The Word of Fate
Then cried the sage piercing the mother's heart,  
Forcing to steel the will of Savitri,  
His words set free the spring of cosmic Fate.  
The great Gods use the pain of human hearts  
As a sharp axe to hew their cosmic road:  
They squander lavishly men's blood and tears  
For a moment's purpose in their fateful work.  
This cosmic Nature's balance is not ours  
Nor the mystic measure of her need and use.  
A single word lets loose vast agencies;  
A casual act determines the world's fate.  
So now he set free destiny in that hour.  
"The truth thou hast claimed; I give to thee the truth.  
A marvel of the meeting earth and heavens  
Is he whom Savitri has chosen mid men,  
His figure is the front of Nature's march,  
His single being excels the works of Time.  
A sapphire cutting from the sleep of heaven,  
Delightful is the soul of Satyavan,  
A ray out of the rapturous Infinite,  
A silence waking to a hymn of joy.  
A divinity and kingliness gird his brow;  
His eyes keep a memory from a world of bliss.  
As brilliant as a lonely moon in heaven,  
Gentle like the sweet bud that spring desires,  
Pure like a stream that kisses silent banks,  
He takes with bright surprise spirit and sense.  
A living knot of golden Paradise,  
A blue Immense he leans to the longing world,  
Time's joy borrowed out of eternity,  
A star of splendour or a rose of bliss.  
In him soul and Nature, equal Presences,  
Balance and fuse in a wide harmony.  
The Happy in their bright ether have not hearts  
More sweet and true than this of mortal make  
That takes all joy as the world's native gift  
And to all gives joy as the world's natural right.  
His speech carries a light of inner truth,  
And a large-eyed communion with the Power  
In common things has made veilless his mind,  
A seer in earth-shapes of garbless deity.  
A tranquil breadth of sky windless and still  
Watching the world like a mind of unplumbed thought,  
A silent space musing and luminous  
Uncovered by the morning to delight,  
A green tangle of trees upon a happy hill  
Made into a murmuring nest by southern winds,  
These are his images and parallels,  
His kin in beauty and in depth his peers.

SAVITRI, Book VI, Canto I, SRI AUROBINDO

Excess in any direction is a violence;  
and only in peace, poise and harmony can the truth be discovered and lived.

The Mother - MCW, vol. 10, On Thoughts and Aphorisms, p.320
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint statement from AvCouncil and Housing

Dear Community,

The Auroville Council and the Housing Board have received concerns regarding communities and neighbors within Auroville who raise objections to new persons seeking housing within their community, due to their having children or being of a certain nationality.

We would like to remind our community that we are all here to be a living example of a progressive human unity and part of this work is to accept each other as we are, to embrace our differences and to work at the establishment of a conscious peace and harmony where there is disharmony.

Therefore, please understand that it is an invalid objection when communities convey to Housing that no children are allowed in their community or any particular nationality will not be accepted by the community.

We request all Aurovilians and communities to reflect and introspect before raising such objections to Housing.

Hoping for a collaboration towards harmony and understanding.

Warm regards,
The Auroville Council & The Housing Board.

From Housing Service

- Houses available for transfer:
  1. Creativity - Hemanth & Geetha’s Apartment: Plinth Area of 94.78 Sq.m. First Floor with Living hall, Three Bed room, Kitchen, Toilet, Open terrace, Balcony, Passage and Common. (Re announced with revised valuation. For more detail contact housing service or write to housing-transfer@auroville.org.in)
  2. Courage - Vivek’s Apartment: Plinth Area- 84.96 Sq.m. Double storied RCC frame Residential building with Brick walls, plastered in cement mortar. RCC flat Roof consisting of forest verandah, living cum Kitchen Bed room & Toilet with Open Spiral precast stair. Community Sharing for Parking lot. For more information e-mail to housing-transfer@auroville.org.in

- Youth Housing:
  If you are Aurovilian, between 20 and 35 years old, working for Auroville full time for at least 9 months and have no/limited funds for housing, you are welcome to apply for Youth Housing. Places in Youth Housing (Kriya and Humanscapes) are suitable for singles, couples and families. (No guarantees for immediate placement.) For more information e-mail to housing@auroville.org.in

- Houses available in housing projects:
  - 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)
  - Kalpana Housing Project: Near completion
    Fully equipped apartments with cupboards, equipped kitchen, bath room, fridge, hob, light, fan, solar back up system. Covered terrace for each apartment. The work for the landscaping has started. Out of 42 apartments few units are available:
    - STUDIO, 1 BHK (Bed room, Hall and Kitchen), 2 BHK, 3 BHK Also available: 2 offices at the ground floor in the North block.
    - Satyakam is available for the public every Thursday from 3 to 5 h 30 and Saturday from 10 to 12 h 30. For information and site visit contact: satyakam@auroville.org.in
    - Information on grants allotted for Aurovilians by Housing Board: Housing Board informs that there is no more grant available for housing extension. Financial assistance is available only for repairs.

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 778

Dated: 24-12-2018

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

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
- Seshanuraman MUTHUVEL (Indian) Staying in Aspiration (Boomi) and Working at Auroville online shop
- Shankumugapi KUMAR (Indian) Staying in Muthuraman house at Kulapalyam and Working at Udai school
- Srinanjani BOOBALAN (Indian) Staying in Djaime and Working at Pre-Creche & Sunrise Taxi

NEWCOMERS CONFERMED:
- Alessandra ARGENTI (Italian)
- Ganesh ARUNACHALAM (Indian)
- Karan GAJENDRAN (Indian)
- Steina OHMAN (Finnish)

RETURNING AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
- Veronica VOLKERS (Dutch)
- SPOUSE / PARTNER / CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER:
  - Vijayalakshmi PALANI (Indian) Staying in Courage with her husband Palani and Helping in Mattam
- YOUTH TURNED 18 CONFIRMED:
  - Announced in N&N#738 - 24-02-2018 & Confirmation Date: 31.03.2018; Anand Iyaran (Indian)
  - Ayesh Jacqueselle CUNAT GUERRAZ (French)

In the last few announcements we had included the ‘CONFIRMED’ announcements for the following categories - Returning Aurovillian, Friend of Auroville & Youth Turned 18, these were missed in the year 2018 and with this week we are completing all the missed ones.

NOTE: Individuals are entered into the Register of Residents (maintained by the Auroville Foundation) shortly after filling the B-FORM and meeting with the Secretary of the AVF.

The appointment date for these is set and communicated by the Entry Service to the individual at the respective time, and NOT AT THEIR PERSONAL REQUEST.

This is the last step of the Newcomer process where the status of Newcomer Resident is switched to Aurovilian Resident.

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30AM-12:30PM

Yours, The Entry Service

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Opportunity for Auroville & Bio-Region Youth

Anveshan- Experiential Learning & Unlearning Centre is excited to share with you a brand new opportunity for young people (18- years old) interested in taking a gap year and who have a particular interest in climate change and sustainable community development. We have been collaborating with Cape Consulting, Focus Climate Gap Year and Global Climate Corps on the design of our first International program this coming Spring in India.

The Programme will take place Feb 3 - March 31st. Students will spend 6 -Weeks of their time in Auroville, an international ecovillage of 3,000 people from over 50 countries striving to build “a city the Earth needs” in southeastern India.

Students will learn about community-based resilience and sustainable energy innovations before heading north to New Delhi to work with leading NGOs on a variety of adaptation and mitigation projects, and then finish the program with a trek into the Garhwal Himalayas to learn firsthand about the impacts of climate change and conservation efforts in the region.

If you are from Auroville or Bio-region between the ages of 18- 22 (as of 2/3/19) and interested in learning more about climate change, sustainable community development, and meaningful career paths outside of traditional activism, then write to us on anveshan@auroville.org.in for the application form for the program.

Nominate Young Leaders Here - if you are outside the participant age range, but know of one or several awesome young persons that might be interested in this kind of transformative international experience.

Anveshan - An Experiential Learning & Unlearning Centre
Suggested Increment and List of Holiday 2019

Dear Friends,

From the following list of paid holidays you could choose a minimum of 10 days in a year to suit your workers/Unit/Community. But please note that the National Holidays* are mandatory and see that they are included in the choice. Apart from these 10 days holidays we are recommending to give yearly 6 days leave (with pay) to the workers as casual leave for social and health reasons.

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We recommend that workers who are not covered by Government Provident Fund Scheme become member of SEWA’s Retirement Fund Scheme. The pamphlets on features and rules and regulations of the schemes are available at SEWA office. National Floor Level Minimum Wage is Rs. 176 per day.

For Annual wage increment for our workers SEWA suggests that up to the wages of Rs.250/= per day 10% increment and above Rs.251/= per day 8% increment, after Rs.400/= per day 5% increment.

We recommend that workers be insured against accidents. SEWA provides assistance in getting accident insurance for your workers.

Above are only our suggestions according to the prevailing conditions and norms. We are open to your suggestions and feedback.

For further details or enquiries please visit our office in Ilaignarkal School Campus, Saaram Community.

Phone: 262 2709. Email: sewa@auroville.org.in.

Office Hour: Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.; Saturday closed.

Wishing you all “Happy and Prosperous New Year”

Nolly, Saravanavan, Lata Iyer, Sandjivy and The SEWA Team

Compressed Earth Blocks Available

The Auroville Earth Institute (AVEI) has been researching, developing and promoting the technology of Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks (CSEB) for nearly 3 decades in Auroville. Many buildings in Auroville have been built with this material, including the Visitor’s Centre, Solar Kitchen, Vikas, Deepanam School, Realisation and many others. A production unit has been set up in Alankuppam, Aryan Builders Earth Blocks. This unit has been created in partnership with a local contractor, Aureka, AVEI and Innotec USA. This production unit benefits of the latest development of the motorized Auram machinery. Aureka and AVEI conduct regular and rigorous monitoring of the block production and quality control, which insures the best quality building material.

CSEB present several advantages compared to country fired bricks. These blocks are stronger and cheaper per cubic meter that country fired bricks. They are made by local people with a local resource, mostly earth and a little cement. They are not fired and thus, their ecological footprint is much less than country fired bricks: 10.7 times less embodied energy and 12.5 times less carbon emissions.

Please contact for more details and price list Aryan Builders aryanearthblocks@gmail.com, S. Sekar 99439 61142 or Raja 86676 17936. Satprem, Auroville Earth Institute

Auroville’s Emerging Future

Even after 50 years, children of Auroville are still going out after their schooling for higher education. At the same time, thousands of interns, volunteers & researchers who come to Auroville rarely touch the deeper dimension of Auroville. This brings into focus the need to organise higher education opportunities within Auroville.

There is a need to create long-term learning programmes deeply rooted in the values and vision of Auroville as an alternative to mainstream university education. Auroville already has rich human resource. What is lacking is facilitated programmes with specific domain focus enabling the integral development of the learner. The time is now mature to nurture and develop areas of higher education which could build on past 50 years of ground experience.

We are organising a two-day long confluence in Auroville on the theme of Re-imagining Univers-city on February 26 and 27, 2019. Purpose of this confluence is to:

1. Envision all of Auroville as an integral living campus.
2. Focus on the future of higher education in Auroville.

We expect by this confluence to accelerate the emergence of long-term education programmes in Auroville.

Divyanshi, Lalit and Manoj For Auroville Campus Initiative confluence@auroville.org.in

“I LOVE A FAIR” at YC - Register!

The Auroville International Youth Centre (YC) welcomes you to the “Love a Fair” which will be held Saturday 19 January 2019! Let’s prepare to celebrate and enjoy each other’s company, healthy food, recycle art workshops, loads of games, handicrafts and great music.

All the food producing units who would wish to participate, register by sending an email to ycfoodstall@gmail.com or contact Taranti (9486650264) and Puja (7043831366).

In an effort to return the annual fair as a gift to the community, the YC is providing space this year for any individual or groups or communities who would want to pour their love into creating food delicacies. The YC would like to provide such participants with a donation to cover the cost of their ingredients to help them prepare the feast. The offer is on a first come/first serve basis and only have 10 slots available at the moment.

Last date of entry is 26th December 2018!

We would love to also provide space for the lovely handicrafts made by you! So don’t hesitate and come ahead and register for your stall and tell us about all the special handicrafts that you produce and what makes it so special! To register your handicraft stall, please contact Leela (8300036727) or ychcraft@gmail.com.

Musicians of Auroville who would love to play and perform at the fair are most welcome to register with Amrit (262-3434) and Trishant (7567213668).

YC still needs a lot of volunteers to make this Fair happen. We would love to also provide space for the lovely handicrafts made by you! So don’t hesitate and come ahead and register for your stall and tell us about all the special handicrafts that you produce and what makes it so special! To register your handicraft stall, please contact Leela (8300036727) or ychcraft@gmail.com.

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MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE

MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE: Essentials

- City Transport Shuttle Service
  Quick 'Pick up and Drop' Shuttle Service. Free within central area. Further areas for a fare.
  Where: Visitors Center Main Gate or on call
  When: daily 9:30am to 6pm
  How: call 9487650951. Email: visitorscentre@auroville.org.in
  (Please note that it is not a taxi that can be ordered in advance for an exact time)

- Cycle Kiosk at Solar Kitchen area
  We repair and maintain all types of bicycles, as a community service. Bike parts are all servicing at minimal costs. Free air!
  Where: Opposite PTDC/Feedlink/Solar Kitchen in Prosperity Area
  When: Monday to Saturday: 9am to 4:30pm.
  How: drop in. Contact Phone Chris O.: 8940115240

- Cycles and children car seats rentals
  Where: Vehicle Service, Town Hall
  When: Monday - Saturday from 9am to 12.30 and 2.30 to 5pm.
  How: Contact avvehicle@auroville.org.in or Phone: 0413-263302, Mobile: 9440374825.

- Electric bicycles for rent at Kinisi:
  Where: at CSR compound (see MAP)
  When: Monday-Saturday 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-4:30 pm.
  How: book online at http://kinisi.in, or email kinisi@auroville.org.in or call +91 8300460679 / +91 8300460680 / +91 4132622277.

- Integrated Transport Services (ITS)
  Electric vehicle rental, shared taxi services, local pick up & drop services, delivery services and vehicle repairs. NEW! Evening Electric Shuttle Service & Shuttle Service to Chennai.
  Where: opposite Solar Kitchen
  When: Monday-Saturday from 9am-5pm.
  How: Phone: 8098776644 / 9442566256 / 9840983080. ITS@auroville.org.in, http://its.auroville.org.in/

- Visitors’ Center - Bicycle Rental
  Available from the Kiosk, Near Dosi Corner / Dreamer’s Café

Auroville Accessible Bus Schedule

The current Accessible Auroville Public BUS schedule (for Pondy trips) is always available at www.auroville.org/collections/3988.

Contact: avbus@auroville.org.in

We need your help for KIM!

Dear Guests, Volunteers, Newcomers and Aurovilians,
As you know, in June 2018 at Kinisi we created the KIM scheme, in line with Auroville’s values and spirit. Against a reasonable monthly contribution, Aurovilians get an e-cycle for their personal use. Kinisi provides a free monthly check-up as well as free battery replacement after 3 years. The e-cycle remains an Auroville asset, and can be recalled into the KIM pool if the member leaves Auroville for more than a month, if he/she doesn’t use or neglects the e-cycle, lends it, rents it or gives it to someone else. This scheme offers all the advantages of ownership, without its related maintenance hassles. So far, we have given 35 e-cycles to KIM. Now we have 36 more people on the KIM waiting list. We would be so very happy if you could help us increase the number of e-cycles in the KIM scheme by donating (any amount is helping) to KIM’s Auroville Financial Service account number 2527081.

Thank you for your generosity! Marlyse (for Kinisi)

GREEN MATTERS

Talkin’Trash

Save... your clothes!

A lot of clothes in PERFECT CONDITION are thrown in Aurovillian bins and end up their lives at Eco Service. These clothes turned into waste whereas they could have been saved from the landfill. If they had not been thrown away, they could have been useful to somebody else.

But actually, did you know that getting dressed pollutes the planet? Cotton production uses pesticides and chemicals. A lot of water is required for producing clothes and water pollution is involved. Transportation generates CO² which enhances global warming. Sometimes clothes are sent far away to get dyed, manufactured... Again pollution. And when it comes to synthetic clothes (made from petroleum), washing them releases micro plastics ending up in our precious water. Utterly, they finish in our stomach...

So, throwing away means throwing away (and wasting) all these natural resources used for producing clothes.

Therefore, it is worth thinking twice before buying NEW clothes.
Do I really want/need this? Where have they been made?
Buying is encouraging the system hidden behind it:
BUYING IS VOTING:

So, knowing your clothes require so many natural resources, do you want to waste them?
What are the solution in Auroville? First, love, create RESPECT and take care of your clothes. Have fewer clothes but love them more. This is minimalism. Wash your clothes in good condition and GIVE them to Free Store. Eventually, get another item from there. Others might like what you don’t like anymore. But DO NOT THROW AWAY and waste natural resources. If your clothes they are damaged:
- try to REPAIR them as much as you can. Be creative!
- give them to the WELL bags project at Kuilapalyam Creative Center (Near AV Bakery). They make cloth bags out of old clothes, cloth…
- cut your clothes into pieces and use them for cleaning your house, your face, your nose...
- Wash them when dirty and REUSE them.

Remember: WASTE IS ONLY WASTE WHEN YOU WASTE IT =)
Waste Free Auroville

Action Updates from ECOSERVICE

Dear Community,
Please have a look at what’s now happening at our Ecoservice. This note comes from our need to get our waste scene together sooner rather than too late.

Welcome, please come by and see for yourself. Remember Ecoservice is a working space to be respected. The best time to interact is 9 am to 10:30 or in the afternoon from 3pm to 4:30. If you need some shoes or chappals, we have a whole barrel full of nice ones to choose from. Say you need a bottle or a can, a piece of PVC pipe or something - don’t waste your money, come by and get it free for some items and for some items by contributing little. Just check in with the staff. There are 6 people sorting, 1 driver, and two coordinators.

NEWS: Just sold 2.5 tons of glass for recycling. Segregation of “waste” has risen from 62 categories to 85 different kinds of stuff. Collection points are now at 350 places - up from 120 three years ago. Communities are saving on collection service charges by following a few guidelines.

LANDFILL: The current level of “waste” that is being dumped into a hole and buried at New Farm: 27%. This can be dramatically reduced by only a little effort from all of us. NO biodegradable waste should contaminate whatever goes to Ecoservice. Plastic bags and food containers need to be washed from greasy pickles and sticky stuff or it all goes to landfill. Lots of cloth and clothes are going into landfill that could be used. Lots of stuff going into landfill can be used for construction like the polystyrene (thermico, styrofoam), pottery, metal, glass and much more.

BUILD: See our new sheds with bottle walls, styrofoam blocks, solar panel walls all nicely demonstrating upcycling with “waste” into efficient, creative and attractive buildings that can be done cheaply. Floors and walls are perfect solutions for much of our “waste.” See, and do for yourself.

KARMIC: In our “all life is yoga” understanding for Auroville, there is no room for waste. All matter is sacred, and it transforms us when we take care of what we use, and what we are no longer using. Simple, yes! Think - clean and dry, then sort and send ...

EcoService and Waste-Free Auroville
OBITUARY

Krishna Kumar
On Friday 14 December, our long-term friend Krishna Kumar left his body at the age of 68 in his house in New Creation after a sudden short period of heavy asthma attacks and general unease. His wife Gita and daughter Harini were at his side.

The many Aurovilians who have known and studied dance and art with Krishna & Gita will remember and miss him dearly. Krishna who graduated at Chennai’s Kalakshetra College of Fine Arts, comes from a highly artistic Indian family. In the seventies he teamed up with Gita, a German dancer, and since then the Indian-German couple has been coming and going to Auroville, widely teaching and sharing their knowledge, skills and passion for Indian dance and music. Krishna’s remains were cremated in Auroville’s cremation grounds in the late afternoon of Monday 17 December during a light and loving gathering with family and close friends attending.

We salute a high-spirited, passionate and creative soul, thanking him for all the artistic joy he so contagiously radiated and shared. Our warmest condolences go out to Gita, his partner in dance and in life, and to his daughter Harini and family.

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POSTINGS

Solitude Festival - LUYE 2019, Volunteers needed
Dear Friends, the festival is getting closer. 12th Jan LUYE 2019.
We still need loads of help. There is cleaning work, organizing, planning how to manage certain spaces on the day, helpers needed for so many things! All types of skills are helpful. There are the cooking stalls which are still needing help too.
Please come and join us at 8am for a morning work shift at Solitude Farm followed by lunch any day or contact me on 984319260 if you want to come other times. looking forward to a great festival. Love, Krishna

Solitude Festival - LUYE 2019, Tents needed for a week!
Dear Friends, Solitude Farm is in need of tents during the festival time to sleep in for festival helpers! We would need the tents for about a week, from the 6th of January to the 14th of January 2019. Please let us know, we are looking for whatever is available! Krishna McKenzie 984 331 9260

Study Group in Vedic Astrology
Anyone interested in studying Vedic Astrology? I propose a study group that will meet weekly to discuss, share and learn the concepts of traditional Vedic Astrology. The focus will be on an intuitive (and mythological) understanding of the principles involved. We will meet in Auromodele, 5-6pm on a weekday every week, from Jan 2019. Limited to 4-5 persons. If interested, email me at vikram@auroville.org.in, or WhatsApp 9843948288 Vikram.

Course in Welding
Auroville Institute of Applied Technology at its Aurombrindavan campus is conducting a 10-day course in welding on Saturdays either a morning or afternoon session. Interested candidates may join the course on Saturday 29 December.
For more information, please contact: Lavkamad 9443238303, lavkamad@auroville.org.in

WINTER CAMP at KCC
Dear All, Our KULAILI CREATIVE CENTRE is conducting a WINTER CAMP for the village children on the December 29th and 30th with many valuable activities at our centre (Next to Auroville Bakery), like AWARENESS PROGRAMMES, GARDEN CREATION, GAMES, BONFIRE, TREK etc. We appreciate your generous support through kind or in cash to make it successful. Our A/C no: 102609. Around 30 students and 10 adult teachers + volunteers are going to make it so alive. Please join us.

We are eagerly looking for your kind visit and support. For your contact: 984315290 or kulilacreativcentre@auroville.org.in. Volunteers are welcome!

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer needed for Kolamandala
Looking for a volunteer or intern to develop a small Auroville unit with any or all of the following skills or experience: 1. Hand embroidery and design using hand needle or tambour method. 2. Fabrication and design of fashion accessories and home décor. 3. Textile design. Please contact:
info@kolamandala.com or dawnpritha@gmail.com

HEALTH

Santé Schedule Now Online on our Website
You can find our Santé Therapists’ Monthly Schedule at this link.

Alternative Mobile Number for Santé: Auroville Institute for Integral Health
There have been several complaints that the Santé phone line (413) 2622803 is unreachable. Patients say that it rings endlessly, but it does not seem to be connecting on our end. If you are facing a similar problem, Santé has set up an alternative mobile number that is automatically redirected to the Santé reception. The cell number is (+91) 948 944 1703.
The new number is also printed on the monthly Santé therapist schedule.
We hope this will be a working solution to solve this issue. As this is a new system, your feedback is welcomed. And thank you for your patience. Santé team

At Integral Health
Classical homeopathy Hypnotherapy Child care Aqua Terra - We prepared a homeopathic remedy from the water of over 300 water sources, which was collected at the ceremony for Auroville’s 50th birthday. We are now compiling a “summary of the proving” of this remedy. If you have taken “Aqua Terra” and would like to share your experience with it, please mail me at sigrid@auroville.org.in.
We are still inviting people to participate in “proving” this very special substance. For all you like to know more, or share: We invite you to meet up on Monday 24th, 11.30 am at Integral Health, Prayatna.
Homeopathy for you!
Constitutional prescribing gives you your personal tonic, which you can use to heal yourself on all levels for many years! Peter and Sigrid trained for 20 years in Dr. Sankarans “Sensation Method” – an advanced method in classical homeopathy. Aditi Patel, fully qualified classical homeopath from Baroda, with 6 years of experience including working alongside an allopath onwards.
Dr. Aditi works on appointment 1.30 – 4.30 pm every afternoon, and for acute prescriptions just phone her at 9428429642.
Malar has trained in homeopathy and provides homeopathic consultations, homeopathic First Aid, providing follow up remedies etc. in Tamil! Malar can visit your womens group, Service Unit etc. and present the Homeopathic First Aid and PC remedies.
Sigrid gives sessions in transpersonal regression therapy, inner child work, trauma therapy, as well as workshops.
First Aid Kits with 32 remedies are available, description in English, French, German and Tamil are available.

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PC Shock, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Blood pressure etc. are available in our remedy box, along with Harmony and Samata. Just come and take anytime. Benefits are well established - no side effects. Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, and Tamil.

Malar is managing the office, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies Monday to Fridays 9 - 12.30 a.m. except Thursdays. You are also 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 2623669
Sigrid: sigrid@auroville.org.in, www.sigridlindemann.com
www.auroville-holistic.com
Peter: peterh@auroville.org.in, 9787698464
Aditi: 9428429642
Malar: malar@auroville.org.in 9585012007

A Word of Advice: Listen to your Doctor!

Dear All, just after my accident 8 weeks ago, I did the unbelievable thing to listen to a nurse who told me that people with a fracture or broken bone are not able to walk. Since I could still walk, I believed her. 2 weeks later I felt worse. I finally had an Xray and the bone was fractured! So don't listen to anybody but your doctor. Menaig.

SPORTS

Registration reminder for Auroville Marathon 2019
Dear Auroville Marathon Participant,

The Registration will be closed on 31st December 2018 NOON.

The Online registration for the 12th Auroville Marathon 2019 (Sunday, February 10, 2019) opened on 15th Nov. 2018. If you are planning to participate in this edition of the Auroville Marathon, we welcome you to register via the link

www.marathon.auroville.org.com/

The manual registration is also open till December 31, 2018 NOON. The individual runners and Runners Team Organizers can collect the registration forms from SaraCon between 11.00am to 4.00pm. The organizing team strives to provide a safe and injury free run to all participants. Please do train well for the run and we wish you the best run at Auroville. With regards, Auroville Marathon Team.

EATING OUT

Christmas Eve Buffet at Cafeteria

The Cafeteria will exceptionally be open on Monday 24th evening for a Christmas Eve Buffet from 7pm onwards with traditional non veg dishes as well as vegetarian and vegan choices, punch and a variety of cakes. Rs 850/- with 20% discount for Aurovilians and children below 12. Please book by email to cafeteriavc@auroville.org.in.

On Christmas Day, the 25th, for lunch and for dinner, we will include traditional Xmas dishes, punch and cakes in our regular menu. A peaceful Christmas to all, Your Cafeteria Team

Well Café Christmas Buffet

Reservations open and required:
wellcafe@auroville.org.in - 0413-2622 219
Monday 24 December 7:30pm
World food celebration!

Delicious Bites Pastry & Restaurant at Aurovelo Cycle Café

Open for Breakfast and Lunch: Monday - Saturday 9am- 4pm (kitchen open until 3:30). Veg and Non-Veg Dishes, Vegan options available too. Come and try our delicious cakes, desserts & biscuits! We also offer TAKE AWAY and BIRTHDAY CAKES orders. All are welcome! Love, Delicious Bites Team

Restarting the Sunday lunches at Atithi Griha Guest House

Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India presents:

Sunday 30 December 2018
“Multicultural Bombay lunch” by Ms. Nausheen, Creativity
Between 12:30 and 1:30 PM

For Aurovilians and Newcomers only.

For reservations, please write to atithigriha@auroville.org.in.
You can call us at 0413-2622445 any time before 4:00 PM on Friday 28 December. (Contribution for the lunch Rs. 150.)

Auroville Bakery & Café now open on Sundays!

(Starting from 30 Dec 2018.) Come and enjoy our new varieties of Christmas cakes and cookies. Our café will serve the usual menu. Av Bakery Team.

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:

Maryliz - interview with Martin on Motivational Leadership Workshop & Night Music: Birds Songs and Other Pieces by Pushkar Wobbl - Café Collapso by French Pavilion
Nadina and Wobbl - Interview with Malcolm on Food Festival
Karthick - Rinpocha Tea Tasting with Rajah Bannerjee
rtm - interview with Marco on his photography
interview with students of Queen’s University, Kingston on Impact of Tourists and Visitors
Tourism Impact Management Framework by Queen’s Students
On Sexual Health Basics with Paula Lalit and Purvi talks on CEPT Students Urban Design of Social Spaces on Crown

Out of regular programs we have:

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

Loretta reads Savitri, B VI, C II, Part 5 and Mothers Q and A 2/1/57.

Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga 89 and 90

Here are also THE NEWS of Thursday and Monday Auroville Radio/TV team

HAY

Hay un silencio de invierno
de fuego
de quietud
de espera...

Anandi (Realization 18-12-18)

There is a silence of winter
of fire
of quietness
of wait...

Auroville must be governed by the Soul (part 2)

Our great men (the establishment) have by their universal sophisms enchanted us with arguments which have nothing to do with Truth, they are just aiming at persuasion not Truth. They are the manipulators of logic and peoples. Their mental science is only hollow pretentions. Here again the sublime Katha Upanishad enlightens us in saying: “The Self is not to be won by eloquent teaching nor by brain power, nor by much learning: but only he whom this Being chooses can win Him; for to him this Self bares His body”.

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It is also why to remain silent is sometimes the only way to know and say he Truth.

In Auroville the shining cows of the Dawn have been kept prisoners in the dark mountain cave by the Dasyus and the Panis. It belongs to us to free them by the aspiring force of our Souls. Will you collaborate?

At Matrimandir, the Auroville’s Soul (please don’t forget) the work has been going on for 37 years without interruption due to money shortage. Why? Because all people working there were offering their time and energy in a disinterested attitude thus calling the Grace. Mother says limpidly: “For our passage in the material world what is indispensable to our life and to our action is put at our disposal according to the place we must occupy. The more we are consciously in contact with our inner being, the more are the exact means given to us.” So, have Faith, don’t worry about cash, there are worthy occupations.

Let us be governed by the blissful, radiant, embracing, kissing, playful, joking, jubilant sweet loving Soul. Soham

THANK YOU

Thank you RENE! Thank you Rene for the posting regarding the EMF (electromagnetic field). I admire your courage to speak about this topic as all of us are using the WIFI, smart phone and other devices... without knowing about the pollution consequences. You gave me the courage to share my own experience as I am affected by these waves. Since a while I have health issue and after several therapies/doctors I finally did some tests and the result is “EMF sensitivity”. I am right now under treatment and by hearing about the 5G I am wondering how my body will respond to it. Technology has been recently a necessity for communication. It seems the waves are not compatible with us.... Maybe Tesla research regarding alternative ways is less harmful. As I am not a scientist I don’t know... (According to Sri Aurobindo we are using crutches as we could communicate differently...). I am very grateful that my body is sensitive enough so I can prevent myself from unnecessary exposure. Thank you for your great dedication. Ish from Swayam

WELCOME

Magizhini

Dear family, our little bundle of joy has arrived! Esvari and Mathan and family are ecstatic to welcome little “Magizhini” into the world! Born on the 14th of December, 2018. With love, Esvari and Mathan

AVAILABLE

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

Puppies: two male puppies still being fed by the mum, were delivered at my place, very good health and have been dewormed. They will be 3 months old at the end of December. Anybody interested, please contact: Dany 9858346787, Mukti community or Animal Care.

OPENHOUSE for SECOND-HANDS House Items and Books: DEC 29, 10-12pm at Leonard workshop in Luminocity. This is on behalf of Elisa, who recently left Auroville. Here is the list: book alternative medicine/dietary/spiritual, a few good quality kitchen pots, pressure cooker, hand blender, dosa-idly batter stone electronic grinder, stone mortar and pestle, av crockery mostly cups and plates, a foldable single mattress, an elegant china blue clay water filter container made in Dana, high wooden stool, Mother’s framed picture and other personal items. Contact Marcella for enquiries 9488646919, or just visit the open-house on Sat Dec 29 to see what you like. Thanks!

Photo and Music Equipment: Alexis ELEVATE 5 MKII desktop Studio Monitors. Computer monitor 23inch HP Pavilion 23cw. Jazz High Back Ergonomic Chair. Guitar pedals Boss RC3 looper + FS-5U Foot Switch, MXR M68 Uni-Vibe. Photo equipment sale in bulk: 6+ yrs old Canon 5d mark II, Canon lens EF 50 f1.4, EF 100 f2.0 USM, EF 24-105 f4 with stabilizer, tarmac laptop-camera equipment backpack, 2nos Godox VB600II flash gun and Godox Canon triggers, Nissin Di600 flash and many other photo accessories. Contact me for enquiries and offers: eddie.grassi@gmail.com / 9843893652, Edos.

LOOKING FOR...

Amma for our Guest House: We are looking for a friendly English/Tamil speaking Amma to take care of our guest morning Breakfast in our Guest house. From 7.30 to 11am. Can be a full day work also. Please contact Mari Babu (New Creation) - 2622909 or aurochild@aurowall.org.in

Housekeeping Work: Hi, my housekeeper Kanaga is looking for a part-time job. She is a young woman, she can speak English and she is really sweet and hard working. She is also good with children. If interested please contact me: Alessandra.silver.in@gmail.com or +918098362620, Alessandra

Audio Technician: 2 dancers/producers from France are coming and will realize a documentary about Dance around the World and they will come in January to shoot the Indian part in our School (New Creation). They are looking for an Audio technician/ Sound engineer to record the sound for the movie... If you are interested please contact them: Nina association.evi@gmail.com or WhatsApp +33666449108.

Someone coming from France: Small parcel to bring to AV. Is anyone coming soon from France or nearby country? Some gel lotion for My daughter’s skin was on its way with a friend, but anyone coming soon from France or nearby country? Some gel lotion for My daughter’s skin was on its way with a friend, but got stuck when she had to cancel her trip. It weighs maximum 200g. Hoping! Love and thanks, Penny: penny@aurowall.org.in; 9442938514.

English/Tamil Story Books/Comics: For our boarding school: we are looking for story books or comics in English/Tamil for 4-10 years-old children and please contact Beber (New Creation) by WhatsApp 6385635943 or aurochild@aurowall.org.in

Electric Piano: if you have one to donate to a composer / pianist / teacher, I would be more than happy. Hartmut, vonlieres@gmx.de.

Scooter: if anyone has one, let me know. Vishnu 9578548128

Massage Table: if anyone has one, please contact me, thanks, John: 852 496 3048.

LOST & FOUND

Black Dog (Lost): a big black female dog with a red collar named Elsa is missing from Djaima community since one week. She followed some residents in a walk up to Town Hall and then disappeared. If you find please call us at: 8940227926 or 9443001795. Thank you. Djaima community

Chappals Lost: After the International Zone meeting held at Bharat Nivas Bhumiya hall on Saturday morning, my chappals Crocs beige colour were exchanged by another pair same colour but bigger size. The person who exchanged them by mistake has one, please contact me, thanks, Andrea – Andra DC 9012622878 or to the Pharmacy of Health Centre 2622123. Thank you, Lili from Surrender

House Keys: Back in April 2018, I LOST a set of house keys on a community since one week. She followed some residents in a walk up to Town Hall and then disappeared. If you find please call us at: 8940227926 or 9443001795. Thank you. Djaima community

Photography/Dance/Video: 2 dancers/producer from France are looking for photographers/dancers/producer. You give me a call (or text) when you can shoot. I’m still believing someone out there found it, and you are kindly gonna give me a call (or text) any time you can. Thank you.

Photo equipment sale in bulk: 6+ yrs old Canon 5d mark II, Canon lens EF 50 f1.4, EF 100 f2.0 USM, EF 24-105 f4 with stabilizer, tarmac laptop-camera equipment backpack, 2nos Godox VB600II flash gun and Godox Canon triggers, Nissin Di600 flash and many other photo accessories. Contact me for enquires and offers: eddie.grassi@gmail.com / 9843893652, Edos.

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26 December: Share a taxi on the evening of Dec. 26 to get to Chennai Airport by 11 pm or midnight? I am one person with two medium sized travel bags. I am leaving from Kuruchikuppam, Pondicherry, and we could also stop for a pick-up in Auroville. Call or text Andrea DC at 733-901-3111 or WhatsApp at +1 617-435-2851

28 December: from Chennai to Auroville 9am pick up Chennai airport. Please contact Serena via WhatsApp 8489760966 or serena_auro@auroville.org.in.

29 December: Sharing both ways. Leaving Auroville at 5 am for Chennai Airport, returning from the airport at around 9 am.
Contact Karuna - 2623 024, karuna@auroville.org.in

8 January: My flight will arrive at 0:15 am (9w128 Jet Airways) in Chennai. Interested in sharing a taxi both ways, please contact Nelly: Ila68@hotmail.com

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: Lufthansa has special fares to Europe & USA. Jet Airways has special offers to Europe. British Airways has promotional offers to Europe & USA. Emirates has early bird offers to selected destinations in Europe and USA. Etihad Airways has special offers to Europe & USA. Oman Airways has special offers to Europe.
Domestic: Vistara & Spice Jet have promotional offers for travel within India.
For Summer: Most Airlines have announced their advance purchase fare for international travels for the coming summer. If interested please send your travel plan to us, we will check seat availability and give you best options according to travel route and price.
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: arts@auroville.org.in/calendars

New Year at Matrimandir

On 31.12.2018:
• 4.30 - 9 pm: The Inner Chamber will remain open for Aurovilians and New Comers for their concentration before the New Year.
• 5 - 6.30 pm: Quiet Gathering under the decorated and lit Banyan Tree to bid farewell to the last day of the year and to welcome the coming Year. All are to maintain complete silence under the Banyan Tree and in the Garden of Unity.

On 1.1.2019:
• 6 - 6.30 am: New Year Meditation under the Banyan Tree. Entrance by the Office Gate.
• 11 pm - 12.15 am: Matrimandir will remain open for the midnight meditation for Aurovilians and Newcomers only. All are requested to be seated in the Inner Chamber latest by 11.45 pm.

Bonne Année et Happy New Year to All!

INVITATIONS

Christmas Celebration at Unity Pavilion
25 December 2018, 2.30 pm onwards

• 2:30 to 4:30 pm: Cutting Christmas stars to decorate the glass wall; gold paper will be provided, but bring a scissor if you can.
• 4:30 and 5 pm: Dancing around the Christmas tree
• 5 pm: Sharing Christmas songs, followed by music and dancing

There will be Christmas rice pudding, vegetarian sandwiches and Christmas punch.

We invite you to bring cakes, cookies or sweets to share.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Merry Christmas

This celebration is intended as a community event in all sense of the term. So your participation is really looked forward to. Also to cover the expenses, which is roughly estimated as Rs.20000, we invite all of you to make some contribution if you can to FS account 251739. If you would like to make in-kind contribution of food items (cakes, cookies, dry fruits, sweets or snacks) or sponsor one item, please get in touch with Kasthuri on 0413 2623576 or write to unitypavilion@auroville.org.in.

Let us celebrate this season of Generosity, Sharing and Togetherness.

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Volunteers are needed to help with preparations on 24th (9 am to 4.30 pm) for decorating the hall, putting up the tree etc. On 25th help is needed with preparation of food in the morning (9.30 am to 12 noon) and in the afternoon to coordinate the events (cutting stars with children, helping with refreshments etc). Aurovilians, Newcomers, guests and Savi volunteers are all welcome to join hands with us. Please call us on 0413 2623576 or write to us at unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

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**EXHIBITIONS**

**CENTRE D’ART CITADINE PRESENTS**

**CARLA SELLO**

**MIMETIC TRANSMUTATION**

22 DECEMBER 2018 TO 2 JANUARY 2019

11 AM TO 12 PM - 3 PM TO 5 PM

OPENING:

SATURDAY 4 PM - 22 DECEMBER 2018

video screening of Carla Sello - Italy
critical text of Andrea Boffoni (critic and historical of art - Italy)

"Mimetic Transmutation" - A review

From mandala to plastic...

Carla Sello, Aurovillian artist from Italy, used to be called “The woman of mandala”. And for good reason...She dedicated heart, soul and years to the making of mandalas, sometimes even in an obsessive kind of way. She recalls not eating and sleeping for long periods of time. Though, in Italy, the mandala is not really recognised as art, she kept at it, finding opportunities to exhibit and do numerous workshops not only in her home country but all over the world. An art teacher at the National Academy of Lecce, Italy, she bravely challenged the traditional concept of art. Now, how did this artist go from the universal, simple, strong concept of mandala to a chaotic love affair with plastic? And in this paradox of order and disorder, how does she propose the idea that the common point in this revolution is nature? Mandala means order, it is used when you are in conflict with yourself in order to see clearly. It also uses both parts of the brain to create balance. By melting plastic and transforming it into amazing pieces of contemporary art, she breaks all the rules of mandala making. There are no more lines, no more figures, no squares, no circles, all disappear into a nothingness of colours and shapes. From the order and precision of the mandala one goes into loosing oneself by just imagining whatever one wants, with the mind wavering according to the sensation of the splashing colours.

Experimenting with plastic, like an alchemist would turn base metal into gold, she invents a new technique by simply melting all kind of plastics into beautiful art. The amazing thing about it is that she does not add anything, neither color nor texture, she just melts material and expresses her feeling and vibrancy into the art work. As for the common point being nature, she intertwines the mind and the material in a surrealistic kind of way, hypothesizing that in mandala she uses natural material like woods, pyrography, airbrush, acrylic painting, sand, stones, leaves and that with melted plastic, one can imagine and see the natural inside. In this "Mimetic Transmutation" allegory, 33 paintings, one video and one sculpture are exhibited. The brightness of colours, the innovative technique, as well as the unique 3 dimensional concept of the sculpture, will trigger questions, provoke reactions and tease creativity. A revolutionary and an explorer, Carla Sello wants to experiment with other material like paper and fabrics. For now, she enjoys using this plastic technique. In my opinion, from an art teacher and mandala maker, Carla has become an art alchemist, and, since I feel that giving pleasure to the eyes is one of the highest values in this world, I would say Carla simply makes history...... art history. Chana Corinne Devor for AV Art Service

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**Savitri Bhavan Exhibitions – December 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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**Centro de Arte**

**Carla Sello**

**Mimetic Transmutation**

22 December 2018 to 2 January 2019

11am to 12pm - 3pm to 5pm

Opening:

Saturday 4pm - 22 December 2018

Video screening of Carla Sello - Italy

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**Mandala**

**By Rosalba**

With the collaboration of Auroville Art Service

At Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

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**Volunteers Needed**

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**Exhibition on**

**The Line of Goodwill**

The largest Line of Force

1st December, 2018 - 1st March, 2019

Auroville Town Hall Reception Area

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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.

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**Pot Pourri**

Paintings from the CREEVA students and teachers of the evening classes happening at the studio in Creativity

until 8 January 9am - 5pm

(closed on Sunday & public holidays)
at Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas

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**Celebration of Expression**

Dec. 29 4.30 - 6.30
Kala Kendra - Bharat Nivas

Original Music Tea & Snacks and good conversation!

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**Opening Event**

Saturday 22nd Dec.
From 3 pm to 6 pm

**Mandala Exhibition**

Till 12th Jan.
From 9 am to 12:30 and
2 pm to 5 pm
Closed on Sunday and national holidays

rosalba@auroville.org.in

+91-9787702844
Ceremonies of Lives
Photo exhibition
by Eve Jenkins
-Until 24th Monday 2018
Last days!
opening timings except Sunday:
8am -12.00pm and 2pm - 6pm

Life is a celebration, there are moments that we know how to celebrate but there are moments that we pass as difficult, full of sorrow and pain, feel of hurt and anguish. But they all are ceremonies; through these ceremonies we evolve, to create something out of us.

Life is a tribute too. It’s a tribute to those realities where celebration takes place, the celebration has many dimensions, some we do enjoy but some we pass through anguish. Why? If life is celebration than why sorrow? Pain? Anguish? Worries? Because we fail to see our role in this divine world. We mere seek something what we have dreamed of, with knowing that dreams interconnect us, the dreams unites us.

Individuals tend to see dreams as their own but that’s not the case entirely, each dream connects with many people around us, it interacts, engages, and develops. Dreams may look very selfish but they are not as they have the source within to engage the world around it, they have the source to engage with nature, where we are characters of current reality.

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India.
(0413) 2622403/2622994 Pitanga@auroville.org.in

TALKS/PRESENTATIONS

“Alternative Futures: India Unshackled”
Book Release at SLI Office on
Friday 28th December 2018, from 4 - 6 p.m.
Venue: SLI Office, 1st floor, Naicker House, Kottakkarai
(on the road to trumbai next to the Cooperative bank).

SLI invites you for the launch of the book “Alternative Futures: India Unshackled” and interaction with Eminent Ecologist and Editor of the book, Mr. Ashish Kothari on the 28th December 2018 at SLI Office at 4 p.m. More than 40 eminent thinkers, activists, academics and researchers have contributed to this publication. It interrogates the path of Indian development, challenges the notions underlying the same and redefines the contours of our thought through not intellectual engagement, as well as examples through the articles, grouped under the titles of Ecological, Political, Economic and Socio-Cultural futures.

“With over 600 vibrant pages, from Shi Vishwanthan’s future dreaming to Manisha Gupte’s revisioning of sex-gender - via water and energy abundance, food sovereignty, craft economies, language and learning, dissent and self-governance - the intellectuals and activists in this book not only model Indian futures, they will lead readers in the West to new imaginaries” - Ariel Salleh (Political Economy, University of Sydney & Author of Ecofeminism as Politics).

Copies of the book are available at the venue.
RSVP: programme@tnavsli.in

CULTURAL EVENTS

HEINRICH KW
piano recital
Erik SATIE: Two Gnossiennes
Philip GLASS: The Hours

Saturday 22 December 2018
New timing: 6:30 pm
Dur. 55 mins
CRIPA

a New Year gift from

THE AUROVILLE HARMONIES
WOMEN’S CHOIR

to all Aurovilians and friends:

Be prepared for some heavenly sounds on SATURDAY 29 DEC.
Places and times shall be a surprise!

Want a clue?
We will sing at places where you wouldn’t expect... at some well-visited places; where by chance you could happen to be - between 11 AM and 3 PM.

Keep your ears open that day and, if you observe a merry gathering, just follow and join!

Auroville Harmonies - Women's choir singing the world - Conducted by Antoine - antoine@auroville.org.in
YUVAL

To become aware of them, we can bring back choice by applying

In our lives hidden dynamics can unconsciously create our fate.

Fate or choice?

SCHEDULES

TAI CHI HALL
Sharnag community

- There will be no practice at the Tai Chi Hall on the 25th of December and the 1st of January.
- The next intensive for beginners is from Jan 21 to Feb 9.
  taichi@auroville.org.in

At VERITE

Please contact Vérité to register for the following intensive:
0413 2622045 | 2622606, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in

Fate or choice? (family) constellations - with Yuval Saturday, 29 December - from 9 am to 4.45 pm
In our lives hidden dynamics can unconsciously create our fate. To become aware of them, we can bring back choice by applying (family) constellation techniques.
YUVAL is a life & business coach.

At PITANGA

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville,
(0413) 2622403/2622994 /Pitanga@auroville.org.in

- New classes starting from December 27th

- Hatha Yoga in French with Sylvie
  Thursday - 7.30 am - 9.00 am
This Yoga practice offers to experience this intimate and profound interaction between breath and body. In motion or motionless, Postural work aims to untie tensions at all levels, to let the energy circulate. Slowness and Consciousness allow access to Depth. To explore and progressively settle in a Quality of Attention, of Perception, of Listening to what is Alive in us. Open to an inner space, be present to our feeling, to what is there as it is...

- Yoga Nidra in French with Sylvie
  Friday - 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
An ancient technique in which the body, lying down, is invited to give up its deep tensions and the consciousness to remain awake and present. A cleaning practice in our different physical, emotional, mental bodies …

- YOUNG & YOGI Workshop at HOLISTIC:
  27 to 31st December 2018
Youth face constant pressure in their life, such as get a job, manage relationships, and deal with numerous other problems. With Young YOGI now they can arm themselves with yoga and meditation. For Youth “Nothing is Impossible” as they say! Let’s see how these Young YOGIS are using yoga as a tool to overcome life’s challenges. Young YOGI is a Powerful tool to teach you - Why Practice Yoga and Meditation: Improved concentration/Quicker decision-making/Relaxation/inner peace/ High confidence/ More focus/ Increased strength (physical & mental)
Contact: Christine · Mob & whatsapp: 91-9489805493.
christine@auroville-holistic.com / www.auroville-holistic.com

- CREEVA’s Studio in Kala Kendra
For both events, please reserve a place:
9972354371 or 9962442490

- Exploring landscapes in watercolour
  December 26 and 27 from 9am to 12pm
Indoors and Outdoors with Sathya
All materials provided. Fixed contribution required.

- Behind the Scenes
  December 28 from 9am to 12pm and 2 to 5pm
and December 29. from 9am to 12pm
With Thais and Julien. Come and explore what it takes to make a movie. Bring some cinematic awareness into your eyes. You will never watch movies the same way again.
Fixed contribution required. For more info Julien 9972354371

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- Watsu 1 (TF) with Dariya & Daniel
  Wednesday 2 - Sunday 6 January 2019 (9am - 6pm)
In Watsu 1 (Transition Flow) you will learn to connect the basic Watsu movements and positions you have been exposed to with long, gracefully flowing transitions and to adapt this work to people of different sizes, shapes, and dispositions. You will also gain insight about your own body mechanics and learn how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible.

For appointments and registration, please contact the reception at 2622329, 9488084966
• Liquid Flow Essence with Dariya & Daniel 
Tuesday 8 - Monday 14 January 2019 (9am-6pm) 
This high-level workshop with the main Liquid Flow sequence is for participants, who wish to dive deeper into the beauty of aquatic bodywork. You will expand your knowledge and focus on flow and continuity of movement, which offer possibilities for improving your therapeutic work. In combination with exercises on land, you will experience the profound, multilayered effects of this powerful, yet softening, bodywork.

• Foot Reflexology Training with Ananda 
Friday 11 - Tuesday 15 January 2019 (9am - 4.30pm) 
Holistic Foot Reflexology is deeply relaxing, healing & balancing tool for body-mind-energy. With meditative presence, loving energy & by activating and relaxing nerve endpoints, lymphatic nodes and energy points in hands and feet, we support harmonizing internal organs, blood circulation, nervous, hormonal, lymphatic systems and boost immunity. You will explore and deepen your knowledge about anatomy of the physical and energy bodies in relation to yogic science, warmup, self-healing techniques and use of supportive tools, reflexology techniques & sequence for organs, nerves, hormones, specific sequence for lymphatic flush drainage & energy balancing, reading various body types and variations in approaches to apply, meditations to be open channel of sensitivity, presence and loving energy, and effective ways to give deep healing sessions effortlessly.

• OBA 2 with Gianni 
Tuesday 15 - Monday 21 January 2019 (8.45am - 6pm) 
OBA 2 focuses on learning more complex tech-ques, refining your intuitive responses and preparing for working professionally with people in water. You will also learn about your own body mechanics and how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible. Prerequisite: OBA 1 or equivalent, such as Liquid Flow Essence.

MONTHLY SCHEDULES of AV CENTERS

REMINDER: The monthly schedules and activities of the Auroville Centers can be found on the following websites:
- Joy Activities: www.jooyauroville.org/
- Holistic: www.auroville-holistic.com/
- Pitanga: www.auroville.org/content/3185
- Savitri Bhavan: www.savitribhavan.org
- Language Lab: www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/courses.php
- Auromode Yoga Space: www.auromodeyogaspace.com
- Vérité: www.verite.in/
- Arka Wellness Centre: www.auroville.org/content/2886
- Quiet: http://quiethealingcenter.info/
- Lilaloka: www.lilaloka.org

REGULAR EVENTS

The Regular Events column is printed once a month, sent weekly via pdf through our mailing list, and published weekly online for anyone to access at: auroville.org/content/4187

AUROVILLE BUS SCHEDULE

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

OTHER EVENTS

• Inner-Work-Workshop 
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother 25 December (Tuesday) - at Savitri Bhavan, 9 am to 12 noon (For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.) Focus this week on: ‘The Collective Yoga’
- Overview with multimedia presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises. Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922). No Registration required (except for groups). Fees: Voluntary Contribution. All are welcome. For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit www.integralyoga-auroville.com.

• ATB 2 (Awareness Through the Body) 
with Amir & Lison. Reserved to people who have already attended ATB1. December 28, 28, & 30th, from 9am to 4.30/5pm At the ATB hall in Transition school.
For more information, have a look to the website: http://awarenessthroughthebody.com/
For more details and to sign up contact through email connect@atbwithamir.com or WhatsApp: +91 7094645190

• Bamboo Construction for Masters 
By Auroville Bamboo Centre
6 Days - Build a Bamboo Dormitory 26th December 2018 - 31st December 2018 Details of workshop and registration available on our website: www.aurovillebamboocentre.org
Kottakarai, Auroville, Tamil Nadu 605111, India Tel: +91 413 262 3806 - aurovillebamboocentre@auroville.org.in

• INDIAN DELIGHT Cooking class 
At Joy Guest House with Rupavathi and Kaveri on Thursday 27th December from 11am to 1 pm A cooking class where we will cook delicious food. Together we will discover authentic Indian flavors. Come and join us! Limited spaces available. Contact number: Rupavathi 8098845200 or email: rupavathijoym@gmail.com. Warmly :) Joy Team

“December To Remember...”, One Day Retreat - 2018 29th December 2018 from 9am to 4pm 
Mohanam Campus (Opposite Imagination) Age group: 10 - 13 years
Dear Parents, we are glad to inform you that Mohanam is organizing a one-day camp (December to Remember) this will help the children to reflecting on the past year and dreaming for the future. We invite children from around Auroville to participate in this camp. Participant number is limited maximum to 75 participants. Places are available on a first registered, first served basis. We will provide food and refreshment for the participants who are attending this camp. For Registration: 9159468946(Anand)/ Email: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

• Gurudjieff movements 
New Weekly class at Cripa with Yoffi, every Monday 5 to 7pm Gurudjieff movements, also known as “sacred dances” are a powerful tool for inner and outer awareness. The practice makes it possible to become free of the automatism and habits of our body, emotions and mind. By moving differently than we usually do, we experience new qualities of energy and meet ourselves in new ways.

• Contact Improvisation Dance classes and jams 
Tue and Wed 5pm - 7pm at European House (located inside and to the right of international house - opposite Tibetan pavilion). Contact: 8524963049. Classes are designed for all experience types. A chance to play, move, roll, fly, spiral with and without a partner. We will play with the artistry of falling off balance, counterbalance, finding the shelves of the body and learning the mechanics of the body in order to handle someone else’s weight or be lifted. Looking at body design and structure to find effortless, efficient and graceful movement. Wed class we will focus on technique and improving our contact movement vocabulary. Thurs will start with a structured warm up and develop into a free space jam, where we can play and dance.

• Yoga Nadopasana 
Every Friday afternoon in Utility Community, modal singing lessons (by the practice of the nadopasana yoga) will resume for beginners from 4 to 5pm. For the already advanced people, we will discover all a game of rahas while singing carnatic compositions. classes are held at Bruno’s house. Please leave your vehicle at the entrance of the community. Cordially, Bruno. 0413-2623308, nadopasana@auroville.org.in
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International - Saturday 29 December, 8pm:
- POSTIA PAPPI JAAKOBILLE (Letter to Father Jacob)
Finland, 2009, Dir. Klaus Härö w/ Kaarina Hazard, Heikki Nousianen, Jukka Kenonen, and others, Drama, 94 mins, Finnish w/English subtitles, Rated: R
Each day the mailman brings letters from people asking Father Jacob’s help. He is old and blind but answering the letters is his life mission. Leila’s job is to read them aloud and answer them. Being a non-believer, she thinks this whole thing is pointless, but still she fulfills her job because her job comes with an accommodation which she otherwise cannot afford. The Finnish landscape and brilliant acting make this film a treat not to miss.

Children’s Film - Sunday 30 December, 4:30pm
- BABY’S DAY OUT
USA, 1994, Dir: Patrick Read Johnson w/ Lara Flynn Boyle, Joe Mantegna, Joe Pantoliano and others, Comedy, 99mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
Baby Bink couldn’t ask for more; he has adoring (if somewhat sickly-sweet) parents, he lives in a huge mansion, and he’s just about to appear in the social pages of the paper. Unfortunately, not everyone in the world is as nice as Baby Bink’s parents; especially the three enterprising kidnappers who pretend to be photographers from the newspaper. Successfully kidnapping Baby Bink, they have a harder time keeping hold of the rascal, who not only keeps one step ahead of them, but seems to be more than a little bit smarter than the three bumbling criminals.

ADVENTURE MOVIES @ Ciné-Club
Ciné-Club - Sunday 30 December, 8pm:
- TRACKS
Australia,2013, Dir. John Curran w/ Mia Wasikowska, Adam Driver, Lilly Pearl and others, Drama-Biography,112mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13
The true story of a young woman who leaves her life in the city to make a solo trek through almost 2,000 miles of sprawling Australian desert. Accompanied by only her dog and four unpredictable camels, she sets off on a life-changing journey of self-discovery. Along the way, she meets National Geographic photographer who begins to photograph her voyage.

Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G-General Audiences, PG-Parental guidance suggested, PG-13-Parents strongly cautioned, R-Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR-Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.
For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support. Pl make a donation to “Cinema Paradiso” (account #105106) at the Financial Service or set up for a monthly contribution.

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group
Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

AUROFILM
MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM
(MMC, Town Hall)
FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER - 8:00 PM
“Casablanca”
Directed by: Michael Curtiz - USA, 1942
Stars: Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Pierre Freney
Synopsis: In December 1941, American expatriate Rick Blaine owns an upscale nightclub and gambling den in Casablanca, Morocco during the early stages of WWII. Rick’s cafe has become a kind of haven for refugees seeking to obtain illicit letters that will help them escape to America. But when Ilsa, a former lover of Rick’s, and her husband, show up to his cafe one day, Rick faces a tough challenge which will bring up unforeseen complications... Casablanca went on to win the Academy Award for Best Picture and many others. Its lead characters, memorable lines, and pervasive theme song have all become iconic, and the film consistently ranks near the top of lists of the greatest films in history.
Original English version with English subtitles - Duration: 1h.42’

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, December 28th, 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 :)

75 mins / English / 2018 / Directed by Klaus Mitchell
The Year a Movement Went Mainstream: shows a movement in its ascendancy, painting a portrait of how more people are starting to move away from the ethical, environmental, and health horrors of animal exploitation.
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.

The FRENCH PAVILION presents
“ SIMONE VEIL, INSTINCT OF LIFE “
Documentary
directed by Sarah Briand et Alexis Guillot
Saturday 29th December 2018 at 5pm
Town Hall - Cinema Paradiso
in French only, duration: 100min
Back on the path of this exceptional French woman, who passed on June 30, 2017 at the age of 89
In 1944, Simone Jacob was only sixteen when she was arrested in Nice by the Gestapo. A few days later, she was sent the Auschwitz camp. Simone Veil is a survivor. Although she remained discrete about her past for a long time, it is the political history and the duty of memory which make of her an icon. As the French Minister of Health, she promulgated the law on abortion in 1974. Five years later, she was the first woman to be elected President of the European Parliament.
“One day, a story” dedicates this documentary to her memory tracing her career through the places that have marked her life: Auschwitz, the French prisons or the National Assembly.

LAST MINUTE EVENT: DO NOT MISS
DEEPAM's Handicrafts-Market, on Saturday 22nd December at the Visitor Centre.
Our students have special needs. We teach them vocational skills. They have made beautiful things. Come and encourage them!
**REMINDER TO ALL GUESTS**

from The Guest Facilities Coordination Group - Guest Registration Service -

ALL GUESTS in Auroville (including Indian nationals and foreigners as well as friends and family members of Aurovilians) are required by Indian law and Auroville regulations to register within 24 hours of their arrival.

In addition, guests are required to register each time they move to a new destination in Auroville.

The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates at 3 locations:
- Visitors Centre - at the far end of the Expo Hall (big white building on the left), opposite Dreamer’s Cafe - All days 9:30-12:30 and 2 to-5
- Town Hall - reception area - Monday-Saturday 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-5pm
- Aspiration - Financial Service office left side - Monday-Saturday 9:00-12:30

**WHERE TO READ THE NEWS&NOTES and see all EVENTS**

**THE NEWS&NOTES IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL TO DOWNLOAD**

from the Auroville website:
www.auroville.org/contents/4186

The weekly updated Regular Events:
www.auroville.org/contents/4187

The News&Notes archives:
www.auroville.org/contents/186

French and Tamil versions:
www.auroville.org/contents/4186

**AUROVILLE EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**

- Save them in your phone now!
  → Auroville Safety and Security Team: 9443090107 (Email: security@auroville.org.in)
  → Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
  → Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. reachable 24/7
  → Emergency Service of India: 108

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Important information about News & Notes (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).

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

The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute

Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Tuesday 5pm.

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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