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…and the ranges of grey come to settle happiness in the sensitive surface
A light was with him, an invisible hand
Was laid upon the error and the pain
Till it became a quivering ecstasy,
The shock of sweetness of an arm's embrace.
He saw in Night the Eternal's shadowy veil,
Knew death for a cellar of the house of life,
In destruction felt creation's hasty pace,
Knew loss as the price of a celestial gain
And hell as a short cut to heaven's gates.
Then in Illusion's occult factory
And in the Inconscient's magic printing house
Torn were the formats of the primal Night
And shattered the stereotypes of Ignorance.
Alive, breathing a deep spiritual breath,
Nature expunged her stiff mechanical code
And the articles of the bound soul's contract.
Falsehood gave back to Truth her tortured shape.
Annulled were the tables of the law of pain,
And in their place grew luminous characters.
The skilful Penman's unseen finger wrote
His swift intuitive calligraphy;
Earth's forms were made his divine documents,
The wisdom embodied mind could not reveal,
Inconscience chased from the world's voiceless breast;
Transfigured were the fixed schemes of reasoning Thought.
Arousing consciousness in things inert,
He imposed upon dark atom and dumb mass
The diamond script of the Imperishable,
Inscribed on the dim heart of fallen things
A paean—song of the free Infinite
And the Name, foundation of eternity,
And traced on the awake exultant cells
In the ideographs of the Ineffable
The lyric of the love that waits through Time
And the mystic volume of the Book of Bliss
And the message of the superconscient Fire.
Then Life beat pure in the corporeal frame;
The infernal Gleam died and could slay no more.
Hell split across its huge abrupt façade
As if a magic building were undone,
Night opened and vanished like a gulf of dream.
Into being's gap scooped out as empty Space
In which she has filled the place of absent God,
There poured a wide intimate and blissful Dawn,
Healed were all things that Time's torn heart had made
And sorrow could live no more in Nature's breast:
Division ceased to be, for God was there.
The soul lit the conscious body with its ray,
Matter and Spirit mingled and were one.

Sri Aurobindo

SAVITRI
Book II, The Book of the Traveller of the Worlds,
Canto VIII, The World of Falsehood, the Mother of Evil and the Sons of Darkness

You can listen to this Canto read by Loretta on Auroville Radio (link here)

The psychic, when it acts as the main power, acts through a certain feeling and inherent psychic sense which repels the falsehood. But the ranges of mind above mind do not act in that way — there it is discrimination and will that act and their action is wider...

Sri Aurobindo
Update on conflict between Sumit and Eric

This is to update the community on developments since we last reported (late afternoon of 12.10.18) on the conflict between Sumit and Eric.

Update regarding Eric:
Via email dt. 15.10.18, Eric responded to our letter to him dt. 12.10.18, accepting our decisions, including resignation of his position as Executive at Matrimandir.

Update regarding Sumit:
Sumit has informed the Auroville Foundation via email, on the morning of 12.10.18, with a cc to the Working Committee and the Auroville Council, among other statements made, that, “[…] a detailed written complaint has been given to the Auroville Police Station (CSR NO. 308/2018 dated 01.10.2018) and thereafter an FIR against the French national registered dated 10.10 2018 - Crime No. 570 of 2018, Section 294 (b), 323 of IPC.”

Via email dt. 13.10.18, Sumit responded to our letter to him dt. 12.10.18, rejecting and not accepting our observations and decisions. Amongst other statements made in his email, such as asking the resignation of the Working Committee, he also explained the grounds for his rejection of our decisions. There was a subsequent reply from us to Sumit dt. 15.10.18, shortly after which Sumit responded back to us via email on the same day. Sumit has conveyed to us, in reference to our request to him “not use Auronet or any public forum / platform of Auroville to share your views on the Holocaust,” that (it) “[…] is partly acceptable and will be worked upon.”

We are continuing to look at steps that can be taken to bring a just closure to this incident from our end. We will keep the community informed and updated.

With regards,
The Working Committee and the Auroville Council

HTF Report - October 2018

Dear Community,
We missed last week’s News and Notes deadline and could only post on Auronet. In brief: On Sunday 14.10.18, the Villupuram District Collector came to the Auroville area along with several district officials and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) surveyors to finalise the alignment of the bypass highway NH 332A in this area.

A newspaper article announcing the latest alignment through Auroville (!) appeared on Monday 15th. The same day HTF members went to Villupuram to meet the Collector, who gave various justifications for this alignment through the Eastern side of Auroville, including concerns of the Kuilapalayam residents.

After hearing from us of other options in the north-west of Auroville he has asked us to submit supporting documentation, and why the highway should not be routed in this area. He offered to arrange a presentation by us to NHAI authorities.

We are working closely with the WC and the Foundation and taking all actions that are possible at this point. We have gathered exhaustive technical data and analysis all of which clearly speak against the present alignment. Most essential is to convey the unique identity and nature of Auroville to the officers involved at all levels.

We encourage those of you who might have direct or close connections to high-level officials in Chennai and Delhi, to convey the special spiritual nature of Auroville, and that having a highway in this area will be a detrimental for Auroville, the villagers and the neighboring settlements of like-minded people. An opening in the heart to the higher dimensions of Auroville can be more effective than our valid and convincing rational argument.

HTF members met once again on Sat 20th Oct with a group of residents of Kuiilapalayam and Natamai. They mentioned their opposition to the highway and reiterated that they do not want any road, regardless if it is on Auroville land or their land. They said they would sign a petition and visit the Collector to say so. They also expressed the prosperity that Auroville had brought to the area and requested that Auroville and Kuiilapalayam (and other affected villages) have one voice on the matter.

The meeting was calm and dignified. Later Monday 22nd a large group of representatives from the villages visited the Collector and brought a petition with 990 signatures objecting to the highway passing through the entire area.

Highway Task Force, htf@auroville.org.in
(NB: for real-time updates on this fast-evolving situation, please consult the Auronet)

Work progress on the Big Test pond and the rainwater harvesting system:

Dear Auroville community,
The following is our report about one of our major ongoing projects in Matrimandir.

Matrimandir has launched itself on the long envisioned project of creating the first full scale portion of a lake which will eventually surround the Matrimandir gardens oval.

In 1970 the Mother had written: "It has been decided and remains decided that the Matrimandir will be surrounded with water. However; water is not available just now and will be available only later; so it is decided to build the Matrimandir now and surround it with water only later; perhaps in a few years time." To collect water to fill this test pond the first step is to harvest all possible runoff water from the 22 acre gardens oval, especially the waters from the monsoon rains.

One part of this collection system has just been completed: a 7.5-meter-deep sump has been built to catch water draining from the 4400 square meters of the main Amphitheater surface. Water is piped away from the Amphitheater through a large concrete pipe that was buried deep in the red earth at the time of the construction of the Amphitheater in 1971. Only now are we taking the step to tap into this drain pipe and collect the valuable rain water!

Water will be pumped from this sump into the second element of the collection system which is an open water channel surrounding the entire gardens oval. This open channel will also be fed by all the storm water being pumped up from the large reservoir lying directly beneath Matrimandir.

This open channel has been dug now, but will not be made water proof before the upcoming monsoon…. Time is too short for that, so we will take this up after the rains in preparation for the next season.

At the site of the test pond itself, on the south eastern side of the Matrimandir gardens oval, work is underway to clear the bushes and undergrowth so that a proper survey and marking of the test pond can be done. Actual excavation of the test pond, envisioned as being some 100 meters wide and up to 10 meters deep, will also be done only after the coming monsoon rains.

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The depth is one of the ‘test-parameters’, the design is sloping on both sides over a distance of 30 meters till 10-meter depth. More water volume makes the temperature of the water more constant, influencing the evaporation which is one of main water-losses. The 100 meters wide is a proxy, the function is that the oval should look like an island.

In preparation, a number of special trees have been ear marked for transplantation out of the work area. Two Gualacum trees, about 40 years old, had been prepared by bundling up their root balls for this movement, and they were moved to Auroville Botanical gardens and replanted there on Sept 27th. Further work for transplantation is going on. Some trees need to be cut, especially some of those with lesser environmental impact. A large crane had to be called in to lift the trees onto vehicles. They were then driven a few kilometers to their new home in the botanical garden.

The immediate neighbours [Deepenan school and Pre-creche] have been informed about this development. All the other finer details and the technical options concerning the big test pond and rain water channel have been shared with TDC, the Water group and CSR-Geomatics and will continue periodically. Some environmental experts have also been invited to share their inputs. General consensus is that only harvested rain water from Matrimandir will be used to fill the test pond over the next few years and all excavated soil will be stored inside the Matrimandir compound. This earth will be freely available for community use in building projects etc. Further survey on rain runoff from surroundings are being explored.

Warmly,
Aurosylle, Hemant, John, Jyoti, Louis, Vladimir
Matrimandir Executives

The sterilization pilot project initiated by the Auroville Council over 4 months is complete. 31 animals (dogs and cats) got sterilized with proper after care and anti-rabies vaccinations done in most cases. Through this action most of the stray and semi stray dogs & cats in Auroville Center area have been taken care of. Additionally, there was a lot of learning by all involved.

Besides of the sterilization project, Heplanimals also launched a survey on pets in Auroville. 285 people have participated. The data will be analyzed and help towards working on guidelines for holding pets in Auroville.

The AVC thanks Dr. Kumar and Mirani for their excellent job and dedication for the wellbeing of animals. Their work helped get under control the increase of dogs/cats in Auroville’s centre. A big Thank You to Shama, who has invested time and energy in coordinating the actions.

Thank you also to all who took the time to respond to the pet survey; and the individuals who sent in their comments and contributions from Mothers writings on animals. We equally want to thank all the donors who have made it possible to run the pilot sterilization project.

We extend our gratitude to the Aurovilians that collaborated, and the care-givers of strays or semi stray dogs that contributed towards the cost of medicine, material and petrol expenses for the operations and vaccinations.

Here a gentle request to all those who have so far not followed up with contributions for sterilizing of their pet or cared animal: please do so now as we have not been able yet to pay the entire bill for medicines, material and petrol used for operations and aftercare. Contributions can be made via Financial Service Acc. #252699 or directly to any of the individuals of the operational team.

A reminder to all new project holders, designers and builders in Auroville to please be aware of the growing nuisance caused by strays in Auroville and help in curbing this by NOT allowing watchmen / workers on site get new puppies. In the case that this cannot be avoided, following up on the proper care of such ‘watch -puppies’ by vaccinating them against rabies, distemper and sterilizing them irrespective of male or female.

To have sterilized most of the dogs in Auroville does not prevent individuals from nearby villages to drop off unwanted puppies in Auroville’s public places. These puppies are either from strays or owned pets in the village. Strays in the surrounding regions would be impossible to stop coming into Auroville areas. It is therefore in our interest to extend the sterilization efforts into the nearby villages so that strays are captured, surgically neutered, vaccinated against rabies and re-released in the same area where they were caught. The aim would be to have a smaller, healthier, more stable village dog population in which rabies is better controlled.

Therefore the next steps will be enlarging the sterilization efforts into the nearby villages. The AV Council will soon call for a meeting to discuss possible ways and avenues to embark on a much larger project that will be formulated as an independent long-term project.

Warmly,
For the Auroville Council:
Angelo, Elisa, Enrica, Martin, Matriprasad, Mita, Sandya, Selvaraj and Shivaya

ANNOuncENGS

Residents’ Assembly Decision-making Event on Broadened Master Plan proposal & associated proposals
Dear Friend,
Following this month’s General Meeting (Tuesday, October 9) to discuss the highway and the Master Plan, the RAS has received the following request for five questions (listed) to be put to the Residents Assembly for a Residents’ Assembly Decision event (RAD).

The RAD will run Oct 29 - Nov 12:
The RAD will commence on Monday, Oct 29 and run for two weeks until Monday Nov 12, on which day you’ll also be able to vote in person at the pop-up RAS table outside the Solar Kitchen from 11am - 1pm. There you’ll also be able to see a printed version of the map, seek clarifications, ask questions and/or just chat with the friendly and helpful RAS team. For more information, don’t hesitate to email the RAS at raservice@auroville.org.in.

Proposed ‘Vaster Plan’ Map:
Please find below the broadened Auroville Master Plan area as proposed in this RAD.
Addressing Community Conflicts
Dear Community Friends, in recent times the Auroville Council has become increasingly aware of behaviour amongst some of our community members which is giving considerable concern. This has come to our attention through conflicts which we have been asked to address, in personal interaction with community members, through postings on Auronet and via emails addressed to the Council. The main issues of concern are:

1. Violence: physical, emotional, psychological.
2. Threats of violence and threats against the livelihoods of fellow Aurovilians – including threats to ensure the cancellation of someone’s visa – which cause fear and insecurity.
3. Approaching external authorities (police, the courts, or government bodies) to solve internal issues among community members, without first consulting with the Working Committee / Auroville Council.
4. Unacceptable postings on Auronet causing severe distress amongst community members.

We would like to remind our fellow Aurovilians that we are all brothers and sisters aspiring towards true fraternity. We aspire to transcend our nationalities and our habits and customs of the past, seeking human unity as our aim. However, we are all as yet struggling to meet these goals, and with that in mind, Auroville has developed its own system of conflict resolution, as yet imperfect, but always improving, and attempting to resolve our conflicts with fairness, care and compassion. We are all asked when we join Auroville to commit to first try and resolve our conflicts by Auroville’s internal means as defined in our Conflict Resolution Policy. This policy outlines a number of possible routes to help us, and we are asked to follow these before directly and individually resorting to approaching outside authorities. The Auroville Council, Koodam and Restorative Circles are all available to help us along these paths. In the case where it becomes necessary to approach outside authorities, then this should be done via the Working Committee. The Auroville Council is always very pleased to guide anyone in conflict on the best path forward for them. Please write to us and we will always be happy to meet and to listen to our brothers and sisters, and try our best to help.

With love, Auroville Council

Dear Friend, as you may already be aware, the selection process for new working group members this year has been delayed until March 2019, due to requests by the community modifications to the process (on which the community is now voting in an RAD). As a result, existing working group members have been asked if they’re able to remain until replacements are selected. However, this is not possible for all members for various reasons, and new members will need to be found to replace these outgoing members.

To replace these outgoing members, the Auroville Council and the RAS have proposed to working groups a process to select interim (temporary) replacement members.

L’avenir has expressed an interest in using the interim selection process members to help them over the period until the next selection process.

4 INTERIM MEMBERS NEEDED FOR L’AVENIR:
Aurovici, Sindhuja, Diviya and Anu have resigned and are no longer available. There is therefore an urgent need for members to allow the group to carry out its work for the community. Specific expertise is needed as follows:
1. Communication
2. Administration
3. Technical background either with design, architecture, building construction or planning.

The Auroville Council, in consultation with the Residents’ Assembly Service, have created a temporary process to select interim members from the community to replace the outgoing working group members of L’avenir for the period up to the next selection process.

Interim selection process.
Here’s how the interim selection process will work:
1. Community members nominate BEFORE Wednesday 7th of November 2018 either themselves or others who are willing to serve, for interim positions for L’avenir.
2. Only nominees who have accepted to be nominated will be included in the process.
3. The Working Committee and Auroville Council will select the interim members in consultation with L’avenir according to the skills needed. A member of RAS will observe the process.

4. The interim members will be announced to the community.

- **How to Nominate:**
  To nominate yourself or someone else as an interim L’Avenir member, please either send an email to raservice@auroville.org.in, specifying their name and community. OR PLEASE CLICK HERE to nominate yourself or someone else.

   **Deadline for nominations is Wednesday 7th of November 2018.**

- **Nominees Must Agree to be Nominated:**
  Please ensure that anyone you plan to nominate:
  a) agrees to be nominated; and that if they’re selected
  b) they agree to accept the position.

- **SITUATION WITH OTHER WORKING GROUPS:**
  - FAMC: Yuval - leaves because of health issues; Chandresh - leaves on request of the FAMC; Chali and Bindu will stay until the selection process. The FAMC have stated that they will be able to continue working with a reduced capacity until the selection process.
  - The Auroville Council: Sandarya’s term ends, and will serve until the new selection process. No need for interim members.
  - Working Committee: Hemant’s term ends on 15th December and will leave on this date. Inge’s term ends but will serve until the new selection process. No need for interim members.

Much Love,
The Auroville Council and your RAS Team

**BUILDING APPLICATIONS - Monday 29th October 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 12th November 2018.

**IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE**
1) Building Extension: Narasaran & Jayagandhi at Kottakarai Farm / neera.ns@auroville.org.in
   Built up area: Room Space 19.2 sqm, Bathroom & Toilet 3.6 sqm
   **Project Brief:** Existing terrace will partly change into room. We are in need of extra space since a part of our house is attached to an old structure and it is about to collapse (the existing house was attached to an old house that does not have any foundation or proper structure so the wall that were attached have gotten cracked and are in conditions to fall any time. So we might demolish it as soon as the extension is done)

   **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.

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

**Entry Policy 2017- Review & Improvement**

Dear Community,

The Entry Policy 2017 was ratified by the community and put into effect on 23rd September, 2017. There was an agreement to review the policy after one year of its implementation, with the purpose to improve it, should there be a requirement.

Based on feedback received during the one year of its implementation, from the Entry Board, Secretariat, individuals, and others, the Auroville Council and the Working Committee have determined that the policy needs improving. For this, a process for revision of / adding improvements to the policy is to begin very soon.

- **The process for finalising improvements:** This process will be held jointly by the Auroville Council and the Working Committee. Feedback will be sought from various groups, individuals who have been processed under this policy, and the community. Feedback will be integrated before proposing and finalising the revised and improved policy.

   **Timeline:** We estimate a period of up to 10 weeks for the completion of this process, from the date we begin. We will begin the process next week.

   We will keep you informed and posted.

   With regards,
   The Auroville Council and the Working Committee

**FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 770**

**Dated: 29-10-2018**

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 entryservice@auroville.org.in

**NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:**
- Marcella GALATA (Italian) Staying in Vikas working at Linea Dental Service.
- Nadia LABIOD (French) Staying in Citadines and working at the Freestore.
- Rohan SHARMA (Indian) Staying at Auromodele and working at Mitra Auroville (Varuna).
- Rajan DANIEL (Indian) Staying in Protection and working at Isaibamal School as a teacher.
- Yong LEE (Korean) Staying in Grace and working at the Financial Service.
- Brigitte BASTIEN-SEPTFONDS (French) Staying in Auromode and working at the French Pavilion.

**NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:**
- Rajakumar SEKAR (Indian)
- Sarbani GANGULI (Indian)

**ASSOCIATE OF AUROVILLE:**
- Arusha Vijaykumar SHRIDHAR (Indian) Working at Deepanam School.

**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

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Vadodara experiences Auroville**

As part of the Journey of Auroville project, we organized a festival in Vadodara (Baroda) from 25 to 30 September 2018. We were inspired to focus on art, architecture, and Sri Aurobindo, as a result of the character of this city and Sri Aurobindo’s many years there as a professor.
This approach imparted a strong ‘community-to-community’ character to the Journey of Auroville, and on this basis we presented a variety of Auroville works and experiences in Vadodara. The festival was a success, attracting large numbers of audiences and participants, and we have returned to Auroville enriched by meaningful connections with the youth and citizens of Vadodara. Our article in the October 2018 issue of Auroville Today contains a detailed report of the Journey of Auroville: Baroda Festival. You can read the full text of the article on Auronet as well: auroville.org.in/article/70917

Please feel free to contact us for more information: journey@auровилье@аурорива.org.in

Journey of Auroville Team
(Ankita, Frederick, Hilary, Jürgen, Ravi)

Report from the First Auroville Peer Education Training:
From the 1st till the 7th of October 20 young pioneers from under 18 years old to over 30 took the first step in becoming peer educators. But what does this title mean? Peer educators are trained individuals that voluntarily take a more active role in a community by generating among their peers spaces for dialogue in sensitive issues, sharing crucial information for decision making, stimulating motivation for new attitudes and assisting in behaviour change processes. Peer educators have the abilities to perform in informal settings or to create and deliver more structured sessions for specific contexts. In this training, these 20 very committed volunteers learned techniques for interactive information sharing, exploring values and attitudes, motivating tools, and building life skills among others. Additionally, they practiced specific techniques for using theater based peer education, working with especially vulnerable youth and first aid. This starting peer education network is intended to be a very important first level of support inside the community discarding the bias that helps to be provided only by experts or exemplary individuals. The network is still connected with the growing and developing groups of therapists and professionals in Auroville. These resources will be reached when peer educators recognize their own limitations in educational and interventional aspects and they will personally refer to trusted specialists.

The next steps for the Auroville Peer Education Network (APEN) are first, supporting the initial manifestations of these peer educators’ interventions; second, training a second batch of peer educators; and third, after some months of supervised activity, offer a supplementary training to form trainers of peer educators, so the network can reach even more beneficiaries. At the same time, an initial draft has been envisioned and explicitly proposed by members of this first batch of trainees, to take peer education programs into the bio-region.

Juan Andrés for the APEN team
If you would like to support this initiative, please donate to FS # 251048. For more information please whatsapp or email: +918778312841, youthlink@auroville.org.in, www.youthlink.org.in.

From Savi: 1000 Requests!
A Little announcement to the Community to let you know that recently we have reached our 1000th Request for a Recommendation letter for Long Term Volunteers (over 9 years) 😊
This is only one part of our work, sometimes the most difficult one, yet necessary, in order to have volunteers joining Auroville. Many times these volunteers do decide to join the community more permanently and start the Newcomer process.
We also like to share that it is the 3rd year that our website www.auroville-learning.net is up on the web and gives updated information of the different Auroville Projects that are looking for volunteers. It is a tool that is widely used, accessible to all and that provides very useful information for the people that wish to come and have a more committed stay.
Along with that we do have a daily correspondence of 30 to 50 mails…. The Savi Team
Sara, Boomi, Saranya, Manojkumar, Sivakumar and Pranshula … a doorway to experience Auroville :)

Weekly Prep Meetings for the next YOUTH CENTER FAIR!
Hello hello!
you are all welcome to the weekly planning meetings at 2.30pm every Tuesday (until the second week of January) at the Peaceful City.
We hope many of you will come with magical ideas and bring loads of love! YC family❤️

Latest update from the European House:
Dear Friends from Auroville and beyond, particularly friends from Europe,
In times when Europe is shaken by economic and cultural challenges, when its fragile unity is questioned by nationalist and separatist tendencies, we in Auroville continue to believe in and work for the manifestation of a European Plaza in the International Zone. Despite a certain tiredness among the European community of Auroville to stand up for Europe, to invest time and energy by getting involved in the build-up of a functioning ‘European House’, we continue calling out and trying to encourage all of you to pay homage to the history - past, present and future - to a Europe that has moulded us, that has made of us what we represent and stand for in the light of the whole world - no matter how critical one can be towards its present developments. We have all rights to be proud of what we have achieved, always thriving for a better, a more just, a more equal, a united Europe.
Therefore, we, from the ‘European House’ (Denis, Raphael, and a small group of dedicated Aurovilians) will not cease to inform you about current projects, about ongoing works, about future requirements, and about the fun and joy it is to put together, bit by bit, the first forum for a true ‘European Community’ in Auroville.
Here is what has been happening lately:
- After the inauguration during Auroville’s birthday week, 12 chairs, pillows, a desk, a cupboard, a water filter, a mirror, a clock, and some pictures have been added to the set-up.
- A metal structure to hold ‘the shades’ has been built and painted in friendly rainbow colors.
- Outside curtains for the 4 big windows to protect against the dust, the sun and the rains have been put up.
- Our little garden patches have developed nicely, giving the place an inviting appeal.
- Presently we are building a new platform to host tables and chairs for all kinds of outdoor activities, i.e. for playing European board games.
- A petanque field (boules, boccia) and a big size outdoor chess board are in the pipeline ...
- ... as well as a general landscaping of the whole area.
- First drawings for a 3rd module of the ‘European House’, a room that will suit the use as a caretaker house and as a guest room, have been drafted by Raphael.
- ... and there is much more to come!
We are calling on you, asking you to come forth, to get engaged either by sharing your ideas, or by active participation, or by donating for helping to cover the running costs, and for financing our present and future extensions.
We further like to remind you that we are still looking for European board games to extend our - so far humble - collection, so that one day we can offer an All-out European Gaming Day’ at the ‘European House’ for the ‘European Community’. For the time being, we have halted our weekly meetings. Please contact Denis or Raphael for any inquiries or suggestions. In case you would like to receive regular updates on what is happening on site of the ‘European House’, please, revert to us with your email address, and we will happily add you to our mailing list.
On behalf of the ‘European Unity House’, just opp. the entrance to the ‘Pavilion of Tibetan Culture’.
Thank you for your support.
Denis, denis@auровилье.org.in, 95002 71460
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‘European House’ account no. 251207

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The Matrimandir Calendar 2019 is here!

The Matrimandir is directly under the influence of the Divine

O Sam-buddha, thou shalt raise the earth-soul to light

Auroville’s 50th Anniversary celebration is reflected in the Calendar. The back cover has an overview of all 12 calendar pictures and Mother’s quotation.

Quotations from Sri Aurobindo’s Savitri are on the photo page.

On the calendar page, the months and days are printed in 4 languages: English, French, (spoken) Sanskrit, and Tamil. Darshan days and other important days as well as moon days (full/new) are indicated.

Desk top calendar measuring 20 cm x 21 cm -- same format like last year. Front and back cover and the sturdy stand are laminated. The calendar is printed in 4 colors on foreign art board, matt, thickness 250 GSM. It is spiral bound on the top (white). Each calendar is wrapped separately in a plastic cover. The price is the same like last year Rs. 170 excluding postage. Shops will add taxes and commission to this price.

All proceeds from the sale of the calendar will be donated to the Matrimandir.

If you intend to order a larger quantity, please discuss with us a discount. Kindly place your mailing orders soon so that the Calendars will reach you in time for the New Year.


The Auroville Planner 2019 is ready!

The cover photo of the Auroville Planner 2019 is a climbing wall for kids in the Auroville Youth Center. Inside you find 12 colorful photo depicting a variety of daily life in Auroville: Activities in the Youth Center, celebrations at the Matrimandir, play and festivities, exhibition at Citadine Art Center and Last School, and the dance performance SEAS = Soul Encounters for the Auroville Soul at the Amphitheater; youth and animals, and a singing lesson at TLC = The Learning Community. Below each photo is a short quote by the Mother or Sri Aurobindo. The double photo page appears after each full month without breaking the weekly lay-out. Darshan days, holidays and full/new moon days are indicated. The front and back cover is printed in 4 colors on 300 gsm art card, laminated, with big flaps. At the end, extra pages are provided for notes. The inner pages are printed in a light brown earthy color.

The format of the planner is 11 x 16 cm; you can easily note down your appointments and have it handy in your pocket. It has 174 thin pages ~ 90 gsm white, spine stitched, the 12 double page color prints are in 4 colors on 130 gsm matt art paper. The price is Rs. 230. excluding postage; Shops will add taxes and commission to this price.

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50th: Join the Common Calendar of Events

With the aim of creating a common calendar of events for the period from November 2018 through March 2019, we invite all organisers of recurring events/ festivals/ tournaments/ concerts and all those who are planning events especially as part of the 50th Anniversary (whether funded by the special GoI grant or otherwise) to send your dates and venues to 50core@auroville.org.in.

All the information gathered will be made available as a common public calendar.

We look forward to hearing from you, with love from the 50th Team: Chali, Claudine, Fabienne, Frederick, Ganesh, Guy, Inge, Jürgen, Nilen, Pala, Ravi

From Auroville Wiki

Dear community, the Auroville Wiki is a growing reference for material related to Auroville and to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. If you would like to contribute content or become a wiki editor, please email kristen@auroville.org.in.

New this week:

- From Equals One: “Machine” (1967)
- From Equals One: “Education” (1968)

GREEN MATTERS

Probiotics for Kitchen Food Waste?

YES! “PROBIOTICS COMPOSTER” can be used in your kitchen food waste to control bad odors, and is very helpful if you live in an apartment, where your container of food waste should not smell whatever the kind of the food waste!

Additionally, it will help the waste turn into high quality compost for plants in pots and garden, for flowers and vegetables. The compost provides nutrients for soil organisms and thus stimulates their activity. The more organisms in the soil, the better nutrients can be absorbed by the plants. It helps increasing the performance of immunity system and to withstand temperature fluctuations or water shortages.

You can find PROBIOTICS COMPOSTER in PROBIOTICS HOUSE IN Reve and in PTDC for the members only. Thanking You, Regards, Guidelma and Margarita (MGEcoduties Executives) Reve, +914132623774, mgecoduties@auroville.org.in, www.probioticshouse.com
POSTINGS

A new soul has landed at Auroville:

We welcome Matteo, son of Julien, French, and Christina, North East Indian, living at Fraternity.

With the Grace of the Mother, Christina, Julien, Fabien, Namah

New Italian Edition of Savitri

The 2nd edition in two volumes (revised and updated) of Sri Aurobindo’s “Savitri - Leggende e Simbolo” has just been issued in Italy by Mediterranea (translation, introduction and notes by Paola De Paolis, Aurovillian). Submitted by Paola

50 Years 50 Births

To celebrate our Auroville in one more way we are currently collecting 50 Births - there are Stories shared: wonderful and / or teaching the coming generations, there are Pictures showing the birth of the land together with the births of our Children, Audios and Videos.

Please feel free to contribute to this precious collection in any way you feel appropriate. May we also invite you to simply remember these special times for yourself and share privately. It will find its opening in the afternoon of Siddhi Day, 24th November at Tibetan Pavilion. Until its closing on 8th December 2018 we will enjoy some special circles, talks and wisdom sharing as well.

Thank you all!
Ulrike Urvasi and team 7972831 406, ulirkirshna@gmail.com

Warning from Inside India: ATM Skimming

Guests of ours had their Credit / Debit Card info including PIN stolen using them at the HDFC ATM in Tiruvannamalai opposite the Ramana Ashram and or / on using one of the ATMs near the Railway station in Pondi.

From Animal Health Care

Our services include: Sterilization, Vaccination and treatment of dogs and cats, as well as farm animals, cows and horses. Phone: 9443203092, Warmly Dr Kumaran for Animal Health Care (a Auroville service activity registered under ASSA).

THANK YOU

We warmly thank all those who are supporting “Accessible Auroville Public Bus” with their donations.

With Gratitude,
Raju, Sauro, Susmita, accessibleauroville@auroville.org.in

Dear Red Earth Riding School:

we want to express our sincere gratitude for your generosity. The compost you have shared with us is essential to create beauty throughout our new community Kriya. Thanks to you we will all enjoy more flowers, fruits, vegetables and more!

Warmly, Kriya community.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Work Opportunities at Auroville Consulting: We are looking for new full time team members for multiple roles. Interested individuals can send their CV and Motivation Letter at hr@aurovilleconsulting.com. For all 3, First 3 months will be a trial period during which Lunch, Tea and snacks will be provided. Auroville maintenance will be provided after the 3 months trial period. Please mention the opportunity title in the subject.

- Marketing and Communication Steward: Responsible for supervising and directing the workflow of marketing, advertising or public relations, facilitating interdepartmental communications and managing external communications.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Planning and executing marketing and communications strategies and promoting the organization and its projects.

- Supporting and coordinating with project lead and internal teams for planning, organizing and execution of various events as well as marketing and communications initiatives.

- Preparing and proofreading marketing communication collateral, including promotional materials, marketing emails, social media posts.

- Coordination of media outreach & coverage with media releases, pitching stories to local and regional media and monitoring media coverage.

- Managing marketing team including digital marketers and marketing coordinators.

SKILLS: Exceptional writing and editing skills. Proficiency in MS: Office, PowerPoint and Excel. 2-5 years work experience. Previous marketing and communication experience and general understanding of sustainability issues are a plus.

- Marketing Coordinator

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assisting with promotional activities.

- Developing and publishing content for blogs, press releases, newsletters, web sites and promotional videos.

- Helps maintain social media accounts for various projects.

- Assisting with the production of all major marketing materials by working closely with communication designer.

- Assisting with coordination of media outreach & coverage with media releases, pitching stories to local and regional media and monitoring media coverage.

SKILLS: Exceptional writing and editing skills. Proficiency in MS: Office, PowerPoint and Excel.

- Graphic Designer

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Collaborate with project leads and team members and develop concepts, info graphics and layouts for reports and publications and marketing collaterals.


Auroville Consulting, Saracon, Kottakara

Youth Ambassador Program - Invitation to join the Tour Service Activity:

Last year a group of Aurovilians worked (together with YouthLink) on programs for young Aurovillans and Newcomers to deepen their knowledge of Auroville (history, philosophy and manifestation today) and to directly apply and communicate the learnt and discovered experiences to friends, guests and visitors who would like to know more about Auroville than just visiting exhibitions and public places.

This year we want to focus on establishing a service activity hosted by the Visitors’ Centre Information office that will offer walking tours in the International Zone, and later also expand to discovery tours (on cycle) into the Auroville community, farms and forests. These tours will not be simply sightseeing tours, but also hold components of sharing information and creating opportunity for dialogue.

We are looking for people to join us so that we may finally launch the Tour Service. We invite especially young Aurovillans (or Newcomers), who like to interact with people and see the need to present the experiment of Auroville in a meaningful way.

We are also looking for one who after an initial phase of learning, will coordinate the tours, and for people that can commit on a part time basis, minimum 3 half days per week. Further requirements are good communication skills, and being passionate to learn more about Auroville, with a desire to share it. Committed service over time can be acknowledged with financial support. If you are interested, please contact us: Gopi mgopirajan@gmail.com, 994 310 6597
Vinay vinay@auroville.org.in, 976 1944 989
Shivaya shivaya@auroville.org.in, 948 960 1312

Job openings at Integral World, Aurelec:

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, nonprofit 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 0413-2623323, 9999953321.

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


Position 4 - Content Researcher: Interviewing sources. Researching and organizing facts and sources.

Position 5 - 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.

HEALTH

From Integral Health in Prayatna

Classical homeopathy - hypnotherapy - child care

- Sigrid is returning on 10 Nov 2018

- Aqua Terra - a homeopathic remedy has been prepared from the water collected at the Water ceremony. Homeopathic dilution and potentisation is the science of preserving and opening of the information field of a substance in physical, emotional, mental and higher levels.

- Aqua Terra C 30, C 200 and C 1000 is available in the remedy box. We hope to conduct a fully documented “homeopathic proving”, noting effects of taking the remedy for 2 months, and at least 14 days on a daily basis.

Those interested in participating, please contact us.

- Sigrid is available for homoeopathy consultations (Sankaran Method) and sessions in transpersonal regressiontherapy, inner child work, trauma therapy.

- Peter offers homeopathy (Sankaran Method)

- Aditi Patel, fully qualified classical homoeopath from Baroda, with 6 years of experience including working alongside an allopath, working with “special needs children” and with psychiatric patients joined Integral Health!

- Malar has trained in homoeopathy and provides homoeopathic First Aid, providing follow up remedies etc. Malar can visit your womens groups, Service Unit etc. and present the homoeopathic first aid and PC remedies.

First Aid Kits with 32 remedies are available, description in English, French, German and Tamil are available.

PC Shock, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Bloodpressure etc. are available in our remedy box, along with Harmony and Samata - remedies carrying energy of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Just come and take anytime. Benefits are well established - no side effects.

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

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

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

Integral Health, Prayatna, tel: 0413-2623669
Sigrid sigrid@auroville.org.in, www.sigridlindemann.com
Peter peterh@auroville.org.in, 9787698464
Malar malar@auroville.org.in, 9585012007

Santé is happy to announce that we are offering

Ozone Therapy

with Dr. Igor, our trained Ozone therapist on Monday and Friday afternoon between 2-4:30pm.

The sessions usually last approximately 30 minutes. You will need to have an initial consultation with Dr. Igor before scheduling the first treatment. Please contact Santé reception on 0413-2622803 for an appointment.

EATING OUT

REMINDER: Well Café is joining the Lunch Scheme:

Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers,

Well Café at Sve Dame is joining the lunch scheme! We offer 3 days lunch or 6 days lunch with extra contribution of Rs. 45 per lunch (on top of the AV maintenance lunch scheme).

Start from 1 November (full and half month scheme)

We will be serving dishes from our menu like: Herbal omelette baguette, Marinated tofu baguette, Labagne baguette, Sabich sandwich, Vegan omelette baguette, Small Mediterranean plate, Hummus plate, Labagne plate, Shashlika, Mushroom crepe, Well salad, And our favorite Fusion plate (changed daily).

Mail us for inquiries wellicafe@auroville.org.in

Love ♥ Well Café team

Last Japanese & Italian Lunches in Joy Community Guesthouse! (27th and 30th October)

Dear Friends, this is to announce that we’ll stop our community lunches in Joy during the month of November so that we can enjoy the bountiful rains of this year at home. We will have the last Japanese lunch on October 27th and Emiko will prepare a Japanese-style salad, vegetarian sushi, miso soup and a Japanese dessert. The last Italian meal will be instead on October 30th and Simona will prepare a garden salad, caserecce pasta (home-made by Antonello) with puttanesca sauce (tomatoes, olives, capers and optional anchovies) and an Italian dessert. Ingredients are as usual all fresh and organic (some from our vegetable garden). We will resume again our community lunches at the beginning of December as sunny days will start to get back. By reservation only (1 day in advance). For info and reservation call us at 9487272393 or email us at joycommunity@auroville.org.in. 25 % discount for Aurovilians, New Comers and SAVI registered volunteers and 50 % discount for monthly lunch scheme. Joy Community team :-)

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

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
We are all...  
When we wander through Auroville we discover a world which stretches in a direction unknown to our outer view.

Very often we are blessed with a loving smile, a tender look or a gesture that elevates the Consciousness

This India, in Auroville, the most vibrant India, encompassing all and everyone.

Mother India, Divine Mother, appears unique in a still too much divided universe.

Mother’s India reminds us that we are all citizens of the world, as Sri Kireet Joshi often pointed out to me.

We are all the future children with sun-eyes. We are all this song of the stars on this earth, with purified hearts and bodies come alive again.

OM Sri Aurobindo Mère

GangaLakshmi  
House of Mother’s Agenda, Savitri Bhavan

(here the original text in French:)

Nous sommes tous...

Quand nous cheminons à Auroville, nous découvrons un monde qui s’élance dans une direction inconnue à notre regard extérieur.

Très souvent nous sommes grattifiés d’un sourire qui aime, d’un tendre regard ou d’un geste qui éleve la Conscience.

C’est l’Inde, à Auroville, c’est l’Inde, qui vibre le plus, et qui englobe tout, et tous. Mother India, Divine Mother, a une appartenance unique dans cet univers encore trop compartimenté.

Mother’s India nous rappelle, que nous sommes tous les citoyens du monde, comme me l’a souvent remémoré, Sri Kireet Joshi.

Nous sommes tous les futurs enfants, aux yeux de soleil, nous sommes tous ce chant des étoiles sur cette terre, avec des cœurs purifiés et les corps re-devenus vivants.

OM Sri Aurobindo Mère

GangaLakshmi  
House of Mother’s Agenda, Savitri Bhavan
**November 7th-8th:** Taxi to be shared to and from for pickup at Chennai international airport, Lufthansa flight, midnight 7th-8th Nov. Please email me at sigrid@auroville.org.in, Sigrid.

**November 9th:** arriving 12:30 AM @ 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! sigrah5@gmail.com

**November 16th:** I have booked a taxi to pick up my friend from Chennai airport at 12.15 AM. Anyone looking to share the cab please contact me chungates@gmail.com or 9943310229 - Peace, Shanks.

**TRAVEL**

**Latest News from Inside India Travel Shop**
We are open from 09am to 1pm and from 1.30pm to 5pm

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

Kindly note - on buying tickets online: When one wants to change or cancel a ticket it is difficult to reach their call center to sort out the issue. Most Airline charge changing fee plus a higher price level seats to direct passenger, even when there is availability of seats on a lower price level.

**Flight cancelled or modified by the airlines:** Many times they are not properly communicating this to the passenger and in the end mostly suggest to take refund without compensation.

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

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

**Week’s Happenings**

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

**AT THE 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 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**

**INVIATIONS**

**Complete SAVITRI Reading from November 14 to 18**

On Wednesday 14 November to Friday 16 November the reading of SAVITRI will start at 9am and continue until 12:30noon. Then there will be a pause and will start again at 2:30pm and will close around 7:00pm.

On Saturday 17 November and Sunday 18 November, the reading will start at 9am, but will continue throughout the day.

If you like to participate, please inform us the day or days and time you want to read.

Also you are most welcome to join for part or the whole of this SAVITRI Reading or ‘parayan’ and its organization.

Please write to savitri-reading-parayan@auroville.org.in

**Offering from Auromics**

In time for the coming Deepavali celebrations

Auromics would like to offer as a gift to all aurovilians and newcomers various items of clothing.

Some sweaters for the upcoming winter season and other items also. We look forward to seeing you at our showroom just below Verté community on Saturday 3 November from 10am till 4pm

**MEETING POINT**

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

Twice a month on Wednesdays.

Next meeting 31 October 2018

At Unity Pavilion 7.00 pm

With Love & Gratitude,

Pálma, Newcomer

- with the friendly support of the Aspiration Team & Unity Pavilion

**Open Roda**

With the Capoeira group “Ginga Saroba”

Professor Samuka da India with his students, invites everyone to an Open Roda on Friday 2 November at 5.30pm at the Visitors Centre.

Everyone is welcome to participate.

You can come down and play with us, sing, clap or just observe!
Friday November 2, at 5.30 pm at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture ‘Introduction to Tibetan Medicine and Astro-Sciences’ A Special Lecture delivered by Dr. Tsewang Tamdin, Visiting Physician to H.H. the Dalai Lama, Chief Resident Doctor in Dharamsala, and an Astro-science Practitioner.

**Saturday November 3 and Sunday November 4**
(on appointment only)
Consultation Timings:
By Dr. Tsewang Tamdin
Morning: 9 am. to 5 pm (Lunch break: 1 pm. to 2 pm)
For appointment contact: 0413-2622401

Brief Introduction of Men-Tsee-Khang (Sowa-Rigpa):
Men-Tsee-Khang (Tibetan Medical & Astro. Institute of H.H. the Dalai Lama) is a charitable, cultural and educational Institute. The Institute was first established by the Great 13th Dalai Lama in 1916 in Lhasa (Tibet) and was reestablished by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama in 1961 in Dharamsala, India. Men-Tsee-Khang (Sowa-Rigpa) is one of the oldest, largest and most reputable Sowa-Rigpa Institutes in India. During the 3-day Event in Auroville
- Free Health Consultations
- Exhibition on Tibetan Medicine (Sowa-Rigpa) and Astro-Science
- Sale of Herbal Products and Books
- Friends of Men-Tsee-Khang (FOM) Membership Drive

For details contact:
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture
Phone: 0413-2622401

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**EXHIBITIONS**

**Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti presents**

**“MOMENTS IN BETWEEN”**
Photography exhibition
By Yam Yardeni

From 27 October till 10 November 2018
Open daily (except Sundays) 8am-12pm & 2-6pm
0413-2622403/2622994 - Pitanga@auroville.org.in

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**“MOMENTS IN BETWEEN”: a review:**

“Photography brings to me a sense of enjoying the moment without the need to capture it.” Yam Yardeni

What could be the “moments in between” for a 16-year-old teenager born and raised in Auroville? How is he able to capture those feelings through photography?

Yam Yardeni’s first encounter with photography was with the family camera in his home. His fascination of how he could capture a moment with a click started at the age of 6 when he told his mother Galit (herself once a photographer’s assistant) that he wanted to be a photographer. The last few years he has been experimenting with film editing and photography and has won the Wisdom Award at the Auroville Film Festival in 2013 and another award in a South African youth film competition in 2017 called “One United Roar” focusing on saving white lions. Learning photography with Ashwin in Last School has helped him bring a completely different dimension to his photographic style and vision.

Yam’s photography is about beauty: beauty of nature and beauty of people. Photographs of his brothers, Himalayan mountains, graffiti in London, rivers in Israel, the Matrimandir gardens - all are the demonstration of his state of mind during his holidays with his family or during quiet moments in Auroville.

Of the 22 photographs exposed in Pitanga, the little girl going down the steps remains my favourite. This picture was taken this last summer during a trip to the Galilee, Israel. The seriousness of her look, the composition of old steps filled with a falling carpet of twigs and leaves, the technique of chiaroscuro as well as of the autumnal colouring gives the picture an overall tone of nobility and makes one dream of ancient kingdoms. The name of the subject is Abigail and the historical overtones (Abigail was one of King David’s wives) adds to the tone of the photograph.

A moment in between:“I was right on the edge of this river stream in the Galilee and the water was extremely soothing and beautiful. I saw this beautiful leaf which was once green and lively. I thought of how it fell into the river and looked now sad but how once it had a good life. The sun coming through the tree top made it enchanting.” Yam Yardeni

Thank you Yam for this first exhibition of photographs and may your explorative soul and work be an inspiration to the sprouting young artists of Auroville.

Chana Corinne Devor for AV Art Service

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**Savitri Bhavan Exhibitions – October 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

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**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.
Last days - until 31st October 2018

More prints from the
Dara Shikoh Album
A Moghul Masterpiece
Exhibition at
Aurelec Cafeteria & Art gallery
open from 8am to 5pm

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

CENTRE D’ART CITADINES
Presents

In Gallery I
ROGER ANGER AND LE CORBUSIER
Photos by Philippe Vigoureux

Included in the retrospective are short films by Raam Reddy (Ika), Anoop Sathyan (A Dream Called America), Priyanka Chhabra (A Summer Flu), Tanumoy Bose (Sagar Manav), Natesh Hegde (Kuril) and Archana Chandrashekar (Dive), to name a few. All these films have been showcased at national and international festivals.

We take great pleasure in inviting you for the screenings (Entry Free!).

The Adishakti Team
(near Hope / AuroAnnam Communities)

SCHEDULES

CENTRE D’ART CITADINES

SCHEDULES

Holistic Health and Well Being Center, Auroville Main Road, Kuilapalyam. 9498054939. www.auroville-holistic.com, christinep67@gmail.com, contact@auroville-holistic.com

In Gallery II
ARCHITECTURE
photographic exhibition Roger Anger
by Dominique Darr

Exhibition from 20th October to 1st November 2018
Every day 2.30pm to 5.30pm - Sundays closed
Centre d’Art Citadines - 0413 2622699

CENTRÉ D’ART CITADINES

CULTURAL EVENTS

Last Minute - Note this is for the weekend of 27/28 October!!

NEW VOICES IN INDIAN CINEMA

A retrospective of some of the best short film that have been submitted for the TOTO Awards for Short Film since their inception in 2013. Filmmakers under 29 from across India are eligible for these awards, which are given annually. The screenings will be held over two evenings on 27 and 28 October (Saturday and Sunday) from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (both days) at the Adishakti auditorium near Auroville.

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NEW VOICES IN INDIAN CINEMA

**New Location** Tango - Beginners Dance Class:
Argentine Tango Dancing class for beginners is offered at Windarra Farm, Terrasoul Community, every MONDAY 7pm. No partner is necessary. Please bring socks or dance shoes. More info: jorge@auroville.org.in

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In this film we witness a video team from France Television filming Montagnier’s research work on water memory and the results of experiments on DNA transduction from HIV infected patients sent via internet to a collaborating University laboratory in Italy. The key to understanding the results of research on water memory is given by Quantum Physics, which does not distinguish between electrical signals and matter: an atom is considered both as a particle and a signal. This opens the way to a new approach to healing, using signals and water. Scientists interviewed in the film state that this research on water is a turning point for biology and physical sciences and suggest that water should be the first topic explored in biology classes.
**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

**Sadhana Forest, November 2nd, 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 :)

**H.O.P.E. What You Eat Matters**

- **92 mins / English / 2016 / Directed by Nina Messinger**
- **H.O.P.E. What You Eat Matters is a life-changing documentary uncovering and revealing the effects of typical Western diet on health, the environment and animals.**

**Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.**

**The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute**

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**Schedule of Events:**

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- **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!

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