Blessings for all who work with conscience, good will, regularity and good taste and for all who want to learn and progress.

The Mother
Yesterday or the day before, the whole day from morning to evening, something was saying, "I am... I am or have the consciousness of a dead person on earth." I am putting it into words, but it seemed to say, "This is how the consciousness of a dead person is in relation to the earth and physical things.... I am a dead person living on earth." According to the stand of the consciousness (because the consciousness changes its stand constantly), according to the stand of the consciousness, it was, "This is how the dead are in relation to the earth," then, "I am absolutely like a dead person in relation to the earth," then, "I am the way a dead person lives without any consciousness of the earth," then, "I am quite like a dead person living on earth..." and so on. And I went on speaking, acting, doing as usual. But it has been like that for a long time. For a very long time, more than two years, I saw the world like this (ascending gesture, from one level to a higher level), and now I see it like this (descending gesture). I don't know how to explain it because there's nothing mentalized about it, and non-mentalized sensations have a certain haziness that's hard to define. But words and thought were a certain distance away (gesture around the head), like something that watches and appreciates, in other words, that tells what it sees - something around. And today, it has been extremely strong two or three times (I mean that that state dominated the whole consciousness): a sort of impression (or sensation or perception, but it's nothing like all that) of, "I am a dead person living on earth."

How can I explain that?

And then, with vision, for instance, the objective precision is missing (Mother makes a gesture of not seeing through her eyes). I see through and with the consciousness. With hearing, I hear in a totally different way; there is a sort of thirst in the whole being for it to be constantly like that. Nothing but That exists anymore, nothing but That (that was two nights ago). Naturally I answered, "Anything." And the Presence takes on such a wonderful intensity that... -

"You will understand when he is here, you will have the explanation." Those experiences are always preceded by the Supreme Presence drawing near in a very intimate and inner way, with a sort of suggestion, "Are you ready for anything?" I am talking about the body. It's not the inner beings, it's the body. And there they aren't visions that impose themselves on the sight, or noises that impose themselves on the hearing: it's a sort of movement of consciousness that makes certain things perceptible and keeps others as if in a very imprecise background.

The consciousness chooses what it wants to see.

There's nothing personal - nothing personal. There is obviously the sense of a choice and a decision, but there is no sense of a personal choice and decision - moreover, the "personal" is reduced to the necessity of making this (Mother pinches the skin of her hand) intervene. With eating, for example, it's very odd - very odd.... It's like someone who is watching over a body (which isn't even a very precise and defined thing, but a sort of conglomerate holding together), a spectator of... something happening! No, it's really an odd state. Today, since I got up and till now, it has been very strong, dominating the whole consciousness. And there are even times when you feel that a mere nothing could make you lose contact (gesture of disconnection, as if the link with the body were severed), and that only if you remain very still and very indifferent - indifferent - can it continue. In the consciousness of the people, the whole morning, it was translated by (all this is perceived very clearly), by the thought, "Oh, Mother is VERY tired." But there is that sort of state of indifference, unreceptive to the vibration around, which enables you to go on, otherwise you feel that... (same gesture of disconnection) something would be seriously disrupted. Once or twice I had to draw within a -

And the body always says yes, it does like this (gesture of surrender). No choice, no preference, no aspiration, even: a total, complete surrender.

(To be continued)
After a pause of more than a month, recently we have seen a renewed activity of surveyors around Auroville, which is raising concerns. Land procuring process seem to be setting up a special office in Vanur, and from some corners the hopeless news is echoing: the second alignment has been finalized and there is no more scope for negotiations!

This sounds like the doom’s day is announced... is the battle over? or do we still hope, strive and aspire? Time is testing our faith in the future of the City of Dawn... It is not the faith of a weakening soul who buries his head under the sand or closes his eyes when faced with the danger, that will save us. Nor is it the pride in our intellectual superiority that will help us in this fierce battle of mighty forces...

Yes, there is the other side of the coin:
In spite of alarming evidences, the Highway plan is still in an exploratory phase with many important factors pending. There is an explicit instruction at the NHAI office in Chennai “to obtain various clearances: forest / wild life / environment / eco-sensitive area / CRZ (coastal regulation zone)” every one of these aspects will speak volumes against the proposed alignment.

We are also aware that the reaction of the local population is crucial for the Government in this equation: it will not and cannot ignore it. We see that the case of Chennai-Salem highway, under the same larger scheme of ‘Bharatmata Pariyojana’, has been stalled by the High Court. The general public has its say too!

We saw last week that the Bioregional Planning is gathering momentum perhaps it will eventually be able to assist in finding more suitable options for the highway, benefitting the entire region and gaining general support of people from Marakkamandal to Cuddalore.

Ultimately, this external threat is also a leverage for us to accelerate our inner alignment to the ideals of Auroville: an effective human unity and of being at the service of the divine consciousness. Every challenge that we face now is forcing us to strive and aspire?

(from Aravinda, a member of the Highway Task Force)

At the very moment when everything seems to go from bad to worse, it is then that we must make a supreme act of faith and know that the grace will never fail us.
Marie Claire arrived in the middle of night, when we tried to reach her she was already on the flight back and it was not possible to give the clarifications like in the previous case. These issues have been brought to the notice of the Governing Board. We are working with the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, to resolve these issues and the pending visa renewals.

2. MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD.

The community interaction with the members of the Governing Board took place over 2 days, Friday, September 7th and Saturday morning September 8th. These interactive meetings were attended to by Dr. Karan Singh (Chairman), Dr. Premal Nandakumar, Prof. Satchitananda Mohanta, Dr. Nirma Oza. Mr. Siljo, Director and Deputy Secretary HRD Ministry, who came instead of Dr. Saravana Kumar, the Joint Secretary in charge with the Auroville affairs, attended the meeting on Saturday morning. Dr. Anirban Ganguly could not attend these meetings and was only present during the Board meeting proper which was held in the afternoon of Saturday September 8th.

On Friday, the following presentations were made:
1) The 50th anniversary team reported about its work, and the book Auroville in The Mother’s words, volume I was presented. A report of the work of the 50th team is available on the Auronet at https://www.auroville.org.in/article/69480
2) The Matrimandir Executives gave a presentation on the work being done and on the ongoing work to find the best design for the Garden of the Unexpected. The Board expressed that work on the other gardens should not stop because of the work on the Garden of the Unexpected. The executives replied that the module chosen for finding the best design for the Garden of the Unexpected may also be used for the design of the other gardens in future.
3) SAIIER executives presented their new annual report, which also includes a brief overview about SAIIER. Manoj, Sophie and others presented the Auroville Gap Year and the Swadharma programmes. (Swadharma is a 5-week programme of self-discovery for young seekers of the world, aged 18-28. The 5th group (there are 2 groups per year) had just completed its programme by the time of the GB meeting.) This was followed by a short presentation about the Outreach Board that has recently been revived and expanded by Sanjeev Ranganathan, and the showing of a 12-minute film that gives an impressionistic view of SAIIER with its scope and diversity of activities and people.
4) The proponents of the Line of Goodwill presented the project to the Governing Board and spoke about their research. They have received a “Letter of Intent” in lieu of a “Site Permission” from L’avenir d’Auroville giving them permission to instigate a feasibility study. The Board expressed amazement that any building in Auroville could be planned which would be higher that the Matrimandir. It was explained that the 18-storey building would be at the Visitors’ Centre side of the Line of Goodwill, not at the Matrimandir end.

In the afternoon a community interaction took place at Bhoomika Hall, in which the members of the Board interacted with the community. It was planned that the members would return in the questions the Working Committee had proposed, but this did not happen. The members spoke freely about issues of their concern. This discussion has been recorded by the Auroville Radio and can be listened under this link: www.aurovillerradio.org/meeting-session-with-the-governing-board.

After the discussion, Dr. Karan Singh released the second issue of Bharat Nivas’ journal “Bhavishyate” and the book “Chronicing Auroville” a compilation of articles from the last twelve years of Auroville Today. Then Aryadeep introduced the book “Dear Aurovilians - Inspiration from Dr. Karan Singh’s Auroville collaboration” written by him, which was subsequently released by the hon’ble Lt. Governor of Pondicherry, Dr. Kiran Bedi.

The Saturday morning started with a 2-hour meeting with the Working Committee, followed by a meeting with the FAMC. The following topics were discussed:

1) Highway NHAI NH332A. The Highway Task Force gave a presentation about its work, and the resolution of the Residents’ Assembly seeking the Board’s support that this highway will not be located in between Kuliapatyam and Auroville was submitted.
2) The resolution of the Residents’ Assembly about the International Advisory Council, was submitted to the Board.
3) A long and often heavy discussion took place on the disputed land purchase and an update was given on the pending court case and on the internal community processes. The Working Committee explained its and the FAMCs role in the land purchase process; its work in seeking a legal opinion if the Land Board has done due diligence in its preliminary investigations before deciding to purchase the land; and the opinion of the lawyer that, in case the file contains no document pertaining to a court case on the land proposed to be purchased, there is virtually no possibility for Land Board executives to come to know that a case is pending. The Working Committee reiterated that, in their view, the Land Board executives have not been party to any suspect dealings. Dr. Karan Singh replied that this was a private point of view and that the investigation should bring clarity on this issue.
4) The proposed budget allocation of the Annual GOI Grant 2018/2019 was discussed. In this respect, the Secretary expressed that, similar to the 50th anniversary grant, his office should have a say in the allocation and monitoring of the grant. The Secretary has been invited to the next meeting of the Government of India Grant Subgroup.
5) A discussion took place on the status of the research into the possibility of a New Town Development Authority (NTDA) for Auroville and its environment. This research has not yet been completed. An update was given about the interaction with the TN Govt and the community process.
6) Beach Erosion. The Board was informed about the work done to protect the Quiet Healing Centre from disappearing into the sea. The National Institute of Ocean Technology has submitted a plan and budget; most of the required funds have been raised; and permission is being sought.
7) Auroville Foundation (Entry and Removal of names in the Register of Residents) This is still pending with the Ministry.
8) Amendment of the Rules of the Auroville Foundation. This is still pending with the Ministry. With the members of the FAMC the following topics were discussed
9) Tamil Heritage Centre. The final report of the forensic auditor was submitted and the Board was informed about the next steps which will be taken soon. The Board also discussed the necessity to make the building operational as soon as possible. The Secretary will take the lead in this issue.
10) The Board was informed about the decision of the FAMC to start having Internal audits of random Auroville units.
11) The Board was informed about the decision of the Ministry of Finance that Auroville Maintenance are not subject to GST, and that Auroville is now fully GST compliant.

For information only, the Board members were handed the reports from:
a) The Safety and Security Team
b) Outreach Media
c) Exploring prosperity
d) Entry policy
e) Land Board
f) L’Avenir d’Auroville - TDC
g) Land Protection Team
h) Auroville International’s recommendation for the International Advisory Council
The Working Committee
Carel, Hemant, Inge, Mandakini, Partha, Ranjithkumar, Sauro.
REPORT OF ACTIVITY: BHARATNIVAS GROUP

BHARAT NIVAS
PAVILION OF INDIA: AUROVILLE

The following centers are managed by Bharatnivas Group. Bharat Nivas has its own annual projected plans & internal guidelines for holding its activities.

Regular classes are offered by teachers on theatre, painting, sculpture, orami, dance & music. See below details.

For organizing cultural events: workshops, exhibitions and performance: please write to bharatnivas@auroville.org.in.

1. SAWCHU: (Sri Aurobindo World Center for Human Unity)
   Monday: Capoeira conducted by Sam and his team: 5 to 7pm
   Tuesday: Bharatnatyam by Caveri: 4 to 6pm
   Wednesday: Tango by Lisa & Mona: 6 to 9:30pm
   Thursday: Bharatnatyam by Caveri: 4 to 6pm
   Friday: Improvisation Theater by Jeff: 4:30 to 6:30pm
   Saturday: Contemporary Dance, Hip Hop etc. by Vijay: 8 to 9am
   Carnatic Vocal Classes by Grace: 8 to 10am
   Odissi Dance by Kanchana: 3 to 6pm
   Sunday: Contemporary Dance class by Vijay: 3 to 4pm
   Carnatic Vocal Classes by Grace: 8 to 10am

2. Progress Hall: (Old Library Block)
   Monday: Odissi Dance Class by Agila: 4:30 to 6:30pm
   Thursday: Kathak Dance by Ashavari: 5 to 6pm
   Saturday: Kathak Dance by Ashavari: 5 to 6pm
   Sunday: Kathak Dance by Ashavari: 10 to 11 am

N.B.: Hatha Yoga and Vedic chanting classes will be offered from November 2018.

3. Sri Aurobindo Center for Studies: India and the World
   Library (First Floor): Opening hours: 10 to 4.30pm
   Every Friday: Reading Sessions conducted by Aster Patel: 4 to 5.30pm.
   Bhumika Hall: Prior booking by mail is required to use this space for meetings, films, talks & workshops: contact asterpatel@auroville.org.in

4. Library: Laboratory of Evolution (LOE)
   Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 9am to 12pm & 2:30 to 4:30pm - Phone: 0413-2622423

5. Post Office:
   Open Daily Monday to Saturday: 9 am to 4pm - Phone: 2622120

6. Kalakendra:
   1. Permanent Exhibition on India.
   2. Photo Exhibition on: “The Dawn of Auroville” depicting the history of the Early Founding Days Opening hours: from 9 to 4.30 pm. Closed on Sundays.
   Monday to Sunday: Regular art classes coordinated by CREEVA in the Art Studio.

7. Annam Kitchen (old Indus Valley space):
   Daily South Indian Meals are prepared by Ramesh &Tamarai: 12.30 to 2.30 pm. (Sundays it is closed).

8. India Space:
   Opening hours: 9 to 5 pm
   Permanent Exhibition:
   1. On India & the World by Olivier Barot.
   2. On Mother & Sri Aurobindo
   3. On Indian Classical and Folk Musical instruments.
   4. Reading Space

9. Sri Aurobindo Auditorium:
   Entrance Foyer
   Odissi Dance by Kanchana: 10 am to 12 pm

Music Room (in the basement of the main Auditorium Entrance):
Nandita-dl offers Hindustani singing classes on Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday: 2 to 6pm.

Monthly every first Friday, Origami classes are offered by Tomoko: 2.30 to 3.30 pm. (Adjacent to the music room).
Contact: letsenjoyorigami@gmail.com

You are all welcome,
The Bharatnivas Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Foreigners working outside Auroville - reminder

The Working Committee strongly urges anyone on an Auroville Entry-visa who engages in work outside of Auroville but within India (including but not limited to giving classes, performances, workshops, online work, presentations/seminars, playing music, DJing, consulting, construction, translation, selling art or other items) to ensure that:
- this is only done via an Auroville registered entity such as an activity or a unit
- that the type of work being done outside of Auroville falls within the scope of work that is noted in the registration documents of their relevant Auroville-registered entity.

If an Aurovilian engages in work outside of Auroville in person and not through an Auroville registered entity, or if the work being done outside is not in the scope of the Auroville registered entity, this may be considered as a violation of the Auroville visa condition, i.e. “to live and work in Auroville.”

Warmly, Your Working Committee

Call from Entry Service

The Entry Service is looking for an Aurovilian or Newcomer office staff member, who has good command of English, basic computer skills and likes working 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

BUILDING APPLICATIONS
- Monday 24th September 2018

The following projects are recommended by L’avenir d’Auroville and feedback is now invited from the larger community.

The last date for your feedback is Monday 8th October 2018.

In the Residential Zone:

1. Soffio Block C and D
   a) Soffio Block C (C1 + C2) = Total 251.5 sqm
      Unit C1, 103m2 fully covered, 26.5m2 semi covered + 5m2 storeroom = 129.5m2
      Unit C2, 99m2 fully covered, 23m2 semi covered + 5m2 = 122m2
      Miniature, miniature@auroville.org.in, tel: 2622409
   b) Soffio Block D (D1 + D2) = Total 194.5 sqm
      Unit D1, 61m2 fully covered, 22m2 semi covered, 6m2 roof overhang = 74m2.
      Simona Savardi, Kalamatha, simonasvrd@gmail.com, tel: 4989511648
      Unit D2, 92m2 fully covered, 30m2 semi covered, 19m2 roof overhang + 4 m2 storeroom= 120.5m2.
      Kay Nag, Madhuca, kay.nag@yahoo.de, tel: 9943368410

Architect:
Office 4 - Madhuca, Auroville 0413-2622509 Dorre@office4.in
Goals/Objectives:
To effectively create and preserve the park like setting that is recommended according to the DDP for the larger area known as “the commons” in collaboration with the surrounding projects. Giving special attention to decentralized common infrastructure for water management in terms of wastewater treatment and reuse and rainwater catchment. Natural waterways and rainwater catchment ponds for the drainage of the larger area, which can be enjoyed by the community at large. The aim is to develop a range of low density clustered houses that follow a common pattern language while catering to various needs and requirements. Objectives are to develop cost effective housing with an emphasis on environmental sustainability in construction methods and materials.

Please note:
• An NOC (No Objection Certificate) is issued only after evaluation and processing of the community feedback received during the two-week period.
• Any work should start only with an NOC.

For additional information or feedback, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L’avenir d’Auroville office in the Town Hall.

The maps and details relevant to these announcements can be found on the Auronet page of L’avenir d’Auroville.

Erratum:
“BA 0044-GB: Suzie de-mountable house in Aurogreen” was published before receiving Green Group feedback. We are currently rectifying this process glitch, in collaboration with the Green Group.

Warm regards, L’avenir d’Auroville team
(Anita, Anu, Divya, Inge, Pino, Tejaswini)

Permission for extensions and buildings
(re run from last week for clarity with the typo corrected, Eds.): Dear community members,
This is to clarify that every structure that is getting built on Auroville land - from toilets to towers - needs to go through L’avenir d’Auroville for permission, as per the community approved processes currently followed.
We have heard from several residents that if one builds a structure below 15 sq.m., there would be no need to apply for a building permission! Please note that this is not the case; applying for permission allows us to maintain more accurate maps and update the asset registry regularly.
If you would like to apply for a site/ building permission, please write to us at avenir@auroville.org.in for the latest forms. Thanks for your understanding and collaboration, Best regards, L’avenir d’Auroville team (Anita, Anu, Divya, Inge, Pino, Tejaswini)

Natural Crystal Globe at Matrimandir
Dear Auroville Residents,
On September 4th, we have replaced the glass globe in the Lotus Pond (below the Matrimandir) with a natural crystal quartz globe. As executives of the Matrimandir, we found it to be an improvement. We announced this trial on September 7th on Auronet.
After you see the crystal, you are welcome to leave a clear short feedback (positive, negative or neutral) in a notebook kept with the Office Gate watchman. Your name, community/email would be needed to verify the feedback entry limited to one per person. We will not consider any other media for feedback. This will give us a clear picture at the end of the 3-month trial period.
We encourage all the people who have given verbal feedback, emails and on Auronet to make an entry in the book. Every feedback in the book matters.
Thank you
Matrimandir Executives.

Growing Auroville’s Economy Sustainably (GAES)
Second call to submit presentations, Deadline 30.9.18
Dear Community, this is a reminder to those individuals or groups who would like to present their ideas and proposals on how to grow our economy sustainably in one of our upcoming workshops to please submit these presentations to us latest by Sunday 30.9.18.
Please send them to GAES@auroville.org.in
Looking forward to your participation, Joerg (coordinator GAES)

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 765
Dated: 24-09-2018
Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians and Newcomers, joining Auroville. Prior to Newcomer and Aurovillian status confirmation, for Newcomers two weeks and for Aurovilians one-month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to entrieservice@auroville.org.in

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
Victoria BONNEAU (French) Staying at Aurodam (Sonja and Umberto’s) and working in Matrimandir.
Cyril BROUELH (French) Staying at Aurodam (Sonja and Umberto’s) and working in Solitude.
Vidhya ANGURAJAN (Indian) Staying at the Udavi staff quarters and working in Udavi School.

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:
Tara, Ananda BROUELH (French) Child of Victoria and Cyril. Born on 06/02/2016 and going to Nandanam.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Divi BHARDWAJ (Indian)
Eugenie DUMONT (French)

AUROVILIANs CONFIRMED:
Amos Cohen KHALLAS (Israeli)
Osnat Cohen KHALLAS (Israeli)
Igor BUSHEV (Russian)
Manjini JAGADEESAN (Indian)

Friend of Auroville
Vatzila SHARMA (Indian) Staying at Atithi Griha and working in Bharat Nivas.

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

Houses available for transfer:
1. Auromodel- Suryanivas Community: Vaiya’s House, Plinth area of 140.36 Sq.m approximately. Free standing house for family with shared parking shed. (Suitable for Family with three or four members)

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2. Windarra Farm- TerraSoul- Sandyra House; Plinth Area: 204.53 Sq.m. Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Brick walls plastered in cement mortar, RCC flat roof and first floor metal sheet roofing consisting of open verandah, living cum Kitchen Bed room & Toilet with Open steel ladder. Community-Shared Parking lot. (Suitable for Couple / family) (Active participation and involvement in the Farm Community Project is required.)

For more information write to housing- transfer@auroville.org.in Or call: 0413 2622658
Auroville land available near Edayanchavadi

Land survey number IR 202/7 and 8. Suitable to build two family units.

For more information contact housing-transfer@auroville.org.in mention Edayanchavadi plot in the subject.

Houses available in housing projects:

1. 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.”)

2. Kalpana Housing Project: Under construction


The finishing work at Kalpana is going on well but it takes more time than expected. It is over in the south block except the second quote of painting and the floor cleaning. It is going on in the North and East block. The balcony and staircases railings are in progress in the North Block and will start soon in the East block. The landscaping work will start next week and will take at least 2 months for completion. Therefore, the new date of completion will be 30th November 2018.

Out of 42 apartments 8 units are still available:

- Studio : 3 units / 1 BHk (Bed room, Hall and Kitchen) – 3 units / 2 BHk - 1 unit / 3 BHk - 1 Unit

Also available 2 offices at the ground floor in the North block. Satyakam is available every Thursday from 3 to 5 h 30 and Saturday from 10 to 12 h 30. Or by e-mail for any information, and for a request for a site visit. satyakam@auroville.org.in

Information on grants allotted for Aurovilians by Housing Board

Housing Board informs that there is no more grant available for housing extension. Financial assistance is available only for repairs. Housing Board

When someone passes away in Auroville - process of Death registration, execution of wills, and burial/cremation laws

Dear Community,

Here some updates and clarifications for your information.

1. BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

In accordance with the Tamil Nadu Village Panchayats (Provision of Burial and Burning Grounds) Rules, 1999, the Burial and Cremation Grounds at Adventure has officially been marked as Auroville’s burial and cremation grounds. This is the only area in Auroville where burials and cremations can take place. Burials and cremations elsewhere in Auroville are not allowed.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE FORMALITIES

2.1 Death certificate issued by a doctor or hospital

An Auroville doctor or the hospital where the person has passed away will issue a death certificate indicating the cause and time of death.

2.2 Informing the Auroville Foundation.

When a foreign or Indian resident of Auroville has passed away, the family members or a family friend should file-in the death registration form available at the Residents’ Service.

2.3 Informing the Regional Registration Office and the foreign mission in India.

When a foreign resident of Auroville has passed away, the family members or a family friend should hand over the passport, the residential permit and the stay visa to the Working Committee, which will then further coordinate with the Resident Service and the Auroville Foundation office for the necessary registration in India and in the country of origin of the deceased resident.

2.4 Official death certificate.

When a foreign or Indian resident of Auroville has passed away, the family members or a family friend should obtain the official death certificate not later than 21 days after the passing.

It is important to begin this process at the soonest as it often takes time.

If the person has passed away in Auroville, the death certificate needs to be acquired from the village administrative officer (VAO). If the person passes away elsewhere, it needs to be acquired from the municipality of the city or the VAO of the village where the person has passed away.

For registering deaths with local VAO, the AVSST can be contacted for help.

A copy of the death certificate is to be given to the Working Committee.

Some foreign missions require that the death certificate of a foreign resident is validated by the Home Ministry in Chennai (in case the person passed away in Tamil Nadu) or in Pondicherry (in case the person passed away in Pondicherry) and then is apostilled by the Ministry of External Affairs in Chennai. The Working Committee can provide guidance on the process to be followed.

2.5 Income tax

If the deceased person is an income tax payer, it is mandatory to file an IT return over the period from April 1 to the date of death. For this, the PAN card of the deceased is required. For guidance, please contact your chartered accountant.

3. Last Wills and codicils

Please see www.auroville.org.in/page/about-last-wills-and-testaments-2013 about making a will and codicils.

Foreign residents of Auroville, who have assets abroad, are advised to make their testament in their home country. They can also make it in India, but then it has to be validated and apostilled, in order to be accepted in their home country.

A resident who has an Indian bank account is advised to contact the bank on how to appoint someone to manage the bank assets of the resident when the resident passes away. Some banks require that a special form is filled in. A powers of attorney / proxy usually becomes void the moment the account holder dies.

It is advisable to leave a copy of the will and codicil in the safe of the Financial Service, so that it is available when required.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Matrimandir Gardens, why a General Meeting?

Auroville at large is mostly unaware about what is happening in the Matrimandir Gardens. In spite of the go ahead 3 years ago by the Auroville Council, the main Gardens development has progressively lessened, and is today blocked. Focus and Money are placed on other tasks: Garden of Unexpected, Oval water channel etc…. The information given is distorted, as recently the garden of Progress has smoothly developed and built with the concerned coordinators in their different fields. This garden is almost completed and has already received quite a good appreciation.

Our intention is to briefly show the work and exploration that has been done so far around the 12 Gardens, the present work in process with the almost completed Garden of Progress, the immediate possibilities for the others 8 Gardens, and also, the present difficulties and obstacles, as much as possible in an impersonal way and in a spirit of finding a move forward. All the questions will be answered. Hopefully this will be a collective opportunity to highlight some weaknesses and lacunas, at the human levels, in the Matrimandir organization itself, and in our collective processes.

We believe that the Matrimandir belong to humanity at large. We believe that the 12 Gardens development should not be stopped. For these reasons we ask for a General Meeting. The debate must be enlarged, with the hope that we shall find a harmonious solution.

Marc D. Meera P. (Garden Designers)

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Service outline: The AV Ambulance Service provides the following scope of service to residents and guests of Auroville:

1. 24/7 availability of emergency response with an equipped and staffed ambulance vehicle, which arrives at the scene of emergency, within AV city area, in under thirty minutes.
2. First aid and treatment on site and during transport with an advanced paramedic on board.
3. Providing information over phone on what to do in medical situations which do not require ambulance transport.

Call the Auroville Ambulance, if you experience any of the following situations:

- Unconscious person
- Difficulty in breathing
- Sudden changes in level of consciousness (disoriented, difficulty in speaking)
- Heavy bleeding due to accident or trauma, or fall from a height
- Strong pain
- Major or multiple injury
- Chest pain
- Seizures
- Signs of stroke: (speech difficulty, facial droop, one sided weakness in limbs)
- Severe allergic reactions.
- Snake bites

How to use the Auroville Ambulance Service:

1. Dial the Auroville Ambulance dispatch no: 9442224680, speak clearly and provide following details in this order:
   - Caller name
   - Location of accident/ emergency site with landmarks
   - Name of patient
   - Sex and age (if known) of patient
   - Is the person conscious?
   - Is the person breathing?
   - Describe injury briefly.

   Provide all further available information as requested by the dispatcher. This is essential for the medical staff and persons handling the patient during transport.

2. Follow over the phone all first aid advice as given by the dispatcher.
3. The caller should wait till the ambulance arrives. Do not move an injured person.
4. Do not load the patient into a taxi where he cannot get medical support needed during transportation. **It is strongly recommended to wait a few minutes more (if needed) for the ambulance to arrive than carry away the patient in a panic stricken manner.**
5. Organize for someone to accompany the patient and stay with him/her in hospital if required. Pack and take along personal items, money, current medication and all relevant medical reports.
6. Being calm and supportive towards the patient and the ambulance staff facilitates the best outcome.

The Ambulance service is available for all Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville. Guests living in Auroville may also avail of this service. In case the AV ambulance is out of service or out on another trip, the dispatcher will help arrange the ambulance from PIMS or the government ambulance (108) which are on backup and network closely with this service.

For further information, please contact: ambulance@auroville.org.in
MESSAGE FROM AUROVILLE VEHICLE SERVICE.

Due to regularly increasing traffic in and around Auroville, we advise everyone to drive carefully and consciously. We remind everyone, and particularly the parents and the school boards, those children below 18 years old, do not allow them to drive any bike or scooter. We also remind everyone not to drive without a valid Indian driving license. The penalty for doing so, especially in case of an accident, is very heavy and complicate to solve third party. Driving with your national license will not help in India at the time of accident. Valid Indian driving license only is considered legal. Foreign Guests are not eligible to get Indian license as they are traveling for short term. They need to have an international driving permit while they travel each country. The same applies in India. Also they need to have their travel insurance from their country origin. In India they can't get travel insurance. 

Foreigners who arrives with an Entry visa in India are eligible to obtain Indian driving license.

Note: None of the two wheeler rental services in our areas (including surrounding villages and in Pondicherry) are legal. As it costs high amount to get license for each vehicle and also yearly maintenance is at high cost, the renters avoid following the legal way. Some people don't do insurances for their vehicles.

1) INSURANCE: GENERAL INSURANCES (Two & Four wheelers insurances), HEALTH INSURANCE and TRAVEL INSURANCE.

Annual premiums of the insurance policy for renewal should be paid to the insurance company in time. No claims for Accident compensation can made if you have not paid the Annual Premium. We advise the people to pay the premium before the expiry date of policy to avoid inspection of the bike. If you are going temporarily out of Auroville, at the time of your insurance expiry date, please bring the papers to us in advance to renew it. Therefore, we can do it while you are not in Auroville. Do not pay the insurance on your name while the vehicle is not registered on your name. Name on registration certificate and on insurance policy should be same. If it differs, you can't claim to insurance.

We undertake the following insurances for Aurovilians:

i) Motor Insurances
ii) Health Insurances
iii) Travel Insurances (while traveling abroad)
iv) Personal Accident Insurances

Note: To all Guests, Newcomers & Aurovilians. Please check out the insurance when you rent a vehicle (scooter, moped, or motorcycles) from the rental shop. If you drive your vehicle without insurance or driving license, it is illegal and you won’t be able to claim from your overseas medical insurance if you get any accident.

2) New Indian Driving License

We request the people who do not have an Indian driving license to get the license through us. We help you to get motorcycle and car Indian licenses.

3) Renewal of Indian Driving License

For renewal of Indian driving license, people need to submit the original license and three photographs. You can renew it in advance of one month from date of expiry or after until one month of expiry. However, if you come over one month late, you will need to pay the penalty (fine). So, try to avoid paying penalty fees. The applicant must come in person, at the day of trip to the concerned Regional Transport office.

4) Purchase of New Vehicle and Second Hand Vehicles (Two & four wheelers)

Auroville Vehicle Service strongly advises all Aurovilians who are residing in Tamil Nadu territory (of Auroville) to register their new vehicles in Tamil Nadu only. The purchase of the vehicle can make directly in Tamil Nadu with the help of Vehicle Service. In this regard, AV Vehicle Service assists the Aurovilians to follow the necessary procedures.

Strong Advice to avoid buying a vehicle Registered under Pondicherry State (PY-01)

Buying: Do not buy vehicle from Pondicherry state, when your residence is in Auroville. Your official address in residential permit for Indian government is Auroville (Tamil Nadu). If you are buying a second hand vehicle from PY registration, you can’t register the vehicle on your name. The insurance and vehicle will be on previous registered owner only. Why do you invest to insure on someone and take the risk in future?

Avoid buying vehicle from Pondicherry and avoid selling your old vehicle to non-residents of Pondicherry.

5) To all old vehicle holders (More than 15 years old)

People using a vehicle of fifteen years or more than fifteen years old of 2 wheelers should contact us as soon as possible. The certificate of the bike is valid for fifteen years from the date of purchase as new from showroom. Therefore, to renew the registration for next 5 years, the vehicle needs to re-painted and have full servicing done. The vehicle needs to be taken to Transport department for Inspections. It follows the same after each five years. So, keep the papers of the bike in valid order to claim insurance.

6) GREEN RIDE CYCLE RENT: Bicycles are available for rent on daily and long term basis.

For more details: Contact

Auroville Vehicle Service, Town hall, Auroville. Ph: 0413- 2623 302, 9443074825, avvehicle@auroville.org.in
Office hours: Monday – Friday : 09.00am – 12.30 pm, 02.30pm – 4.30pm, Saturday : 09.00am - 12.30 pm
World Cleanup Day-Auroville in Action!

Congratulations are in order! For those of you who didn’t know, on Saturday the 15th September the world was united for one massive cleanup, involving over 13 million volunteers in 144 countries. Auroville was naturally part of this global event, also known as ‘the largest peacetime civic action in history’.

More than 600 brave-hearted individuals gathered bright and early on Saturday morning to participate in this event! And what a diverse group it was! Families, students, co-workers from all backgrounds and nationalities joined hands to make this event a truly memorable one.

To facilitate recycling, people separated the litter they picked up into three categories. For those of you who are interested, see the breakdown of the kilos per category in the pie chart. Together, in only a few hours, we collected 1,983 kilos of litter from Auroville’s roadsides and forests!

We have collectively decided on taking up the project of publishing a monthly magazine. Which we hope to be an enjoyable read for you. We had a wonderful time during the making of it. Even if in the beginning it was stressful to find a harmonious way of creating a magazine that’d welcome ideas and opinions of every student. During the process we learned a lot about teamwork and became more adapted to each other. Every time we decide on doing a project of this scale we experience a lot of milestones. And this was no different...

We would like to direct our gratefulness to everyone who has contributed their time and effort to teach and assisted us through the process. This project has allowed us to have many enriching experiences.

Sabine and the News and Notes team were very generous when they allowed us to join them and see the making of the N&N with a very informative tour which helped us immensely. We are also very thankful that we got an opportunity to make the front cover for the Youth day issue, this was a great experience. Making the cover page was a very collaborative process: everyone made a drawing or proposed an idea which later got fused to become the final product. It was surprisingly easy to form a conclusion between the students whose ideas needed to be incorporated because we learned to prioritize the magazine instead of promoting ourselves. The process is well described in our blog HERE.

We hope to have many more experiences in the future, that we ensure to learn from, to make an even better magazine with every issue.

Also, your opinions, advise, critique, suggestions or questions are very welcome. Contact us on deepanamkaleidoscope@gmail.com. We commit to answer any incoming correspondence. You can also find the soft copy of Kaleidoscope on Issuu.com, at https://issuu.com/faithclass/docs/kaleidoscope_for_issu

Enjoy and see you soon, in about a month time...

Kaleidoscope Team

Categories of Litter Collected in Kilos

By 10:30 am everyone gathered at the EcoService and thanks to donations from Natureelement, Tanto’s, Visitors Centre Right Path Cafe, Marc’s café, the Auroville Bakery and the delicious ‘sundal’ cooked by the EcoService ladies, everyone got to enjoy some healthy food and refreshments after their efforts!

Under the shade of the tamarind trees, the organising groups (EcoService, AV Cleanup Group, Let’s Talk Trash, Upcycling Studio and WasteLess) gave short presentations about their work in Auroville. They emphasised the need for more collaboration between groups who are involved in different stages of the waste cycle. Creations and furniture from the Upcycling Studio and reusable sanitary products by Eco-Femme were on display.

The very high rate of participation would not have been possible without everyone’s determination to put Auroville on the map for this worldwide event! We want to thank Mohanam/Youth space for joining and coordinating large groups during the cleanup, the schools, units, groups that got involved and provided stainless steel cups, leaf plates, and water containers for the event. A big thanks to all of you who participated in making this World Cleanup Day in Auroville a truly memorable one!

Vivekan Brunschwig and AV Cleanup Group, Eco service, Let’s Talk Trash, Upcycling Studio, and WasteLess

Launch of Kaleidoscope N°1!

Deepanam is an Auroville school, with students’ age ranging from 7 to 14. The 15 Auroteens of the Faith group are the oldest students.

We are pleased to let you know that the Journey of Auroville: Baroda Festival will be taking place from 25 to 30 September 2018 in Vadodara (Baroda) in Gujarat. Check out our website journeyofauroville.org for more information or see this post on Auronet: www.auroville.org.in/article/70412.

On behalf of the Journey of Auroville Team, Ankita, Chait, Frederick, Hilary, Jürgen, Manisha, Nilen, Ravi

Postings

"Journey of Auroville" in Baroda this week

Enjoy and see you soon, in about a month time...
Tamil Classes with Chitra

Dear All,

we would like to share with you the work of Chitra, our Tamil Translator at Aurotranslations.

In addition to the translation of the Auroville News in Tamil, she teaches her language, Tamil, to more than 15 Aurovilians.

She gives her classes 4 days a week, 2 days for beginners and 2 others for the intermediate level. These classes happen at SAIER, which we thank wholeheartedly.

Chitra started teaching two years ago.

The aim of these classes is to promote Tamil in Auroville in order to facilitate the relations between the Aurovilians and to respect what Mother wanted, that is to say that we practice the 4 languages of Auroville: Tamil, French, Sanskrit and English.

We thank Chitra for her dedication and perseverance in this difficult and binding work.

If you wish to register for these classes you can contact Chitra by Email: chitrab@auroville.org.in. She will contact you as soon as another group is formed.

Claude J.

WANTED: Tree to host a Tree House

The Tree House Community is looking for somebody/some garden with a nicely shaped tree that could potentially hold a little traditional tree house. We would use this project as a training for a group of people learning to build tree houses during a weekend workshop. If interested (or for further information), contact us at filip_av@yahoo.com or call 96599 33321 / 91995 59047.

National Day of Federal Republic of Germany

To all the German Aurovilians:
The German Consulate in Chennai invites you to the German National Day. You can order a ticket at the following e-mail address: rsvp@chenn.diplo.de. The invitation is valid for 2 persons but not transferable.

On the occasion of the 28th Anniversary of German Unity the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany Mrs Karin Stoll requests the pleasure of your company at a reception on Friday, 5th of October 2018, 7.30 to 9.30 pm at the Ballroom, Taj Coromandel, Nungambakkam, Chennai

RSVP 044 24301600
Email: rsvp@chenn.diplo.de

Please bring the invitation with you – the invitation is not transferable.

Submitted by Karin

Thank you, D.Segar!

Entry Board wholeheartedly thanks Segar for his steady, efficient and reliable presence in the Entry Secretariat. Having come to the end of his two-year commitment, now the time has come for him to explore something new in Auroville and we wish him well. Certainly during this current year, in which the Secretariat’s staff had to adjust to working with an Entry Board, Segar’s cool and always friendly presence was enormously appreciated. We fully recommend him for whatever service he wishes to join!

With love, the Entry Board (Alain, Dheena, Joël, Mauna, Rajendren, Rama Narayana, Susmita, Ulll, Veronique J.)

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for Volunteers for the kids at New Creation:

Dear Friends, New Creation is a project to help village’s difficult families by helping their children and let them grow in harmony and joy in our boarding school. New Creation wants to be a bridge between Auroville and villages as mother’s wish. We are running a primary school where 40 children are studying in a free progress method and we are looking for some volunteers to come and share with our kids.

We are looking for some arts/painting/drawing teachers to come in the afternoons, from Monday to Thursday, after 2.30pm. It can be 2 times a week as everyday =)

We’re also looking for someone who can help them to do homework and stay with them in the evening time (5-7pm).

If you want to know more about our work, what we are doing here and what is it possible to do, please contact Beber at aurochild@auroville.org.in or 6385635943.

With love and light.

Gas Service is looking for an office assistant:

Skills required: communication in English & some computer knowledge. Please write to us at avgasservice@auroville.org.in

Openings at Integral World, Aurelec, Auroville

We all live in an Integral World, and our vision is to help you make our world positive, pleasant, protected, pacific, and purposeful.

Our mission is to progress by taking Rightful actions to benefit all. We are an experienced, non-profit entity specifically working with the development sector, using the strategic and comprehensive approach to tell stories, to improve understanding, to delve deeper into the issues, and find solutions for lasting change.

Our services include Actions for communication, Fundraising support, Campaigning tactics, Documentation, and Reporting. Excellent proficiency in English (speaking and writing) is required. Full maintenance is available. Interested candidates can share their resume at manisha@auroville.org.in or call at 8056514869, 413 2623323.

To meaningfully carry out our services, we are looking for motivated people who can fill up the following roles:

Position 1 - Project Manager
- Content writing and editing experience
- Good interpersonal, communication and organizational skills

Position 2 - Social Media Manager
- Content writing experience
- Expertise in social media marketing

Position 3 - Graphic Designer
- Good knowledge of Adobe suite and Coreldraw
- Experience in creating professional-level designs and layouts

Position 4 - Content Writer
- Creating concise, eye-catching, and innovative headlines and body copy
- Creating and Researching and Publishing Technical Content
- Copy-editing and proof reading articles

Position 5 - Content Researcher
- Interviewing sources
- Researching and organizing facts and sources

Position 6 - Film Production Manager
- Good knowledge of filmmaking and production
- Experience in shooting and editing films

Position 7 - Client Support Manager
- Ability to multi-task, prioritize and organize work to meet deadlines and requests without fail
- Ability to succinctly communicate, both verbally and in writing, and provide clear direction on projects
- Familiarity with creative, and multimedia projects and file formats

Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga 65 and Synthesis of Yoga 66.

Here are also the news of Thursday, and Monday (with short interview with Romel of AV Bamboo Centre).

Musical Editions features Soca Frenzy 2018 and Moon Initiations. Your AurovilleRadioTV team

### Notes

**For The International Zone of Auroville**

Dear friends,

Looking for feelings on the International Zone, I found this quote from Sri Aurobindo that told me something on that issue... and later some lines came to me. I would like to share them with you.

Shri Aurobindo:

“Every truth, however true in itself, yet, taken apart from others which at once limit and complete it, becomes a snare to bind the intellect and a misleading dogma; for in reality, each one is a thread of a complex weft and no thread must be taken apart from the weft.”

The International Zone

- Is not a zone
- Is not a map
- Is just a heart
- The heart of Auroville
- Where All are One
- And pulsing around
- And seeding the land

Because

All is One

at the heart.

Anandi (Realization)

### A Chinese Traveller

During the beginning of Christian Era several Buddhist monks from China had taken pilgrimage to India to study religion and social and political life of the people. Some of them learnt Sanskrit and studied the Vedas. A Chinese traveller was fascinated to know about the Supermind. He was always carrying a lighted lantern on his head which represented the Supermind, Divine Consciousness. People laughed at his strange behaviour. Pandit Javaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, speaks about this incident in his book ‘Discovery of India’. He says, “I don’t want any greater knowledge other than the truth derived from my intellect. I always rely upon my intellect and believe that I could develop it to a greater extent”. When India became a republic, he expressed his view, which is the result of his intellectual activity, on the reconstruction of Modern India. The Constitution of India was suitably framed. It envisages to reconstruct Modern India on the principle of secular, socialistic and democratic pattern of development. Sixty-eight years have gone; still this goal has not been reached. Even now India is witnessing perpetual chaos and conflict daily in all walks of life.

Kothari Education Commission (1964-66), appointed by the Government of India, approached the Mother in framing the Educational Policy of India. The Mother categorically told the Commission that the attempt to reconstruct Modern India on the principle of secular, socialistic and democratic pattern of development was totally wrong; and the process of reconstructing Modern India should be based on spirituality. She had further stressed that it was absolutely wrong to equate spirituality with religion; on the other hand, it is the source of all religion. India has had the knowledge of spirit which should be the governing principle in all developmental activities to
reconstruct Modern India. The Commission had not understood the view of the Mother and had ignored it in framing the Educational Policy of India.

An opportunity arose for the Mother to experiment with the idea of spirituality as the basis of any creative work. She has incorporated it in the Auroville Charter as follows:

1. Auroville belongs to nobody in particular. Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole. But to live in Auroville one must be the willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness.

Man is a mental being in a living body. Mental consciousness is undivine in nature. Because it is finite and limited in scope. Therefore, man’s action is subject to falsehood and error; that is why he is experiencing struggle and suffering in life. Whereas the Divine Consciousness is the Supramental Consciousness which is the Self-determining Infinite Consciousness. Man has to seek the advent of the Supramental Consciousness to replace the working of the undivine mental consciousness. “The willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness” means that the transformation of the mental Consciousness into the Divine Consciousness is carried out without any compulsion from within or without us.

Somasundaram

An open plea from the heart to Aurosyelle, Eric, John, Hemant, Jyoti, Louis and Vladimir.

Dear sister and brothers on the way,

Could you please kindly put back in its place at the lotus pond the original natural silica crystal globe?

It is its true home, where it has been for many years the steadfast receptacle and transmitter to the earth’s core of the light descending through its mother crystal in the chamber above. As such, it is suffused with the aspiration for transformation and the love of many since years. Its continuing absence creates an unrelenting heartache. If you don’t do it for yourself, do it for all those who share the same feeling and concern.

Thanks and love,

Adhara Om Namo Bhagavate

A new craze

There is now a new fashionable craze in Auroville: e-bike. People believe that it is the most eco-friendly type of Vehicle. It’s pure illusion...

Don’t forget that your lithium batteries are not immortal and that they will have to be dispatched to some kind of dump, God only knows where and then they will link down into our precious earth their poison. Besides that, don’t forget please that electricity is produced from nuclear plants which are highly toxic in a short, medium and very long run. Another alternative is coal thermic plants. No comment.

In Auroville, we are lucky to have wind, turbines which slay away in the breeze. But it has to be known by everybody that these helixes are not the ultimate solution to our energy production, for they kill mercilessly many flying animals and the components of which they are fabricated is not environment friendly at all. So what?

There is an infinite energy around us, above us, beneath our feet and everywhere and this energy is the Shakti, Mother’s force. This self-energy we can generate within ourselves, no much investment needed just our sincere surrender, then the light will shine in every home.

AUM! Soham

GREEN MATTERS

Solitude Farm and Organic Cafe

(This was meant for last week, apologies to Solitude team! -Eds)

Local food values different parts of the plant e.g. banana flower, banana stem, bananas and even banana leaves. Local food is cheaper.

For all these reasons valuing local food and all that it implies makes sense in this age where we are in an ecological crisis.

Solitude Farm is an active response to this crisis.

There are over 130 crops that can be found through the year on our lunch Thali.

For example, today we served a chutney with wood apple and a spinach that grows wild called Sathana Kira. We are at present serving Nanari juice from the roots harvested daily and also Palm fruit juice with which we are even making palm fruit ice lollies.

The farm runs 2 lunch schemes 1 for those on a central fund maintenance which means for your lunch scheme you receive exactly what you can get at Solar Kitchen and for those not on a central fund maintenance the scheme is 150 rps per lunch.

We ask people on this scheme to fix the days they come for lunch.

Our hope is people will come and discover this food and realize that most of these foods grow easily all around us and start cooking it themselves!

If you are on a central fund maintenance and you would like to join our lunch scheme, please write an E Mail to the Financial Service in the Town Hall and they will start it.

If you do not have a central fund maintenance please write to us at Solitudepermaculture@gmail.com and we will set up your lunch scheme directly.

Local food really has a huge part to play in the change needed in our world today, especially on an ecological level but also as much on a nutritional, medicinal, social, economic and even cultural level.

The change starts by eating local food.

Be part of the change

Krishna for Solitude

ACCOMMODATIONS

Available: Cottage in green belt for long time guests and Pre-Newcomers. With kitchen facilities. Preference given to eco-friendly people. Ambre@auroville.org.in, Ambre

Needed 1: Almost at the end of my newcomer year in Maitreye 2, which I’ve really enjoyed, I’m looking for a house transfer or a house sitting, possibly in the residential zone or at least in the area limited by the green belt. It’s becoming urgent, I hope somebody will hear my call ;-) I’m a quiet, responsible mature woman, loving pets and plants. Thank you for answering at: magalichirouze@gmail.com. Warmly, Gall

Needed 2: My name is Tina Sweerin, 18 years old and Last School student. I am looking for house sitting options from the 1st October till May 2019. Also if you have a spare room I would be happy. I don’t mind contributing for my stay. Contact: 866707420, tinasweerin56@gmail.com, whatsapp 7502758956.

Needed 3: I am Allison (Aurovilian). Me and my 7-year-old daughter Nalia are looking for long term house-sitting, starting from 15th of December. We are happy to take care of your garden, pets, etc. Please contact 763918959 or ally@auroville.org.in. Thank you! Ally

Needed 4: Dear community, I’m a female volunteer and looking for an accommodation from 1st Oct’18 to 31st Oct’18. Please drop a text message at +91-9558523350 for any leads. Regards, Archana.
September 29th: leaving Auroville (Fertile) for Chennai Airport around midday. Contact: dylanwatts23@gmail.com, whatsapp: +44 75754322226, thanks, Dylan

## AT THE MATRIMANDIR

**AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR**

Meditation with Savitri

read by Mother to Sunil’s music

From Thursday Sept. 26th please note the new timing:

Every THURSDAY - 5.30 to 6.00 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 5.15 pm Please be seated by 5.25 pm, no late entry. Thank you.

Amphitheatre Team

## INVITATIONS

**OPEN MARTIAL ARTS POTLUCK!**

Saturday 29th September 7:45pm

At the new Humanscape

Dear friends,

We, the Mixed Martial Arts friends, are used to have potlucks every now and then. But this time we would like to open the invitation to all the other martial art groups in Auroville...

Welcome MMA, Capoeira, Karate, Aikido, Kalaripayattu, Ninjitsu, Wrestling, Self Defence, Kickboxing, Fit boxing, Tai Chi... and all those that I’m forgetting at this moment. Not only... you can join us even if you are only interested or curios. As I wrote, is an OPEN POTLUCK!

It would be lovely if you can come a bit earlier to set up the place together and if you can bring some dishes...

For more info: 9487340778

See you then!

Giacomo

## EXHIBITIONS

Bharat Nivas presents

At Kalakendra Art Gallery

"The Dawn of Auroville"

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.

Ongoing until March 2019.

## TAXI SHARING

Auroville service of taxi sharing available with STS at:


September 24th: Auroville to Chennai Train Station. Have to reach Chennai railway station by 7 in the morning. Contact: sidjainn@gmail.com / 8531828586. Thanks. Siddharth

September 25th: Need to leave from Creativity around 05:30 in the morning, to be at the airport at 08:45 in the morning on 25th of September. Contact: theresa.grantham@gmail.com, 94422-70639, thanks, Theresa.
More prints from the
Dara Shikoh Album
A Moghul Masterpiece
September to October 2018
Exhibition at Aurelec Cafeteria & Art gallery

The Dara Shikoh album is a collection of paintings and calligraphy assembled during the 1630s by Dara Shikoh (1615-1659), the eldest son of Emperor Shah Jahan (builder of the Taj Mahal), and presented to his wife Nadira Banu Begum in 1641 or 1642. One of the few Moghul albums to have survived almost intact, it is bound in tooled and gilded covers, and each artwork is mounted on its leaf within gold-painted borders. Dara Shikoh was executed in 1659 by his younger brother Aurangzib, who had emerged victorious in the wars waged between Shah Jahan's four sons. Nadira Banu kept the album until her death, when it was taken to the royal library.

P u r e  P h o t o
until 29th September
at Pitanga
09.00 - 12.00 & 14.00 - 17.00

Pure Photo is a photographic exhibition consisting of traditional analogue Photos by Future School and Transition School students. They are a collection of darkroom prints from negatives, Pin Hole Camera Photos and Photograms.

The students have been learning analogue photography over the last 12 months. They have been taken through the History of Photography, learned to use Pin Hole Cameras and the beauty of Photograms. They also got to use the Box Brownie, Range Finder Camera, Twin Lens Reflex, and Single Lens Reflex Cameras.

The prints in this exhibition are Pure Photos with no alterations whatsoever. They are unpretentious with all blemishes and faults intact. All of which are evidence of the Silver Gelatin Photographic process.

The Students whose works exhibited are: Aiavarja & Soledad 7th Grade; Sama, Sati & Zara 8th Grade and various Future School students from over the years.

A l l  a r e  W e l c o m e

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Savithri Bhavan
Exhibitions - September 2018
Monday-Saturday 9-5

Meditations on Savitri
The entire series of 472 paintings created by the Mother with Huta From 1961-67 is on display in the newly extended picture gallery

Sri Aurobindo - A Life-Sketch in Photographs
in the upstairs corridor

Glimpses of the Mother
photographs and texts in the Square Hall
Everyone is welcome

T A L K S

Tamilnadu - Auroville Seminar
Under the auspices of Auroville 50+, a seminar will be held on the topic:
“Auroville 50+...”
Sunday 30 September 2018, 9.30am to 12.30pm
Place: SAWCHU circle, Bharat Nivas
Delegates from Tamilnadu, Pondicherry and Auroville will participate.
All are welcome.
(Mostly in Tamil, partly in English)
Organising team:
G. Varadharajan - 9442934306,
A. Thillaigannapathi - 9442708845,
M. Velmurugan - 9442493491

CULTURAL EVENTS

From Baroque to Future Rock
- A musical encounter with Swiss Musicians
Friday, 28th September, 2018 - 7pm
Venue: Adishakti Theatre
Performers:
Regula Schwab - Baroque Violin & Lucien Dubuis - Bass Clarinet

Entry Free!
Donations are welcome
- Contact: 0413 2622287 / 9487514962

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In the Desh-Videsh Sanskriti (Cultures Home and Abroad) series, Unity Pavilion proudly presents

**Tamil Thendral**
(Evening of Tamil culture)
on Saturday 29-09-2018 - 3:30 pm onwards
At Unity Pavilion

Program highlights:
Dance, Veena Recital, Documentary Film,
Fun of learning Tamil Language
&
Delicious Vegetarian Dinner (cost-sharing basis)

Don't miss this unique opportunity
to get connected with Tamil Culture.

All are Welcome

Please make advance reservation for the contributory dinner.
Kindly contact unitypavilion@auroville.org.in or 0413 2623576

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**PIANO CONCERT**
**KATARINA**
**SOLO PIANO**
SAT 29 SEPTEMBER 8-9pm
At CRIPA

Extracts from Bach, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Schumann, Mozart

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**AUM FESTIVAL**
SATURDAY 29th
9am to midnight
@ YOUTH CENTER!

9am - 10am - Voice Playing
10am - 11am - Body Awakening
12pm - 2pm - Lunch
2pm - 3pm - Sound Bath
3pm - 4.30pm - Open Mic
4.30pm - 5.30pm - Contact Dance
5.30 - 6.30pm - Theatre Impro
6.30pm - 7.30pm - Surprise!
7.30pm - 9pm - DJ & Electro-Acoustic Jam
9pm - 10pm - Space Live Chillout
11pm - Midnight - Singularity: Live Techno Performance

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**KALABHUMI goes Live!**
Sunday 30/09
7:30 pm in Kalabhumi Studio
September Edition

Elie & Vasantha ~ from Pondicherry
Carla ~ Classic Opera
Tripp & Company

The concert will be held inside the music studio, therefore in case of light rain we will have KGL! Stormy weather, instead, will force us to cancel and postpone Stay tuned on Auronet & FB for last min news.
AUROVILLE

UNDERGROUND MUSIC FESTIVAL

9 AM TO MIDNIGHT  29 SEPT SATURDAY

@YOUTH CENTER

COME, JOIN IN

MARKETERS, JAMMERS, EXPERIMENTAL MUSICIANS, ARTISTS, VOLUNTEERS

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0413-2622857
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Welcome to join HOLISTIC and our new programs in Intensive Learning, Retreats Therapies and Packages. Let us teach you how to take care of your health and body and grow in consciousness, happiness and sense of well-being. Info and registration: www.auroville-holistic.com / contact: auroville-holistic.com

REGULAR CLASSES: Ashtanga Yoga- Mysore Style: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Monday to 10:30 a.m. with Christine Pauchard At Taramangaling - Near Botanical garden Registration by mail must be done before drop 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

AUROVILLE BUS SCHEDULE

The current AAP BUS schedule (for Pondy trips) is always available at www.auroville.org/contents/3988. Contact: avbus@auroville.org.in

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
Auroville Safety & Security Team: Call us 24/7 for emergency or assistance on 9443090107 (save the number in your phone). Contact us on the same number until 10.30pm for booking an escort (latest escort at 11pm). Visit our office (Service Area – Near Gas Bottle service / Telephone Service) from Monday to Friday (9.30am to 12.30pm & 2.30pm to 4.30pm) and Saturday (9.30am to 12.30pm). Office: 0413-2623400 (office hours only), email: security@auroville.org.in - Emergency Service of India: 108

Auroville Library, Crown Road: opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 9am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm. Tuesday 9am to 12.30pm and 4pm to 6.30pm. Email: avlib@auroville.org.in; phone: 0413-2622894

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

Bike/Car repair & servicing: ★ Painting ★ Modification ★ General service ★ Bike and Car setting. Please contact Satya: 9443492887. At Abri workshop (old puncture service) Auroville. We accept Auroville PT account.

AV Pharmacy/Health Center: The Pharmacy is open 8.30am to 5pm daily including Saturdays. The doctor’s consultation is the same with a lunch break from 1pm to 2pm, except Saturday up to 1pm only. Phone no 0413-2622123 and 0413-2622018. Email: avhealth@auroville.org.in

City Transport: Quick 'Pick up and Drop' Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 6-seater people carrier, free of charge for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests for trips within the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele and Repos/ Quiet chargeable with passenger fares, from Rs.110/- for 1 person/single trip. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 0413-2622611 or to the driver directly 9487650951 daily 9.30am to 4.30pm. Please note that it is not a taxi service that can be ordered in advance for an exact time, but will normally reach you within 10/15 minutes and will not wait for you for onward or return trips. If needed it will come back to pick you up again when called.

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

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

Auroville Dental Centre: Protection / Telephone: 0413-2622665 or 2622007. Email: aurovidentalcentre@auroville.org.in

EcoService, Kottakal: Palani 9443553172 or Kali 9443090114, ecoservices@auroville.org.in

Electric cycles rental, Kinisi e-Mobility: CSR, first floor of the yellow/blue building. We are open from 9am to 5pm (Monday to Saturday). Landline: 0413-262 2168/7248. Mobile: 83004 60679 /60680. Email: kinisi@auroville.org.in - http://www.kinisi.in

Entry Service, Town Hall, 1st floor, Multimedia Center: We are open to the public: MONDAYS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.30am-12.30pm and AFTERNOONS (by appointment only): Monday to Friday 2.30pm to 4.30pm. B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only. For more information on joining Auroville: +91 (94132622707 email: entryservice@auroville.org.in

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

Financial Service, Town Hall and Auroville Saturday: 9am to 12.30pm and 3pm to 4.30pm.

Free Store: Monday to Saturday: 9am to 12.30pm. Afternoons: Tuesday and Thursday: 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Phone: 0413-2623680. Email: freestore@auroville.org.in

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

Auroville Bottle Gas Service, Service Area: Near Telephone Service and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm. Phone: 0413-2622452. Email: avgasservice@auroville.org.in

Guest Registration Service: All guests in Auroville (including Indian nationals and foreigners as well as friends and family members of Aurovilians) are required by Indian law and Auroville regulations to register within 24 hours of their arrival. In addition, guests are required to register each time they move to a new destination in Auroville. The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates at 3 locations: Visitors Centre - at the far end of the Expo Hall (big white building on the left), opposite Dreamer’s Cafe - All days 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 5pm / Town Hall - reception area - Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm / Aspiration - Financial Service office left side - Monday to Saturday 9am to 12.30pm.

Guest Service above the Solar Kitchen: 1st floor. Opening times Monday to Saturday: 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 5pm. Closed on Thursday and Saturday afternoon.

avguestservice@auroville.org.in, Phone: 0413-2622675

Housing Service, Town Hall: Public Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm. By appointment only: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 2.30pm to 4.30pm. For accounting only: Saturday 10.30am to 12.30pm. Wednesday closed.PHONE: 0413-2622658. Email: housing@auroville.org.in

Human Resource Team (HRT), Town Hall: Public Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10am to 12pm, Friday 3pm to 4.30pm. Phone: 0413-2622312. Email: hrt@auroville.org.in

Insurance, Goodness Insurance Service: For all kinds of insurance information, advices and service. Phone: 9786167917. Email: goodnessinsurance@auroville.org.in

Integral Health, Prayatna: classical homeopathy, transpersonal regression therapy, Gestalt therapy, psychometricty for children and adults, trauma remedies, child & women health, hypnotherapy. Email: integralhealth@auroville.org.in, Phone: 0413-2623696 - Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm, preferably on appointment.

Integrated Transport Services (ITS): Electric vehicle rental, local pick up & drop services, delivery & courier services, shared taxi services and vehicle repairs. Phone: 8098776644, 9486991643, 9840983080. Email: its@auroville.org.in, http://www.its@aul.org.in /www.colapa.org

LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas: LOE Library Open Monday to Saturday: 9am to 12am. Monday to Friday: 2.30pm to 4.30pm. loechu@auroville.org.in
Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily: 6am to 8.45am, 11.30am to 12.30pm (2pm on Sunday) and 4.30pm to 8pm. Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you. The Petals are open for Aurovilians daily: 4.30pm to 6pm. To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 0413-2622579 from 9.30am to 11.30am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.40am on the day of the visit. Please remain with your guests throughout the visit. Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday. Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9am and 11am.

Music Library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9am to 12.30pm and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2pm to 5.30pm.

Nandini: Email nandini@auroville.org.in. Open to the Participants only Distribution: (PTDC area) Phone: 0413-2622033; Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 12.30pm / Tuesday & Thursday 2.30pm to 4.30pm / Tailor: (Aurosjan): Phone 0413-2622527 Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9am to 12.30pm / Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 3pm to 5pm - To avoid plastic bag please bring your own cloth bag.

OutreachMedia Services: The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 0413-2622098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904. Multi-Media Centre, office hours: Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment. outreachmedia@auroville.org.in

Puncture service, service area: next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4.30pm; phone 0413-2622741, cell 9442891235.

Auroville Residents Service: open from Monday to Friday morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon (by online appointment only): 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Phone: 0413-2622191 / email: reservice@auroville.org.in

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

Santé - Auroville Institute for Integral Health: Crown Road near Arka. For Aurovilians, newcomers, friends of Auroville, registered guests and volunteers. Staff includes Doctors, Therapists, Midwife, Nurses. Lab. Hours: Monday to Saturday 8.45am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm. Closed Tuesday afternoon. Call 0413-2622803 for appointment.

Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville, a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months). We offer welcome information, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers’ stay.

From Monday to Friday from 10am till 12pm. at the Unity Pavilion. For more information call 0413-2622712 or go to Savi website: www.auroville-learning.net.

Skyworks: Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, power line cleaning. SatYajii: 853 103 35 45

TreeCare: Pruning, removing, cabling, bracing and transplanting of trees. Hedge and grass maintenance also available. Call: Jonas: 9159843579 / Anadi: 9655477329 or go to: treecareindia.com / email: office@treecareindia.com

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

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

Youthlink, Service: Offering young adults (18-40 yrs) information, education and general support. Priority to Aurovilian, newcomer, and bioregional youth. Please make an appointment by email to youthlink@auroville.org.in or whatsapp +91 8778312841.

**NEW** Jam Session and Dinner at Youth Center: on Tuesdays from 6:30pm onwards. A jam session is a relatively informal musical event, process, or activity where musicians, typically instrumentalists, play improvised solos and vamp on tunes, songs and chord progressions. Food shall be served too! One Love, Tahir. +91384460764

**NEW** A Focused Contact Improvisation Dance in Youth Center: Saturdays at 5pm, with Tahir (+919384460764). We will dance contact improvisation with a different focus every time. All are welcome. Contact improvisation is a form of improvised dancing that has been developing internationally since 1972. It involves the exploration of one’s body relationship to others by using the fundamentals of sharing weight, touch, and movement awareness.

**NEW** Vocal and Nada Yoga Workshop Thursday 27th & Friday 28th September 9.00-5.00pm At Creativity Hall of Light To register please contact Hamsini 9487544184 (WhatsApp) or hamsini@yahoo.fr

Italian Maestro wisdom & Yogic approach: Discover & develop parts of the body involved in vocal sound production. Learn to use these parts through vocal practice and sound healing circle to consciously create and strengthen your unique Musical Instrument. Nada Yoga: Access inner consciousness through sound Ancient Nada Yoga links music to spiritual growth through vibrational sound. Use musical scales inside energetic centers to deepen auditory and kinesthetic awareness.

Use Indian Raga to free emotional blockages. These techniques help you to sing in tune. Nada Yoga is a powerful meditative tool to help people in deepen movement between consciousness states, enhance inner peace and contentment. Sacred Chants Help to quite the mind & open the heart the Divine Within.

No need of any previous experience. Bring a small mirror with you.

Exploring Auroville Architecture: 3rd - 5th October 2018 Exploring Auroville Architecture is developed by Auroville Green Practices in cooperation with local experts in order to share our experience in architecture with the world outside. During the 3-day workshop participants will get to experience the various architectural expressions at Auroville and the learning that came during the building process. The gradual development of Auroville created a unique environment. For instance, vernacular habitats that have survived the test of time as a response to site, context and climate as well as contemporary buildings with modern technology, design and services. This combination, together with the diversity of experts makes Auroville’s architecture unique in every aspect. Concessional fees (for cheaper food expenses) for Aurovilians working in this field are being offered. Full program attendance is required. If you are interested to attend, please send an email to: info@agpworkshops.com. For more details please visit: www.agpworkshops.com
Fundraising Workshop

Aurea center is organising a financing and fundraising workshop at Verté on 12th and 13th October 2018. The workshop is recommended for people with small-scale Auroville units or a new initiative looking for ways to finance and fundraise. If you are interested to attend the workshop, register here.

Introduction to the Human Motor System

-An Anatomy Course. Osnat, Santa’s physiotherapist, is offering an anatomy course of the human motor system - the musculoskeletal system. This course will give theoretical knowledge of the body structure. The main focus will be the structure of the skeleton, muscles, joints and nervous system, and one class for the inner organs. Through this learning one will get a better understanding about the posture and mobility of the body. For Shiatsu students and other interested people, an additional class of topographic anatomy will also be offered.

The course is suitable for students of the different therapies, and teachers and practitioners of the different bodywork. The teaching is given by Aurovilian, Osnat, a physiotherapy graduate from Tel Aviv University, Israel. She has worked in the field of physical rehabilitation and water therapies for the past 10 years, and is currently practicing as a physiotherapist at Sante.

Every Wednesday, October 10th 2018 till December, 12th 2018 from 9:00-10:30am for a total of 10 classes at Sante: Auroville Institute for Integral Health.

Pre-registration and a basic financial contribution of Rs. 1000 in total is requested.

For registration and further inquiries, please contact Sante reception at 0413-2622803 or by email to osnathifman@gmail.com.

Connection as Life Energy

Exploring Nonviolent Communication with Laura Joy

• Fri, Sept 28 - Sat, Sept 29
• 9.30am - 5pm, with lunch break
Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others? Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want?

A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply-rooted consciousness of oneness, as well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We’ll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to hear others’ true (and harmless) message, which in turn leads to more connection between us. When we’re connected as human beings, we’re in our natural state of wanting to give and collaborate with others.

More info & register (and for venue info): contact Laura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016. Limited spaces. Registration and contribution required. Full participation required (2 days). [Other upcoming NVC Events and Practice Group: joylivinglearning.org]

Films

UPDATE: SCREENING at CREATIVITY

Please note the corrected date: Saturday 22 of September - 6.30pm - at Hall of Light, Creativity

Movie: “Behind the Label - What do you know about the cotton clothes you wear?” (Dur: 1 Hr / Language: English)
Film in India “Behind the Label” tells stories of the combined lifecycle of cotton—from plantations to textiles—of GM cotton failure with those taking the difficult path back to organically grown cotton. A path that starts with the recovery of traditional seeds to interviews with prominent advocates that will surprise the audience and give hope to the cause.

In less than a decade, 216,000 farmers have committed suicide in despair and shame caused by the unbearable burden of debts for their GM crops. It is an ever-escalating scandal that raises many questions.

Topics for discussion: 1. What’s the impact of these crops in terms of life quality for those men, women and children who grow them? 2. What are the real interests of global multinational who rule the world of cotton?

Objective - write your question to the fashion industry Submitted by GJJs and Team

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, September 24, 2018 at 6:30pm. Duration: 34min.

INTERVIEW WITH VLADIMIR YATSENO - ON HIS LIFE AND YOGA

Vladimir was born in the Soviet Union and from childhood on he was curious and wanted to know where we are coming from but found no satisfying answer. As a soldier in Afghanistan he realised that Death does not exist. Then, back in Russia someone told him “God is”: that changed his life and he began to study Christian, Buddhists and Zen Buddhist scriptures. He also secretly got hold of Pavitra’s book “Conversations with Sri Aurobindo” and felt the sweet presence from above. “Essays on the Gita” was given to him and that made him start studying Sanskrit at St. Petersburg University. He wanted to understand what Sri Aurobindo was writing about and to be able to read the original texts. That was challenging, because at that time in Russia it was forbidden to study Sri Aurobindo.

In 1991 Vladimir came to India and studied at Pune University and a year later he came to Pondicherry where he felt that he was coming home; in Auroville, the red soil connected him within. Vladimir continues to study Sanskrit ever more deeply: its words, roots and sounds and the system of the language. These studies are culminating in the knowledge that ‘language is the guru’ - like the Veda.

THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, September 28th, Friday

Schedule of Events:

4:30 pm: Tour of Sadhana Forest
6:00 pm: Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
4:30 pm: 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:**

TINY GIANTS

45 mins / 2014 / English / Directed by: Mark Brownlow

This is the story of an adventurous young chipmunk and a caring grasshopper mother mouse, two minuscule beings dwelling in a world of giants. The battle for survival in such an unforgiving environment, takes on a completely new meaning, especially when you are a few inches tall a true tiny giant!

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 sadhanafeast at auroville.org.in.

Or visit us online: sadhanafilm.org and FB.

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## Cinema Paradiso Present

**Curtain Raiser @ 8pm**

### Monday 24 September 2018

**Introduction to the first ever Pondicherry International Film Festival (PIFF-18)** by the PIFF team including Abhishek Sinha, his team, and actor Adil Hussain.

**Screening of film**: Rainbow Jelly, India 2h01mins in presence of Dir Soukarya Ghoshal + a brief Q&A after screening.

### Venue for All Screening:

**Multimedia Center Auditorium @ Town Hall Complex**

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