to submit their advance request for entry, else Auroville community security will not let you in!

Organized by Kalabhum Studio Collective
In case of rain we will scale this event down, and host it in our music studio (around 120 seats available)...
This is a land fundraising event in connection with the ongoing exhibition “Matter and Light” at Unity Pavilion from 12 Aug to 15 Sept. Proceeds will go to the “Acres for Auroville” campaign to support the purchase of Auroville’s still-missing land.

Song and dance sequences are an integral part of Indian cinema, especially Hindi cinema, which is also popularly known as Bollywood cinema. The Hindi movie dances combine brisk as well as graceful movements and express various moods. These dances are also performed on-stage and during parties. In this workshop some famous Bollywood songs will be played to which all participants will dance together led by Shobhana.

Shobhana, daughter of Satyakam and Devasmita, has been learning classical and folk dances from the tender age of 3 years and regularly conducts workshops in Indian dance forms. Join her on this dance adventure to learn a few steps which will become handy when you party next time. ‘Young’ people of all ages and children also can participate.

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America - C.A.L.I
(House (casa) of Latin America - Indigenous)
International Zone
Invites you all to
A Traditional Festival from South-Andes of America
PACHAMAMA (Mother Earth) CELEBRATION
Please come and bring food, flowers and incense to the Mother Earth, thanking her for all she has given to us the full year and asking her food for everybody for the next year.

Thanks - “We say hello to you from our hearts”
Friday, 31st August, 2018 - 5.00 pm
At the Open Air Arena Theatre - behind Kalakendra, Bharatnivas
For contact: phone 0413 2622547 - email anandi7@auroville.org.in
Warmly invites you to

a vocal **Carnatic Music** Satsang of Bhajans and Kirtans

on the occasion of **Krishna Jayanti**

by

the Children of Auroville, Smt. Adhi Sangari Yoga,
Dr. Jisha Rajendran and Smt. Manjula Selvam

(Advaita Arts Academy, Pondicherry)

**Date:** Sunday, 2 September, 2018

**Time:** 5:30 - 6:30 PM

**Venue:** Sri Aurobindo World Center for Human Unity (SAWCHU),
Bharat Nivas, International Zone, Auroville

**Contact:** bharatnivas@auroville.org.in / 90038 91571
Cancellation of Classes: “Classical Hatha Yoga” Morning Yoga classes with Aishwarya are scheduled on: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 6.45 - 8 am are cancelled due to teacher’s illness.

The Tamil Beginner’s Intensive class starts from 27th of August for ten days, and will be twice a week: Monday from 10.15 to 11.15 am and on Thursday from 1 to 2 pm.

- **English:** Asha’s classes are all about practice. Her classes aim to give students the best English conversational tools, and to increase their confidence. Designed for people with little to no functional English, these classes quickly bring adult students up to speed on how to get around in a Global World. Asha’s approach is to tailor her teaching to every student’s need, and it shows. Students leave the Beginner’s English Class ready for all the basic conversation they need to get around the English Speaking World.

Asha’s Intermediate English class focuses more on grammar. This is the class for those who can communicate in English, but would like to improve their skills. Maybe they want to improve how they speak, or maybe they are having trouble expressing their ideas in English, and need a bit of encouragement. This class gives them that, as well as a more in-depth focus on the nuts and bolts of English, for those who need a bit of improvement.

The English conversation class is Puja’s third class. A unique class, this session is entirely about self-expression. Students here are at the Intermediate level, and it can be taken, although it does not have to be, in conjunction with Asha’s class. This class is entirely conversational and will give students, above all, the confidence they need to express themselves in English. After a few sessions, learners have found they have a much more expanded ability to express their inner thoughts and ideas. If you feel confident in all the other areas of English, but are having trouble expressing your more complex ideas because you feel you need more practice, then this class is probably for you. Jack is offering a course on English Writing. This is a course for anyone who needs to improve their writing skills. It is particularly important for people who may need better writing for everyday or professional settings. Jack’s approach is to tailor the lessons on composition to the level of each student - for this reason much of the class is concerned with writing different kinds of documents - in other words: practice, practice, practice! This multi-level class is good for both formal and informal writing.

- **French:** We are happy to welcome Anabel, a Newcomer from Ecuador, to our team. Anabel is perfectly bilingual in French and Spanish, and in addition to taking efficient and gentle care of the reception in the mornings, she is really looking forward to teaching as well.

The new Beginner’s French class with Anabel is sure to be a treat. Anabel’s French curriculum is centered around building student confidence and pronunciation. Both of these elements are vital to any student who wants to get a good start in French. Anabel’s treatment of French grammar is a further element here, which gives students the exact basics they need to reach their needed competence in French.

- **Spanish:** But it is the Spanish Beginner’s class that will be Anabel’s chance to shine. Anabel weaves in cultural lessons about her native Ecuador into the class - making it an experience of the rich heritage of Latin America. Her emphasis on basic Spanish vocabulary, pronunciation and grammar is complemented by these lessons - making this class more than a simple language class. It will give students an encounter with the whole Spanish speaking world. If you have wanted to gain Spanish, or need to prepare for travel, this is definitely a class to consider.

We await Susana’s return to start the Intermediate Spanish class.

- **Italian:** Piero’s class in Italian is like Italy itself - rambunctious, beautiful, frank and unreserved. Piero also weaves Italian culture into his lessons, which he considers essential to give students the cultural context to understand the language. He teaches grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary - and with these three elements he prepares students to fully participate in the rich heritage of Italy. Students from Piero’s classes at the Lab have gone on to study at Italian Universities - solely from Piero’s tutoring in the language. His classes prepare you not only for basic conversation, but for the entire Italian world.
AUROVILLE BUS SCHEDULE

- Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

Focus this week on: ‘The Inner being’

28th August (Tuesday) - at Savitri Bhavan, 9 am to 12 noon

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

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

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises. Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 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.

OTHER EVENTS

- Introduction to Auroville and Integral Yoga, in FRENCH

Mondays at 4:30pm and Saturdays at 3pm, every week.

At the French Pavilion (Opposite Visitor’s Center)

Christine Pauchard gives weekly introductions on Auroville, followed by an introduction to Integral Yoga, and a meditation of 20/30 minutes as an immediate application.

All French speakers are welcome. No advance registration required, just come on time! Duration 1h15 min / 1h30

- Hormonal yoga for women: New Regular daily classes

From 27th of August to 7th of September 2018 Monday and Thursday from 5.00 to 6.15 pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7.30 to 8.45 am

Arka Multipurpose Hall – 1st Floor

For those who don’t know about Hormonal yoga, it is a natural treatment, combining postures, movements and breathing techniques from different yoga, which reactivates hormone production in a natural way and eliminates most symptoms of hormone problems (menopause and other problems). As it increases estradiol level, it also helps in the prevention of cardiovascular diseases and osteoporosis.

With energetic exercises of dynamic yoga, specific pranayamas and Tibetan energy techniques, Hormonal Yoga Therapy acts directly on the hypophysis, thyroid, ovaries and adrenal glands.

Please contact Arka (0413 2623799) or Brigitte by email Brigitte@auroville.org.in or cellphone (9443283980) to confirm your participation.

All are welcome (young and even young women).

For more information about the technique, http://www.dinahrodrigues.com.br

- MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

For your kind attention! Our free Management & Leadership training has received great response. Some of the feedback we received: “We could relate Management to what we do; the training has been simplified for us to understand”. “The translation has been very good. We think this will definitely help us perform better personally and professionally”.

Our next session details: 29, 30 & 31 August 2018 - 9am to 12pm at Ilaignarkal Education Centre, Saaram Community, North of MatriMandir. Target Audience: Administrative staff, Supervisory staff, Support staff, Middle Management, Senior Management, Teachers, etc. The Training is offered free of cost. Training handouts will be provided. Voluntary contributions towards resources are welcome. Feel free to make any contributions to Ilaignarkal community account 2367.

For further details and bookings, kindly contact 0413 2623773 / tamil@auroville.org.in

REGULAR EVENTS

The Regular Events column is printed once a month, sent weekly via pdf through our mailing list, and published weekly online for anyone to access at: auroville.org/contents/4187
“The Mahabharata Within”: a workshop by SEA
Sunday 2nd September, 9:00AM – 5:30PM
at Kala Kendra basement hall, Bharat Nivas
Based on Gift Ecology (contribute from your heart): Donations through AV bluesheet of SEA (Social Entrepreneurship Association). For Further details & Registration please contact SEA at: socent@auroville.org.in / 9485278931
The Mahabharata is one of the most important epics of the world, and like many of the other great myths, it too is an archetypal drama that is unfolding in each of us in our everyday lives. However, we are often unaware of this and play out habitual patterns of behaviour unconsciously. In this workshop we will delve into what the Pandava archetypes within us could be and how they are being expressed and suppressed in the different contexts we inhabit. This awareness brings along with it a possibility of a new realignment of energies and potentials within us.

Bamboo Furniture Workshop 29th - 31st August 2018.
Bamboo grows all around the world and is abundant across Southeast Asia. It is the most sustainable material in the world; also it is affordable, easy to work with and has a very low carbon footprint. Over the years the Auroville Bamboo Centre has aimed at teaching participants how to become experts at working with Bamboo. We offer basic trainings for beginners and offer advanced courses for professionals and enthusiasts working with Bamboo. Students have built bridges, storerooms, showrooms, workshops, houses, public toilets, domes and many fancy structures using a variety of techniques which integrate bamboo, steel, jute, lime, and earth as their primary components.

OBJECTIVES
- Learning about Bamboo & its Application
- Learning how to use bamboo as a material
- Learning the Tools and Techniques
- Interacting with Technicians and Faculties for Problem Solving
- Learning to work and design with bamboo
- Complete Hands-On Experience
- Learning to Make your own Furniture

BENEFITS: Students will receive knowledge and skills as well as awareness of and practice in utilizing technologies that use bamboo, possibly in combination with other materials, and that help to conserve the environment. Also, they will learn to become expert craftsman, confident in manifesting your design and ideas using bamboo as a material. Come and learn to make any kind of furniture with bamboo! Do it yourself, with hands-on training with our trained technicians and faculties.

Timing: 9am to 6pm. Venue: Bamboo Centre, Auroville.
Breakfast & Lunch will be inclusive with the programme.
(Special Discounts for Aurovillians / Newcomers and also to Long Term Volunteers), Contact: Call us on 0413-2623808 / 9619996080 or email at bambocentre@auroville.org.in.
For more details visit aurovillebambocentre.org

Healing Children Symposium: With Sigrid Lindemann
8 & 9 Sept 2018 - www.auroville-holistic.com
A 2-day Symposium of alternative therapy for children in difficulties - be it with diagnoses ADHD, Autism, epilepsy, developmental delay, cerebral palsy, congenital disorders: ataxia, Huntington, behavioural issues.

REMININDER: The monthly schedules and activities of the Auroville Centers can 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.aurovillelanguagelab.org/courses.php
- Auromode Yoga Space: www.auromodeyoga.space
- Vérité: www.verite.in
- Arka Wellness Centre: www.auroville.org/contents/2886
- Quiet: http://quiethealingcenter.info
- Bamboo Center: aurovillebambocentre.org

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, August 27, 2018 at 6:30pm. Duration: 36min.
NIROD DA: AN INSPIRATION - HONOURING THE MEMORY OF NIRODBARAN
Nirodbaran (1903-2006) was one of the close disciples of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. He was the scribe and personal attendant of Sri Aurobindo and had a special relationship to the humour of the Lord.

Nirodbaran’s association with Sri Aurobindo began even before birth. When Nirodbaran was born on November 17, 1903, his mother saw in her vision a resplendent Rishi standing in front of her, whom she later recognised to be Sri Aurobindo. In 1933 Nirodbaran joined the Ashram. At this time Sri Aurobindo’s yoga had entered a phase of sadhana in the physical and subconscious. This meant that things were quite difficult for the sadhaks. Each problem of his nature, small or big, Nirodbaran placed before the Master and Sri Aurobindo explained, encouraged and gave him the drive to go on.

The film was made by Gnostic Centre, New Delhi in 2007.

AUROFILM
MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM
(MMC, Town Hall)
FRIDAY 31 AUGUST - 7.45 PM (sharpl!)
“COURT”
Written and Directed by Chaitanya Tamhane
With: Vira Sathidar, Vivek Gomber, Geetanjali Kulkarni, Pradeep Joshi
Synopsis: Chaitanya Tamhane in his directorial debut examines the Indian legal system through the Mumbai Sessions Court trial of an ageing protest singer, Narayan Kamble, who is accused of encouraging a manhole worker to commit suicide through one of his folk songs. As the trial unfolds, the personal lives of the lawyers and the judge involved in the case are observed outside the court. The film has won plenty of national and international awards. It’s a little gem!

Interesting note: Vira Sathidar (who plays Narayan Kamble) was born in 1960 in Nagpur city. He spent his early life as a cowherd. Later in those days he started to take interest in Folk Art and Music. Now he is known as a poet, writer, singer and lyricist. He is also an Editor of Marathi Magazine ‘Vidrohi’ and is a democratic rights’ activist.

Duration: 1h.56’ - Original Marathi, Hindi, Gujarati and English version, with English subtitles
The FRENCH PAVILION presents

"Towards an artificial climate?"
Saturday 1st September 2018 at 5pm
Town Hall - Cinema Paradiso

A documentary film, in French only, dur.: 70min
Jacqueline Roche was a journalist for 17 years in France and abroad, then Photographer and Director for major advertising campaigns. An autodidact, she created her own production company.

She always looked for blue sky backgrounds for her visual work. But over time, she realised that these sky images are not so intensely blue, that our sky is often veiled, much less bright. This observation led to this investigation on climate change, the agreements concerning them, their stakes, the intergovernmental mission dedicated to climate change Are we properly informed about climate-related scientific research? Their consequences or their dangers? On the growth of heavy metals? Peaks of pollution with fine particles? Acidification of our body? “Geoengineering”, present at COP21, is a science: an industrial technology that sprays aerosols into the atmosphere to create cloud seeding and filter solar radiation. Repeated climatic disorders could be the pretext for the emergence of a profitable industry. It seems the right time to create a real citizen debate and to start feeding it without prejudice.

CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 27 Aug to 2 Sept 2018

Indian - Monday 27 August, 8:00 pm:
• ALIF (Stance)
  India, 2017, Writer-Dir. Zaigham Imam w/ Neelima Azim, Pawan Tiwari, Bhavna Pani and others, 120mins, Drama, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

Hakim wants his 10-year-old son Ali to become a doctor. However, he faces backlash from his family and neighbors who want Ali to become a scholar of the holy Quran. Things change when his sister arrives.

German - Tuesday 28 August, 8:00 pm:
• DER GANZE GROSSE TRAUM (Lessons of a Dream)
  Germany, 2011, Dir. Sebastian Grobler, w/ Daniel Brühl, Burkhard Klaussner, Justus von Dohnanyi, and others, Drama-Sport, 113mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

1874: Konrad Koch is one of the first English teachers in the German Empire. In Braunschweig, nobody has ever heard of German football. A true story, dramatic and humorous, from the late 19th century, when football was still subversive.

Nature Series - Wednesday 29 August, 8:00 pm:
• BLUE PLANET II: OUR BLUE PLANET (EPISODE 7)
  UK, 2017-18, BBC Series w/ David Attenborough, Documentary Series, 60mins, English, Rated:NR (G)

The entire Blue Planet II series explored parts of the ocean that have never been visited, encountered extraordinary animals and discovered new insights into life beneath the waves. In this final episode Sir David Attenborough examines the impact of human activity.

Russian - Thursday 30 August, 8:00 pm:
• GAGARIN. PERYV V KOSMOSE (FIRST IN SPACE)
  Russia, 2013, Dir. Igor Maslennikov w/ Vasily Livianov, Vitali Solomin, Rina Zelyonaya, and others, Crime-Mystery, 184mins, Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

On April 12, 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Gagarin blasted off in a Vostok rocket and he orbited Earth for 108 minutes. He was the cosmonaut who was selected from over three thousand fighter pilots throughout the Soviet Union. Once chosen Gagarin is fast tracked to train for the unknown and the trip of a life time!

This movie celebrates the bravery and achievements of Yuri Gagarin - the first man in space.

International - Saturday 1 September, 8:00 pm:
• REMEMBER
  Canada, 2015, Dir: Atom Egoyan, w/ Christopher Plummer, Kim Roberts, Amanda Smith, Drama-Mystery-Thriller, 94 mins, English-German w/English subtitles, Rated: R

With the aid of a fellow Auschwitz survivor and a handwritten letter, an elderly man with dementia goes in search of the person he believes to be responsible for the death of his family in the death camp to kill him himself. What follows is a remarkable cross-continent road-trip with surprising consequences.

Children's Film - Sunday 2 September, 4:30pm
• NINE LIVES
  USA, 2016, Dir: Barry Sonnenfeld, w/ Kevin Spacey, Jennifer Garner, Robbie Amell and others, Comedy, 87mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

A stuffy businessman finds himself trapped inside the body of his family's cat.

INGMAR BERGMAN FILM FESTIVAL/CINECLUB
As part of the global celebrations of the centenary of world-renowned Swedish filmmaker Ingmar Bergman CineClub will screen some of his early works at cinema paradiso. Bergman was widely considered one of the greatest directors in motion picture history. For much of the second half of the 20th century, he stood with directors like Federico Fellini and Akira Kurosawa at the pinnacle of serious filmmaking. One of the most important motifs in the artistic creation of Bergman is the questioning on faith and emotions. He poured serious mental enquires and profound philosophic thoughts into his images and footages, pushing the audience to ponder over the situations the modern people are facing in his self-reflection.

HD Ciné-Club Sunday 2 Sep. 8pm
• PERSONA
  Sweden,1966, Dir.Ingmar Bergman w/Bibi Andersson, Liv Ullmann, Margaretha Krook, Gunnar Bjornstrand and others,Drama,83min, Swedish w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

A young nurse, Alma, is put in charge of Elisabeth Vogler: an actress who is seemingly healthy in all respects, but will not talk. As they spend time together, Alma speaks to Elisabeth constantly, never receiving any answer. Alma eventually confesses her secrets to a seemingly sympathetic Elisabeth and finds that her own personality is being submerged into Elisabeth's persona.

Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G-General Audiences, PG-Parental guidance suggested, PG-13-Parents strongly cautioned, R-Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support.

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

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group
Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in
THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, August 31st, Friday

Schedule of Events:
4:00 pm: Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
4:30 pm: Tour of Sadhana Forest
6:00 pm: Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
6:30 pm: Eco Film Club begins with “previews” of short Sadhana Forest films
8:00 pm: Dinner is served
9:30 pm: Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

Before the movie, at exactly 4:30pm 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 7pm :)**

Deserts on the Move: Europe
50 mins / 2017 / English / Directed by: Ingo Herbst

In this concluding segment of two-part documentary series, we see how deserts now cover more than a third of the entire surface of the earth, thus 65% of arable lands. More than three billion cattle, sheep and goats chomp their way through pastures faster than they can be regenerated. This program shows how desertification is changing the balance of the earth and affecting two continents in particular: Asia and Europe.

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 and facebook.com/sadhanaforest.

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