The link between the two worlds has not yet been built, but it is in the process of being built; this was the meaning of the experience of February 3, 1958: to build a link between the two worlds. For both worlds are indeed there – not one above the other, but within each other, in two different dimensions. Only, there is no communication between them: they overlap, as it were, without being connected. In the experience of February 3, I saw certain people from here (and from elsewhere) who already belong to the supramental world in a part of their being, but there is no connection, no link. But now the hour has come in universal history for this link to be built.

What is the relationship between this experience of February 3 and that of November 7 (the almighty spring)? Is what you found in the depths of the Inconscient this same Supramental?

The experience of November 7 was a further step in the building of the link between the two worlds. Where I was cast was clearly into the origin of the supramental creation - all this warm gold, this tremendous living power, this sovereign peace. And once again I saw that the values governing the supramental world have nothing to do with our values here, even the values of our highest wisdom, even those we consider the most divine when we live constantly in a divine Presence: it is utterly different. Not only in our state of adoration and surrender to the Supreme, but even in our state of identification, the QUALITY of the identification is different depending upon whether we are on this side, progressing in this hemisphere, or have passed to the other side and have emerged into the other world, the other hemisphere, the higher hemisphere.

The quality or the kind of relationship I had with the Supreme at that moment was entirely different from the one we have here – even the identification had a different quality. One can very well understand that all the lower movements are different, but this identification by which the Supreme governs and lives in us was the summit of our experience here - well, the way He governs and lives is different depending on whether we are in this hemisphere here or in the supramental life. And at that moment [the experience of November 13], what made the experience so intense was that I came to perceive vaguely both these states of consciousness at once. It was almost as if the Supreme Himself were different, or our experience of Him. And yet, in both cases, it was a contact with the Supreme. It is probably how we perceive Him or the way in which we translate it that differ, but the fact is that the quality of the experience is different.

In the other hemisphere, there is an intensity and a plenitude which are translated by a power different from the one here. How can I formulate it? - I cannot. The quality of the consciousness itself seems to change. It is not something higher than the summit we can attain here, it is not one MORE rung, not that. Here, we have reached the end, the summit, but... it's the quality that is different. The quality, in the sense that a fullness, a richness, a power is there (this is a translation, you see, in our way), but there is a “something” that... that eludes us. It is truly a new reversal of consciousness. When we begin living the spiritual life, a reversal of consciousness takes place which for us is the proof that we have entered the spiritual life; well, yet another occurs when we enter the supramental world.

(To be continued)

MOTHER - MOTHER’S AGENDA, 15 November 1958.

Day and night constantly the Presence is there.
It is enough to turn silently inward and we detect it.
Let this experience be yours this year.
Love and blessings to my dear child.

The Mother - Ashram New Year message
FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR THE LAND

Wednesday 9 Jan 2019 - 7pm

Visitors Center

- Info-desk & presentation with video and slides - 6pm onwards
- A musical surprise with singer Margherita, Varun and friends

Support us for Auroville’s land and future!

All proceeds go for land purchase

GET INFO AND DONATE FOR AUROVILLE’S LAND:
LFAU campaigns Acres4Auroville & GreenAcres - land.auroville.org

Funding Auroville - fundraising for Auroville’s land and regenerative work: funding.auroville.org
City Services Financial Report - Dec. 2018

(A more detailed report is available on the Auronet at this link)

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| Homestay total 27 out of 68         | 1,06,583     | 1,06,583           |
| **Subtotal**                        | **11,46,653**| **11,53,353**      |
| **Additional Guest Contributions**  | 5,66,704     | 5,66,704           |
| **Total**                           | **17,13,357**| **17,20,057**      |
Dear Community Members,

After extended calls to the community by the RAS, so far we have received 8 nominations for the TFRC and 7 nominations for the Clearance Panel. Some of the nominees, don’t meet the criteria which apply to each of these groups. According to the Selection Process and Clearance Panel provisions, the TFRC shall be composed of 7 members and the Clearance Panel of also 7 members (+ 2 reserve members).

In our recent experience, the TFRC functioning with less members has led to an overload of work for the group. Therefore, we see value to respect the number of members indicated for both of these groups. These bodies are essential for the functioning of the newly approved Selection Process and shall be constituted at the earliest to start their work before the next Selection Process. The Auroville Council and Working Committee have therefore decided to reach out to trusted individuals within the community until January 10th, 2019, to fill these important roles. During this time, we also still invite individuals who feel inspired to offer their service for this important work to write to the Council to put themselves forward.

Please note that according to the approved process, the TFRC will be selected by the Auroville Council and the Clearance Panel by the Auroville Council and Working Committee.

If you need any further information about the work of the TFRC or the Clearance Panel, or the criteria for becoming a member, please write to the Council. We look forward to hearing from you. Warmly, Auroville Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Appointment of New Governing Board Member Dr. K. Parameswaran

The Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Shri M.V. Chunkath, informed us about the appointment of Dr. K. Parameswaran as member of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation. Dr. K. Parameswaran is an Associate Professor of Law & Former Dean of Academic Affairs, Gujarat National Law University.

On behalf of the community of Auroville, we have welcomed Dr. K. Parameswaran and requested him to visit Auroville prior to the next Governing Board Meeting to get familiar with Auroville and some of its many aspects. Dr. K. Parameswaran is likely to visit Auroville in middle of January 2019. We are looking forward to receive him in Auroville with some of its many aspects.

■ Invitation from L’avenir: Collaborative Planning Sessions 7 to 12 January 2019

Dear Aurovilians,

The interface team of l’avenir d’Auroville would like to invite your participation in the January Sessions - a collaborative planning charrette @ Unity Pavilion from 7th to 12th Jan. 2019.

The objective is to work, from our collective intelligence and intuition, on how to bring the Purpose of Auroville into our life, built environment and organisation.

As we look for answers, we are also aware that there have been multiple attempts in the last decades leaving us with another question on all our minds…. Why have we not been able to translate these outputs into action?

In a humble attempt to go beyond “just another workshop from l’avenir d’Auroville on city planning”, the work methodology and process is designed to give importance to both the challenges.

There are two types of sessions planned:

a) HANDS-ON PLANNING CHARRETTE: Jan 8, 9 and 10 (9am- 1pm)

Focused work with a team of 25-30 residents, engaged professionals and working groups, who play key roles in the planning and nurturing of our city’s built & natural environment and governance. These sessions are by invite, only.

b) OPEN PARTICIPATORY SESSIONS: Jan 8 and 10 (3-6pm)

Presentations from the visiting team and collaborative planning session designed for reaching out to the larger community for their voice and laying the grounds for their committed, active involvement for the future.

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We count on enthusiastic participation of many Aurovilians to these afternoon sessions.

On Saturday 12th January at 5 pm will be a final presentation on Process of January Sessions and Way Forward Recommendations.

We are happy to have the experienced support of Andreas Von Zadow, process designer and facilitator, together with his international team of professionals, in the field of sustainable town planning and community processes.

We look forward to your engagement in this exciting exercise.

Warmly,
The January Sessions Team For L’avenir D’Auroville

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**Auroville - A Way Forward**

**Collaborative Planning Workshop**

**Bringing the Purpose of Auroville into our life, built environment & organisation**

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**OPEN PARTICIPATORY SESSIONS**

Jan 8 & 10
3 PM to 6 PM

Jan 12
Final Presentation
5 PM Onwards

@ Unity Pavilion

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**Schedule**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7**

5 PM  Introduction to Visiting Team

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**

9 AM - 1 PM  Hands-on Planning Charrette

3 PM - 6 PM  Presentations & Open Participatory Sessions

Healthy Placemaking - Eco City Principles by Fred London

Dimensions of Water by Prof. Herbert Dreiseitl

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**

9 AM - 1 PM  Hands-on Planning Charrette

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**

9 AM - 1 PM  Hands-on Planning Charrette

3 PM - 6 PM  Presentations & Open Participatory Sessions

Livable Cities - Spiritual Designs by Joachim Eble

Community Planning Strategies by Clare SanMartin

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

5 PM  Final presentation

Process of January Sessions and Way Forward Recommendations

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**International Team Member List for Collaborative January Sessions:**

- Joachim Eble, EMP Germany: Architect, Urban Designer, Eco-Strategies, Eco-Design, Spiritual Design, Co-operative Housing and Living Communities
- Bettina Wanschura, Austria: Landscape Planner with special focus on water issues, participation processes.
- Fred London, JTP UK: Architect, Urban Designer, Community Planner, EU EcoCity-Projects, Healthy Cities Specialist, Lateral Thinker, Participation techniques, Cartoonist.
- Anushree Agarwal, Delhi: Landscape Designer, Graphic Design Specialist (to produce outputs).

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**Collaborative Planning Sessions: Call for Support**

Dear community, AVI-Germany is raising funds for the travel expenses of the visiting international team, many thanks go out to Friederike for this work. L’avenir, with the support of some residents, is taking care of the accommodation, food and lodging for them as well as other event related expenses.

For this, we’d welcome financial contributions from residents/units (to FS no:252500).

Thank you. L’avenir d’Auroville Team

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**Drone Usage in Auroville**

N.B. Before flying a drone within Auroville, make sure to contact us at OutreachMedia outreachmedia@auroville.org.in to make sure that all necessary permissions are in place.

FYI: Civil Aviation Requirements and map to be found on Auronet: https://auroville.org.in/article/71917

Excerpted from the Civil Aviation Requirements list effective December 1st, 2018, the following points are relevant to Auroville and the Auroville Foundation:

1) **Unique Identification Number for Nanos**: Not required. Remotely Piloted Aircraft in Nano category (less or equal to 250 grams) intended to fly up to 50 feet (15 m) Above Ground Level in uncontrolled airspace/enclosed premises does not require prior intimation to the police.

2) **Unique Identification Number for other drones**: All other drones, including Micro (greater than 250 grams and less than or equal to 2 kg) require a Unique Identification Number from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation. This will be granted to the Auroville Foundation as the Remotely Piloted Aircraft System is wholly owned by an entity (AVF) controlled by the Central Governments. The Micro can also be owned by an Indian national.

3) **Unmanned Aircraft Operator Permit**: Not required for Civil Remotely Piloted Aircraft operators who operate a Nano Remotely Piloted Aircraft below 50 feet (15 m) Above Ground Level in uncontrolled airspace or enclosed premises, and those who operate a Micro Remotely Piloted Aircraft operating below 200 feet (60 m) Above Ground Level in uncontrolled airspace or enclosed premises.

4) **Prior intimation to the police for nanos**: The use of a Nano Remotely Piloted Aircraft below 50 feet (15 m) Above Ground Level in uncontrolled airspace or enclosed premises does not require prior intimation to the police.

5) **Prior intimation to the police for micros**: The use of a Micro Remotely Piloted Aircraft operating below 200 feet (60 m) Above Ground Level in uncontrolled airspace or enclosed premises requires intimation to the local police office 24 hours prior to conduct of actual operations. Please contact OutreachMedia for this.

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6) Remote pilote training: Not applicable for Nano and Micro category operating below 50 and 200 feet respectively.

7) Nano and Micro Category Remotely Piloted Aircraft operating beyond 50 and 200 feet respectively: Nano and Micro category Remotely Piloted Aircraft operators intending to operate beyond 50 ft (15m) Above Ground Level and 200 ft (60 m) Above Ground Level respectively in uncontrolled airspace/enclosed premises, need

1. a Unique Identification Number,
2. an Unmanned Aircraft Operator Permit,
3. to follow Security/ Safety Requirements,
4. to follow Remote Pilot Training Requirements,
5. to have observe Remotely Piloted Aircraft System(s) Maintenance Requirements,
6. to have follow Equipment and Operating Requirements,
7. to ensure that their drone adheres to Minimum Standards For Manufacturing Of Remotely Piloted Aircraft System(s).

8) Operating restrictions: No Remotely Piloted Aircraft shall be flown within a distance of 3 km from the perimiter of any civil, private or defence airports, except with permission from the airport itself. Most communities south of Samasti are within 3 kilometers of the Pondicherry airport, see approximate area in the map on Auronet.

9) Insurance: All civil Remotely Piloted Aircraft operators shall have insurance with the liability that they might incur for any damage to third party resulting from the accident/incident. Please make sure the operators of nanos and micros have an insurance.

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 780

Dated: 07-01-2018

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville, Joining Auroville. Prior to Newcomer, Aurovillian 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 entrieservice@auroville.org.in.

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
- Kassandra Helen LOMBARD (American) Staying in Acceptance and Working at Art Service
- Sunmi KIM (Korean) Staying in Arka and Working at TLC

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:
- Seul-On KIM Born on 18/07/2013 (Child of Sunmi KIM)

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
- Iyana SELVARAJ (Indian)
- Richard PRESLEY (American)

AUROVILANS ANNOUNCED:
- Marie Christine POISOT (French) Staying in Auromonde and Working at Botanical Garden
- Richard PEREZ (French) Staying in Auromonde and working at Botanical Garden
- Magali CHIROUZE (French) Staying in Maitreytee 2 and Working at Kinisi
- Shankar VEERARAGAVAN (Indian) Staying in Sangamam and Working at Matrimandir Garden/Nursery

AUROVILANS CONFIRMED:
- Maria FOSSA (Italian)

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE ANNOUNCED:
- Narendra Singh RANA (Indian) - Retired Indian Police Service officer (ADGP) from Delhi, interested in farming

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE CONFIRMED:
- Benoy (Known as Binu) MUKHERJEE (Canadian)
- Ruma MUKHERJEE (Canadian)

YOUTH TURNED 18 ANNOUNCED:
- Sharmila PARAJULI (Indian) Staying in Aspiration & Studying in PIMS
- Kiara Momo Lea RITZHEIM (German) Staying in Windarra & Working at New School Craft / Royal Element
- Hemalatha PALANISAMY (Indian) Staying in Celebration & Working at Aureka
- Tenzin Rangdol (Tibetan) Staying in Antakaranja & Studying in Last School

Gaia MARONI (French) Staying in Prayathna & Working at Pre Creche / Sakura Sushi
Jonas BARANDARD (French) Staying in Dana & Studying in Future School
Divyabharathi IYAPPAN (Indian) Staying in Courage & Studying in Achariya Arts and Science College
Priyadharshini ULAGANATHAN (Indian) Staying in Djiama & Studying in Pondicherry University

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

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.
  2. Houses available in Pondicherry:

- Youth housing:
  If you are Aurovillian, 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 Humanoscapes) 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.
  - Kalpna Housing Project: Near completion

- Houses available for transfer:
  - Hemanth & Geetha’s Apartment: Plinth Area of 94.78 Sq.m
  - Satyakam Available for the public every Thursday from 3 to 5 h and Saturday from 10 to 12 h 30. For information and site visit contact satyakam@auroville.org.in

- Houses available for housing:
  - Immediately available: 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 2 Office in the ground floor of the North block. Contact satyakam@auroville.org.in for more information

- Houses available for transfer:
  - Available: 1 Office in the ground floor of the North block. Contact satyakam@auroville.org.in for more information

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

GOU design updates

After one month of GOU Design Interface phase, we are pleased to present to you the integrated design (http://gou.auroville.org/) that was developed after numerous exchange sessions between the designers. Designer Lara and Jyoti were invited by the Lead design team Unexpected four (Mona, Joss, Andreas, Greg) for dreamweaving sessions that were really invigorating and many points for enhancing the concept and detailing the design were discussed.

Moving forward, an implementation plan will be created and the basic steps of implementation will start. The lead design team is open to incorporating details to further enhance the design during the implementation phase and has also suggested creating a site operation office for community interaction. Quarterly reports of the progress of design and implementation will be published.

We are looking forward to the unexpected journey that lies ahead and are thankful to the members who participated in the expert and public panel and made this process meaningful.

Matrimandir Executives & Event Coordinators, Garden of the Unexpected
OBITUARY

Gérard proceeds…

On January 2nd our long-term friend and brother, Aurovillian Gérard Maréchal, left his body due to a fall caused by a heart failure in his Sukhavati home, at the age of 71. Unfortunately, his wife Fabienne and daughter Aurimma were in France at the time but returned at the earliest.

Gérard is one of the early pioneers who arrived from France in the 1969-carpovan to wholeheartedly give his energies to the Mother and Auroville. Matrimandir was his focus of work and passion from the very beginning while he also took full part in the often-tumultuous life of the community at the time. In the early nineties, he and Fabienne left for Sudan where he oversaw various construction sites through which he was also able to provide work for plastics for Aurovilians. The couple returned in 2004 to then move into their Sukhavati house. Gérard once again returned to Matrimandir, this time at a calmer pace due to some heart condition that started developing.

Quietly introvert, and deeply into Mother, Sri Aurobindo as well as Satprem, it was a wonderful achievement and timely moment for Gérard that an Auroville’s 50th publication of Sri Aurobindo’s Savitri with the French translation by Satprem and the original English edition, side by side, has just now come out. This precious book was initiated, driven and put together by Gérard, OM-

Fare well, Gérard, on the way to the Light. Our warmest condolences, love and strength go out to Fabienne and Aurimma and all his very close friends.

Jay MA-

Possibility will be given for a short viewing & farewell in the Sukhavati house on Saturday 5th from 2 to 4 pm.

SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES – JANUARY 2019

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271

Auroville Safety & Security Team: Call us 24/7 for emergency or assistance on 9443090107 (save the number in your phone). Contact us on the same number until 10.30pm for booking an escort (latest escort at 11pm). Visit our office (Service Area - Near Gas Bottle service / Telephone Service) from Monday to Friday (9.30am to 12.30pm & 2.30 pm to 4pm) and Saturday (9.30am to 12.30pm). Phone: 0413-2623400. Email: security@avlonline.org.in. Emergency Service of India: 108

Animal Health care services: Dr. Kumar (Aurovillian) offers Animal Health care services that include Sterilization, Vaccination and Treatment of dogs, cats, cows and horses. Animal Health Care is a registered Activity. Minimum charge for a visit: ₹300. Treatment cost vary depending on medicines used, average ₹500. Sterilization cost for cat is ₹1000. This includes aftercare. The costs depend on size/ weight of the animal, and vary with type of anaesthesia, suture material, antibiotics, pain killer and other medical items used for operation and after care.

For more information, call Dr. Kumar, Animal Health Care, cell 9443203092. Best is to send an SMS with name, address and request. Dr. Kumar will get back to you.

Auroville Library, Crown Road: Opening hours: Mornings: from Monday to Saturday 9am to 12.30pm - Afternoons: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 2pm to 4.30pm - Evenings : Tuesday from 4pm to 6.30pm. Email: avlib@avlonline.org.in. Phone: 0413-2622894.

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


At Abri Workshop (old puncture service) Auroville. We accept Auroville PT account.

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

City Transport: Quick “Pick up and Drop” Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater people carrier, free of charge for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests for trips within city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromende and Repos/Quiet chargeable with per passenger fares, from ₹110/-/ for 1 person/single trip. Phone: 0413-2622611 or to the driver directly 9487650951 daily 9.30am to 6pm. Email: visitorscentre@avlonline.org.in. Please note that it is not a taxi that can be ordered in advance and it takes an actual time, but for normal trips you reach you within 10/15 minutes and will not wait for you for onward or return trips. If needed it will come back to pick you up again when called.

AV Cycle Kiosk: Monday to Saturday: 9am to 4.30pm, opposite PTDC/Foodlink, in the Prosperity Area. We repair and maintain all types of bicycles, as a community service. Bike parts to full servicing at minimal costs. Free air! Phone: 9443091520.

Cycles and children car seats rentals: available at Vehicle Service, Town Hall - Monday to Saturday : 9am to 12.30pm and 2.30pm to 5pm. Contact avvehicle@avlonline.org.in or Phone: 0413-2623302, Mobile: 9443074825.

Auroville Dental Centre - Protection: Opening hours: Mornings - Monday to Saturday 9am to 1pm & Afternoon - Monday to Friday 2pm to 4pm. Telephone: 0413-2622265 or 2622007. Email: avdentalcentre@avlonline.org.in.

EcoService, Kottakarai: Palani 9443535172 or Kali 9443090114. ecoService@avlonline.org.in.

Auroville Electrical Service (AVES): our timings are 08am to 05pm. Located in the Service Area. Contact numbers 2622 132, 94888 68747.

Electric cycles rental, Kinisi e-Mobility, KIM: CSR Office (on 2nd floor). Open 9.00 am-12:30 and 2:00-4:30 pm (Monday to Saturday). Landline: 0413-262 2168/2748. Mobile: 83004 60679/60680. Email: kinisii@avlonline.org.in - http://www.kinisii.in.

Entry Service, Town Hall, 1st floor, Multimedia Center: We are open to the public MORNINGS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.30am-12.30pm and AFTERNOONS (by appointment only): Monday to Friday 2.30pm to 4.30pm. B-Forms and Recommendation letters on appointment only. For more information on joining Auroville: +91 (0)413 2622707 email: entryservice@avlonline.org.in.

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

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

Free Store: Monday to Saturday: 9am to 12:30pm. Afternoons: Tuesday and Thursday: 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Phone: 0413-2623680 email: freestore@avlonline.org.in.

Auroville Bottle Gas Service, Service Area: Near Telephone Service and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9am to 1pm and 2 to 4pm. Phone: 0413-2622482. Email: avgasservice@avlonline.org.in.

Guest Registration Service: ALL GUESTS in Auroville (including Indian nationals and foreigners as well as friends and family members of Aurovilians) are required by Indian law and Auroville regulations to register within 24 hours of their arrival. In addition, guests are required to register each time they move to a new destination in Auroville. The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates at 3 locations: Visitors Centre - at the far end of the Expo Hall (big white building on the left), opposite Dreamer’s Cafe - All days 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2 to 5pm / Town Hall - reception area - Monday to Saturday 9am to 12.30pm and 2 to 5pm / Aspiration - financial service office left side - Monday to Saturday 9am to 12.30pm and 4 to 4.30pm.

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

avguestservice@avlonline.org.in. Phone: 0413-2622675.

Housing Service, Town Hall: Public timings: Monday to Friday (except Wednesday): 9.30 am -12.30 pm. By appointment only: Monday to Friday (except Wednesday): 2.30 - 4.30 pm. Saturday 10:30 - 12:30 pm for accounting only. (Wednesday closed for Housing Board meeting) Phone: 0413-2622658. Email contacts: GENERAL MATTERS: housing@avlonline.org.in - REPAIR & MAINTENANCE: housing-repair@avlonline.org.in - HOUSE TRANSFERS & EVALUATIONS: housing-transfer@avlonline.org.in.
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: visitscentre@auroville.org.in.

- **Cycle Kiosk at Solar Kitchen area**
  We repair and maintain all types of bicycles, as a community service.
  Bike parts to full servicing at minimal costs. Free air!
  Where: Opposite PTDC/Foodlink/Solar Kitchen in Prosperity Area.
  When: Monday to Saturday: 9am to 4:30pm.
  How: drop in. Contact Phone Chris O.: 9840115240.

- **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. Contact 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.
  - **Visitors’ Center - Bicycle Rental**
    Available from the Kiosk, Near Dosai Corner / Dreamer’s Café.

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The Green Centre wishes our readers a joyous, peaceful, courageous and green 2019!

Hard to believe that this is the ninth year of the Green Column and the Sunday Walks to Farms and Forests! Except for the summer months, we report bi-weekly on green issues and we hope to continue to do so in the new year. The Green Columns published in 2018 tackled such diverse issues as changing weather patterns, the causes and effects of climate change, the alarming loss of flora and fauna, the environmental impact of highways, India’s agrarian crisis, the growth and challenges of organic farming, and the imperative of embracing a plant-based diet. We reported on the Global Climate Summits, the ‘Draw Down’ initiative to reverse global warming, on the cashew spraying around Auroville and joined the call to action to the community; we received contributions to a three-part series on awareness of invisible ingredients in the food we eat, on eco-friendly, climate-responsive architecture, and on the impact of EMF (electro-magnetic frequencies) radiation on our health.

2018 proved to be yet another turbulent year with continued upheavals on the political, social and environmental fronts. The challenges to our planet’s land, water and air are huge and at times seem to engulf us all … But there are positive developments that give us hope: the many initiatives spread through social media promoting increased awareness on environmental issues, better and cheaper renewable technologies, fossil fuel divestment and much more.

We are also happy to announce the start of the 2019 Sunday walks to Farms and Forests; the ninth year in the series! They take place in the ‘cooler’ half January to the end of April. Auroville farmers and foresters welcome us in their places, many of them tucked away and not easily discovered, sharing precious insights into their vastly diverse work and environment.

Over the years many people have enjoyed getting out onto the land, learning about the flora and fauna surrounding us, connecting with each other, Aurovilians, volunteers and guests alike in a new way and gaining a deeper insight and awareness of both the celebrations and challenges of our local environment. Depending on stewards of those farms & forests, the walks take place early mornings, mornings or afternoons. Occasionally with a potluck breakfast or lunch.

The Sunday walks are announced in the News and Notes and on Auronet accompanied with the above logo and have details of date/timing /venue/location/ meeting point /names and the phone contacts of the stewards who will host the walks.

For the far flung ‘keyhole’ areas we organize transport. (The first walk to Annapurna in January and the last walk to Aranya in April.) We also would like to send our heartfelt thanks to the farmers and foresters of the many places we visited over the last eight years; you all agreed with much enthusiasm to take time off on your Sundays to lead a walk through the land you steward! See this space next week for the first Sunday walk announcement!

The Green Column reports on Green Issues in Auroville, the Bioregion and the wider world; it also appears on Auronet where comments and contributions are welcomed. Our team: Lisbeth, Isabelle, Appie and Island.

You can write to us at; avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

Postings

HAIR SALON CLOSING DOWN AT ARKA - Call for ideas
Sorry to have to announce that Arka is closing down the hair salon. Haircut is considered a luxury item and Arka doesn’t want to deal with the GST stuff it now involves. If anybody has any suggestion, please let us know. 9849390178. Onkrie.

Jazz Cafe
We are organizing a Jazz-Cafe at the Potters-market on Sunday 27 January. If you like to perform a short set of music please contact me by mail rolf.bosbach@gmail.com or phone 9655476136, Rolf. If needed, we can also organize accompanying musicians for you.

AV Art Service - Kochi Biennale
We will organise a trip to the Kochi Biennale for those who want to go as a group from Auroville. Tentative dates could be between 10 and 17 February or between 4 and 10 March 2019. If you would like to be a part of this group, please email aurovillearts@auroville.org.in with CC to nadia.daf@gmail.com and with the SUBJECT: “Trip to Kochi”. If you don’t hear back from us within two days, please email again or call 2623187.

Auroville Film Festival needs people
AVFF needs people passionately interested in making the next film festival happen in Auroville. Skills required immediately are: Crowd Funding, Social media, Admin and organization, Communication, Website management, Film submission coordination. Please contact us: aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in, 0413-2623187

Transformation Daycare Center OPENS JAN 14th!
On January 14th, we are opening our Daycare Center for children aged 3 to 7 years. For bookings or more information visit our website: www.aurovilledaycare.com. Or send us an e-mail: transformationdaycare@auroville.org.in. Submitted by Aurore.

Thank you

A Midsummer Night’s Dream - a Big Thank You
The Auroville Theatre Group would like to give a big “THANK YOU” to everyone who has worked on A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM by William Shakespeare. Here is a list of many of the people who played a big (and small) part in creating this joyous, magical play which entertained and captivated hundreds of people at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium December 20, 21 and 22nd. Please forgive me if I have left out your name!

Gratefully, Jill.


Drummers: The Mohanam Sound Troop.

Hair and Makeup: Shilpi, Lison, Mita, Lillian.

Hello, this is Bodhi Cristina - a long term volunteer at Quiet Healing Center. I would like to share publicly with Auroville my gratitude to the whole Staff, Managers and Workers of Quiet Healing Center. I had a bad accident 1 month ago and I will not be able to get out of my room for the next two months. I thank you for all the support and help that I received already. I felt really into a community. All my love, Bodhi.

**HEALTH**

**Santé Schedule Now Online on our Website**

You can find our Santé Therapists’ Monthly Schedule at this link.

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Offering a Secretary Position**
  Svaram is offering a professional position for an office secretary. Excellent English and Tamil - in verbal and written form - is necessary, Hindi an advantage. You should be firm in using Microsoft Office (Word, Excel etc.). You are a motivated team player who can also work independently and focused? And if you love a musical environment and our activities please send your CV to svaram@auroville.org.in.

- **Opportunity to serve and share our love for Auroville**
  Recently a team led by Gopi started to offer Walking Tours to different places in the International Zone. The tours are done morning or afternoons on chosen week days. We are looking for Aurovilians to help us and be part of our nice team; this can be for one or more half days. If you are interested please contact: Gopi 99 43 106597 or Vinay 97 51 944989.

- **Looking for volunteer to operate Sound and Projector equipment**
  Unity Pavilion is looking for a newcomer or volunteer with basic technical skills to operate the Sound and Projector equipment when we have events that require that in the mornings, and very occasionally on afternoons, or weekends. If you have a little time and want to do some community service while learning about Auroville and its multiple activities, please write to unitypavilion@auroville.org.in.

**EATING OUT**

- **Sunday lunch at Atithi Griha Guest House**
  Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India presents:

  We forgot to publish last week, apologies, Eds.

  **Sunday 6 January 2019**
  “South Indian Lunch” with less than, locally grown vegetables
  by Ms. Bhuvana (Sudarshan) Certitude
  Between 12:30 and 1:30 PM

  **Sunday 13 January 2019**
  “North Indian Lunch” 
  by Ms. Meenal, Humility & Ms. Divya Karun, Atithi Griha
  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 pm on the Friday before. (Contribution Rs.150, her/his guests Rs.200)

- **Organic Lunch in Joy Community (Center Field)**
  Tuesdays at 12:45: Italian Food (by Simona)
  Saturdays at 12:45: Japanese Food (by Emiko)

  We are happy to remind about our beautiful mostly organic lunch accompanied with the usual family atmosphere of Joy Community. Ingredients are all fresh (some from our amazing vegetable garden) and depend on the inspiration of the season, garden, and the chef of the day. For Italian food, we’ll have home-made caserecce pasta with mushroom and zucchini sauce on January 8th and gnocchi with tomato and pesto sauce on January 15th. For Japanese food, we’ll have vegetable tempura on January 12th and vegetarian sushi plate on January 19th. 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. Unfortunately, we’ll have to discontinue the lunch scheme as the income was not enough to cover expenses. Joy Community team :)

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**NOTES FOR KRISHNA KUMAR**

**Thank you**

Dear friends,

We would like to thank you all for your wonderful support in this difficult time when our beloved husband and father Krishna Kumar passed away so suddenly. The presence of all of you and your love gave us the strength we needed. We will always be thankful for that. We would also like to express our deepest gratitude to the farewell team. The way you stood by our sides in these hardest of times and the beautiful ceremony at the Adventure cremation grounds allowed us to say goodbye to that great soul in the way he deserved to move on into the light.

Gita, Harini and Roman

**Krishna Annai,**

It was just beginning and you had to leave so early. I am deeply saddened. Your love was large, your enthusiasm contagious. You dreamed and strived with an ardent aspiration to achieve, little for yourself, much for the world. Some 40 years have passed since I first met Krishna as he sat like a yogi, singing along with his tampura. He taught me my first rhagas, spiced with a stream of wondrous tales. Songs, philosophy, laughter, chai and stories...What stories! As a small kid, Krishna often travelled village to village with his father by bullock-cart. The travelling minstrels would set up camp in open fields and offered a full night of drama and comedy to the delight of all those who came, which was, essentially, the whole village.

I like to think that some of this was carried and transposed into his modern life; Following his years of study at the famous Kalakshetra music and dance institute in Chennai, he travelled the world. Kattai Vandi or Kaathru Vandi, wooden cart or airplane... as long as it reaches. He loved these kind of funny cross-cultural anecdotes.

Moving through life with an unsettled state of alertness, he was both the spectator and the actor all in one. There never was a dull moment with Krishna, together, we would laugh at the
unbelievable circumstances, laugh at the world, laugh at ourselves. Years would pass without seeing each other but things would instantly pick up from where we left.

In this early time in Auroville, Gita & Krishna gave their Everything to dance and we should never forget their important contribution at a time when, even a little art, in Auroville, was as hard as digging into the dry red earth without water. Year after year, hundreds of children would learn Bharata Natyam; I amusingly called it the “Krishna and Gita’s dance factory”.

They were very productive, creating numerous original plays that became land mark community events. I fondly remember Snow White and the Seven Dwarves in Bharata Natyam! For so many, amateurs and those who later became accomplished dancers, a meaningful seed of creativity was planted in their life.

Krishna was also accomplished musician, true and sincere. After many years, I had a chance meeting Krishna, Gita, Harini and her child, Beautiful and all positive, Krishna left me with particularly strong impression. He was 100% “Life is great - Auroville is wonderful - Let us play together...were his last words to me...Very Soon!”

For me, Krishna Kumar was always in Auroville. We have all become a little wiser to understand that circumstances and geography have little to do with our soul connection to this place. Nevertheless, I did I felt a certain happiness when Krishna & Gita told me they had finally come home to Auroville.

Gita, You lived fully what most could only long for; A tale dedicated love and unity,

He was Krishna and he gave himself completely to you and you to him. Inseparable in our eyes you will always be One.

Dear Gita, dear Harini,

Your life and work will continue here as your love travels beyond this finite world to our dear Krishna.

Nadaka

ACCOMMODATIONS

NEEDED - URGENT: We are an Aurovilian family with 3 kids (Satyavan 15, Kimaya 6 and baby Neven 6 months) and we have to move out of the house we are living in for the 3 weeks of return of the stewards. We are looking for an accommodation from 31/01/2019 to 22/02/2019. Living on maintenances, our funds are very limited but we trust that a solution will be find for this bridging time. We are open to any option!

With Love, Many Thanks, Celine, Christophe & Family

Contact 8098846079 or celine@auroville.org.in

Needed 2: Offering contribution and useful work for a place: quiet, non-smoking and far away from non-organic cashew fields. Pesticide spraying starts at about mid-January and continues through March. I can create a simple cooking area for myself if the space is available for the full period January through March. If you know of any space, even if only for a part of the spray season, please contact me.

Patricia Henry, 262 3750, pat@aurolot.org.in

AVAILABLE

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

Single Wooden Bed: in good condition. If you are interested please contact Jani: cjani4@gmail.com.

Cycle: Specialized Sirrus Sport bicycle 2014 model (size XS) for sale. Rode less than 2,000 km. If interested, please write to me at: maibri.ud@gmail.com. Maibri.

Scooter: WeGo Scooter, 7-year old, still running very well! (I just want to switch to an electric one). Contact Menaig: 0413-2622867.


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 V860II C flash gun and Canon triggers, Nissin Di600 flash and many other photo accessories. Set of foldable chair+2 bolsters+2 wooden bricks for Iyengar yoga home practice.

Scott 2 yrs old bicycle: model Matrix hybrid city bike, medium size, 24gears shimano, hydraulic disk brakes, rack+side bags, 2 bottle holders, mud guards, front/back reflectors. Pair of lady trek shoes by Salomon, uk 7.5 size.

Contact me for enquiries and offers: eddie.grassi@gmail.com / 9843893652, Edo.

LOOKING FOR...

Music Teacher: Hello dear community! I would like to learn to play piano & guitar so I'm looking for some lessons (in French would be amazing!). If you are familiar with one of these instruments, feel free to contact me, thanks! Hélène: helene.danjean@hotmail.fr.

Someone travelling to Turkey: Dear friends, is there anyone travelling to Turkey who would be willing to bring an envelope, to be mailed within country? I have to return a USB stick to a research professor in Istanbul, but I have been informed that it is not possible to mail USB sticks internationally. Would deeply appreciate any assistance! Warm thanks, Lara (Earth Institute) 7639807082, lara.earth@gmail.com.

Cycle: Looking for a second-hand Indian bicycle, please write to: vonlieres@gmx.de. Thank you, Hartmut.

Gardener’s work: Gardener from Bommapalayam is looking for full-time work. Kindly call # 890 3938 649 for arrangements. Thank you! Submitted by Tine.

Electric Scooter: I’d like to switch from petrol to electric, so am looking for an electric scooter. Thanks. Contact Menyig: 0413-2622867.

For painting the music room In Udavi school, I need equipment for cleaning and brushing walls. And some people to help! Kateryna +91 77086 49230, katogav@gmail.com.

LOST & FOUND

Fitness Band (Lost): I lost my Mi Band 3 on the 31 around youth center and svedam at around 1 to 2 am. If you know about it or have it please contact me at 7598394821. Eden

Long red/dhali scarf. (Lost): I must have dropped/ misplaced/lost my long, old-rise, woven cotton scarf, probably somewhere in or around Town Hall this week. The cloth was a kind of life blanket to me so in case you have seen/found it, please let me know as it would really like it back. Thanks, Mauna 9443168323.

Crocs (Lost): HAPPY NEW YEAR Everyone! Seems someone has mistakenly taken my GREEN CROCS at the Tibetan Pavilion on New Year’s Eve! And left his/ hers, much larger size also green!! Let’s exchange. I’m sure you don’t want mine (one of the soles is loose ... flop flop). Call me at 9486416173. Thanks, Love, Jill

TAXI SHARING

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

9 January: at 6pm. If you are interested please phone Patrick +9104132623311.

16 January: Pick up from Chennai Airport to Auroville anytime between 8.30 am - 10 am. Sharing both ways possible, Please contact Sandhi: sandhispersiers@gmail.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: We can offer Chennai to Paris with two times 23 kg for a very special price. Lufthansa has special fares to Europe & USA. Jet Airways has special 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.

For Summer: Most Airlines have announce their advance purchase fare for international travels for coming summer. If interested please send your travel plan to us, we will check seat availability and give you best options according to travel rout and price.

Domestic: Vistara & Spice Jet have promotional offers for travel within India.

For Summer: Most Airlines have announce 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 rout and price.

Domestic Flight Tickets /Trains/Bus/Travel Insurance:
- 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.

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.

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/

EXHIBITIONS

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR
Meditation with Savitri
read by Mother to Sunil’s music
Every THURSDAY - 5.30 to 6.00 pm [weather permitting]
Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!
Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone: please No Photos and do not to use your cell phones, cameras, i-pads, etc. Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 pm
Please be seated by 5.25 pm, no late entry.
Thank you. Amphitheatre Team.

INVITATIONS

PONGAL CELEBRATION
Wednesday 9th of January 2019
From 10:30 am to 2 pm
Auroville Village Action Group
(Irunbai Main Road
Opp. TNEB Sub-Station)
Come and celebrate with us!
Pongal is a harvest festival, a traditional occasion for giving thanks to nature, for celebrating the life cycles that give us grain.

It is the beginning of Uttarayan - the beginning of Sun’s long journey northwards. With this celebration, God shall give peace, happiness, prosperity, brightness and harmony in life.

Representatives of the women federation will pour their freshly harvested rice into a typical pot that will be cooked with jaggery, cinnamon and cashew nuts.

The celebration will continue with typical Pongal songs, dances and games.

For more information please contact Auroville Village Action Group at avagoffice@auroville.org.in.

Everyone is most welcome!

Auroville Village Action Group

PONGAL CELEBRATION

Come and celebrate with us!

Exhibition on
The Line of Goodwill
The largest Line of Force
1st December, 2018 - 1st March, 2019
Auroville Town Hall Reception Area

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.
Photo Exhibition:
The older brothers of Sierra Nevada by Sri Kolari
From 5 to 19 January 2-5pm (except Sunday)
Centre d’Art Citadines

Savitri Bhavan
Exhibitions – JANUARY 2019
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
- 61 oil paintings inspired by
  Savitri - a Legend and a Symbol
  These paintings by AGHNI illustrate the 12 Books and 49 cantos
  of the poem, and are accompanied by texts
  summarising each of the cantos.
  Everyone is welcome.

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

MANDALA EXHIBITION
TILL 12th JAN.
WITH THE COLLABORATION
OF AUROVILLE ART SERVICE
AT PAVILION OF TIBETAN
CULTURE
From 9 am to 12:30
and 2 pm to 5 pm
Closed on Sunday
and national holidays
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CULTURAL EVENTS

"THE FIREBIRD"
on Tuesday, January 8 at 6 pm
at Deepanam School Amphitheatre

Dear Friends,
We are pleased to invite you to an interactive performance
"The Firebird" by an art studio for kids (Russia, Moscow).
All children are welcome to participate in this show based
on a famous Russian fairy tale!
The presentation will be followed by a film about Igor
Stravinsky’s The Firebird Ballet.
Come join us! Deepanam Team

LIGHT in DARKNESS
my journey in the world through
original poetry, photos and music
creator and performer
HAMISH
director
FIF
multi-media
CHRISTOPH

CRIPA
Fri. Jan 11 – 7:45 PM
Sun. Jan 13 – 7:45 PM

Ryoan-ji The Dragon at Peace
29th December 2018 to 12th January 2019

Monna Maier Photo Exhibition on Japanese Garden
Opening Times Except Sunday 9-12.30/2-6 pm
Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti,
(0413) 2622403/2622994
Pitanga@auroville.org.in
The Dance of Life - songs by Jivatman

in English, Portuguese and Spanish
live performance of few songs
with: Jivatman (vocals, guitar),
Matt (keyboard), Holger (bass)

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti,
(0413) 2622403/2622994 Pitanga@auroville.org.in
French classes
for Aurovillians, Newcomers and Savi volunteers.
A 3 to 4 months module from January to April 2019, for all levels. The French classes will be organised 3 times per week. These classes are meant for whoever wishes to acquire a good communication for social exchanges but also for professional needs. They cover the DELF (Diplome d’Etude de la Langue Française) A1 and A2 competences of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR). Tutoring will also be available for students preparing for CBSE (grades 10 to 12) or Edexcel IGCSE (Certificate, A5 and A2) French exams.
If you are interested or want to know more, contact gildo@auroville.org.in and introduce yourself comprehensively. Looking forward to hearing from you.
Gildo, for the French Pavilion.

Bharat Nivas in collaboration with Japanese Pavilion invites you to participate in:

“Let’s enjoy ORIGAMI”
Friday 11th January 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Bharat Nivas office under Auditorium – after you enter the Auditorium building from outside, please take the steps down on your right side. The room we use is on your right.

We will start the new year with one of the twelve oriental zodiac signs...as this is a year of “the Boar”! We will make two different styles. Bookings not needed, all are welcome!
Contact: Tomoko or Emiko on letsenjoyorigami@gmail.com

3 days intro to hypnotherapy, 11-13th January 2019
Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall
Info meeting on 9 January 5 pm. at Sharnga Guesthouse Terrace
“The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when is still”
What is hypnosis?
How do right and left brain function practically?
How do conscious and subconscious interact?
Explore the depths of your mind and relax! Meditate with ease!
Expand your therapeutic toolbox! Apply Self-hypnosis.
Workshop combining experiential learning and “Theory of the Mind” - Certified course from EKAA www.ekaa.co.in
Trainer: Sigrid Lindemann. Faculty in Hypnotherapy, integral regression therapy and Sensation Method - Classical homeopathy, Germany and Auroville.
All info and registration with Sigrid, sigrid@auroville.org.in and 9626009691, 0413 2623888.

Discover Yourself & Experience Auroville Program
Joy Community Hall, Center Field.
Intro Program: January 10th to 13th, 8 am to 5.15 pm,
in-depth Program: January 14th onward.
This is an honest exploration to unveil community life in Auroville. It is for people who are interested in joining or volunteering in Auroville or for those who seek to deepen their understanding of the community and have hands-on experiences in various aspects. The program:
- a 4 days Intensive Introduction, during which you will listen to our pioneers’ stories, discover Auroville potentialities and ideals, and familiarize with alternative projects and community life.
- and an optional in-depth extension of 1 to 3 weeks (at your choice), during which you can participate at all Joy’s activities and deepen a field of action (organic farming, alternative construction, social development, etc.) through a hands-on fun experience.
Here we will answer your questions and doubts. This experience will help you clarify your impressions and insights. It is an opportunity to better understand your inner calling. Advance registration is required. NO DROP-IN. 25 % discount for people under 30 and 50 % discount for long-term volunteers.
Additional Information and a detailed program can be found listed under the activities of the Joy Community website www.joyauroville.org or in our Facebook page www.facebook.com/joycommunityguesthouse. Contact us via email: joycommunity@auroville.org.in or by phone: 9487272393. We are always available in Joy Community Guesthouse in Center Field for further clarifications regarding the community at large and to help you discover Auroville.

For appointments and registration, please contact the reception at 2622329, 9488084966.

Foot Reflexology Workshop with Ananda
Friday 11- Tuesday 15 January 2019 (9 am - 4.30 pm)
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.
Ananda, professionally trained with international certifications in a wide variety of healing modalities, has been sharing his holistic re-balancing and foot reflexology workshops across India, Vietnam and Europe.

Somatic Movement Workshop with Maggie
Friday 18 & Saturday 19 January 2019 (9.30 am - 5 pm)
Somatics is a system of slow, mindful movement. It improves the function of the nervous system, creating more ease and freedom within ourselves.
Somatics teaches us to recognise and release holding patterns, resulting from pain, injury, stress or habituated posture, and enhances any kind of exercise such as yoga, dance, sport or just moving through life. You will also learn a daily practice in order to maintain better flexibility, coordination, balance and wellness, resulting in a decrease of aches commonly attributed to stress, injury and ageing.
Maggie is a certified Somatic Movement Educator and graduate of the International Institute for Somatic Movement Education. She is also a highly trained massage therapist and has been working in the field of pain relief for over 15 years.

Reiki Level 1 Workshop with Betty
Sunday 20 - Monday 21 January 2019 (9.30 am - 5 pm)
Reiki is an ancient, non-intrusive complementary therapy. As a hands-on healing technique, Reiki enhances the body’s own
innefable gifts, or prior experience.
This 2-day workshop, you will learn about the history & five principles of Reiki, the human energy system (aura and chakras), Reiki Level 1 initiation (four separate attunements, which open the flow of Reiki energy), and how to channel Reiki energy for self-healing and healing others. This workshop includes a theoretical component, attunement, hands-on practice, and certification plus level 1 manual. Betty is a Reiki Master Teacher, recognised by the Usui Reiki Federation, and practitioner of Usui Reiki since 2005.

MONTHLY SCHEDULES of AV CENTERS

REMEMBRER: The monthly schedules and activities of the Auroville Centers can be found on the following websites:
• Joy Activities: www.joyauvolog.org
• Holistic: www.auvoholistic.com
• Pitanga: www.auvot.com/3185
• Savitri Bhavan: www.savitribhavan.org
• Language Lab: www.auvillalenguagecenter.org
• Auromode Yoga Space: www.auromodeyogaspace.com
• Verité: www.verte.it/india
• Arka Wellness Centre: www.auvolog.org/contents/2866
• 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: www.auvolog.org/contents/4187

AUROVILLE BUS SCHEDULE

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

OTHER EVENTS

• Inner-Work-Workshop Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother 8 January (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: 'Intimacy with the Divine'
• 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-auvolog.com.

• Readers group IN ITALIAN - Mother's Agenda For all Italian speakers, visitors or residents of Auroville. LET'S KNOW AUROVILLE THROUGH THE MOTHER! L'altro modo di conoscere Auroville attraverso il "lavoro" di Mère leggendo insieme alcuni passi scelti. Mercoledì h 17 in Creativity (alla Library di fronte alla cucina) con Janaka. Per Aurovilliani su appuntamento. Un grazie anticipato agli Aurovilliani che verranno ad aiutarci in questo lavoro prosegrendo insieme. Le fotocopie dei passi proposti sono gratuite, perché, come ha detto Mère: "Questa Agenda è il mio regalo a quelli che mi amano". Contatto: Janaka al 948.762.9648 / janaka.om@auvolog.org

TAMIL FOR EVERYONE!
Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers!
Basic and intermediate conversation classes for everyone
Tamil is the language of the Bioregion and it is one of the 4 languages of Auroville as specified by The Mother. It is important that we all enjoy of a good knowledge of Tamil. Regular attendance really makes a difference in the learning process and for the group. A good progress has been seen among the regular students of previous batches.

This year, the next new batch for beginners will start on Friday 18 January 2019.

Classes schedule:
• Beginners: Every Tuesday & Friday, 4:30pm - 5:30pm
• Intermediate: Every Monday & Thursday, 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Venue: SAIER building (meeting room, first floor)
Please contact: chitra@auvolog.org
Thank you! Auro-Traductions, Town Hall.

Stop smoking - NOT WHY BUT HOW!
Free for Aurovillians and Newcomers. Just a homeopathic remedy made with your personal cigarettes - as learned directly from my Italian homeopathic doctor. Make this a present to yourself! I’m offering this as my karma yoga for you.
Contact: 948.762.9648 or janaka.om@auvolog.org

CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 7 to 13 January 2019

Indian - Monday 7 January, 8:00 pm:
• MANTO
India, 2018, Writer-Dir. Nandita Das w/ Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Rasika Dugal, Tahir Raj Bhasin, and others, Biography-Drama, 112mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: UA (PG-13)
The film follows the most tumultuous four years in the life of Manto and that of the two countries he inhabits - India and Pakistan. In Bombay's seedy-shiny film world, Manto and his stories are widely read and accepted. But as sectarian violence engulfs the nation, Manto makes the difficult choice of leaving Bombay. In Lahore, he finds himself bereft of friends and unable to find takers for his writings. His increasing frustration and alcoholism lead him into a downward spiral. Through all of this, he continued to be a powerful and prolific writer. This is the tale of two emerging nations, two faltering cities, and one man who tries to make sense of it all. Brilliantly acted and directed.
Italian - Tuesday 8 January, 8:00 pm:
* LASCIAI ANDARE (Let Yourself Go!)
Italy, 2017, Writer-Dir. Francesco Amato, w/ Toni Servillo, Veronica Echegui, Carla Signoris, Comedy, 99 mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: G
Elia, a Jewish psychoanalyst lives on the same floor as his ex-wife Giovanna, whom he is still loves. After a minor illness, his doctor prescribes a physical activity to lose a few kilos. That is how he meets Claudia, a personal trainer with the cult of physique but not of mind...

Interesting - Wednesday 9 January, 8:00 pm:
* INDARELLA
City lights shimmer under the clouds. At the crack of dawn, we descend, straight into the heart of sunrise to witness the birth of a day in India. Turning into a more profound tomorrow, the human spirit is seen rising beyond all limits. Another day begins in a monastery in Ladakh, with the ceremony in honor the Buddhist sage - Guru Rinpoche. It goes deeper within as the sun sets over the glistening water. It’s a mélange of three nights and days lived across India, narrated beautifully in a formless and subliminal way, through music. There will be a brief Q&A with the director after the screening.

French - Thursday 10 January, 8:00 pm:
* LA VILLA (The House by the Sea)
France, 2018, Dir. Robert Guédiguian, with Ariane Ascaride, Jean-Pierre Daroussin, Gérard Meylan and others. Drama, 107mins, French WITH ENGLISH subtitles, Rated: G
Three grown children gathered at the picturesque villa of their dying father reflect on where they are, who they have become, and what they have inherited.

International - Saturday 12 January, 8:00 pm:
* COLD WAR
Poland-UK France, 2018, Writer-Dir. Pawel Pawlikowski w/ Joanna Kulig, Tomasz Kot, Borys Szyc, and others. Drama, 88mins, Polish-French-German-Russian-Italian-Croatian w/English subtitles, Rated: R
This much acclaimed and acclaimed film is a passionate love story between a man and a woman who meet in the ruins of post-war Poland. With vastly different backgrounds and temperaments, they are fatefully mismatched and yet condemned to each other. Set against the background of the Cold War in 1950s Poland, Berlin, Yugoslavia and Paris, it’s the tale of a couple separated by politics, character flaws and unfortunate twists of fate – an impossible love story in imposible times. This screening has been made possible by the generous sharing by Kathryn Toll.

Children’s Film - Sunday 13 January, 4:30pm
* CHARMING
USA, 2018, Dir: Ross Venokur, w/ Demi Lovato, Wilmer Valderrama, Sia and others, Animation, 90mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G
This film is an irreverent comedy about a young Prince with an irresistible appeal and one kick-ass maiden who wants him only for his money. Cursed as a child, Prince Philippe Charming compulsively proposes to every woman he e

FRIDAY 11 JANUARY - 8:00 PM
*“Before Sunset”
Directed by: Richard Linklater, USA, 2004
Stars: Ethan Hawke, Julie Delpy
Synopsis: Before Sunset is the sequel to “Before Sunrise” (1995). Jesse has become a successful writer, Celine an environmental activist. While Jesse answers an interview and dedicates his latest book in an English bookstore in Paris, Celine appears. She recognized herself in the character of that last book of Jesse. They decide to walk a little in the streets of Paris. In nine years, many things have happened, and Jesse and Celine regret very much having missed the rendez-vous and not having exchanged their addresses... The film has appeared on many publications’ lists of the best films of the 2000s. A bright script still with a very sensitive and natural touch. Original English version with English subtitles. Duration: 1h.20’

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, January 11, Friday
Schedule of Events:
4:00 pm: Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
6:30 pm: Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
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 :)**

David Lynch: The Art Life
88 mins / English / 2016 / Film by Rick Barnes, Olivia Neergaard-Holm, Jon Nguyen.
David Lynch the Art Life infuses Lynch’s own art, music and early films, shining a light into the dark corners of his unique world, giving audiences a better understanding of the man and the artist.

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@auroulouse.org.in.
Or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org and facebook.com/sadhanaforest.

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*Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm*

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

*The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute

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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