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It is here, when this foundation has been secured, that the practice of Asana and Pranayama come in and can then bear their perfect fruits. By itself the control of the mind and moral being only puts our normal consciousness into the right preliminary condition; it cannot bring about that evolution or manifestation of the higher psychic being which is necessary for the greater aims of Yoga. In order to bring about this manifestation the present nodus of the vital and physical body with the mental being has to be loosened and the way made clear for the ascent through the greater psychic being to the union with the superconscient Purusha. This can be done by Pranayama. Asana is used by the Rajayoga only in its easiest and most natural position, that naturally taken by the body when seated and gathered together, but with the back and head strictly erect and in a straight line, so that there may be no deflection of the spinal cord. The object of the latter rule is obviously connected with the theory of the six Chakras and the circulation of the vital energy between the mūlādhāra and the brahmarandhra. The Rajayogic Pranayama purifies and clears the nervous system; it enables us to circulate the vital energy equally through the body and direct it also where we will according to need, and thus maintain a perfect health and soundness of the body and the vital being; it gives us control of all the five habitual operations of the vital energy in the system and at the same time breaks down the habitual divisions by which the ordinary mechanical processes of the vitality are possible to the normal life. It opens entirely the six centres of the psycho-physical system and brings into the waking consciousness the power of the awakened Shakti and the light of the unveiled Purusha on each of the ascending planes. Coupled with the use of the mantra it brings the divine energy into the body and prepares for and facilitates that concentration in Samadhi which is the crown of the Rajayogic method.

Rajayogic concentration is divided into four stages; it commences with the drawing both of the mind and senses from outward things, proceeds to the holding of the one object of concentration to the exclusion of all other ideas and mental activities, then to the prolonged absorption of the mind in this object, finally, to the complete ingoing of the consciousness by which it is lost to all outward mental activity in the oneness of Samadhi. The real object of this mental discipline is to draw away the mind from the outward and the mental world into union with the divine Being.

SRI AUROBINDO - THE SYNTHESIS OF YOGA
vol. XX, The Yoga of Integral Knowledge, chap. XXVIII: Rajayoga

The ego thinks of what it wants and has not. This is its constant preoccupation. The soul is aware of what it is given and lives in endless gratitude.

The Mother
MCW, vol 14, Words Of The Mother II, p.257
In Centre Field at Shankar’s we dug two ponds with bunding to prevent run off to Edyachavady. The mud road is eroding annually with a lot of rainwater going into the village. We cleaned the existing ponds in the International Zone. Some ask why it is necessary to clean percolation ponds. After rain silt and leaves fill slowly the pond and small saplings, most work trees, start growing. It prevents after some time the percolation and a dirty pond with leaves can become a mosquito pest. After years it has no more function. Also, in Bharat Nivas we cleaned the existing ponds, deepened one and raised the bund again, it’s an attempt to keep the water in Bharat Nivas compound. Restored the bund between The Tibetan Pavilion and Bharat Nivas and added a small spillway. Made a bund and a small percolation pit in Joi. We cleaned and enlarge the capacity of the kolam in Aurodam. There were nice pockets of red and yellow gravel soils, which were taken for the road in Aurodam and by Road Service. We enlarged the last tank in Arjapadi Farm before the water flows out of Auroville into Irumbai. Moorthy wants to use the water for irrigation. After we cleaned percolation ponds along the gully, adjacent Arjapadi Farm. We enlarged the tank in Siddhartha Forest. On the way to Nine Palms we made a percolation pit along the cycling path near Babu’s house. In Nine Palms we widened and enforced two spillways. We upgraded and raised the dam and cleaned percolation ponds. We enlarged and cleaned the kolam. The rain of Oct. 4 ended this year’s project. Totally we worked about 391 hours and spent Rs 234600.

Kireet for the Canyon Erosion Control Auroville

2) Highway: We regret the aggressive and accusatory language which has been used against one member of the Working Committee regarding an email he had written to the OSD of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways after the first visit to the Ministry. The email in question confirmed the Ministry’s verbal concession made in the meeting that the proposed highway would not go through the Master Plan of Auroville; the email also expressed concern that the highway would yet go through Ravenna and Forecomers and the OSD was requested to see if the highway could go around these areas. The community was informed about the highway topic in the public presentation of the Working Committee in a general meeting on July 12th. The Highway Task Force, which was setup during this meeting, received copies of all correspondence, including this email, shortly afterwards.

When the second delegation met the Ministry’s officials in the beginning of August, they learned that this email had been interpreted as an agreement. Evidently, neither the Working Committee nor the HTF members had realised this. At the instigation of one of the HTF members, a second email was sent from the Working Committee to clarify the status of Auroville. For the progress on the proposed highway issue, we refer to the reports of the Highway Task Force.

3) Visa: We regret the aggressive and accusatory language which has been used against two members of the Working Committee concerning their recent interaction with the FRRO, Chennai, jointly with the Secretary, Auroville Foundation. During this meeting the following was achieved:

a) Out of a list of 34 pending visa renewal cases, 24 cases have been cleared. All the persons concerned have been informed. Only 10 cases are now pending.

b) The FRRO awaits the views of the Ministry of Home Affairs officials on our request for re-admission into India of Vladimir, Sonia and Marie - Claire, as each of them has all sent a letter to the MHA.

c) The FRRO was also informed that we had not received any information on some old cases which were discussed during the visit of the FRRO and MHA officials in May to Auroville. The FRRO was asked to communicate the decision.

d) The FRRO was requested to inform the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, and/or the Working Committee of any case of violation of the Entry Visa conditions by a person holding an Entry Visa for Auroville and not to resort to not informing the person, blacklisting the person and sending him/her back upon his/her return to India. We explained that those who have chosen to live permanently in Auroville do not have a home anymore in their country of origin and that the penalty of barring entry into India is often not commensurate with the violation. Shortly after this discussion, we learned from an article in the Economic Times of September 23rd, 2018, of a verdict of the High Court in New Delhi which disapproved of the practice of authorities not informing Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card holders or foreigners holding a valid visa in advance about them being blacklisted. The Delhi High Court has directed the Centre
to ensure such individuals are in intimated in advance that they would be denied entry into the country. This verdict may also be of relevance to Auroville.

e) The FRRO agreed to provide a clarification on what conditions Auroville residents of foreign origin, who are holding an Entry Visa issued for Auroville, are allowed to undertake activities or work outside Auroville. This clarification is required to prevent confusion, the more so as recent stay visas issued by the RRO mention ‘Valid for Auroville only. Employment / Business / Study not permitted’.

f) The FRRO also agreed to provide a clarification on the rules for Auroville residents of foreign origin attending a course or workshop outside Auroville. (see point 5 below)

g) The FRRO also agreed to provide a clarification on what conditions foreign visitors to Auroville who come with a tourist visa and who wish to give a talk or a free performance or engage in education or wish to display their art work can do so. These clarifications are awaited.

h) The FRRO confirmed the present policy that Auroville residents of foreign origin need to inform the RRO when they leave Auroville for more than 2 weeks, e.g. for taking a holiday. We request residents to strictly follow this policy.

i) The FRRO also stated that in case an Auroville resident of foreign origin needs to be hospitalized in India for a period of more than 6 months, the RRO needs to be informed as in such a case the entry visa will need to be converted into a medical visa.

4) Invitations and visa applications for foreign participants of seminars/workshops/courses: Auroville activities or units inviting foreign nationals to an Auroville workshop/course/sem expiresIn the context of the work of the resident for an Auroville unit or trust. In case attending the seminar, workshop and conference is for the private benefit of the Aurovillians, an Entry Visa issued for Auroville, are allowed to undertake activities or work outside Auroville. (see point 5 below)

5) Information about attending a seminar/workshop/course outside Auroville: In our present understanding, Auroville residents of foreign origin can attend a seminar/workshop/course outside Auroville without obtaining prior permission from the RRO in case the seminar/workshop/course is in the context of the work of the resident for an Auroville unit or trust. In case attending the seminar, workshop and conference is for the private benefit of the Auroville resident, prior permission from the RRO, Pondicherry, is required. The Working Committee will forward the request to the Secretary, Auroville Foundation. The Secretary will issue the required letter of recommendation for a volunteer or seminar visa. A template for the information required is available. Please ensure to apply a minimum of 6 weeks in advance, so as to give ample time for processing and for the foreign national to apply for the visa.

6) Sumit and Eric: Jointly with the Auroville Council, we are in the process of arriving at our decision. We have met with Sumit and Eric, both individually and together, for which a facilitated conversation was held with the support of L’aura. Our next steps are to communicate our decisions to Sumit and Eric, respectively. The community will be kept informed.

7) Frequently asked questions: The Working Committee is frequently asked about topics related to revenue and administrative matters such as taxes, births and deaths, registrations, accidents, security and emergency, police liaison, visas, aadhaar, disputes, etc. as there is a general lack of information or knowledge on these topics. For this reason, we are preparing a comprehensive and hopefully user-friendly manual to be available on Auronet. Similarly, AVSSST is preparing a website where relevant information will also be available. If there are any topics on which a resident has no clear idea on what process to follow, please inform the Working Committee and we will do our best to clarify and communicate this to the wider community. Also, if anyone has any knowledge administrative process which they wish to share, please email us at workingcom@auroville.org.in. We will inform the community when this is available.

8) Disputed land purchase: A case has been filled by the Office of the Secretary in the High Court at Chennai. We are waiting for the judgment. The Governing Board has asked to conduct a Departmental Enquiry into the land purchase. A group is being setup by the Secretary with the Auroville Council.

9) Revision Entry Policy: When the Entry Policy 2017 was approved by the RA on 23rd September, 2017, it was agreed to give the policy a look again after completion of its first year to make improvements. Jointly with the Auroville Council, we are soon going to initiate the process of revision of the Entry Policy 2017, starting with collecting feedback from the community and others who have experienced the policy.

10) Drone usage: A draft regulation from the Director General Civil Aviation has been published specifying the conditions for the use of drones in India. This regulation is expected to take effect in December. In accordance with this Regulation, foreigners will not be allowed to fly drones anywhere in India, including within Auroville. This also applies to Auroville residents of foreign origin. As Auroville is an educational institution, the Auroville Foundation has the authority to permit the usage of drones within Auroville, both to residents of Auroville of Indian nationality, to Indian nationals who are not a resident of Auroville, and other organisations. In such a case, the drones should not be heavier than 2 kilograms and fly less than 200 feet above ground level. Outreach Media is the unit in Auroville through which this permission has to be applied for.

11) Misuse of the name of Auroville: At the request of the Name and Symbol of Auroville Protection Group, the Working Committee, jointly with the Auroville Foundation, has initiated legal action against three outside organisations using the name Auroville.

12) Selection new Working Committee members postponed: As per the Auroville Council’s communication to the community in the News & Notes No: 764, dated 17th September 2018, the selection process for replacement members of working groups, including the Working Committee’s, is postponed by two months. The two Working Committee members whose term ends, Hemant and Inge, have agreed to remain available as resource persons till the next selection process, which is scheduled for February or March 2019. The Working Committee.

(Email, Hemant, Inge, Mandakini, Partha, Ranjith, Sauro)

EXTRACTS OF THE MINUTES OF THE 52ND MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
Extracted and shared by the Working Committee 8th Sep. 2018 at Auroville

Present: Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman; Dr. Prem Nanadakumar, Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty, Dr. Anirban Ganguly and Dr. Nirima Oza.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:
1. Land Sale permission: The issue of Land Sale permission may be followed up and a response sent to the queries / advice of the Ministry. Outside agency may be engaged for determining market value. Auroville should appoint an agency for purchase, sale (once approved by MHRD) and exchange of lands so that price discovery takes place.

2. Grant-in- Aid for 2018-2019: The budget estimate of Rs. 29.98 Crores, has been noted and approved in principle which needs to be prioritized by the Working Committee as per the sanctioned budget for the year 2018-19. Detailed estimates prepared by the Working Committee may be discussed with the Secretary, Auroville Foundation before Finalizing.

3. Land purchase of 8.175 acres: Governing Board expressed serious concern about the land purchase deal which resulted in not having the possession of the land after having paid out about Rs.5 crores.

It was explained by the Working Committee that the Land Board studies each case of purchase or exchange of land, after due verification and negotiation of price, area etc., recommends to the FAMC and to the Working Committee, which in turn request the Secretary to authorize a member of the Working Committee or Land Board to purchase the land in the name of Auroville Foundation. The same procedure has been followed since long.
It is noted that at every level starting from the Land Board, there has been a failure to look into the details and the legal position, before recommending to the FAMC and to the Working Committee. Governing Board asked the Secretary to immediately form a Departmental Enquiry Committee with members from Auroville Council and senior Aurovilians to investigate internally and pursue the criminal case vigorously. It is noted that Land Board did not obtain a written legal opinion before going ahead with this value transaction. Secretary, AF informed the Board that the legal steps have been taken to file a criminal complaint with the police and that a case has been filed in the High Court at Chennai, which is being followed up closely. The lack of due diligence in its case is not unfortunate and those guilty should be brought to book.

4. Tamil Heritage Centre (THC) Forensic Audit Report:
The Governing Board took serious note of the financial mismanagement in the THC construction. The Board directed that there should be a Monitoring Committee to complete the Tamil Heritage Centre and an Oversight Committee to do test check of all building activities in Auroville in general to avoid such occurrence in the future.
The Board observed that the Secretary, AF needs to be empowered to take disciplinary action against the Units and its Executives/Members and the Committees to ensure accountability and financial transparency. An Empowered Committee to be constituted of 2 members each from the Working Committee, FAMC with the Secretary, AF as Chairman. He can co-opt any other member as he may consider necessary to take expeditious steps to complete the building and make it functional.
The minimum amount required to complete the roof of THC and the essential infrastructure needed may be determined and the budget be put up to the Chairman for approval. Dr. Prema Nandakumar’s suggestions regarding the future activities of the Tamil Heritage Centre will be taken up after completion of the building.
The Forensic Audit Report extracts were seen by the Board and the Board directed that the Court Case filed must be followed up expeditiously, so that those guilty can be brought to book.

5. Position of pending legal cases:
The Board noted the position and enquired about the land area that is deadlocked due to court cases, and the steps being taken to get the land possession. Secretary, AF has informed the Board that about 54 acres is in dispute. The Board directed the Secretary to form a Legal Team to look into each case and try to expeditiously settle the long pending cases.

6. Auroville Security Matters:
The Board noted that Auroville Security Team has been working well but the police outpost in the vicinity of Auroville needs to be further strengthened to avoid untoward incidents. It was also noted that the security team has been supported with necessary vehicles for internal patrolling, from the 50th Anniversary special grant.

7. 50th Anniversary of Auroville:
Reports from the 50th Anniversary team have been noted with appreciation. The Secretary, AF reported that a monitoring committee has been set up which meets every week and looks at the capital and general expenditure grants to each project on the occasion of 50th Anniversary. The committee also inspects the projects completed and ongoing in the site periodically and progress has been satisfactory.

8. Items proposed by the Working Committee:

   i. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) issues: It was reported by the Working Committee that two delegations from Auroville met the officials of the NHAI and Ministry of Transport, Government of India (GOI). The Governing Board observed that the interactions with the officials could have been better organised and a coherent appeal made on behalf of Auroville. Recognising and taking note of the concerns of the Residents Assembly and the community of Auroville regarding the proposed National Highway Bypass, the Board will convey these to GOI. It was reported by a Member of the Governing Board that the Ministry of Transport will take into account the concerns voiced by the residents of Auroville while finalising the highway alignment. The Secretary, AF has been asked to urgently contact the District Collector of Villupuram regarding the latest alignment by NHAI. Auroville Foundation may also contact the Tamil Nadu Govt. Transport Department to know the alignment and actual mapping on the ground.
   
   ii. Vacancies in the Board and notification of International Advisory Council (IAC): Governing Board noted that the Department of Higher Education, MHRD is looking into the matter as reported by the Director, MHRD.
   
   iii. Matrimantra: The Board felt that while working on the “Garden of the Unexpected” was important, completion of the remaining 8 gardens should also be accorded priority.
   
   iv. SAIER Annual Report 2017-18, and presentation of brief overview: The Board has noted the report by the executives with appreciation:
      a. Swadharma program: The Board has appreciated the innovative five-week personality Development program for the Higher Studies/learning and noted that it is being well received.
      b. Auroville Campus Initiative: The Board noted that this initiative is an interesting program and seems very promising which can also be an option for the Auroville Youth.
      c. Outreach Board: The Board enquired about the number of schools and students that Auroville was able to reach out in the bio-region, and appreciated the work being done.
      d. One of Goodwill: The Board noted that the long-term ambitious vision and project to create a number of buildings including high rise buildings (up to 18 storeys) may not be in consonance with the ecological and environmental principles of Auroville.
   
   vi. Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC): After the presentation, the Board suggested that financial restructuring and internal audit should be implemented rapidly during this financial year. The centralised accounting control system may also be introduced at the earliest.

9. New Town Development Authority (NTDA) proposal for Auroville:
The Working Committee is pursuing the matter in consultation with the Secretary, Auroville Foundation.

10. GST Matters:
The Working Committee informed the Board that the GST Council granted a concessional rate to the Residents of Auroville that their maintenance will not be taxable by the GST. The Board directed the Secretary to convey their sincere appreciation to the GST Council.

11. Establishment Matters:
   
   i. Auroville Foundation Website: The Board has noted the position.
   
   ii. Entry / Exit Regulations: Director, MHRD reported that it is in the final stage of approval at the Ministry’s Office.
   
   iii. Amendments to Auroville Foundation Rules: It was reported by the Director, MHRD that a comprehensive review was done recently and put up to IFD, MHRD for their views.

12. Additional Agenda Items:

   a. Finance Committee of Auroville Foundation: Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty and Dr. Anirban Ganguly have been nominated by the Board. It was suggested that senior Governing Board Member, Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty can be the Chairperson for the Reconstituted Finance Committee of Auroville Foundation. Secretary AF has been advised to write to the Secretary, MHRD in the regard.

   b. Lease of Land to TANGEDCO for Electrical Sub-Station: The Governing Board has approved the proposal and authorised the Secretary to execute the lease on mutually agreed terms and the action can be taken at the earliest.

   c. Office Space / Address of AF in Pondicherry: The Board has advised that the Secretary, AF to take up this important issue in consultation with an expert about the delegation of administrative and financial powers so that the Foundation can limit their liabilities. The Board has also directed to appoint an Internal Auditor by the Secretary, AF so that the Audit Reports are submitted to the Board for necessary action.

   d. Income tax PAN of Auroville Foundation: The Board accepted the proposal in principle and authorized the Secretary to apply for additional PAN/PANs for the trusts as and when necessary and to facilitate restructuring of the Trusts / Units in consultation with the Working Committee.

   e. Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research (SACAR): The Board noted that SACAR has been doing good work in the field of Higher Education and Research related to the works of Sri
Aurobindo and the Mother. No official affiliation as requested by SACAR seems possible but the Board advised that Savitri Bhavan / SAILER, which are involved in research in Higher education could explore areas of collaboration.

13. Next Board meeting:
The next 53rd Governing Board Meeting will be held on 25th, 26th and 27th February 2019 to coincide with the closing ceremony of the 50th Anniversary. Submitted by the Working Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GETTING READY FOR THE UNEXPECTED!

Dear Public Panel members, we are grateful for your participation in the process of finalising a design for the GARDEN OF THE UNEXPECTED.

The top three design proposals as well as the other designs will be made available online from 16th of October. An exhibition of the designs will be open for all Aurovilians from 17th October onward at Unity Pavilion. We will gather for a panel discussion on 21 October from 9.00am to 12.30 pm at Unity Pavilion. We urge you to study at least the top three designs thoroughly before coming for the panel discussion.

The Public Panel Info Kit (found at this link) contains the design brief, a guidebook for the public panel and introductory video on the GoU design Event. This info has also been sent to your registered email. The Garden of the Unexpected Team

CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

Annual Review for Funding in 2019:
The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will be meeting for its annual review of grant proposals for funding by the Foundation for World Education and Stichting De Zaaier in 2019. All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in the prescribed forms as attachments emailed to pcg@auroville.org.in latest by Monday 12 November.

Following the procedure set up by the Foundation for World Education, the Project Coordination Group will review and select projects for approval and budget allocation by their Board members. In recent years, funds available with the Foundation for World Education for Auroville projects and programmes amounted to approx. USD 30,000 in total. The Foundation for World Education has indicated a preference for funding projects and activities for which the maintenance of Aurovilians is either covered by Auroville or from a source other than Foundation for World Education grants.

With regard to Stichting De Zaaier, the Project Coordination Group will check whether proposals fall within their funding criteria and forward those that do to the SDZ Board for final selection and grant allocation. In recent years, funds available with Stichting De Zaaier for Auroville projects and programmes were in the range of € 50.000 to € 90.000 in total.

Stichting De Zaaier welcomes project proposals for:

- Research studies in the fields of sociology, economy, psychology and inner development;
- Exploratory (research) studies into the relations with the world outside Auroville, in particular with the villages (and villagers) surrounding Auroville, as well as proposals for initiatives that seek to contribute to strengthening these relations;
- Initiatives that seek to enhance efficient co-operation of Aurovilians with the aim of making full use of the existing potential in Auroville;
- Studies exploring a sustainable future for Auroville and initiatives contributing to such a future;
- Seed funding for innovative initiatives, youth, informal education and training, women’s development, as well as proposals prepared by youth.

Please note that no funds are available for infrastructure, buildings or transport. Requests for equipment will only be considered if specifically required for the implementation of the project and are not already available in Auroville.

Stichting De Zaaier has also indicated a preference for the funding of projects and activities for which the maintenance of Aurovilians is either covered by Auroville or from a source other than SDZ grants.

A revised grant application form, budget request form and guide for filling these in are available on request from pcg@auroville.org.in or may be downloaded from Auronet.

Please note that if you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or, students of any individual classes, your project is to be reviewed by all concerned School Boards prior to the Project Coordination Group’s review. (Please contact any individual schools mentioned in your proposal before submitting it to the School Boards.) Therefore, it is important that all the relevant bodies (i.e. schools, teachers, school boards, etc.) are aware of your project and support it. In this way, the Project Coordination Group can more easily recommend a project for funding knowing it will have the support of schools and thereby have a greater impact on the beneficiaries of the project.

NB: If you have already received funding for a project through the Project Coordination Group please send in a progress report/status update (if project is ongoing) or final report (if project has been completed or all funds have been utilized) before making an application for new grant.

For more information or assistance please write to pcg@auroville.org.in or contact the Project Coordination Group at the ACUR (Town) office in Auroville 2627250.

Last date for submitting proposals for possible funding next year is Monday, 12 November 2018.

NOTE FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE

ABOUT ICC (Internal Complaints Committee)

You may be aware that all services and units of Auroville have to comply with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013, which deals with issues of sexual abuse and harassment of women at the workplace.

In accordance with this Act, the Working Committee appointed the ICC on 24th October 2015, consisting of Srijita, Anandanayi, Niva, Anbu, Suryagandhi, Bridget and Yuval.

As of 10th October 2018, the ICC membership consists of Niva, Anbu, Paula Murphy, Kathy Walking and Davaselvy.

The ICC has been authorised to deal with all incidents of sexual abuse or harassment in Auroville. Information on the Act and the appointment was published in the News and Notes on 7th November 2015 (# 622).

The Act states that information must be displayed in all workplaces. The ICC has produced a poster in both English and Tamil that gives details of the rights of employees in this matter. We kindly request you to display these posters in a prominent place that workers can clearly see.

Please contact the ICC immediately should any employee need assistance. The ICC can be contacted at icc@auroville.org.in and 7639305678. The Working Committee

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 768

Dated: 15-10-2018

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:
- Kevin HILARET (French) Staying in Svedam and working at Aurovelo.
- Margherita FASSI (Italian) Staying in La Maison des Jeunes and working at Svarnam.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
- Victoria BONNEAU (French)
- Cyril BROUILL (French)
- Vidhya ANGURAJAN (Indian)

AUROVIILANS ANNOUNCED:
- Omid HASHHMI (Iranian) Staying in Fertile and working at TLC and Fertile.
- Pascal GUNZINGER (Swiss) Staying in Sukhavati and working at the French Pavilion, WM and LOE.

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Friends of AUROVILLE:
- Rohini SAHNIL (Indian) Decided to suspend her FOA status on her own.
- Christos KURSNER (Swiss) Decided to withdraw his FOA application on his own.

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

L’AVENIR D’AUROVILLE: UPDATE ON DDP
Dear Community, we, the present L’avenir d’Auroville who is selected as an interface group, are meant to integrate the community’s inputs and with the help of enabled consultants to undertake the task of preparing the Detail Development Plan (DDP) for Auroville.

What is a DDP? The DDP is a techno-legal document with the proposals for development of Auroville to fulfil its aims and universal values; that will include the land use plan, mobility, education, culture, housing and other infrastructure; industry and economy, management of water resources, food production, environmental rehabilitation and conservation. It also contains the resource mobilization plan with particular reference to finance, land, and manpower. It provides an efficient system of monitoring and review using a Terms of Reference which acts as a guiding principal.

What is the process to prepare a DDP? Envisioning programs and projects that will further the aims of Auroville, as an international city in making, an experiment in material and spiritual as embodied in the Auroville Charter. To prepare a DDP, one of the important aspect is identifying the development priorities. The development priorities have to be identified, segregated by sectors of development and analysed to be able to undertake future projections for annual budget planning to respond to the felt needs of all sections of the community, with programs and projects that permit equitable sharing of benefits from development with efficient utilization of resources.

How will these priorities be identified? The priorities will emerge from the consultations with the working groups and individuals who have been promoting, supporting, undertaking and impacting the development of Auroville over the last decade or so along with data collection and analysis of projects, programs, activities in areas like infrastructure, housing, education, health and social amenities, economic and environmental work.

How will the residents of Auroville be informed and consulted during this process? The working groups, units and individuals who will be part of the consultation process are encouraged to involve and share within their area of work. With the help of the RAS and AV council, GMs will present the work to get inputs and feedback. The reports will be published in the AV News & Notes and Auronet.

L’avenir d’Auroville Team

Houses Available for Transfer
1. Surrender - Benny’s House - Plinth Area:210.58 m² approximately. Double storied, RCC roof with load bearing structure with 2 bedrooms, 2 attached toilets, hall, kitchen, office room, portico and terrace. (Suitable for family).
2. Auromodel - Petite Ferme (ex Jorinde’s house): Plinth area of 180.90 m² Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Rammed earth with Brick walls, RCC roofing with covered front and back verandah, living cum Kitchen, Bedroom & Toilet. (Suitable for family with three members minimum) Re announced;
3. Windarra Farm - TerraSoul: Sandhya’s House: Plinth Area: 204.53 m². 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.)

Piece of 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) or call: 0413 2622658

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.

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: Near completion
   Fully equipped apartments with cupboards, equipped kitchen, bathroom, fridge, hob, light, fan, solar back up system. Covered terrace for each apartment.
   The work for the landscaping has started.
   Out of 42 apartments 8 units are 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 for the public every Thursday from 3 to 5:30pm and Saturday from 10am to 12:30. For information and site visit contact: satyakam@auroville.org.in

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

KINISI Update
On Earth Day, June 6th, we found a way for Aurovilians to access sustainable mobility by implementing our Kinisi In-kind Mobility (KIM) program. For 850 rs/month, members of KIM receive an e-cycle for their personal use. Kinisi takes care of the cycle maintenance, battery replacement after 3 years and full cycle replacement after 6 years. KIM members are enjoying the benefits of e-cycling without the hassles of ownership. The e-cycles remain an asset of Auroville, and if they are left unused or mistreated, they go back into the KIM pool. Equally, when a KIM member leaves Auroville for more than a month, he can leave the e-cycle with Kinisi for maintenance and temporary use by other Aurovilians wanting to test the program. This program has been warmly welcomed by Aurovilians and we have a waiting list. Kinisi has dedicated 35 e-cycles to KIM so far, and we are looking for more funding to increase the fleet. If you feel like helping, you are welcome to contribute to KIM account 252708.

Due to the increase in both Kinisi and KIM fleets, we are looking for an experienced bicycle mechanic (no need for experience in electric cycles, we will teach him/her), either a volunteer, newcomer or Aurovillian, especially during the guest season. We are open to part-time (9-12) or full-time (9-12:30 and 2:30 - 5:00).

Email: kinisi@auroville.org.in, Tel: +91 830 046-0679 / 0680
Landline: 0413 262-2277, Web: http://kinisi.in

Marlyse (for KINISI)
**Inauguration Event at Auroville Institute of Applied Technology at Aurobrindavan**

On 15th of October 10.30 am, Auroville Institute of Applied Technology is inaugurating DUAL SYSTEM OF TRAINING in the presence of the Consulate General Mrs. Stoll of Germany, Minister of Labour Govt. of Pondicherry Shri Kandasamy and Shri M. Chakarapani MLA Vanur Block, Mrs. Dr. Nirima Oza GB and the Managing Directors of our Industrial partners of Dual System of training. AIAT is the 1st ITI in T.N. and Pondicherry to begin with Dual System of Training.

This year AIAT got approval to begin with Dual System of Training in Electronic Mechanic & Fitter. For the 1st time we could admit 44 students under Dual System of Training. These students will be trained for 7 to 8 months a year at AIAT and for 5 to 4 months at Industrial site. Our Industrial Partners are: Grace Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd, Appasamy Associates, GT Electronics and Sunlit Future. Students would get a stipend from the company during In-plant training.

With the introduction of Dual System of Training for the youth of the Bioregion AIAT is contributing to the development of the rural area.

Interested Aurovilians, especially our Alumni working in Auroville units are welcome. Lavkamad, Karin, Angelika, Jürgen Putz (www.aiat.in) or FB Auroville Institute of Applied Technology

**POSTINGS**

Dental Centre Protection closed on 12th & 13th October:
In case of emergency, please call Dr Bala, our Specialist Consultant (944 36 26 924).

Wanted: Videos of Kalabhumi Goes Live! Does anyone have videos taken from the last KALABHUmi GOES LIVE! on September 30?? I would love to collect them as we have very few so far. Please contact me on 8056811023 or karthick.27sa@gmail.com Thank you, Karthick.


Change of number: Dear Auroville community, please note the new contact numbers for “Auro Toes” (Auroville Registered Activity): 04132623621 - Cell 9940980621. As a launching offer, our beauty parlour is offering an organic face clean-up for free (one per Aurovilian or Newcomer). You are all welcome! We also provide Skin care, Hands & Foot care, Hair care and Body care, Threading, Waxing, Pedicure, Manicure, Foot spa, Facial Peel-off mask, Body spa, Foot spa, Hair spa, Hair colouring, Make-up, Mehandi, Ear & Nose piercing, also healing massage, Heel, Hand & stone healing therapy. UDAVI school campus.

Thanks, Jaya for Auro Toes

**THANK YOU**

From the Joy of Impermanence (Joi) team:
We would like to thank Land Board for their support with the fencing of Anitya community land in the past weeks. The friendliness of Adhy’s team and the willingness of Land Board to go out of their way to help us were very warmly received.

With gratitude, Joi team

- Andres, Henrike, Ian, Mathilde, Michael, Mirra, Nikki, Serena

**APPEAL**

Our Japanese Garden Needs Your Help 😊

For the past couple years, we have been building a Japanese Garden in the Auroville Botanical Gardens. Slowly the garden is coming alive with Beauty through the support of donors and volunteers. We have completed a stone bridge with pond, large sections of pathways, small boulder placements, planting of bamboo, trees, grasses, shrubs, and recently a transplanted Guaiacum from the Matrimandir area. But now we need more support to continue the work, including for the major parts of the garden - including a small tea pavilion, a stone garden, and more.

We have just started a GoFundMe Fundraising Campaign at www.gofundme.com/japanese-garden-of-peace where all can see our new video and pictures of the work. You can truly help us by SHARING this project online (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) or by email with others you know, as the more people we reach the more we can raise the needed funds. If you would also like to donate, that is most welcome - in Auroville one can donate to the Auroville Botanical Gardens account #251761.

We also welcome and need any donations of boulders and pebbles, or other construction materials like wood, bricks used roof tiles, or anything else you may have which we feel we can use. Much of our garden is made from recycled materials, so we welcome your offerings! Or, if you know a person or group who you think we should contact about our project for support, please contact me, Noel, at earthyoga@hotmail.com. Pictures of the garden are included in the AVNet posting at https://www.auroville.org.in/article/70624 Thank you and many wishes of Peace!

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

A multi-skilled person for Sharan:
Are you vegan? Are you passionate about health? Would you like to use your skills to spread the message of holistic health solutions through whole plant based nutrition? SHARAN is looking for vegan candidates with skills in public relations and media, IT, data, graphic design, websites, administration, accounts or management to work at our office in Aurelec. No matter where your aptitude is, you would need high English language and computer skills. Please take a look at our website www.sharan-india.org. If you feel passionate about our work and would like to be a part of our team and have some of the necessary skills, please send an email to nandita@sharan-india.org with your CV. Nandita
**EATING OUT**

**3 Great News from Well Café**

1. We are open for Saraswathi puja (Thursday 18.10.2018) and we would like to celebrate knowledge, music, art, wisdom and learning with you all - get FREE MALABI (vegan/with milk) with every lunch order!

2. We are joining the lunch scheme. We propose 3 days lunch or 6 days lunch with extra contribution of Rs.45 per day. We will be serving dishes from our menu like: Herbal omelette baguette, Marinated tofu baguette, Labane baguette, Sabich sandwich, Vegan omelette baguette, Small Mediterranean plate, Hummus plate, Labane plate, Shakshuka, Mushroom crépe, Well salad and our favorite Fusion plate (changing daily)

3. We have rain free tables and are happy to offer a 30% Monsoon discount on the whole menu for AV, NC & volunteers.

Love, Well Café Team (Sve Dame)

For groups and take away please call or mail us.
0413-2622 219 - wellcafe@auroville.org.in

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**NOTES**

**Tamil Corner**

**Riddles - Vidukathai (திக்குத்தை)**

Continuing our tradition, we submit the riddle for this month:

Tallest he stands like a sentry.  
His own business he minds.  
He brandishes two swords -  
One short and the other long.  
He’s awake guarding  
When all of us are fast asleep.  
You can rely on him and be safe.  
But be sure to rule him with a rod  
Lest he should cheat.  
Who is he?

Crack your brains, pull your hair or simply subscribe to vaasal at tamil@auroville.org.in for the answers! Happy riddling!

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Available 1: Looking for a house sitter for my house in Quiet from 25th Oct to 3rd (or perhaps 5th) Nov. My house is best for a single person who loves animals. I have a dog and cat to look after. (Please note that Quiet is on the beach so you would probably need to have a bike). If this is of interest, please email nandita@sharan.india.org or SMS 9488483286. Thank you.  

Nandita

Available 2: I am Umberto (Newcomer) and I am willing to share my flat with another Newcomer in Maitreyy Community, I am a quiet person and I sleep at 10pm. umberto.cerasoli@gmail.com or 7598331379. Umberto Cerasoli

Needed 1: Two of the French long term Savi Volunteers in Thamari are looking for an apartment or a house with separate bedroom to stay in Auroville. Please contact us: inesdhm@gmail.com, +91 76 39 15 46 83. Thank you, Ines

Needed 2: I am Mathilde (F), a 24 years old French Savi Volunteer, currently working in YouthLink. I arrived a month ago in Auroville and I’ll be staying for a year. I’m currently looking for a room to rent or to house sit. I’m an organized and clean person. If you are interested, please contact me by phone or text at +91 76 39 15 52 77. Mathilde

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**AVAILABLE**

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

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**Voices & Notes**

**AUROVILLE RADIO / TV**

**Greetings Auroville...**

We are happy to share with you all what we managed to capture in past week as a team of Auroville Radio/TV. Please do collaborate with us in sharing event details and video clips of events happening in the community of Auroville.

We would be happy to hear from you, and also 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, FB: facebook.com/auroville.radio, Twitter: AurovilleRadioTV

From our volunteers for the past week we have:

Karthick - Kalabhumì Goes Live September Edition 2018

Chana Corinne and Gino - Eric Chacra Photos

Gino - Kalabhumì Goes Live - Rando&Band Karabhumì Goes Live - New Band&Bujaries

Avdhi and Akshay - What Makes Restaurants in Auroville so Special? Pt 1
What Makes Restaurants in Auroville so Special? Pt 2
What Makes Restaurants in Auroville so Special? Pt 3
Rishabh Verma - Founder of Navgurukul

rtm - Noel Talks on Japanese Garden Funding Campaign

Out of regular programs we have:

GangaLakshmi continues with her Selections of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo in French.

Loretta reads Mother’s Q And A, 7/11/56, 7/14/56, Part 1

Marlenka continues withSynopsis of Yoga 71

Here are also the News of Thursday and Monday.

Musical Editions features soulful R&B Whatcha Lookin For, Feel the rain wash over you with this playlist (Avdhi&Akshay selection), Tribute to Oliver Dragojevic.

Your AurovilleradioTV team

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**Super Cute puppy:** Hello future family, I am a super cute puppy 'kids friendly' who loves being pet, especially on the belly. I am 4 months old and in order of vaccination. I am looking for a family to love you. You can find me at the solar kitchen. I am white, black and brown and say hello to everyone. I will come with a deworming medicine, a soap for bathing, my vitamins, 2 carpets I like to sleep on and a vaccination record. Please welcome me at your home. For more info: what's app Melissa at +32494222249. Thank you!

**Ladies cycle:** I have an old full size ladies bicycle (needs servicing and a bit of fixing) and a brand new pump available. Please contact nandita@sharan-india.org or SMS 9488483286 Nandita

**2 Cane Armchairs:** Two magnificent glittering glamourous cane armchairs available for free in Transformation, Soham's paradise. Once seated on them, you will be carried away straight to the moon, where you will discover with amazement that nobody greenish is living there, but instead, sky blue begins dancing and playing Rock & Roll music all day long. A stupendous experience! Of course, I am still open to any donation (2457) from the wealthy dons for the purchase of a large screen flat TV with DVD player and antenna. Don't forget this good piece of advice: all generous deeds on Earth will be rewarded in various forms in the resplendent heavens. Love, Soham

**LOOKING FOR...**

**Laptop:** Does anyone have an old but functioning laptop that they could donate to Deepanam school (or give for small fee)? We only need it for office based work (taking minutes on Word docs and projecting PowerPoint) so it doesn’t need to be high powered. If so, please contact: 0413 2622450 or deepanam@auravile.org.in. Thanks, Honor

**A dog-sitter:** Ganesha is a 4 years old male dog looking for someone who would like to give him some love from the 21st October till the 7th November. He weighs 4kg, he likes to take walks in nature, he is playful and quiet, he likes to be with people and female dogs. If you have some space and you can give him some love he would be happy to be with you. Please contact me at 8489764602 or email: premshakti164@gmail.com. Thanks, Lakshmi

**A second hand moped:** Looking for a dependable used moped. Would love a TVS XL Heavy Duty (the 50cc is fine). If anyone has one for sale, but anything reliable and driveable in MUD will do. Arriving Nov 9th, so no phone yet, but please email me at SvahaUS@gmail.com if you know or hear of one. Also, if anyone has an extra one to rent for a bit while I look for one, that could work too. Moped only please - a bike is too heavy for this old lady! Thanks! Svaha

**Sleeping bags:** Dear all, the TLC kids are going to Rajasthan from the 22nd of October to the 6th of November, to experience a camp adventure. If someone has got sleeping bags to sell, borrow or gift, please contact us! tlc@auravile.org.in Chiara

**Household items:** Looking for a single mattress or max. queen size; a little table and a bedside table. Also a telephone and a modem. merianichiara@gmail.com, 9487049867, Thanks! Kyara

**Scooter:** Hi my name is Alessandra and I live here in Auroville, a SavI volunteer. If you have a second hand scooter in good conditions, not too old and for a reasonable contribution, please contact me: 8098362629, Thanks, Alessandra

**TAXI SHARING**

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

**October 14th:** Departing Svedame around 7pm, to go to Chennai airport. Both ways available. Contact +919488512678 (whatsapp ok). Vero

**October 15th/16th:** My cousin arrives with Lufthansa Monday 15th/16th Oct. midnight; taxi sharing possible both ways. Call 9890 3938 649 or email tine@auravile.org.in. Thank you!

**October 30th:** Airport pick up at about 1am. Both ways available. Contact veronique@auravile.org.in. Vero

**November 9th:** arriving 12:30 am at Chennai airport. Would be happy to share a taxi either way, so if you have one going FROM AV to Chennai or you want to share one from the airport TO AV, do let me know! svahaUS@gmail.com

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**Week’s Happenings**

There are 2 useful online calendars of events in Auroville:
- [Online Auroville Events Calendar](http://www.auroville.org.in)
- [Auroville Art Service](http://artservio.org/calendar/)

**INVITATIONS AT MATRIMANDIR**

**AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR**

**Meditation with Savitri** read by Mother to Sunil's music

*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**

**MEETING POINT**

Newcomers and Pre Newcomers are warmly invited for an informal gathering to Connect, Share, Learn.

Twice a month on Wednesdays.

**Next meeting 17th October 2018 At Unity Pavilion 7.00 pm**

**Vijaya Dasami pooja**

**Auroville Kshetra Kalari is celebrating**

**VIJAYA DASAMI POOJA**

on Friday 19 October 2018 - 7 am at Aspiration sports ground

All are welcome.

**Deepawali Celebration: 5/11/2018**

Dearest Auroville community, Vanakkam to all, Good morning, Following the Auroville's 50th year celebration, we plan to have Deepawali celebration on Friday 5th Nov. at Bharat Nivas.

**Events:** Dinner, Lighting of oil lamps, Children’s cultural programme.

We request support from all who are able to Financially contribute towards the Deepawali celebration.

Kindly make your financial transfer to Aurosangamam Financial Service account number 5102.

We would like thank all for your support, and we invite all community members and guests to join us with the Deepavali celebration.

Cordially, Aurosangamam - Auroville Tamil Forum, aurosangamam@auravile.org.in

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The French Pavilion

Presents
its 300th Event

A CONFERENCE

By 2 Aurovilians - Daniel & Christian:

“How everything will collapse, and why Auroville should look into Collapsology”

300th Event of the French Pavilion

SATURDAY 20th OCTOBER 2018

CINEMA PARADISO 5 pm / 90 MIN

IN FRENCH + TRANSLATIONS IN ENGLISH & TAMIL
SEA (Social Entrepreneurship Association) invites you to:

**Exploring contrasts, stories and narratives through photography**

* A talk by Nitin Joshi

**Monday 15 October 2018 - 5 to 6.30 pm**

SAIER Conference Hall

Nitin Joshi is a photographer who in his current project, travels across the highways connecting 4 major Indian cities, capturing the life and landscapes around, and exploring different narratives of development through his lens. Being born in the Jaunsari tribe in the Himalayan region and having studied photography at Sri Aurobindo Centre in New Delhi, his curiosity in capturing contrasts and interest in the lives of people make his photographs into story-snippets, generating reflection about inter-related issues. Nitin will take us through a collection of his photographs, presenting his own questions to enable reflection around the theme of development. Thoughts, ideas and feedback about his work are welcome. Nitin is working on a book to present his work and recently concluded a photo exhibition at Tibetan Pavilion.

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**EXHIBITIONS**

More prints from the

**Dara Shikoh Album**

A Moghul Masterpiece

Until 31st October 2018

Exhibition at Aurelec Cafeteria & Art gallery
open from 8am to 5pm

**Savitri Bhavan**

Exhibitions - October 2018

Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm

*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

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**Bharat Nivas presents**

At Kalakendra Art Gallery

*“The Dawn of Auroville”*

Ongoing Photo Exhibition save as until March 2019

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

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

**Last day: MONDAY 15th October**

CENTRE D’ART CITADINES presents

**Eric Chacra**

Photo exhibition

PICTURES FROM BEING BEFORE IN AUROVILLE

Opening hours: 3.00 PM to 6.00 PM
Closed on Sundays

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**CENTRE D’ART CITADINES**

**PRESENTS**

In Gallery I

**ROGER ANGER AND LE CORBUSIER**

Photos by Philippe Vigoureux

...and the ranges of grey come to settle happiness in the sensitive surface

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In Gallery II

**ARCHITECTURE**

photographic exhibition Roger Anger by Dominique Darr

Opening day Saturday 20 October

4.30pm to 7.00pm

Exhibition from 20th October to 1st November 2018

Every day 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm - Sundays closed

Centre d’Art Citadines - 0413 2622699

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**CULTURAL EVENTS**

As a part of Navratri Celebrations,

Ilaignarkal Education Centre invites you for a special

**DOLL SHOW**

from 10th to 22nd October 2018

10 am to 6 pm

at Ilaignarkal Education Centre, Saaram community.

Everyday including Sunday and Pooja Holidays

The festival of Navratri holds significance as it represents the different stages of evolution. This year, we have focused our theme on “Shakti”. The different qualities of Shakti as told by Sri Aurobindo has been considered in arranging the doll show.

We invite everyone to come and enjoy the show!

Contact persons: - B. Anandou, M.Sumitra (0413) 2623 773
Email - tamil@auroville.org.in

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Voice that Touches Your Heart

a Concert by
Christabel Menezes
Accompanied
on Flute by Jade

Tuesday 16 October - 7 pm
at Unity Pavilion

Guest Performance by
Sanjna Banik from Pondicherry

Christabel first found her authentic expression at the age of 27, a miraculous validation and liberation that allowed her to travel all over India, supported by music, from the mountains to the desert to the sea and almost all major cities. In this concert she will present a variety of songs that have special meaning to her; songs that touch the heart.

Jade has been classically trained from the age of 7 and now ventures into improvisation and harmonic vocal expression with Christabel.

Honouring The Supreme Mother Navaratri

10th October to 19th October 2018
From 6.00pm to 7.30pm

10th Wed
4.00pm: Hoisting of The Mother’s Flag with reading of Sri Aurobindo’s Hymn to Durga
5.30pm: The book ‘The Mother’ written by Sri Aurobindo, read by The Mother
6.00pm: Recital of Sri Lalitha Sahasranama by Buvana Sundari.

11th Thu
6.00pm: Recital of Sri Lalitha Sahasranama by Buvana Sundari
6.35pm: Reading of Sri Aurobindo’s Hymn to Durga (English & Tamil).

12th Fri
6.00pm: Recital of Sri Lalitha Sahasranama & Mahishasuramardhini slokas by Buvana Sundari.
7.05pm: Reading of Sri Aurobindo’s Hymn to Durga (English).

13th Sat
6.00pm: Recital of Sri Lalitha Sahasranama by Buvana Sundari
6.35pm: Reading of Sri Aurobindo’s Hymn to Durga (English & Tamil).

14th Sun
6.00pm: Recital of Sri Lalitha Sahasranama by Buvana Sundari
6.35pm: Vedic Hymns to Usha (Translated by Sri Aurobindo) & Vak Devi (Tr. by Nishtha) Chanting by Nishtha in Sanskrit and English
7.05pm: Reading of Sri Aurobindo’s Hymn to Durga (English).

15th Mon
6.00pm: Recital of Sri Lalitha Sahasranama by Buvana Sundari
6.35pm: Reading Savitri, Adoration of The Divine Mother (English & Tamil).
7.05pm: Reading of Sri Aurobindo’s Hymn to Durga (English).

16th Tues
6.00pm: Recital of Sri Lalitha Sahasranama & Mahishasuramardhini slokas by Buvana Sundari.
7.05pm: Reading of Sri Aurobindo’s Hymn to Durga (English).

17th Wed
6.00pm: Recital of Sri Lalitha Sahasranama by Buvana Sundari
6.35pm: The book ‘The Mother’ chapter -6, reading by Rama Narayana.
7.05pm: Reading of Sri Aurobindo’s Hymn to Durga (English).

18th Thu
6.00pm: Recital of Sri Lalitha Sahasranama by Buvana Sundari
6.35pm: Reading of Sri Aurobindo’s Hymn to Durga (English).
Followed by Spiritual songs in various languages.

19th Fri
6.00pm: Recital of Sri Lalitha Sahasranama & Mahishasuramardhini slokas by Buvana Sundari.
7.05pm: Reading of Sri Aurobindo’s Hymn to Durga (English).

All aspiring souls are welcome to

Brahmanaspati Kshetram

Edayanchavady, Auroville (Google maps at this link: here) - Kshetram2014@auroville.org.in

**Restorative Circles Learning Community**

**Building a Compassionate Justice System**

Oct 19 (Friday): 9am-1pm
Oct 20 (Saturday): 9am-5pm (with lunch break)

Restorative Circles (RC) offer ways for individuals and communities to establish connection, discover meaning and recover power on profound levels. They create forums for reaching agreements that help sustain effective and nurturing relationships both personally and collectively.

Conflict is an inevitable part of the diversity of life. Yet few of us individually, let alone as a community, know how to respond to conflict with behaviors that do not produce pain and damage relationships.

Contact L’aura for more information and to register: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016. [Other upcoming RC events: www.joylivinglearning.org]

**Garba Dance Workshop** by Shruti Chokshi from Pondicherry

Saturday 20 October 4.30 to 7.00 pm at Unity Pavilion

Garba is a traditional dance form of the Indian state of Gujarat, usually performed during Navratri, the nine-day festival celebrated all over India worshipping Goddess Durga. This colourful and elegant dance performed in a group expresses spontaneous joy of the victory of good over evil.

All Are Welcome

Join this workshop and celebrate the joy of Navratri!!

**Vocal & Nada Brahma Yoga Workshop**

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th October 9 am-5 pm
With Hansini. At Creativity Hall of Light

A unique combination of the Italian masters' knowledge of the voice and the Indian wisdom of the primordial sound (Nad) with Indian classical and tabla techniques.

Italian Maestro wisdom & Yogic approach: Discover and develop the parts of the body involved in vocal sound production. Learn to use these parts through vocal practices and sound healing circles to consciously create and strengthen your unique musical instrument.

Nada Yoga /Access inner consciousness through sound:

Nada Yoga links music to spiritual growth through vibrational sound. Use musical scales inside energetic centers to deepen auditory and kinaesthetic awareness. Use Indian Raga to free emotional blockages. These techniques help you to sing in tune. Nada Yoga is a powerful meditative tool to deepen movement between consciousness states, enhance inner peace and contentment.

Sacred Chants: Help to quiet the mind and to open the heart to the Divine Within.

No need of any previous experience, bring a small mirror with you. To register please contact Hansini 9487544184

Kolam Yoga Introduction:

Thursday 18 and Friday 19 October from 10am to 12pm
at Kolam Yoga Centre in Douceur Community.

Contact: 0413 2623446, info@kolamyoga.com

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• Fire spinning group for AV kids and teens.
  On Fridays 5 to 6pm
  Minimum age 10, regular commitment preferred
  Location: Dehashakti in front of office
  For more information contact naharemte@gmail.com

• Hawaiian Lomi Lomi Basic with Claudia
  Monday 22 to Saturday 27 October (6 days)
  9 am - 6 pm in Quiet Healing Center
  A 6-days' intensive for anyone, who likes to be introduced to massage and bodywork.
  Lomi Lomi is an ancient Hawaiian massage style which uses long fluid rhythmic strokes to treat the whole body. The practitioner uses the hands as instrument of the heart. Energetic, emotional and muscular blockages are released allowing oxygen, blood circulation and life to flow more freely. This massage brings balance and a heart-opening peace to body, mind and spirit.
  During this intensive, you will:
  • be introduced to an ancient Hawaiian massage;
  • expand your ability to be here and now through meditation;
  • give and receive a series of healing massages;
  • experience the body in acceptance and compassion;
  • discover the sacred alive in us and in all we touch.
  To register: 0413-2623229, 9488084966

● A HANDS-ON TRAINING
GEODESIC DOME WORKSHOP
Date: 22nd October - 27th October 2018

Bamboo Geodesic Dome - Construction Workshop
Over the years the Auroville Bamboo Centre has aimed at teaching participants how to become experts at working with Bamboo. We offer basic training for beginners and offer advanced courses for professionals and enthusiasts working with Bamboo.
Geodesic Dome is a hemi - spherical structure. This shape helps distribute the structural stress throughout the structure.
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• Receive knowledge and skills of using Bamboo
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• Learn alternate methods of construction
• Become an expert craftsman, confident in manifesting your design and ideas using bamboo as a material.

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See here: aurovillebamboocentre.org/events/geodesic-dome/

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6:30pm. Duration: 42min.
WATER CEREMONY FOR AUROVILLE’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY
Auroville’s 50th Anniversary Meditation and Dawn-Fire on February 28, 2018 at the Matrimandir Amphitheatre with thousands of participants was followed by a ‘Water Ceremony’ from 6 to 6:45am. At the time of Auroville’s inauguration, 50 years ago, soil from 240 countries was placed in the white marble urn in the Amphitheatre. On Auroville’s 50th anniversary 321 water samples from different sources across the planet were poured into a golden receptacle in the Amphitheatre. They came from Antarctic glaciers as well as from many famous rivers such as the Ganges, Nile, Amazon and Seine, from far away mountains and seas, as well as from home taps and public fountains. These joining waters of the world symbolise unity and bringing them together was a prayer for the well-being one of earth most precious resources.
As the background of this special event we hear the Auroville Choir and musicians.

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Interesting - Wednesday 17 October, 8:00 pm:

**ACTIVE MEASURES**

The film exposes a 30-year history of covert political warfare devised by Vladimir Putin to disrupt, influence, and ultimately control world events, democratic nations through cyber-attacks, propaganda campaigns, and corruption. In the process, the filmmakers follow a trail of money, real estate, mob connections, and on the record confessions to expose an insidious plot that leads directly back to The White House. Unravelling the true depth and scope of "the Russia story, it is a jarring reminder that some conspiracies hide in plain sight.

Favorites- Thursday 18 October, 8:00 pm:

**EXTREMELY LOUD AND INCREDIBLY CLOSE**
USA, 2011, Dir Stephen Daldry w/Thomas Horn, Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock, and others, Adventure-Mystery, 129mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

A troubled young boy, Oskar, is trying to cope with the loss of his father. Oskar starts lashing out at his mother and the world. Until a year later, he discovers a mysterious key in his father's belongings and embarks on a scavenger hunt to find the matching lock, just as he used to when his father was alive. On this journey he is bound to meet a lot of people and learn a lot about himself and his family, but will he ever find the lock?

International - Saturday 20 October, 8:00 pm:

**BEYOND THE CLOUDS**
India-Iran, 2017, Writer-Dir Majid Majidi w/ Ishaan Khattar, Malavika Mohanan, Goutam Ghose, and others, Drama, 120mins, English-Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: UA (PG-13)

Teenager Amir is constantly dodging trouble while dealing drugs in the underbelly of Mumbai. Following a drug bust, he evades the cops and ends up on the doorstep of his estranged sister Tara. Complications from concealing Amir land Tara in jail, but she still sees her brother as her only hope of living in the outside world again. While their lives have been darkened by despair, hope may shine from beyond the clouds. This is the director’s first film set in India. It has received critical acclaim for its acting and cinematography!

Children’s Film - Sunday 21 October, 4:30pm

**GNOMEO AND JULIET**
UK, 2011, Dir. Kelly Asbury w/ James McAvoy, Emily Blunt, Maggie Smith and others, Animation, 84mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

The neighboring gardens of Montague and Capulet are at war, but the gnomes, Gnomeo and Juliet, are in love.

**MARCEL PAGNOL FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club**
Ciné-Club - Sunday 21 October, 8:00 pm:

**MAISON DES SOURCES (Manion of the Spring)**
France,1986, Dir. Claude Berri w/Yves Montand, Emmanuelle Beart, Daniel Auteuil and others, Drama,113mins, French w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

It is a sequel to Jean de Florette. Both films are drawn from Marcel Pagnol's 1952 rural romance, also titled Jean de Florette. Manon, now fully grown, is a shepherdess who prefers to keep her distance from the local villagers. She is determined to uncover the truth behind the death of her father and to wreak vengeance on the men she holds responsible. The more sympathetic of the two men, Ugolin, is in love with Manon, but this does not weaken her resolve. She causes the village's water supply to diminish, blaming this action upon Ugolin and his duplicitous co-conspirator Cesar. The upshot of this vengeful behavior ends in tragedy for all concerned.

**RATING CODES**
We often use the code 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.

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Thanking You, MMC/CP Group

**THE ECO FILM CLUB**
Sadhana Forest, July 19th, 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 :) 

**MICROCOSMOS : PEOPLE OF THE GRASS**
72mins / Non-Narrative / 1996 / Directed by Claude Nuridsany & Marie Pérennou

It may appear tiny to the human eye, but there is no denying that the insect kingdom -- as captured by the filmmakers behind this documentary -- is as dramatic, action-packed and beautiful as any other.

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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(Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm)

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

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

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

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

**Visiting hours:** On appointment only.

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- Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
- Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246, reachable 24/7
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**Front Cover:** Durga Painting - Navaratri Festival this year: 10 Oct, Wed, 18 Oct, Thu (Vijayadashami: 19 Oct, Fri)