Till then must life carry its seed of death
And sorrow's plaint be heard in the slow Night.
O mortal, bear this great world's law of pain,
In thy hard passage through a suffering world
Lean for thy soul's support on Heaven's strength,
Turn towards high Truth, aspire to love and peace.
A little bliss is lent thee from above,
A touch divine upon thy human days.
Make of thy daily way a pilgrimage,
For through small joys and griefs thou mov'st towards God.
Haste not towards Godhead on a dangerous road,
Open not thy doorways to a nameless Power,
Climb not to Godhead by the Titan's road.
Against the Law he pits his single will,
Across its way he throws his pride of might.
Heavenward he clammers on a stair of storms
Aspiring to live near the deathless sun.
He strives with a giant strength to wrest by force
From life and Nature the immortals' right;
He takes by storm the world and fate and heaven.
He comes not to the high World-maker's seat,
He waits not for the outstretched hand of God
To raise him out of his mortality.
All he would make his own, leave nothing free,
Stretching his small self to cope with the infinite.
Obstructing the gods' open ways he makes
His own estate of the earth's air and light;
A monopolist of the world-energy,
He dominates the life of common men.
His pain and others' pain he makes his means:
On death and suffering he builds his throne.
In the hurry and clangour of his acts of might,
In a riot and excess of fame and shame,
By his magnitudes of hate and violence,
By the quaking of the world beneath his tread
He matches himself against the Eternal's calm
And feels in himself the greatness of a god:
Power is his image of celestial self.
The Titan's heart is a sea of fire and force;
He exults in the death of things and ruin and fall,
He feeds his strength with his own and others' pain;
In the world's pathos and passion he takes delight,
His pride, his might call for the struggle and pang.
He glories in the sufferings of the flesh
And covers the stigmata with the Stoic's name.
His eyes blinded and visionless stare at the sun,
The seeker's Sight receding from his heart
Can find no more the light of eternity;
He sees the beyond as an emptiness void of soul
And takes his night for a dark infinite.

(To be continued)

SAVITRI, Book VI, Canto II - SRI AUROBINDO

True happiness does not depend on the external circumstances of life.
One can obtain true happiness and keep it constantly only by discovering one's psychic being and uniting with it.
The Mother - MCW, vol. 16, Some Answers from the Mother, p.289
WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Report of the Working Committee of the month of December 2018

1. GOVERNING BOARD MATTERS:
   • 53rd Meeting of the Governing Board: We have been informed that the Governing Board (GB) meeting is scheduled to take place at end of February 2019. Further details will be communicated on a later date closer to the GB meeting.
   • Appointment of new Governing Board member

   Dr. K. Parameswaran: The Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Dr. K. Parameswaran, 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 visited Auroville from 12th to 14th January, 2019.
   • Visit of two members of the Governing Board: In our previous report we updated you that 29th and 30th November, 2018, members of the Governing Board, Dr. Prema Nandakumar & Dr. Nirima Oza, visited Auroville to follow-up on the topic of discrimination and related matters. We had also informed you that the GB members had to us (RA) in due time. This is to update you that we have received no further information on developments since.

2. WCOM MEMBERSHIP:
   Hemant and Inge have completed their 3-year term of office as of 15th December, 2018. Hemant has stopped attending meetings, and remains available as a resource person until the upcoming selection process. Inge has been requested to extend her membership until the Selection Process scheduled in March, 2019. She has agreed to extend her membership until 15th February, 2019.

3. SENTHIL KUMAR’S POST ON AURONET:
   A resident has raised objection to a post by Senthil Kumar on Auronet, and has alleged that Valli (WCom Secretary, and wife of Senthil Kumar) has provided confidential material (a document of an assessment of NESS done in 2015) to her husband.
   This is, however, an unsubstantiated accusation.
   Moreover, the NESS assessment document was handed over by the Working Committee to the new trustees of NESS school soon after their appointment in April 2015.
   Based on our long experience working with Valli, we confirm that she knows how to maintain confidentiality and is fulfilling her duties in an exemplary manner. We trust that Valli has not disclosed any confidential information to her husband.
   We have responded to the resident accordingly and requested that those who have fielded allegations against Valli to provide proof, after which we will investigate the matter.

4. VISA:
   We have requested for an appointment with the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer (FRRO) for clarification on a number of pending issues and follow-up on cases of Aurovilians who have not been re-admitted into India.

5. VISITS OF AMBASSADORS AND CONSULS:
   We urge all those who invite ambassadors and consuls to inform the Working Committee beforehand, as there may be formalities to be observed.

6. CASES OF LABOUR DISPUTE / PAYMENTS ISSUES ETC.:
   Increasingly the WCom has been receiving cases of labour disputes or cases where there are payment issues due to unclarity at the time of hiring. We wish to remind all Aurovillians and Auroville units and services to be mindful of related laws and ensure that all employees are well informed of the same before hiring. We recommend you enter into written contracts as a safe-guard, no matter how small the job is. Regarding gratuity payment, we inform that the official rule is that the employee is entitled to one-month salary plus a gratuity of 15 days at the current wages for every year worked.

7. COWS:
   The Working Committee has received two cases of accidents happening to cows grazing / straying unattended on Auroville land. Both times the cow owner(s) has / have demanded a settlement for the loss. Please make sure your community is cow-proof, and be gentle while directing the unattended cow on your property. Should anything untoward happen to the wandering cow(s) please know that the cow owners are responsible for any accident caused to their cows or by their cows. Do not pay compensation.
   Please inform watchmen / guards / cow-owners of the same: Cow-owners are responsible for any accidents caused by / to unattended cows.

8. DIPHTHERIA:
   Based on a report of a case of Diphtheria with a young Aurovillian, the Working Committee was approached by the Rural Health department of our zone advising a mass vaccination program for Diphtheria for all the children in Auroville between 7 and 15 years of age. Since many people in Auroville follow alternative medicines, we agreed to disseminate the information on the availability of the vaccination via Santé, and left it to the parents / individuals to decide for themselves and their children. This is why the vaccination was not made mandatory.

9. TREE CUTTING ON TEMPLE LAND:
   We have been working together with the Land Board to address the issue of tree cutting and ground clearing on Temple Land. We have informed the Secretary, AVF, of the same. We have written to the Swami and the concerned authorities. We will keep the community informed.

10. DRONE USAGE:
   The Office of the Director General of Civil Aviation has published Civil Aviation Requirements for the usage of drones in India, effective December 1, 2018. For Auroville, the following is important:
   a) The use of any drone in Auroville requires the prior permission of the Auroville Foundation, for which Outreach Media is the relevant office. Please contact them minimum one week beforehand.
   b) The use of nano drones (below 250 grammes) is unrestricted, provided they don’t fly higher than 15 meters.
   c) The use of micro drones (greater than 250 grammes and less than or equal to 2 kg) operating below 200 feet (60 m) requires intimation to the local police office 24 hours prior to conduct of actual operations. Outreach Media takes care of this requirement, please contact them minimum one week beforehand.
   d) Operators of nanos and micros need to have an insurance.
   e) Nano and Micro category Remotely Piloted Aircraft operating beyond 15 metres and 60 metres respectively 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. have to observe Remotely Piloted Aircraft System(s) Maintenance Requirements,
      6. have to follow Equipment and Operating Requirements,
      7. to ensure that their drone adheres to Minimum Standards For Manufacturing Of Remotely Piloted Aircraft System(s).

11. GENERAL MEETING:
   A general information meeting by the WCom is scheduled for Tuesday, 22nd January, 2019, Unity Pavilion, from 4:45 to 6:15pm.
   This time’s interaction with the community will be an open question and answer session, related to topics dealt with by the Working Committee in the months of August - December, 2018 (refer to our reports).
   We look forward to an interaction where inputs from the community can help us move forward in a constructive manner for the coming year and onwards.
12. ONGOING TOPICS:
The Working Committee is also involved in the following topics, which are still ongoing and not yet concluded:

1. Garbage matter
2. Kollapalayam parking
3. Highway, jointly with the HTF
4. Cases of misuse of Auroville name and symbol
5. Beach erosion
6. Conflict between Sumit / Eric
7. Poaching taking place in forests of Auroville
8. Revision and improvement of the Entry Policy, 2017, jointly with the AVC
9. Mandate of the Auroville Council: currently not started
10. Disputed land purchase (R.S No. 426 / 1C2)

The Working Committee
(Carel, Inge, Mandakini, Partha, Ranjithkumar, Sauro)

Report and Reflections of the Water Group - August-December 2018

First, an update on the Auroville water situation. Despite a few heavy rains during the NE monsoon, total annual rainfall still fell below the average of 1300 mm. We received 1005 mm of rain in 2018, as averaged over all Auroville rain gauges. If we look at recent years, 2017 was slightly below average at 1270mm, and 2016 was a dismal 660mm. (Gentle reminder that you can find this information for yourself at this link.)

What does this mean? Aquifers aren’t getting the water they need to replenish. And they continue to get depleted since our main water source continues to be groundwater.

Regarding the work of the Water Group, we received 25 pieces of feedback from the community on the Draft Water Management Strategy, and we discussed and responded to each point. For now, the WMS is currently on hold, as we try to determine the next best step.

These months were also defined by reflection and introspection on our identity as a Water Group. It became clear that the CSR Geomatics Team, led by Giulio, is a separate entity. Geomatics is the discipline of gathering, storing, processing, and delivering geographic information or spatially referenced information. The Geomatics Team consists of: Giulio (Coordinator), Pavneet (data processing), Philippe (database architecture and publication), Pushparaj (survey operator), Ramkumar (survey assistant), Meera (wastewater survey), Dorian (wastewater survey), and Bala (wells monitoring). The CSR Geomatics Team is collecting and organising water-related data in Auroville to enable the community to access consistent data through a web portal, at the same time providing needed data for water infrastructure planning in coordination with the Water Group and L’avenir. You can learn more at the Geomatics Studio: https://gis.auroville.org.in/dashboard.

The Water Group also experienced a shrinking of our group, which prompted us to explore the topics of membership, challenges. For now, we meet twice per month, continue to advise on borewell processing, and generally serve as a think tank for TDC.

We are trying hard to get the general dog situation at the Town Hall under control and need your co-operation.

Please do not bring your dogs with you to the Town Hall and if you realize that your dog has followed you, kindly take the trouble and take it back home. Thank you very much for your collaboration!

The ACUR Management and the Auroville Council

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 782
Dated: 21-01-2019

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 entryservice@auroville.org.in.

• NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
  Bharathiraja KASINATHAN (Indian) Staying in Petite Ferme and Working at Mira Computers
  Lucas BOCK (German) Staying and Working at Ritam community
  Stephen LEFEBVRE (Canadian) Staying in New Creation and Working at International Zone Coordination Team (IZCT)

• CHILD OF NEWCOMER:
  Meghavadhana Born on 28/04/2015 (Child of Bharathiraja KASINATHAN)

• NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
  Itzhak HELMAN (Israeli)
  Siva PERUMAL (Indian)
  Subramani SAMIKANNU (Known as Ranjith) (Indian)
  Sureshbabu VEDHANARAYANAN (Indian)

• AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
  Ramya VADIVEL (Indian) Staying in Krishna farm and Working at Aspiration team
  Shivagami KUMAR (Indian) Staying in Arc en Ciel and Working at Auroville Papers
  Sil Heid Helen Feeey JAKOBSEN (Norwegian) Staying in Prarthna and Working at HRI (Human Resource Initiative) and IPK (integral Paradigm of Knowledge) coming under LEAD

• AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
  Omid HASHENI (Iranian)

• FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE ANNOUNCED:
  Giovanni PARRILLO (Italian) - Staying in Joy Guest House and was working AVI International, Luxembourg
  Varun KAPUR (Indian) - Architectural historian and interested to work on research projects about the history of Auroville

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

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

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

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30AM-12:00PM
* Newcomer kits will be given and received only on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm.
* We will be closed for public for a week from Feb 21 to Feb 28, 2019 and will resume work from 1st March 2019.

Yours, The Entry Service.

FROM THE HOUSING SERVICE

• Houses available for transfer:
  1. Newcreation Field - Prakash House: Plinth Area 110.36 Sq. m. RCC framed structure with Hall Kitchen, Bedroom, Toilet & Bath. Suitable for Family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Working Committee:
- 22/01: Interaction with the Community
  Dear Community,
  We wish you a happy new year.

This time’s interaction with the community is an open question and answer session, related to topics dealt with by the Working Committee in the months of August - December, 2018 (refer to our reports).

We look forward to an interaction where inputs from the community can help us move forward in a constructive manner for the coming year and onwards.

With regards, The Working Committee

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2. Creativity - Paula's apartment: Plinth Area: 72 Sq.m Rcc framed structure with Bed room, Hall, Kitchen and Toilet & Bathroom. Suitable for Single or Couple.


For more information: housing-transfer@auroville.org.in

• 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 Humanscapes) are suitable for singles, couples and families. (No guarantees for immediate placement.) For more information: housing@auroville.org.in.

• Houses available in housing projects:
1. From Sunship: Immediately available
One single unit of 42 Sq.m completely furnished and equipped-kitchen, bathroom and cupboard- with Collective cafeteria, Laundry, technical maintenance and management by Aurovillians! Contact louis@auroville.org.in.

2. Kalpana Housing Project: The Kalpana project is completed. The residents have moved in since 15th December 2018. Fully equipped apartments with cupboards, equipped kitchen, bath room, fridge, hob, light, fan, solar back up system. Covered terrace for each apartment.

6 units are still available: 1 unit STUDIO, 2 units 1 BHK (Bed room, Hall and Kitchen), 1 unit 2 BHK, 1 unit 3 BHK
For information: satyakam@auroville.org.in.

Information on grants allotted for Aurovillians by Housing Board: Housing Board informs that there is no more grant available for housing extension. Financial assistance is available only for repairs.

Vibrance Housing Project: Expression of Interest
This is a call to enlisted contractors to express their interest as a general contractor for the Vibrance Housing Project (Vibrance will be in front of Invocation - an apartment block for accommodating young adults, like Humanscape - 52 inhabitants in 1 story building).

The Auroville contractors applying must have successfully completed at least a) one single project with value of Rs. 4.0 crore or more OR b) completed various projects with a combined total of Rs. 4.0 crore or more over the last 7 years in Auroville.

Expression of Interest shall be sent via email to housing@auroville.org.in or goi_grant@auroville.org.in with the subject line: Expression of Interest - Vibrance by January, 31th 2019 noon. Kindly submit relevant project details for the Pre-Qualification process.

Ole, for Vibrance Tender Committee

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Auroville Conversation- Part 3 is ready!
We have interviewed 100 Aurovilians, asked them the same set of questions. And the 100 Aurovilians are speaking their heart out. Simple questions open up a very deep conversation, with a hundred different flavours of one Truth.

We have shown the first two parts earlier. These two earlier movies have been handed over to Archive Team of Auroville and are available through internet:
- Part 1: What will you tell a Newcomer?
- Part 2: What keeps you here?

Part 3 is now ready!
“What is your contribution towards the vision of Auroville?”
It will be shown on the 8th of February at the MAC cinema in Town Hall, at 4pm (43mins). In the meantime, you can catch up and watch the first 2 parts online.

This series of movies is on the subject of Karma yoga. We believe “Work is an integral part of our collective life in Auroville, which requires all of us in our capacity to participate.”

What makes our dream come alive? Let us dive in and reflect.
Project team: Uma Prajapati I Danielle de Diesbach I Puneet Bhatnagar

“VAST”: 8,9 & 10 February at Bharat Nivas - a new creation of Surya Performance Lab
After the success of their show BHU/EARTH (with Kalaripayattu warriors) in Auroville and India, Philippe Pelen Baldini, Thierry Moucazambo and Barbara Paschinger are happy to introduce their new production, a dance theatre show called VAST with the collaboration of Svrarn.

For this new show they collaborate with Gopal Dalami, an amazing young Indian contemporary dancer with Nepalese origins.

VAST

Story: The journey of a young man from Nepal who is forced into exile in a big Indian city. Beyond oppression and confinement, he tries to find in his body a path to his Himalaya. A story of reconnection with Nature and Vastness.
Since 35 years, Philippe and Thierry -through 40 creations toured in 82 countries- propose a work on the memory of the body. To reactivate this memory, they use new body consciousness processes and work with different sound frequencies and conscious trance. They are also exploring the relationship between the body, mother tongue and mantric poetry.

With Gopal, for VAST, they draw upon contemporary dance, theatre, vocal work, and even aerial dance to explore this inner territory between confinement and Vastness, gravity and weightlessness. It is also an exploration of the freedom of the body, of free movements in three dimensions and of an expansion into Vastness.

For this show, Varun and Nadia from Svrarn created special powerful contemporary music and soundtrack.

VAST is an organic dance theatre performance: hypnotic, physical, universal. In the process of creation, we shared regularly the work in progress of the show through public rehearsals and we received many enthusiastic and supportive feedbacks. “Congratulations guys. The way you have treated the performance as you’ve converted the inner-core emotional aspects into physical communication or expression. It was really beautiful. Good luck”. Dharmesh K. Ranu, master in drama, performing arts dept. Baroda University.

Surya Performance Lab: is an Auroville dance theatre company with artists who are fully dedicated to art, supported by a large group of Aurovilians as advisers, technicians, video artists, musicians, photographers, etc. It is a contribution to serve human unity and new consciousness. It is also an experience of Integral yoga inspired by Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

We work in partnership with Ritam under Auroville Art Service.
We research, create, perform and offer workshops in Auroville
One of our main activities is the research for a new dramaturgy inspired by Integral yoga.

Our shows are performed in Auroville, in India and abroad as an activity of Auroville Art Service.
We collaborate or partner with: Svrarn, Cripa, New creation dance studio, Bharat Nivas, Outreach media, Last school, Auroville radio, SalIER, Savitri Bhavan, Eluciole circus and Auroville art service.

Call for financial support:
Without any financial support for the creation itself, we are working for more than one year and had already many expenses.

To finalise our show and to rent Sri Aurobindo auditorium in Bharat Nivas for 3 performances of VAST on 8th, 9th, 10th of February 2019.
We make a call for a financial support, the needed budget is: 2 lakh 87 ₹.
Any donation is more than welcome.
Our Surya Performance Lab account number is 252160.

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With love and gratitude, Surya Performance Lab team (Philippe, Thierry, Gopal, Barbara, Angelika, Michael, Sébastien)

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Invitation from the 'European Cluster' (IZCT)

You are cordially invited to a Sharing Meeting on Sunday 27 January 2019, from 4 pm to 5:30 pm at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.

Finally, things are MOVING in the International Zone. With the help of our dear friend and well-wisher Prof. Andrea Cammerata, a drawing of the 'Clustering of the International Zone' has been made, providing clarity about 'where will be what', where will be built/manifested the representations of the different countries/continents/cultural entities.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the vision of a future European Cluster, and to build a team of interested people to manifest it.

This is a wake-up call! Now is the right moment to interact, participate and involve yourself. The future starts NOW! Coffee/Tea and Cookies will be served.

Carla, Christoph, Claude J, Denis, Friederike, Marco, Michael, Raphael (European House Coordination Team / AVI Europe)

IZCT annual sharing announcement

| The ‘International Zone Coordination Team’ (IZCT) invites you for its Annual Sharing with latest developments and future plans. | Monday, 28th January / 3 to 6 pm at the new International Space & Bhumika Hall, in Bharat Nivas. |

The IZCT is a group of Aurovillian volunteers that has, in collaboration with the different Pavilion Groups, L’avenir d’Auroville and Auroville International, carried on the work of the International Zone from the start, through many ups and downs, motivated by their passion to see a unique part of the Dream manifest.

PROGRAM:

3 to 3.45 pm at International Space, Bharat Nivas (to the right of ‘India Space’ beneath the Auditorium):

Welcome to the new International Space, IZCT office and exhibition hall, with tea.

4 to 6 pm at Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas

• Introduction.
• Annual IZ updates with B, Luigi, and Tapas. Open discussion.
• The IZ Development Plan so far with Prof. Andrea Cammerata. Open discussion.
• Towards Unified Continental Clusters (presentations by Africa, North-East Asia, Brotherhood, European House). Open discussion.
• Future Visions & How YOU can participate.

Come. Discover. Join the conversation & ACTION!

“...the peace, well-being and order of the human world is a thing greatly to be desired as a basis of a great world culture in which humanity must be united...a living unity full of healthy freedom and diversity...” Sri Aurobindo.

Submitted by Amy (IZCT participant)

Farewell: an Auroville service to support life’s final passage

Introduction: The activities included under the umbrella of Farewell have been evolving for years, shaped by changing circumstances, by the Farewell team and by the intentions of Aurovilians whose family members and friends have made the passage here in Auroville. It is an ongoing research conducted in collaboration between the team and those other Aurovilians who choose to join on the occasion of a particular passage.

The Team: All (20+) members of the Farewell team participate as volunteers. The team comes together each time someone in the community contacts the Farewell cell phone number (89038 36246) at the time of a death. Their activities take place at the Farewell building on the Crown Road and at the AVBCG (Auroville Burial and Cremation Ground) opposite Aurovelo.

At Farewell we work to provide a calm and peaceful atmosphere where the living and the one making the passage can experience tranquility and peace. We have been inspired by The Mother’s guidance and hope to facilitate a harmonious transition from life through death and beyond.

When a person is sick, under the care of an Auroville doctor and we are aware of the approaching end of life, some advance preparations can be made. If the person passes away in AV all details can be managed here.

Here is a step-by-step explanation of how this process unfolds in Auroville at the present time. Every story is different so this is just a general overview of the elements that go into the care given by the Farewell team. Family and friends are invited to participate in all steps, as they feel comfortable.

1. First the Farewell team is contacted by family or friends. After the death certificate is signed, it is decided where the body will be kept until the funeral.
2. The earthly remains of the person are brought to Farewell or arrangements are made to have a rented coolbox brought to the home.
3. The body is prepared by the team and placed in the cool box. (What is done at this stage depends on the condition of the body: whether there has been a hospital autopsy, a long illness, or it is an unexpected death.)
4. The cool box is taken into the viewing room.
5. The Farewell Team, family and friends create a special atmosphere in the viewing room using flowers, a candle, incense, photos or other personal items.
6. We keep a physical presence at Farewell day and night while the body is in the viewing room. This is called ‘keeping vigil’. Anyone may help keep vigil: a family member, friend or a Farewell team member.
7. Specific hours for visitation are fixed by the family, times when community members, friends and family can view the body at Farewell.
8. The time for cremation or burial is also set and announced through mass mailing and Auronet.
9. During visitation hours a Farewell team member is present. This person is known as a Vigi Keeper. They keep and embody a calm, peaceful atmosphere and help with flowers, and other practical tasks.
10. When it is time to end the vigil, people are asked to leave the viewing room and to sit outside Farewell. Each day the team must attend to some essential tasks that require space and concentration.
11. The team prepares the body to be transported in a dead body ambulance to AVBCG for burial or cremation. Usually family members are present.
12. The Farewell flower team and family members, friends and other community members go ahead to AVBCG and decorate the entrance, pathways and the surroundings with flowers, creating a beautiful atmosphere. People spread flowers and petals in a meditative mood.
13. Cremation in Auroville is a simple process: a pyre is built by the Auroville Cremation Team. Special bricks make a bed for the body. Casuarina sticks are put on the bottom. The body is respectfully placed. After smelling some ghee, a layer of cow dung patties is placed on and around the body. The final layer is paddy straw and a covering of smooth red mud. At that point people may come and place flowers and incense on top of the body. Then the fire is lit, usually by a family member.
14. When there is a burial, the body is put into the ground either in a wooden coffin or wrapped in a cloth and placed on a mat woven of a coconut leaf.
15. At either cremation or burial there may be music or someone may speak or give a reading. This is entirely up to the wishes of the family.
16. There is no fixed timing, no set ritual. Each funeral is unique. People may stay as long as they like.
17. For cremation remains, family members and Farewell team members come to collect the ashes after a day and a half. Ashes may be buried in a mound set aside for that purpose in the burial grounds or taken home.
18. For grave stones there are no fixed guidelines. Some people choose to place markers in the ground at the head of the grave. Others deliberately leave the grave without a marker. The grave location is recorded in the Auroville ledger and transferred to a computer map.

For more details, please follow the Auronet link. The Farewell Team.
**MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE: Essentials**

- **City Transport Shuttle Service**
  Quick free “Pick up and Drop” Shuttle Service, central area only. Free. For farther areas, contact ITS.
  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 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: 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: 0413-2623302, Mobile: 9443074825.

- **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: Contact: Phone: 8096776644 | 9442566256 | 9840983080. 
  info@its.auroville.org.in, http://its.auroville.org.in/.

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

**Auroville Accessible Public Bus Schedule**

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

Contact: avbus@auroville.org.in.

**Sunday Srima Beach resumes**

Dear All, Auroville Accessible Public Bus service provides Sunday trip to “Sri Ma beach” from 20.01.2019, for all. The Srima bus schedule is available in this News & Notes issue, on Auronet and at all guest services.

**Cycle Paths**

In these busy times with the roads full of guests and tourists one still sees bemused people on their cycles or walking on the main roads in the fumes and dust amidst speeding traffic …

Could the Guest services, Guesthouses and Cycle Rentals not make their guests aware of the existence of the 20km-long network of wonderful cycle paths? and the pleasant way walkers, joggers and (electric) cyclists could move around in a dust free, shady, peaceful and safe manner?

They could also carry and give out the existing cycle path maps!

The cycle maps are available in the Visitors Center, but should be freely available at Guest Service, Guest houses and Cycle rentals.

Also the necessary funding should be available for maintaining and improving the cycle paths and better signage could be installed: distance, nearby communities/landmarks etc. There was a good color coded signage once.

Although one may get ‘lost’ on these wonderful paths it’s definitely worth a try! Lisbeth.

**Let’s cycle to reduce our carbon footprint**

The type of waste we will talk about today is ... carbon dioxide. Did you also notice that more and more cars and motorbikes are visible in Auroville?

This means more and more CO₂ around us.

Driving any motorized vehicle requires petrol, which means dependence to this resource and which means we are using a scarce natural energy that will disappear the coming years.

Indirectly, buying petrol is giving financial support to this industry. Yes, buying is voting.

What could be an alternative?

Well, let’s just... walk and cycle more!

Why wouldn’t we burn our own energy and calories instead of burning fossil fuel to move?

Walking and cycling is the best alternative in terms of health, money and independence:

It is great for your heart and blood circulation, so good for pacifying the mind, so good for ... your wallet (!) and so good for our nature.

But essentially, cycling brings... happiness!

Most distances within Auroville are short.

We got wonderful cycle paths going through nature which are continuously improved.

Maybe one wouldn’t use a bicycle all the time, but why not using a cycle or your feet for short/daily distances?

Here a few tips to get a cycle in Auroville:

- Rent one to give it a try... in Visitors Center, or at Town Hall.
- Buy one at AuroVelo.
- Check the News and Notes if one is available or just ask on the NAt if anyone has one to pass on.
- Buy or rent an electric cycle from Kinisi:
  Their goal is to provide access to e-cycles to all Aurovilians to get Auroville cleaner air. There for, they set up the KIM scheme (Kinisi In-kind Mobility) a non-profitable initiative for Aurovilians and new comers. They kindly reinvest the profit made of rental for guests in this scheme.
  Kinisi rents an electric cycle for 850 Rs/month (discount also for savings volunteers) including maintenance, parts replacements and monthly servicing.

This is a great option because sharing, rather than owning a cycle, generates less waste.

The cycles’ lithium batteries are recycled by the manufacturer.

Kinisi is planning to start recycling part of the batteries in-house next year.

Laurie for Waster Free Auroville
**Advance booking for Kinisi e-cycles**

At Kinisi, we are very grateful to the growing number of people using bicycles and e-cycles to move around Auroville silently, pollution-free and sustainably.

At this moment, all our rental e-cycles are circulating on the Auroville roads. As the guest season is in full swing, we strongly recommend that incoming guests book their e-cycle(s) well in advance if they want to secure one for their entire stay. Please use our E-Cycle Request Form, available on our website http://kinisi.in.

We recommend that guesthouse managers who receive enquiries for e-cycles also please inform their future guests well in advance by sending them the above links.

Thank you again for your interest in sustainable mobility, and for making Auroville lean, green and clean!

*The Kinisi Team*

**GREEN MATTERS**

**Sunday Walk Farms & Forests**

A reminder that this Sunday 20 January, we will visit Annapurna. There is a bus at 2pm (but only 40 seats are available, so come prepared with your own transport!) For details and contacts see last week’s News&Notes and Auronet.

**Sunday 27 January from 9-11 am**

The Botanical Garden began in the year 2000 with 50 acres of empty land and a handful of seeds. Since then, the dedicated staff has turned dry grassland into an active thriving garden, where you can find a young TDF (tropical evergreen dry) forest, an arboretum, nurseries and multiple focus gardens. The gardens are open to the public and organise school programs for Auroville and Bioregional schools. You will visit the orchid house, the ornamental cactus and Indian gardens. You will have fun getting lost in the maze while learning about the flora and fauna of our bioregion.

**Directions:** Get there with your own transport! From Solar Kitchen (cycling 25 minutes) take a right, pass Certitude and on the crossing turn right onto the Auroville main tar road, past Aurovelo on your right, till you come to the village of Edyanchavadi. Just before the large Udavi school complex, turn left and follow the sandy road past the black gate of Adventure (on your left) and several compound walls till on your left you see the gate of the Botanical garden. Park and meet at the Lilly pond in front of the office. Contact: 78680 01298.

**POSTINGS**

- **Waste Solutions and Activities Wanted for the 2019 Trashion Show!**
  
  Are you involved in an activity or project in Auroville or the bioregion that seeks to provide solutions to the problem of waste?

  If so, we’d love to hear from you to highlight and share your work with the community in this year’s upcoming Trashion Show: Be Part of the Solution (Feb 1 & 2) in Kalabhum!

  We’ve already started working with organisations like WasteLess, Upcycling Studio, Eco Femme, Eco Duties and cleanup activities like “Let’s Talk Trash” and the “AV Cleanup Group”, for example, but we’re sure there’s more.

  So, if this sounds like you, give us a call now on 948 6623 749 or email us trashion.show@auroville.org.in to let us know what you’re up to. Much love, The Trashion Show Team.

- **AV Potters Market: Volunteers needed from now until 28th Jan.**

  The Auroville Potters Market needs volunteers to help from now till Jan 28. This will include putting up posters, banners, making tea, collecting payments, and many other interesting tasks! Email us with your name and phone number and availability.

  aurovillepottersmarket@gmail.com
A Call for Actors, Musicians, Painters, Dancers, Singers and Anyone that could be interested!

Francesca is looking for artists in Auroville to put up a theatre event which combines spiritual poetry, acting and other artistic abilities on stage. Choose your favorite spiritual poem. It could be by Aurobindo, Rumi, Tagore, Dante. Bukovskii! It can be written by you or by a Cherokee artist. The important is that you feel connected to it.

The call is extended to Aurovilians, newcomers, volunteers, friends of Auroville, Pondicherrians, students of Pondi University, Ashramites. Whoever share the aspiration to create a collective moment of spiritual beauty. The event could be staged in March. Please contact me: francesca@auroville.org.in

Load Carriers needed for AV Marathon 2019

Hello community, The Auroville Marathon team requires a few load carriers/TATA Ace for the transporting materials to the aid-stations during the Marathon, the dates are 9th (Saturday) & 10th (Sunday) of February 2019. We would like to contribute towards the driver's time and the fuel charges. Kindly email us if you are willing to share your resources part-time or full-time with us at marathon@auroville.org.in.

Request for Volunteers for Auroville Marathon 2019

Hello it is this time of the year where we need your volunteering skills for one of the most people involved event, Auroville Marathon 2019. We are expecting around 3000 runners and would require volunteers for Aid-stations and other services on the 10th of February 2019. Kindly write to us with your interest to marathon@auroville.org.in. Thank you in advance.

The Endangered Craft Mela: Volunteer call!

From the 21st to 27th February 2019, there will be the Endangered Craft Mela in the Youth Center. This will involve around 30 Tamil crafts women and men. Some of whom will be coming from distant villages. The training priority will be children above the age of 10. We will particularly need Tamil speaking volunteers to help the sometimes only Tamil speaking participants. Please contact Alex at aschuvaa5@gmail.com.

AV Art Service

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.dalif@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.

Call for a Start-up Circle

We wish to initiate a circle for sharing novel ideas for start-up initiatives or discussing challenges for existing ones. Each circle meeting will consist of an approximately one hour presentation and discussion around one existing project and one proposed initiative. Following it, we will hold an open space for getting to know one another better. Aurovila Centre is also building mentor network for people who need long term support with their initiatives. If you would like to present a prospective initiative in the circle, please write to us at aurea@auroville.org.in.

Our first circle is tentatively scheduled for February 8 at 6 PM. Venue yet to be finalised.

Thank you, The Aurea Centre Team (Natasha, Giacomo, Thamu, Verda and Eran)

THANK YOU

THANK YOU from the land fundraisers!

Today, Auroville still needs to purchase approximately 50% of the land of the Master Plan area. The land needs all of us to help consolidate and safeguard it!!

We send our heartfelt thanks to all our land donors! We would like to express our gratitude to all those who gave their energy to make the “fundraising dinner for Auroville’s land” on 9th January at the Visitor Center happen!

Nico, and the Cafeteria and Visitor Center Team · Lee and Efrat, Krishna, Gandhi and all the staff did everything to make it an amazing evening: hundreds of oil lamps lighting the paths, festive table cloths and a beautifully arranged buffet with excellent food - vegan, vegetarian and non-vegetarian!

Margherita and Varun created a joyful atmosphere with their acoustic guitar and singing during the course of the dinner. Marianne and Nella, long-term friends of Auroville helped with everything! Vinay and friends put up all the posters, and set up the audiovisual equipment, which was provided by Louis from Svedam, for the land presentation in the Visitor Center courtyard. Isabelle and Sabine from News & Notes posted the “Fundraising Dinner” in a way that was highly visible for people to see.

Thanks to all who came to enjoy the presentation, the lively discussion, and the delicious dinner! It was a pleasure to greet many of our long-term supporters and donors for the land!

The presentation on the urgency to raise funds for land was given by Aryadeep and Sigrid: Aryadeep, who has been working to fundraise for the land since for over 20 years, introduced the Acres for Auroville campaign and its success in funding the purchase of 45 priority plots for Auroville. Sigrid presented the GreenAcres approach, and the further outreach by Funding Auroville to foundations and organisations.

A next land presentation is on January 21st at 3pm at Unity Pavilion, All Aurovilians, newcomers, volunteers and guests of Auroville are welcome

The land fundraisers of LFAU, Acres for Auroville, GreenAcres and Funding Auroville

INFO AND DONATIONS FOR AUROVILLE’S LAND:

LFAU’s 2 land campaigns for Auroville’s global family: “Acres for Auroville” & “GreenAcres” - land.aurowlive.org

“Funding Auroville” - fundraising service for collective development and land: funding.aurowlive.org

You’ll find us at the Land Board office, Town Hall, first floor!

A Glorious Day

Today I would like to express my deep gratitude to Shri Krishna Mahaprabhuji, living and working in Solitude farm and to his magnificent fraternal team. The ‘Lively up your Earth’ was super perfectly well organized, it was an explosion of fun and love from beginning to end (at dawn). Everybody was happy, everybody enjoyed everything. The Beatles songs were a Divine caress for the dancing heart. Bathing in music was like floating in Heaven, the dancing circles were a pure delight of joy. Lovely! It triggered so many souls’ laughters.

The Ashram music band was amazing, they were like Angels coming from a planet of pure felicity, their music was highly
creative as coming from transcendent spheres of light and harmony. I personally enjoyed every single moment. The women were so sweet, the men so kind, the playful sun-eyed children were like bright shooting stars in our clear moonlit sky. It was all along a collective Nirvana. I am now looking forward for ‘The Love a Fair’ at the Youth Center next Saturday (19.1.). Love, Soham.

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

**Store Manager:** A new store, TOTEM & TABOO, focusing on conscious living lifestyle products will be soon opening in Kulapalayam (next to Bread & Chocolate) this new store is run by Fabien, Kumbha and Ambra. We are looking for someone with experience in managing a store - Store Manager - who can communicate well with staff, preferably Tamil speaking, and who can communicate well with customers. The expected clientele will mostly be Indian tourists, international travellers and some Aurovilians. Proficiency in Tally and handling and creating active spreadsheets is a must. Timings are 10am to 7pm six days a week. Maintenance amounts will not be a constraint for the right candidate. Please email miniature@auroville.org.in.

**Web Designer:** We are looking for a part-time website designer for our office. Volunteers and newcomers, kindly apply if interested at auroyali@auroville.org.in. Regards, Mohan.

**Show Assistant:** Dear Aurovilians, do you remember the ‘The Old Couple’ show? Now, after more than 4 years we are ready to make a comeback with a new comedy but we need all the help we can get. We are looking for an assistant to help us with logistics, scheduling and budgets. The busiest months will be June, July and August. Ideally we are looking for an Aurovillian but Newcomers with good networking skills are welcome too. If you think this is the job for you, write an email to Francesca: francesca@auroville.org.in

**EATING OUT**

**SHIVA VEGAN CHAI HUT at Sadhana Forest!**

Come join us for the inauguration of the new vegan chai hut at Sadhana Forest! Sunday, 20th January, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and be one of the first to enjoy our chai! :)

From the 20th January onwards, VEGAN HERBAL CHAI will be offered on a daily basis as a gift from Sadhana Forest to the local community, Auroville residents, and guests! Feel free to spread the word and bring your family and friends! Children are welcome!

From Monday, 21st January, vegan chai will be served on weekdays from 5 to 7 am and from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. The location of the event is: Sadhana Forest, Google Maps link: HERE, FB event - please share! For more information about Sadhana Forest, please check out our website: www.sadhanaforest.org.

Hope to see you soon :) The Vegan Chaiwalas, Sadhana Forest

**Sunday Lunches at Atithi Griha Guest House BHARAT NIVAS - The Pavilion of India presents:**

Sunday 27 January 2019

*SINDHI LUNCH*“

By Ms. SANGEETHA

Ex. Student of Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education

Between 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Reminder: Sunday 20/01 “Food of Odissa”

For Aurovillians 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)
• The Youth Center Saturday Pizza Nights are back! Every Saturday at 7:00pm at Youth Center. We are happy to share that pizza nights are open again! We invite volunteers to join in and make pizzas on Saturday mornings. We welcome you all to bring your instruments and jam together. Looking forward! With love and flowers, Youth Center Team.

• Organic Lunch in Joy Community (Center Field): Tuesday at 12:45: Italian Food (by Simona). Saturday 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 polenta with mushroom sauce on January 22nd and vegetable lasagne on January 29th. For Japanese food, we’ll have tofu hamburgers on January 26th and vegetarian sushi plate on February 2nd. 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. Joy Community team :-)

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**AUROVILLE RADIO / TV**

**Greetings Auroville...**

We are happy to share with you all what we managed to capture in past week as a team of Auroville Radio/TV. Please do collaborate with us in sharing event details and video clips of events happening in the community of Auroville. We would be happy to hear from you, and also for you to make use of our services. Please do follow our updated website which offers a wide range of information with written, audio and video content and stay connected with us for more event updates on our social media sites,

Website: aurovilleradio.org, FB: facebook.com/auroville.radio, Twitter: AurovilleRadioTV

**From our volunteers for the past week we have:**

- **Maryliz - **Protected: Pyare Friquet’s Passion - Purpose and Scope of the Virtual Reality Experience
- **Hamish Hits the Bulls Eye Performing LIGHT in DARKNESS**
- **Wobli, Pyare, Maryliz - **Kalapini Komkali, International Indian Classical Vocalist Performs Ragas
- **Wobli - **The Love a Fair, short interview with Pujia
- **Claire - **The Firebird, interactive performance for kids with Art Studio of Moscow

   Come on 15th to celebrate Pongal at French Pavilion
   rtm - interview with Andreas and Theressa von Zadow
   our awareness on Water by Water group with Tom and IngridMarie
   Collaborative Planning Workshop - Fred London on Healthy Place making. Collaborative Planning Workshop - Herbert Dreselit on Dimensions of Water
   Collaborative Planning Workshop - Claire SanMartin - Community Planning Strategies
   Collaborative Planning Workshop - Joachim Elbe - Livable Cities, Spiritual Design
   Collaborative Planning Workshop - Final Presentation with Suggestions, interview with Fred and Claire on Auroville a way Forward, Rosalba's Mandalas
   interview with Hamish and Fif on Light in Darkness
   The Dance of Life - Jivatman launching CD
   Lively Up Your Earth - Pooja with Shiva
   Lively Up Your Earth - Music Asram, Art Collective from Berlin
   Out of regular programs we have:
   - GangaLakshmi continues with her Selections of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo in French.
   - Loretta reads Mothers Q and A 23/1/57 Savitri, B.VII, CLL, Part 1
   - Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga 97 and 98

   **Here are also news on Tuesday Thursday and Tuesday**

   *Your AurovilleRadioTV team*

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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

With Love, Many Thanks, Celine, Christophe & Family.

Contact: 8098846079 or celine@auroville.org.in.

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**AVAILABLE**

- **Auroville Library of Things (ALoT), an initiative by earthbus**, at the container opposite PTDC: borrow tools, toys, kitchenware, travelling & hiking gear at your convenience. aloat@auroville.org.in.

**NOW ONLINE!** aurolot.myturn.org/library/inventory/browse

- **Puppy found**: Looking for a home for this little guy. This puppy was found with his tail cut, and taken to the vet. He learns quickly and is playful and of kind nature. He is dewormed and vaccinated. Please help to give him the live he deserves. Johanna: WhatsApp: +9171660913579, call: 9566804743.

- **Laptop**: I need to pass on my MacBookAir, 13inch, 2014 because I need a better one since I started using Photoshop again. For normal daily use the laptop is more than sufficient and fluent. The laptop was inspected by an Apple Service, it will still last for a long time. Please write me +917094290587, Simon.

- **Bike**: Bajaj Pulsar RS 200 Motorcycle, four months of life, perfect condition, abs front wheel, electronic injection, Tamil Nadu License Plates. Call 9443385563 or 0413 2623177. Luca.

- **Reader ’KBO’**: new, almost never use. Contact: Jean-Marie, Siddhartha forest: 9943106579, jmlanthier63@gmail.com.

**LOOKING FOR...**

- **Bed**: Hello dear community! I’m looking for a single bed (size: 190/90 cm or bigger). So, if you give or for a contribution, feel free to contact me at: france@auroville.org.in. Thanks! Hélène.

- **Is there someone in Auroville who’d like to visit the PIPAL TREE DIALOGUES between the 7 and 10 February 2019?** To coordinate the transport, please write to eugen@auroville.org.in. Thanks, Eugen in Courage.

- **Research Assistant**: in English Literature, should be able to research and write essays on given topics, to render secretarial assistance and take quick dictation. Please contact: Anand Kumar (Auroville Foundation Housing, Promesses) for details:
  anandkumarrepbiol@hotmail.com.

- **Someone flying back from Italy**: I have some things that need to be brought back from quaint medieval Faenza. Mitra Morigi, ceramist from Faenza who comes to Auroville every year was to come in February, but for health reasons, has cancelled. Hence we are looking for someone to carry some items back, and we are happy to make a contribution towards that. Please call or email me, thanks. Aditi: aditi@auroville.org.in, +919443029539 / 0413 2622724 (Res).  

- **Amma**: Permanent job available for 3 full days /week for an amma in Aurogreen with Tine and Toby. Please call 890 3938 649 and 984398 4181. Thank you, Tine.

- **Sport Shoes**: Looking for shoes size 8/9 for the marathon. If you have a pair sitting idle, please let me know. Thanks. Siddharth, sidjain@gmail.com, 8531828586.

- **Home Furniture and other items**: Dear community, I just recently moved to newcomer housing in Maitreyee 2 and I am scavenging for furniture, utensils, gas stove, kitchenware, curtains, cutlery etc. I hope to reach out to the community and ask if anyone has things they might want to give away or exchange for limited contribution. Please reach out to me on +917094501863 or anwaraminudinchandra@gmail.com. With gratitude, Anwar.
American Football: Hi everyone! My name is Bryce, and I’m coming from America. I really miss watching football, so if anyone has plans on watching NFL (preferably KC Chifes vs NE Patriots) playoffs I’d love to join if you’re open to it! Text/call: +198870626935, WhatsApp: +12073373605, or e-mail: bg.yoder98@gmail.com.

Recharge Device for I-pad 2017 (or earlier): entire original recharger or cable on one side with I-pad port and on other side Bluetooth ending. Would be very grateful for it, shivaya@auroville.org.in, 9489601312 - thank you! Shivaya.

Studio lights: We are looking to for 2 studio lights. If you have any, contact shandra@bearandtrout.com. Thanks, Shandra.

TAXI SHARING

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

21 January: Departing Auroville about 12 midday in order to pick up from Chennai airport at 3pm. Sharing both ways is possible. (Taxi could depart from Auroville earlier than midday). Please contact Lesley on lesleybra@yahoo.com or 9483777477.

25 January: Pick-up from Chennai airport at 3.30 pm (leaving AV around 12noon). If you want to share either way, please contact Kat: kati@auroville.org.in / 8489265342

26 January: From Auroville to Chennai Airport, leaving at 5pm latest. Contact Robin (staying in Samasti): nardir3@gmail.com.

26 January: leaving Auroville at 2.30 pm, arriving Chennai airport 6.30 pm. Taxi sharing possible both ways. Please call Tine #: 890 3938 649 or 984398 4181. Thank you!

31 January: Looking for passengers to share a taxi from Chennai Airport to Auroville. We are already 2 people and will arrive from France at 4.45am. You can contact us by mail: xjobin@icloud.com

Week’s Happenings

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

AT THE MATRIMANDIR

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri
read by Mother to Sunil’s music

Every THURSDAY - 5.30 to 6.00 pm [weather permitting]

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone: please No Photos and do not 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

Auroville International Potters Market
January 25-27 from 11am to 6pm
Visitors Centre
Enjoy the work of 30 potters from all over India (and UK and Germany!) Demonstrations and workshops to join
On the 27th will be a JAZZ CAFE and a Raffle at the Visitors Centre at 7pm.
(See Poster in this issue)

EXHIBITIONS

INAUGURATION OF A PERMANENT CERAMICS ART INSTALLATION
As part of the 50th anniversary celebrations in Auroville, 5 ceramic artists are inaugurating an art installation they have created at the Solar Kitchen premises, in the garden near the covered entrance.

The inauguration is at 7.30am on Saturday the 26th of January.
Please do come.
Adil, Nausheen, Rakhee, Sabrina, Supriya

We at Centre D’Art invite you for our upcoming painting exhibition
‘WHITE NIGHT’
Painting exhibition by V5 painters.
Opening on Saturday 26th January 2019 at 4 to 6pm.

On view till 16 February from 2 to 5.30pm (except Sundays)
Centre d’Art Atelier, Citadines - centredart@auroville.org.in

MANDALA EXHIBITION
EXTENDED TILL 24th 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
rosalba@auroville.org.in +91-9787702844

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POTTERS MARKET

2019

11:00 am - 6:00 pm, 25th - 27th January at Visitors Centre, Auroville

Childrens Clay Play Station, Demonstrations, Workshops, Raffle

Featuring 30 potters including ADIL WRITER, ANGE PETER, INDRANI SINGH CASSIME, JANE JERMYN, NAUSHEEN BARI, PRIYA SUNDARAVALLI, PUNEET BRAR, RAKHEE KANE, SARASWATI, SUPRIYA MENEGHETTI

and many more from all over India!

For more information email us at aurovillepottersmarket@gmail.com
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“Visual Hike”
Painting Exhibition
By A.Sathya
January 19th to February 2nd 2019
Open daily except Sunday 8am -12.30pm and 2pm - 6.00pm

Thru shade and light
the landscapes reveals its self deep within.
Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samastii.
(0413) 2622403/2622994 Pitanga@auroville.org.in

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.

Savini Bhavan
Exhibitions – JANUARY 2019
Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm

- Meditations on Savitri
- Sri Aurobindo - A Life-Sketch in Photographs
- Sri Aurobindo - 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.

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

Audrey as Painter
REALIZING SYCHRONICITY
Jan 27 to Feb 22
Daily 3-7 pm
Morning by Appointment
Monday Holiday
Inauguration on Sunday,
Jan 27th at 5 pm
Artist talk at 5.30pm
Tasmai Centre for Art and Culture
17 Advocate Chinna Thambi st,
Kuruchikuppam, Pondicherry

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

- Slide show of watercolour paintings
  Inspired by Book One, Canto Two of
  Sri Aurobindo’s Savitri: THE ISSUE
  Savitri Bhavan Sangam Hall, Thursday January 24, 5.30pm
  The painter is AGHNI (Giovanni Tonioni) of the Gruppo Germoglio of Modena, Italy, who has been exploring Sri Aurobindo’s epic through painting for more than 20 years
  Everyone is Welcome

- ElemenTerre - the Science Secrets of Earthen Architecture
  Thursday 24th January 2019 at 10:30 am, at Earth Institute courtyard, CSR.
  A one-hour demonstration for all audiences, given at the Auroville Earth Institute.
  Through intriguing science experiments, we’ll discover the hidden physics behind this ecological construction material, used widely across vernacular cultures. Showcasing the role of soil, air and water, this demonstration is based on a scientific hands-on approach, and shows the key principles of building with earth. This demonstration aims at offering an introduction to the physical properties of the local material earth, principles of building technologies and a sensibility to sustainable construction. For more information:
  www.earth-auroville.com/elementerre_en.php
  Contact: elementerre@earth-auroville.com or call 9821245951,
  0413 - 262 3330 / 262 3064.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Hildegard of Bingen
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Heather Lee and Kim Cunio
The Symphony of the Harmony of Celestial Revelations
And some magnificent companion pieces drawn from the sacred repertoire...

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Heather Lee has Australia’s finest high voice and has performed at the Whitehouse, the Olympic Games, the United Nations and many festivals, singing everything from opera to early music, and was recently honoured by the president of India for her singing.

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The Vanishing A Sound / Music Work

What does it mean to be an Indian woman who does not exist?

At Cripa on Wednesday 23 January at 8pm

Kim Cunio and Heather Lee

With special guest Fiff

The Vanishing imagines the lost potential of millions of Indian girls who have been illegally subjected to feticide. It imagines their mothers. It imagines the conversations they might have had. It imagines a community, country, a world with those girls back in it. It helps us imagine the impact of the seven million girls that have not been allowed to be born in the last ten years in India. Explore this with these imagined stories, the soundscapes of India, new music and the haunting images of women bearing witness to this. Started in Auroville by Dr Manisha Sharma, this work was made around India, exhibited and broadcast in Australia and the US. The event will have a short introductory talk, the work which goes for under an hour; and a Q & A / sharing.
How to Register: Please email shaalini@aurowville.org to receive more details about the workshop. Contact 99606 43579 / 87670 19371 for queries.

About the facilitators:
Nilima Bhat: Nilima’s co-authored book Shakti Leadership - Embracing Feminine & Masculine Power in Business forms the basis of this project for her, and to which she brings many of its ideas and content. A trained dancer, Shivananda Yoga teacher and Integral Yoga practitioner, Nilima brings India’s wisdom and wellness traditions to Conscious Leadership and Integral Health. Having lived in Germany, Singapore, UK and Hong Kong, she is now based in Mumbai, India and works globally; supporting the Conscious Capitalism Movement, WIN (Women’s International Network) and serving on the board of Peace Through Commerce and MixR. http://www.shaktileadership.com.

Kumar S. Sharma, PhD: Kumar S. Sharma is the author of The Age of Ananda: Conscious Evolution to the Life Divine, in which the double helix process of physical and spiritual evolution is described and the vision of Ananda is defined. Kumar studied physics and mathematics at the graduate level, with an avid interest in cosmology and Vedanta in parallel. A Ph.D. from MIT’s Sloan School, he was an innovation coach, educator, and software entrepreneur for twenty-five years. All along, his pursuit of the secrets of the Vedas continued, leading him to the revolutionary works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Realizing consciousness was the key to an integral synthesis of spirituality and science, he followed intuition, meditation and other practices, leading to The Age of Ananda. For more info, please visit http://www.AgeOfAnanda.net.

Room & Board

AT AUROMODE YOGA SPACE

Acro yoga with Shakti Shilpa
FRIDAY, JAN 25th - 9am to 5pm
Acro Yoga combines the wisdom of Yoga, the dynamics of Acrobatics, and the loving kindness of Thai Massage. This intensive will include partnering yoga poses, counter balancing techniques, and therapeutic flying. One needs to just bring oneself with an open heart to Connect, Trust, Play and Fly in a supportive environment.

No previous experience or partner is needed for the workshop.
Prior booking required: contact@auromodeyogaspace.com
+91 432 222 22 24 (bookings & enquiries)
+91 98826 99804 (ONLY enquiries)
More on www.auromodeyogaspace.com

AT QUIET HEALING CENTER

For appointments and registration, please contact the reception at 2622329, 9488084966
www.quiethealingcenter.info / quiet@aurowville.org.in

Watsu & OBA Basic with Dariya & Daniel
Tuesday 22nd - Sunday 27 January 2019 (1.00 pm - 6.00 pm)
Watsu & OBA are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool. Watsu Basic introduces movements and body mechanics to float someone on the surface; OBA Basic introduces and offers a unique underwater experience (with nose clip).
In this workshop, you will learn and practice basic techniques and qualities of grounding, presence, stillness, flow, and attention to hold and move someone in water. You will experience floating other people and being floated, while creating a space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit. No previous experience required and also no need to know how to swim!

Vedic Healing Workshop with Swami Omkar
Saturday 26th - Sunday 27 January 2019 (10.30 am - 5.30 pm)
In this 2-day workshop you will be exposed to the ancient art of Vedic Healing through Prana Vidya or the Knowledge of Prana, the universal life force which permeates all creation. Prana Vidya offers the knowledge of gaining, restoring and uplifting Prana in your body. It also explains how to transfer this life force to other people, as Prana can be given to others, who are ill or in an imbalanced state.

Advantages of Prana Vidya:
- simple to learn and practice; all types of life styles can experience and practice Prana Vidya;
- healing based on Prana Vidya does not have any side-effects; while learning Prana Vidya, its healing power can already be experienced; all types of mental and physical problems can be cured; character, memory power, and thought processes improve; can also be used for success in education, wealth, and relationships; purifies your inner being and uplifts your spiritual life;
- Swami Omkar, founder of “Pranava Peetam Trust”, has been teaching Prana Vidya in India and abroad and likes to share his knowledge with everyone, who is eager to learn this ancient Veddic healing method.

Watsu 3 with Gianni
Monday 28 January - Sunday 3 February (8.45 am - 6.30 pm)
Watsu 3 is for people who have given enough practice sessions to develop a comfortable, intuitive awareness of how to float another person and who are ready to adapt and further explore aquatic bodywork outside the fixed form of Watsu 2. Powerful stretches and advanced techniques are introduced while rolls that require a spontaneous adaptation are learned as a gateway into Watsu’s “free flow”. Prerequisite: Watsu 2 and Watsu 2 mastery.

Watsu & Meditation with Dariya
Monday 4th - Tuesday 5 February 2019 (9.00 am - 6.00 pm)
Meditation is an important tool to listen, accept and know ourselves, and to become more intuitive towards ourselves and others. The purpose of meditation - besides the physical and psychological benefits - is to build a connection with our soul and with the Divine in and around us. It also encourages the development of our intuition and perception through the heart and not only through the rational mind. This permits us, in certain life situations, to operate on a higher level and make better choices. Meditation helps us essentially to develop our capacity for personal introspection and is the basis for our ability to listen to the person we float during a Watsu session. In this way we can work with a genuine empathy, thereby stimulating the flow of subtle energy. Prerequisite: Watsu Basic or Watsu & Liquid Flow/OBA Basic.

OBA 3 with Luigi
Wednesday 6th - Tuesday 12 February 2019 (8.45 am - 6.30 pm)
During these seven days, you will repeat and deepen what you have learned in OBA 1 & 2 (formerly called Aquawellness 1&2) and deepen your insight that drives an OBA session. You will also be introduced to the latest, more advanced techniques and learn about the benefits of working with a series of sessions in order to experience the profound “aquatic body wave”. With this course, you will complete the main steps of your learning process as OBA Bodyworker.

Yoga for Menstruation - Intensive course
Friday January 25th 2019 from 4 to 7pm
During this workshop we will practise Geeta Iyengar’s yogasana sequence for menstruation and explain the reasons why we practise each of these specific supported supine postures, forward bends and passive trunk openings while we bleed. We will explain why intense physical activities and certain yogasanas like inversions and twistings is not recommended during menstruation according to Ayurveda’s principles. We will learn how to adapt yogasana practice to women’s bodies in order to promote woman’s health, fertility and vitality and honour their cyclic nature.
The workshop is open to every woman who practises any kind of yoga, every woman who would like to start practising, to every man who is willing to understand more about the female body-mind organism, especially those who already teach yoga to women.

Nadia Farahani practices and teaches Iyengar Yoga, Ayurveda and various women’s healing systems such as Ovarian Breathing Feminine Alchemy, Menstrual Therapy Madretierra. Please register with us in Pitanga reception.

AT PITANGA CULTURAL CENTRE

Samasti Community
(0413) 2622403/2622994
pitanga@aurowville.org.in
Healing trauma - the unseen wound
26 & 27 January 9am - 5.30 pm.
Venue: Shanghaa Guesthouse Yogahall
2-days workshop with theory and interactive exercises, A toolbox of techniques to apply in your therapeutic work
What is trauma?
How to identify trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder?
How to recover a person’s full potential, energy and zest for life?
and even integrate the wisdom of it all?
The workshop is designed for therapists of body and mind, psychologists, and all who work with trauma.
Trainer: Sigrid Lindemann, transpersonal regression therapist, trainer in hypnotherapy and classical homeopathy in Auroville and Germany.
Info & registration: sigrid@auroville-holistic.com, 9626006961. Website www.auroville-holistic.com Workshops and retreats in Auroville with international faculty.

NLP & self-improvement part 1 & part 2
Part 1: 22 to 24 January & part 2: 25 to 27 January certification after completing part 1 & part 2 (Details HERE)
For more Info & bookings: 91-9489805493 or Christine@auroville-holistic.com.
Address: Holistic Studio - Auroville Main Road – Kulapalayam. Learn NLP skills and insights. After these 3 days your NLP can then be used anywhere & for your personal development.
• Part 1: The pre-suppositions - The 4 pillars of NLP / The rapport / The filters of perception / The component of NLP / sensory predicates & predicate system / The frame objective / anchoring resources / Perceptual Positions Time line process
• Part 2: we will go deeper and learn more tools to overcome our limited emotions, model an effective strategy and their sub-modalities / Time line process / association- dissociation in the treatment of Phobias / system re-framing & integration of conflicting parts/how to generate a new behavior / Belief system enhancement.

INDIAN DELIGHT Cooking class with Rupavathi, on Friday 25th January from 11 am 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: rupavathijoy@gmail.com.

Explore Temples Around Auroville
Wednesday 23rd January 2019 from 9 am to 1 pm
Starting place: Joy Community Guest House
We welcome you to explore temples around Auroville. You will experience the local culture, food and temples. Minimum places but Maximum Fun! For more information and booking contact: 8098845200 or rupavathijoy@gmail.com

AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB
International Zone, beyond the Unity Pavilion and Pump House.
Open from Monday - Friday 9am 12 pm and 2-6 pm, Saturday 9am to 12 pm.

Tamil Classes
Saravanan started his new batch of Tamil Beginners on 14 January. Mondays at 10:15 - 11:15 AM and on Thursdays at 1PM - 2 PM. The existing Beginners batch started Intermediate class from 14th January, on Mondays at 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM and on Thursdays at 2:15 - 3:15 PM.

English Intensive
Puja will start 10 days English Intensive Beginners Course from 21 January until 1 February. The classes will be held, Monday to Friday from 5 - 6pm.

French Intensive
Anabel starts intensive French Beginners Course from 28th January until 22nd February from Monday to Friday, 2:00 - 3:30 PM (except Wednesday).

French Intermediate Classes
start on 28th January. The classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 1 - 2PM.

Spanish Intermediate Classes
Anabel starts on 28th January. The classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 - 2PM.

For all other class details please look at the schedule provided below or at our website www.aurovillelanguagegal.org. New students are requested to fill out the form and register before attending any classes.

We have excellent university-level video and audio study materials and software in our Mediathèque, which enable self-study in various languages.

MONTHLY SCHEDULES of AV CENTERS

REMEMBER: The monthly schedules and activities of the Auroville Centers can be found on the following websites:
• Joy Activities: www.joyauroville.org/
• Holistic: www.auroville-holistic.com/
• Pitanga: www.auroville.org/contents/3185
• Savitri Bhavan: www.savitribhavan.org
• Language Lab: www.aurovillelanguagegal.org/courses.php
• Auromode Yoga Space: www.auromodeyogaspace.com
• Vérité: www.verite.in/
• Arka Wellness Centre: www.auroville.org/contents/2886
• Quiet: http://quiethealingcenter.info/
• Lilakoa: www.lilakoa.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/contents/4187

OTHER EVENTS

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
22 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: 'The Supermind'
• 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.
One-day introduction to ‘INTEGRAL YOGA and AUROVILLE’

On 25th January 2019, Friday,
8:45am to 12pm - Lunch break - 2 to 5pm
Presented by: Ela and Nitten
Venue: Inside India building, Ground Floor, Auroshilpam (behind Auromode Guest-house)

Inside India presents: an insight into the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and its significance for Auroville. It’s a structured overview that can serve as a basis for further personal studies and explorations. The highlights are:
- Vision and Aims of Auroville.
- Evolution of Consciousness.
- Yoga of Matter.
- Auroville’s role in the evolutionary process.
- Aspects of individual and collective practice.

Presented by talks, Mantra chanting and Awareness Yoga. Please come comfortably dressed.
Register in advance for all at 2622047 between 9am-12pm or 2-4.15pm or by e-mail: insight@auroville.org.in.

Aurovilians and Newcomers are welcome; contribution is required from guests. This program is a recreational activity.

THE ART OF CHI - Stevanovitch’s method

January 21st to February 9th (Sundays excluded)
Monday to Saturday, 7.30 - 10.30 am

TAI CHI HALL in SHARNGA

Beginners: Chi and Tai Chi basics

TAI CHI CHUAN INTENSIVE

Three weeks, three steps through the discovery of the Chi work and the full 24-posture form. Lead by Marco and Krishna, the work is essentially directed towards: Concentration techniques to stay focused; Mastery of the body through breathing and muscular relaxation; Improvement of movement through balance and coordination; Learning to mobilize Chi. First perceiving it, then guiding it in one’s body with the use of three factors: will, imagination and muscular activity.

For information and booking, contact Krishna at 0413-2623187

This is a recreational activity suitable for those on a tourist visa.

Sound Bath with the Russian Singing Bells

at CRIPA, Kalahumi.
Monday 21 January (Also Monday 28 January)
3.30 to 4.30 pm.

All are welcome to experience of deep interiorization, tranquility and self-healing evoked by harmonious sounds of this unique instrument.

VIP - a Volunteer Introduction Program

We are pleased to invite you for this 4-day discovery journey in Auroville for long term volunteers and interns.
Date: 24th, 25th and 28th, 29th January / 8.30 am - 4:30 pm
This program of 4 days is a concentrated experience of the outstanding diversity of Auroville ground realities; we’ll explore Auroville history, bio-region life, spiritual insights, environmental projects, educational activities and much more.
You will visit projects on site and meet dedicated Aurovilians, eat together, and have some fun too.
This program is designed for long term Volunteers but we do have some space for guests that wish to join the full program.

For more information please write to study@auroville.org.in
The Savi Team Boomi, Sara, Saranya, Pranshula, Manojkumar and Shikumar

Auroville International Potters Market: Jan 25-27

Registrations are open for the following workshops:
- Slip Trailing with Rakhee Kane: 25 Jan, 3-5pm
- Throw and Stretch with Adil Writer: 26 Jan, 3.30-5.30pm
- Toy Making Demonstration with Usha Kane: 27 Jan, 3-4pm

All materials will be provided and only a limited number of people can participate.
For information, registration, email aurovilleepottersmarket@gmail.com with the subject ‘Workshop Request’. My Creative Writing Playground

25, 26, 27 of January from 4 to 6 pm.

Have you ever desired to write a short story but you never knew how to do it? Have you ever dreamed to increase your creative potential as a writer? Do you ever dream to have a creative life? What if you had a chance to discover your creative potential and write your first short story now? May I invite you to the MY CREATIVE WRITING PLAYGROUND?

Come and write your first short story! I will give you some playful writing games that will help you to open up to the real of your creativity and discover the natural story teller you are. This is not a class on professional writing but a playground where we play many writing games to explore and discover our creative potential. This is a recreational activity for info: avmycreativewriting@gmail.com, Francesca.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, January 21, 2019 at 6:30pm.
THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF PLANTS - LES TRÉSORS CACHÉS DES PLANTES

Over the last ten years a lot of interesting research about the world of plants has been carried out in France, Switzerland, Canada and The Netherlands. Better understanding of how the world of plants functions has already yielded benefits for agriculture and is giving inspiration to us human beings for better health and well-being. For example, studies reveal that certain sound-sequences can heal damaged vineyards and peach trees.
It has been found that plants communicate with each other and emit energy to produce and react to sound, and that when recordings of a flowing river were played to plants, the roots grew towards the river sound. Plants also communicate and support each other by exchanging chemical substances through fungi on their roots. They have also the ability to recognize a threat such as an invasion of caterpillars and will attract an appropriate predator to deal with the intruders.
In Switzerland research work about trees and their electromagnetism is advanced. It has been found that in their electric potential trees have a range of frequencies, including one very low frequency similar to the electromagnetic resonance discovered by the physicist Winfried Otto Schumann which is the frequency of the Earth’s heartbeat. Trees share this same frequency of approximately 7.6 hertz. Close to this frequency is also that of the human brain at specific times, such as being awake or meditating.
All this implies that being with trees and in forests and experiencing the Earth’s natural resonances will help us to live in balance. But modern societies lack this important connection with nature. Doctors in Japan, Korea and Europe have discovered a new syndrome which they call “Nature deficit disorder” caused by the lack of sufficient contact with the natural world. This is a wake-up call to us humans to change our relationship with the natural environment to establish a better balance with plants, trees and nature in general. This documentary film from 2017 is in French with English subtitles. Duration: 35min.

INGMAR BERGMAN-SERIES

A masterwork that gathers many of Bergman’s key concerns in his post-Winter Light filimography, the miniseries Scenes from a Marriage is the closest and keenest examination of love and identity the man ever produced. Its premise is fascinating in its upended...
nature; it opens with a conclusion - a perfect marriage, sturdy and respected. At first subtly, and then less so, we witness this relationship disintegrate and reintegrate; there is an ebbing, but a ten-year connection cannot disappear in a breakup, as Bergman knows all too well. His most obvious angle is one that often emerges in his work, that if someone, though he has no identity intrinsically linked to relationships with others. The masks that Johan and Marianne wear are to be thrown under a cold light, for them to find they have been wearing them so long there is nothing underneath. At least nothing they recognize as themselves.

Bergman Series - Monday 21 January, 8:00 pm:
- **SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE (EPISODE 182)**
  Sweden, 1973, Dir. Ingmar Bergman/Liv Ullman, Erland Josephson, and others, Drama, 92 mins, Swedish w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
  Johan and Marianne planned to finalize their divorce after several years. They met in order to sign the papers but it was an extremely difficult task to carry out. Touching a low point in his life, Johan balked at getting divorced, thus triggering a bitter altercation between the two of them.

Bergman Series - Tuesday 22 January, 8:00 pm:
- **SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE (EPISODE 364)**
  Sweden, 1973, Dir. Ingmar Bergman/Liv Ullman, Erland Josephson, and others, Drama, 102 mins, Swedish w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
  A year had passed since Johan left Marianne. One day they got back in touch and Marianne invited Johan over for dinner. Johan received an offer of job in the US, but was not getting along well with Paula, and Marianne was developing a new relationship with a man. But they were both apprehensive and wanted shelter from each other, so they decided to go to bed together. However, it still didn't end up well.

Bergman Series - Thursday 24 Jan, 8pm
- **INGMAR BERGMAN MAKES A MOVIE**
  Sweden, 1963, Dir. Vilgot Sjoman/Ingmar Bergman, Gunnar Bjornstrand, and others, Documentary, 130 mins, Swedish w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
  A crew from Swedish Television followed Ingmar Bergman during the filming of Winter Light and came away with a five-part documentary, including set construction, rehearsals, editing, and behind-the-camera conversations with Bergman and the cast and crew, and audience reactions to the film.

Special Screening - Saturday 27 January, 8:00 pm:
- **LA VITA È BELLA (Life Is Beautiful)**
  Italy, 1997, Dir. Roberto Benigni w/ Roberto Benigni, Nicoletta Braschi, Giorgio Cantarini, 116 mins, Comedy-Drama-Romance, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG 13
  In the story, when an open-minded Jewish librarian and his son become victims of the Holocaust, he uses a perfect mixture of will, humor, and imagination to protect his son from the dangers around their camp. According to Benigni "to laugh and to cry comes from the same point of the soul". As a storyteller for him is important to "reach beauty, poetry; it doesn't matter if that is comedy or tragedy. They're the same if you reach the beauty."

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. Pi make a donation to “Cinema Paradiso” (account #105106) at the Financial Service or set up for a monthly contribution.

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group

AUROFILM at MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM (MMC, Town Hall)

FRIDAY 25 JANUARY - 8:00 PM
A Sunday in the Country
(’Un dimanche à la campagne’ -original title)
Director: Bertrand Tavernier, FRANCE, 1984
With: Louis Dureux, Sabine Azéma, Michel Aumont
Synopsis: This celebrated French film explores family dynamics in a clan on the eve of World War I. Like every Sunday in this year 1912, Monsieur Ladmiral, a famous painter at the twilight of his life welcomes his children to his country house. The stiffness of his son strongly contrasts with the anti-conformism of his daughter, a lively and whimsical person. He does not understand them, he is not listened to anymore, he feels old… An intimate chronicle in which what is not shown, what is guessed, is more important than how it looks, dealing with what each character expects of life. Inspired by the early ‘Lumière autochromes’, the superb photography (and music) of the film gives it a delicate impressionistic touch.

Original French version with English Subtitles, Duration: 1h. 30’

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, January 25th, 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. The entire evening including dinner is offered as a gift!

**Note: Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 7pm:**

Soundhunters: A Musical Expedition
42 mins / English / 2015 / Directed by Beryl Kötz
By using everyday objects and recording the familiar sounds that surround us, the KIZ group of musicians playfully show us how the world can be turned into a limitless music instrument. From
BUS TIMINGS: Sunday Trip to Srima Beach (Tanto Far beach)
Provided by Auroville Accessible Public Bus service from 20.01.2019.

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