He sees his little self as very God.
His little `I' has swallowed the whole world,
His ego has stretched into infinity.
His mind, a beat in original Nothingness,
Ciphers his thought on a slate of hourless Time.
He builds on a mighty vacancy of soul
A huge philosophy of Nothingness.
In him Nirvana lives and speaks and acts
Impossibly creating a universe.
An eternal zero is his formless self,
His spirit the void impersonal absolute.
Take not that stride, O growing soul of man;
Cast not thy self into that night of God.
The soul suffering is not eternity's key,
Or ransom by sorrow heaven's demand on life.
O mortal, bear, but ask not for the stroke,
Too soon will grief and anguish find thee out.
Too enormous is that venture for thy will;
Only in limits can man's strength be safe;
Yet is infinity thy spirit's goal;
Its bliss is there behind the world's face of tears.
A power is in thee that thou knowest not;
Thou art a vessel of the imprisoned spark.
It seeks relief from Time's envelopment,
And while thou shutst it in, the seal is pain:
Bliss is the Godhead's crown, eternal, free,
Unburdened by life's blind mystery of pain:
Pain is the signature of the Ignorance
Attesting the secret god denied by life:
Until life finds him pain can never end.
Calm is self's victory overcoming fate.
Bear; thou shalt find at last thy road to bliss.
Bliss is the secret stuff of all that lives,
Even pain and grief are garbs of world-delight,
It hides behind thy sorrow and thy cry.
Because thy strength is a part and not God's whole,
Because afflicted by the little self
Thy consciousness forgets to be divine
As it walks in the vague penumbra of the flesh
And cannot bear the world's tremendous touch,
Thou criest out and sayst that there is pain.
Indifference, pain and joy, a triple disguise,
Attire of the rapturous Dancer in the ways,
Withhold from thee the body of God's bliss.
 Thy spirit's strength shall make thee one with God,
Thy agony shall change to ecstasy,
And joy laugh nude on the peaks of the Absolute.

SAVITRI, Book VI, Canto II:
The Way of Fate and the Problem of Pain
SRI AUROBINDO
It is our great pleasure to announce the 4th ART FOR LAND exhibition, organized by the Unity Pavilion in collaboration with AV Arts Service & the Acres for Auroville land campaign. Auroville’s creative artists have come together once again to create a splendid offering of beauty to raise funds for Auroville’s unified material base. They are joined by artist friends from India and all around the world – making over 70 participating artists in the media of painting, sculpture, pottery, textiles, and photography. The Unity Pavilion has offered its beautiful spaces for this showcase of inspiration and for the parallel fundraising events (as you can hear on Auroville Radio at this link).

All the artists have made the donation of their original works with the goal of raising funds for the City of Dawn’s missing lands within the Master Plan area. In an action of flowing generosity, you can choose an artwork and thereby make your contribution for land purchase. Many works are available as cards and prints. The exhibition is open from 10 AM to 4 PM (Monday – Saturday) and from 3 – 6 PM on Sundays 3/2; 10/2; 3/3 and 10/3. You can also preview the artworks and reserve online at artforland.in. Auroville is a dedicated landing ground for the creation of a New World. It is a place of beauty for which land is the base, the essential base. But today, almost 50% of its Master Plan area is missing – a vital physical base for the full and harmonious manifestation of the City of Dawn’s inspiring vision. All of us can and must play an active role in fulfilling, consolidating, and safeguarding this precious base. We are the keepers of The Dream!

We invite you to join us for ART FOR LAND’s opening ceremony and concert on February 1st at 4pm - and for the variety of parallel fundraising events for the land at Unity Pavilion ongoing to March 15th. The schedule is in the poster and weekly announcements in the News&Notes!

Come, feast your eyes on beauty, donate, and enjoy – and let us all come together for Auroville’s land!!

Art for Land – Unity Pavilion – AV Arts Service – Acres for Auroville

unitypavilion@auroville.org.in  Tel. 0413-2623576
lfau@auroville.org.in  Tel. 0413-2622657  land.auroville.org
artforland.in
Art for Land 2019
February 1st – March 15th
at Unity Pavilion

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– and let us all come together for Auroville’s land!!

All Are Welcome!

Art Exhibition

Artworks donated to fundraise for the Land
by more than 70 artists from all over the world
Mon-Sat: 10 am to 4 pm
Sundays: 3 to 6 pm on 3/2; 10/2; 3/3 and 10/3
till the 15th March 2019

Fundraising Events for the Land

at Unity Pavilion

- Friday 1st February starting at 4pm - Inauguration of Exhibition & Concert (see details in this issue)
- Saturday 2nd February at 5.30pm - "World Dance" by Bill & Livia (see details in this issue)
- Tuesday 5th February at 5pm - "My Relationship with the Wood" by Torkil/Prakrit
- Wednesday 6th February at 7pm - World Cafe with the documentary film of Auroville in the 1970's
- Saturday 9th February at 5pm - "Mudra, the symbolism behind your hand gestures" by Devasmita
- Monday 11th February at 5pm - "Water the Source of Life" by Gilles Boulicot
- Tuesday 12th February at 5pm - "Living a Healthy Life Style" by Dr Geeta
- Friday 15th February at 5pm - "The Future Garden" by Joss of Pitchandikulam
- Tuesday 19th of February at 5pm - "The Forms I dream with Bio Cotton" by Uma of Upasana
- Saturday 23rd of February at 5.30pm - "Harmony of Sounds" by Aurelio/Svaram
- Sunday 3rd March at 7pm - "Carnatic Flute" by Gordon & musicians from Chennai

For the artworks see the website: www.artforland.in
Dear community members,

As you may be aware, we are in the process of preparing the Selection Process for March 2019. This community process aims to renew some members of the 4 Working Groups: Auroville Council, FAMC, L’avenir d’Auroville, Working Committee.

**PROCESS TIMELINE**

We already have sent the call for nomination and received profiles for candidates as well as participants. The nomination phase is over. It’s now time for us to invite the community to share constructive feedback on the people volunteering to serve on one of the working groups. The feedback collection period will end on the 10th of February.

**PROFILES of CANDIDATES and PARTICIPANTS**

You will find the profiles of candidates and participants at the following links:

- [Auroville Council](http://bit.ly/2UaTQov)
- [Funds and Assets Management Committee](http://bit.ly/2WIVbc)
- [L’avenir d’Auroville](http://bit.ly/2R4zy6v)
- [Working Committee](http://bit.ly/2HrVad0)
- [Participants](http://bit.ly/2CmJz8)

These links have also been posted on Auronet, and sent via the RAS massmail. We are happy to offer our help to all paper-only residents in browsing the list and offering feedback.

**OFFERING FEEDBACK via the ONLINE FORM**

Being able to give and receive feedback with care and consciousness is an essential tool for the health and growth of our community. Sharing feedback is an offering made with the intention to enable progress and truth. In the context of the Selection Process, feedback can become a powerful occasion to develop a unique attitude of service and integrity for Auroville’s organization.

The feedback form has been designed with the intention to help the feedback giver to embrace different perspectives by answering online a set of three questions.

All feedback must be sent before Sunday 10th of February.

To submit your feedback, please either:

- Follow the above links to the profile lists, click on « Offer Feedback » under each candidate/participant profile picture, and fill the 3 online feedback questions.
- Come and meet the RAS at La Terrace on Tuesdays 10 am - noon and on Fridays 4.30 pm - 6 pm (new exciting timing!). We will help you with filling the online feedback form, assuring the confidentiality of the information given if required;
- Send an email to raservice@auroville.org.in to get an appointment, so that we can help you in person with filling the form.

We are happy to answer your questions, if any! Please feel free to contact us at raservice@auroville.org.in.

With love,

The Residents’ Assembly Service and the Study Group.

**Members of Clearance Panel**

Dear Community, the Auroville Council and the Working Committee would like to inform you that we arrived at a decision for the selection of the Clearance Panel members according to the process outlined in the Clearance Panel process.

The team consists of 6 members:

1. Alain Bernard - Auromodele
2. Amy - International Zone
3. Jaya Berggreen- Clausen - Sunship
4. Klara.B - Surya Nivas
5. Rajavelu Kuppusamy - Shakti
6. Tineke - Centre Field
7. Tomas - Annapurna

We discovered late in the selection process that Amy has been an Aurovilian for 12 years, and strictly according to the requirements for membership of the Clearance Panel, the requirement is 15 years. However, we felt that she was the strongest of the remaining candidates available and believe that her experience and her abilities for this work heavily outweigh this factor, and therefore decided to include her in this team despite this.

The Auroville Council will proceed to meet the members soon in order to outline the work ahead as per the guidelines of the Clearance Panel process and for the group to start its work.

We would like to thank sincerely all those who stepped forward to offer their services to the community for this work.

With gratitude, Auroville Council and the Working Committee.

**Temporary Feedback Committee 2019 (TFRC)**

Dear Community,

The Auroville Council would like to inform you that we have selected the new Temporary Feedback Review Committee (TFRC) members for the upcoming selection processes according to the process outlined in the Participatory Working Group (PWG) guidelines.

The new team consists of 6 members:

1. Krishnaraju (Raju) - Grace
2. Mario - Sangha
3. Sébastien - Sunship
4. Suryajyandhi H. - Djaima
5. Sundar K. - Aspiration
6. Sundaramoorthy - Auromodele

These appointments are subject to feedback by the community, therefore we invite you to give your feedback (of encouragement or of concerns) on the persons selected by Saturday 2nd February 2019.

We would like to thank sincerely all those who stepped forward to offer their services to the community for this work.

Warmly, Auroville Council

**From the Entry Service - N&N # 783**

Dated: 28-01-2019

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 Aurovillians and Friends of Auroville one-month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to entryservice@auroville.org.in.

- **NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:**
  - Yong Hwi KIM (Korean) Staying in Grace and Working at PTDC, Savitri Bhavan and Korean Pavilion

- **CHILD OF NEWCOMER:**
  - Danu KIM Born on 06/07/2016 (Child of Yong Hwi KIM)
  - Sunu KIM Born on 07/12/2018 (Child of Yong Hwi KIM)

- **NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:**
  - Kassandra Helen LOMBA (American)
  - Sunmi KIM (Korean)

- **AUROVILLIAN ANNOUNCED:**
  - Anusha LALL (Indian) Staying in Sanjana and Working at Auroville Today

- **SPOUSE / PARTNER / CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER OF AUROVILIAN:**
  - Dhatchimamoorthy SAMINATHAN (Indian) Staying in Udavi School compound with his Aurovilian wife Sivakumari and Working at Team Transport Service

**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 Auroville Foundation. The most recent list of appointments for Newcomers can be found on the AVF website.

**ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30AM-12:00PM

- * We will be closed for public for a week from Feb 21 to 28.
- * Newcomer kits will be given and received only on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm.

Yours,

The Entry Service
Important Alert from AVES about TNEB use

Dear Community,

As we had done many times in the past, we are to intimate the community, that the TNEB is contemplating to raid on Auroville TNEB Service Connections by the A.P.T.S. (Anti Power Theft Squad) to detect cases of TNEB power misusing such as:

1. Unauthorized extension of power from one building to another.
2. Using lower tariff power for commercial purpose.
3. Using power obtained for some other activities for construction purpose.
4. In one building having different tariff activities under one lower tariff.
5. Running Guest houses, Home stays under Domestic tariff etc.

Therefore, AVES is to alert all our TNEB consumers to please take note of the above instructions. Such activities out of TNEB power will attract heavy penalties. Hence be aware of the situation and also requesting the consumers to inform the AVES before doing any such activities, so that we can take proper steps to get it done legally.

In the event of APTS detection of any illegal, misusing OR power theft etc. of TNEB power supply, they will charge sheet the consumer for violating the TNEB terms and conditions of power supply and assign a levy of heavy penalties as a defaulter.

Hence we are bringing this announcement to your knowledge, to alert you. If you have any doubts about your rightful usage of your power supply, please contact AVES at 2622 264 and get clarified between 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. and from 2 to 5 P.M.

Thank you. At your Service, Auroville Electrical Service Team.

Circle for Hearing, Healing and Growth

There needs to be a place in Auroville where Aurovilians who struggle with an issue, be it in regard to a Auroville working group or service, or of personal nature, can speak about it and will be given needed respect, care and the possibly get some guidance in how to tackle the issue.

At the end of the Restorative Dialogue on Discrimination an initiative was born that holds as its aim and purpose to offer an open, respectful, non-judgmental and caring space for anyone in the Auroville community to bring and share whatever pain, hurt, personal or collective issue they are grappling with.

This group of people has met a few times over 2 months to clarify how to move forward, and right now feels ready to open the space and invite people that are in need, to speak and be heard. The values that we hold are: equality, inclusion, human unity, care and love, sincerity, humility, mindfulness, personal responsibility and courage. Confidentiality: whatever is spoken in the circle stays there and is not repeated outside.

The conversations in the Circle are held in Tamil and English.

We meet every other Friday (starting from 25.01.2019) at 4.30pm at Unity Pavilion.

This is an open invitation to come and share.

You may ask for more information from anyone of the group: Amudha, Ashwini, Enrica, Mita, Murugan, Rajavelu, Suryagandhi, Selveraj A., Selveraj D, Shivaya, Sivaraj.

Practicing Mentorship - Sharing Session

Dear Aurovilians,

Entry Board and Aspiration team are offering a sharing session on the practice of mentoring newcomers.

Initially, this is to respond to the request of a group of Aurovilians who wish to join the mentor pool and request guidance.

We are happy to extend this invitation to all those who feel concerned and who wish to share their questions or/and their practices.

We welcome your participation.

Feel welcome to participate:
Friday 1st of February from 3 to 5pm
In Bhumika Hall
(Conference hall in the new building in Bharat Nivas)

A tiny email of confirmation would be appreciated:
mentorship@auroville.org.in

Even if for nothing else but the right amount of cookies 😊

Warmly yours,

Entry Board and Aspiration Team

Building Applications

Monday 28th January 2019

The following projects are recommended by L’avenir d’Auroville and feedback is now invited from the larger community.

The last date for your feedback is Monday 11th February 2018.

In the Green Belt:
1. Borewell - Manivasam Farm
   Selvam at Courage, selvamfarmer@auroville.org.in

   Please note:
   • An NOC (No Objection Certificate) is issued only after evaluation and processing of the community feedback received during the two-week period.
   • Any work should start only with an NOC.
   For additional information or feedback, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L’avenir d’Auroville office in the Town Hall.

The maps and details relevant to these announcements can be found on the Auronet page of L’avenir d’Auroville.

Warm regards, L’avenir d’Auroville team

(Anita, Pino, Selvam, Srimoyi, Sreevatsa, Tejaswini)

Collaborative Planning Workshop: Feedback needed please!

Dear Friends,

Thanks for participating in a Collaborative Planning Workshop which was held at Unity pavilion between 7th - 12th Jan.

We would like your frank feedback which will be processed to see next steps and to learn lessons:
• Workshop design and process
• Tabled Topics
• Next Steps
• Missing link

You are welcome to give feedback which doesn’t fall under above category.

Please send your feedback before 5th Feb on avenir@auroville.org.in.

Thank you, L’avenir d’Auroville

From the Housing Service

• Houses available for transfer:
  1. Creativity - Paul’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 Aurovilian, between 20 and 35 years old, working for Auroville full time for at least 9 months and have no/limited funds for housing, you are welcome to apply for Youth Housing.

Places in Youth Housing (Kriya and Humanscapes) are suitable for singles, couples and families. (No guarantees for immediate placement.) For more information: 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 cupboards; with Collective cafeteria, Laundry, technical maintenance and management by Aurovilians!! 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 Aurovilians by Housing Board:
  Housing Board informs that there is no more grant available for housing extension. Financial assistance is available only for repairs.
**Why we fundraise for land for Auroville**

Today, 10% of City Area land and over 50% of Greenbelt land are still missing from the Master Plan area. Land for Auroville was first purchased with the active encouragement of The Mother. She told pioneering Aurovilians “The most important thing is to get the land now.”

When Auroville became a legal entity in the 80’s, the Government of India began supporting Auroville financially in many ways - funds for the research in education (SAIIER) and housing projects (e.g. Humancapes) are the most obvious examples. But it is not to be expected that the Indian government can give funds for land purchase.

Many Aurovilians have given significant funds for purchasing land for Auroville, often investing their last personal resources. They have been backed up by loyal friends in India and around the world, and in particular, by the AVIs’ Auroville International Associations.

In 2003, Auroville launched the “1 Million Dollar campaign” for the land - a great success, though it seemed impossible!

In the past 5 years, support from within Auroville and the worldwide Auroville “Family” have led to the encouraging success of LFAU’s two campaigns “Acres for Auroville” and “GreenAcres”. Additionally, “Funding Auroville” has been launched for institutional and project funding.

**Why is fundraising for land a priority for Auroville?**

Today Auroville is no longer on an isolated, quiet plateau but finds itself in a rapidly developing suburban area of Puducherry. Now is the time to consolidate strategic land holdings to enable for Auroville’s development. Only with consolidating its land, will Auroville be able to become a unified township, and safeguard water resources, forests, organic farming and biodiversity for Auroville and for the wider bioregion.

If you’d like to see Auroville manifest and flourish, please support our actions - and donate for Auroville’s land and future. We invite you to join our land presentations at the Unity Pavilion, and our “Art for Land” exhibition and fundraising action.

LFAU (Acres for Auroville, GreenAcres) and Funding Auroville teams have their office with the Land Board at Town Hall, 1st floor, mornings, 0413 2622657.

Please come and see us, and bring your ideas!
- Funding Auroville http://www.funding.auroville.org for land & collective development, to approach foundations, CSR funding, & organisation.

Submitted by Sigrid, Aryadeep, Mandakini, Bertrand.

**Garden of the Unexpected - Matrimandir**

A comprehensive integrated design of GoU by leading team of designers is displayed at Town Hall foyer. The 3D physical model shows the chosen initial design by leading team and the big A0 poster shows the final integrated design by the top three chosen designers. An A3 binder-book has the details of the garden.

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**Auroville Archives Happy News**

We are thrilled to share our happiness of having received some precious materials from various sources. The main treasures are:

- A dress worn by Mother and a shirt worn by Sujata. (Handed to us for safe-keeping by a long-time Aurovillian.)
- Copies of some handwritten unpublished and as yet unknown notes of Mother on Auroville. These notes were found only recently in Mother’s apartment. (Handed over by the Ashram Archives as per the Managing Trustee’s instruction.)
- A long-time Aurovillian gave us his personal correspondence with Satprem.
- Another long-time Aurovillian handed to us lots of documents pertaining to Auromitra. These include correspondences with J.R.D. Tata.
- The photographic section of the Ashram keeps sharing with AV-Archives the photos they have of GoU’s early days. Recently they have shared with us some beautiful BW photos taken by Robi & Manok Ganesh of Auroville’s landscape and negatives of photos taken by Viswanath Lahiri. (These include some interesting photos of Matrimandir excavation.)
- Akash H. has handed to us some very interesting documents and photos which his parents had kept and/or written/compiled. Among these are several complete copies of Ruud’s “Matrimandir Diary” (one of them illustrated with beautiful photos we didn’t have). (Alain G. had already given to us a copy of this very interesting Diary but some pages were missing.) Among the treasures given to us by Akash are a partial compilation of Mother’s words (either done by Barbara or B & Bhaga) and early and complete transcripts in French and in English of most of 1970’s “Aspiration Talks”.
- Manju allowed us to scan the personal correspondence (hand-written in French) of her father, Shyam Sunder, with Mother (published in "En Route") and handed to us his personal collection of copies of Mother’s hand-written messages on Auroville. Some we didn’t have.
- Some things written by Yvonne Artaud about Auroville were given to us by the Ashram Archives.
- Piero has given us the photostat copy of the transcript (of talks Mother had with Satprem on Matrimandir in January 1970), which he received - at long last - from Paolo in July 1974. He had earlier handed to us all his personal Matrimandir Archives.
- Unity Pavilion has handed to us two cartons of brochures, pamphlets and minutes of meetings, which we have yet to be sorted out. We expect to find many documents we already have or are not very interesting but surely, there will be some very interesting things we didn’t have.
- Don’t hesitate to bring to us your personal archives - even if you believe that we are likely to have already these things in our collections. Very often we find some treasures mixed with a lot of not-so-interesting stuff.

Thank you for your support of the Auroville Archives.

D. Thambidurai, Gilles G., & Amy B.

**Integral Paradigm of Knowledge (IPK) Seminar 2019**

Dear Friends, IPK activities (of UHU: University of Human Unity) cordially invites you to join our annual seminar on the Integral Paradigm of Knowledge on February 15-16, in Unity Pavilion from 9am-5pm. This year the theme is Integral Management in the light of Integral Yoga Psychology. How to change our approaches to action and learning from the ordinary perspective to the vision of unending education? The presenters will speak about their approaches, experiences and advancements in their fields of activity and their plans.

Among other things we shall explore what IPK means to all of us, and how we can implement it in our work and study. For this reason, we will discuss the projects that have been worked on this last year, and our plans for next year.

Among our presenters this year are teachers of TLC, who will share with us their introduction and implementation of IPK in the school. Siv will talk about how she sees integral paradigm of knowledge can influence and transform the “Scandinavian view on organizational management, trying to answer the question: “Is this a possible future management for Auroville?” Sowmya will share with us how she thinks to build up her own organization and how integral views influence her ways of doing it. Vladimir will lead us into an exploration of IPK in the light of Integral Management and Ideals of Auroville and Integral Yoga Psychology.

We will have workshops where together will explore IPK’s concept and its influence on our life. All are welcome. Contributions are appreciated - resident or any other appropriate seminar visa is required. If you have any questions about visa requirements, please contact Joel at jojox16@gmail.com. Warmly, Vladimir for IPK Activities Group.
Ladies and gentlemen! Come and check out our third online editorial on Growth online! http://www.outreachmedia.auroville.org/ It starts with a quote from Sri Aurobindo on growth and then provides links to several different presentation formats: a personal note on inner growth, a photo gallery on ‘A City in the Making’, an article on Kinisi and the growth of traffic that often accompanies a city’s growth, another photo journal on many activities that happened in December in Auroville, 3 short videos on plastic, another on ecovillage design workshops, etc.

Our aim with these editorials is to communicate by weaving a thread between several things that are happening around a theme. Our core values are honesty, transparency and impartiality; our guiding insight is kindness. We strive to make our editorials relevant, interesting, meaningful and add value. Is our vision in sync with yours? Do you like writing and/or making short videos and/or clicking pictures? If yes, don’t hesitate to contact us and join the fun!

Warmly, OutreachMedia team.

Re-imagining Univers-city
Confulence 2019
Feb 26 - 27, 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Unity Pavilion | Auroville
https://confluence.auroville.org

A New World is Possible - Auroville Art Camp
We are thrilled to announce the artists selected for the first Auroville art camp and festival (16-23 march 2019). 15 Indian nationals and 15 Aurovilians artists have been chosen for their wonderful works and their insights on the theme “a new world is possible”. We also wish to congratulate all the applicants as we received many outstanding works. Looking forward building a new world together through art, beauty and unity.

The Auroville art camp team.

SELECTED ARTISTS (In alphabetical order): Indian nationals: Nikheel Aphere (KA), Poushali Das (DJ), Anil Gaikwad (MP), Sukanya Garg (DL), Ishrath Humairah(TN), Digbijayee Khatua (DL), Naina Maithani Kulkarni (UK), Lakmiri Panigrah (DL), Amol Pawar (MH), Hemant Rao (MP), Asif Shaikh (MH), Ekta Sharma (MP), Sunil Yadav (UK), Nilesh Vede (MH), Sanket Viramgami (GJ).

Aurovilians: Audrey, Birgitta, Claire (Iono), Dominique, Hufactees, Juergen, Jyoti, Jyoti K., Louis, Miki, Nathalie, Nele, Orey, Shanta.

SELECTED STUDENTS (In alphabetical order):
Indian nationals: Sayee Bhamare (WB), Raja Biswas (WB), Muthiah Kasi (TN), Vaishnavi Naik (MH), Sonali Sonam (WB).

Aurovilians: Bhavyo, Shrishti.

Udhayam Educational and Cultural Center: info and call for volunteers
In Tamil, the word “udhayam” means sunrise. A sunrise symbolizes new beginnings, hope, and inspiration, and with these meanings in mind, “udhayam” perfectly embodies the spirit and agenda of the Udhayam Educational and Cultural Center in Kottakarai.

Founded in 2009, the Udhayam Educational and Cultural Center serves as a platform for community-based activities that enrich the minds and hearts of Kottakarai’s children and youth through creative learning activities such as drawing, painting, music, dance, sports, and film. Our programs are staffed by volunteers from Auroville and the local village community.

We are looking for people who are interested in joining our afterschool team. We open our doors Monday through Friday from 6-8pm. From 6-7pm, we focus on homework support, and from 7-8pm, the children have time to play freely or to participate in guided activities such as computer literacy. If you would like to support us either by leading a weekly activity or helping the children with their homework, you are most welcome to drop by Udhayam any day during our program hours or contact us at udhayam@auroville.org.in.

Check our Facebook page to get a taste of some of the activities we do: https://www.facebook.com/udhayamecc/. We are looking forward to meeting you and discovering your way of enriching the diversity of our Udhayam team.

Much love and light, The Udhayam Team.

Numberwise #3
How the UK Government Saved £4 million in 15 minutes with Open Data.

“Open data is data that can be freely used, re-used and redistributed by anyone - subject only, at most, to the requirement to attribute and sharealike.”

http://opendatahandbook.org/guide/en/what-is-open-data/

If you are wondering why do we need open data you may read this article: opendatahandbook.org/guide/en/why-open-data/

The Story: In 2010, the UK began publishing government spending data as open data At first in the form of the central government budgetary database (COINS) and then with the commitment to release detailed transactional spending data on an ongoing basis which was announced at Open Government Data Camp in November 2010.

The commitment to publish departmental spending at the transactional level on a monthly basis - that is individual purchases from suppliers, was a major step beyond what any other government had done before. It positioned the UK as a global leader in fiscal transparency. At the same time, when the decision was made the government frankly accepted that they did not know the exact benefits that would arise. Read the full story here: http://opendatahandbook.org/value-stories/en/saving-4-million-pounds-in-15-minutes/.

From aurostat team, aurostat@auroville.org.in.

Auroville Botanical Gardens Guided Tours
Every Monday, Tuesday, Friday from 9:30 to 11 am (until March 29th 2019)

Come and enjoy a guided tour in gardens and forest spread over 50 acres.

The tour will take you to:
- The orchid house, the ornamental garden, the cactus garden, the fern house, the maze, the labyrinth, our ponds, and more…

This is a walking tour, please bring a hat and water.

Priority will be given to online reservations:
www.auroville-botanical-gardens.orgguided-tours
Sunday Walk Farms & Forests

The Annapurna Sunday walk on the 20 January had about 60 participants; Aurovilians, newcomers, volunteers and many guests, getting there by bus or following in a convoy of motorcycles. As ever Tomas and Andre received the group with a taste of their produce and an introduction to the farm, after which we walked to see the cows, diary, orchards, the impressive high water catchment and the many rice fields in different stages of growth.

It was a wonderful experience for all. Thank you Annapurna for being the first walk of this ninth edition of the Sunday walks to Farms and Forests!

Reminder: Sunday 27 January, from 9-11 am Botanical Gardens - AV GreenCenter, Lisbeth, Isabelle, Appie and Island AV Centre.

Sunday 3 February from 8-11 am Integral urban farming and rooftop garden, City Centre.

8 am: Starting point at Main Town Hall parking
8.30-8.45 am: Gentle body movements: Giacomo.
8.45-9 am: Refreshment.
9-9.45 am: Beeam bamboo clean up and some fruits plantations.
9.45-10.15 am: Rooftop garden “Hands on”
10.20-11 am: LUH Universal Township video and Power Point interactive presentation.
Team Contacts: Luigi +91 9585193112, Angelo +86 18612075126, Cyril +91 7094823539, Renzo +39 338800748. All are welcome.

Outcomes of COP 24 in Katowice & The Planetary Diet

2018 was yet again a tumultuous year in all aspects but especially for the environment, when the world reeled under devastating floods, droughts and extreme weather events and here in Auroville we observed with dismay the slash and burn devastation wreaked upon parts of the Greenbelt, while waiting with bated breath for the outcome of the Highway negotiations.

The United Nations COP 24 Summit in Katowice, Poland

With 200 nations participating - which ended last month- with a deal to breathe life into the landmark Paris Climate Treaty of 2015 with the aim to avert dangerous Global warming.

As expected meeting with so many different parties, all wanting to get the best out of the deal for themselves, coming to an agreement was extremely difficult. According to the US, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Brazil divisions felt that the Treaty and final outcome resulting in the ‘the Common Rule Book’ (designed to deliver the Paris Goals of limiting global temperatures at 1.5 degrees C) was a bad deal for them: they felt there was little understanding from the richer nations of their immediate need for help and funding to mitigate the tremendous damage global warming has wreaked upon their lands already; they pushed for loss and damage measures and found the Treaty lacked the bold ambition to cut emissions the world needed and that there was an irresponsible divide between the vulnerable islands and impoverished countries and the rich. The US, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Brazil objectected with the politic climate process.

** What are the outcomes?**

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Shared Socio-Economic Pathways (SSP’s) which focus on mitigation and adaptation to climate change is a new innovation and draws a new pre-ind to climate modeling; the impact of changes in human behavior. Rapid and unprecedented, far-reaching changes in all aspects of life need to be implemented; citizens need to change their lifestyle and consumption patterns to more sustainable alternatives; they have control over their modes of transportation, the buildings they inhabit and their dietary preferences!

The Planetary Health Diet

The proposed planetary diet is the result of a three-year research project commissioned by The Lancet health journal and involving 37 specialists from 16 countries. It says global average consumption of foods such as red meat and sugar should be cut by 50 per cent, while consumption of nuts, fruits, vegetables and legumes should double. For individual regions, this could mean even more dramatic changes: People in North America, for example, eat almost 6.5 times the recommended amount of red meat, while people in South Asia eat only half the amount suggested by the planetary diet. (14 grams a day)

Meeting the targets for starchy vegetables such as potatoes and cassava would need big changes in sub-Saharan Africa, where people on average eat 7.5 times the suggested amount. The researchers said they acknowledged it was very ambitious to hope to get everyone in the world to adopt it, but not least because there is vast global inequality of access to food. “More than 800 million people have insufficient food, while many more consume an unhealthy diet that contributes to premature death and disease. “The food we eat and how we produce it determines the health of people and the planet, and we are currently getting this seriously wrong,” according to Lang, a professor at Britain’s University of London who co-led the research. Feeding a growing population of 10 billion people by 2050 with a healthy, sustainable diet will be impossible without transforming eating habits, improving food production and reducing food waste, he said. “We need a significant overhaul, changing the global food system on a scale not seen before.”

Many life-threatening chronic diseases are linked to poor diets, including obesity, diabetes, malnutrition and several types of cancer. The researchers said unhealthy diets currently cause more death and disease worldwide than unsafe sex, alcohol, drug and tobacco use combined. If the world followed this diet the researchers said, more than 11 million premature deaths could be prevented each year, while greenhouse gas emissions would be cut and more land, water and biodiversity would be available to restore our natural biomes.

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Dear Friends, Solitude Farm is bursting with such beautiful tasty produce and we are taking new orders for our fruit and vegetable basket service. A typical basket at the moment has wing beans, long beans, arugula, coriander, papaya, banana stem, green papaya, pak choy, raddish and sweet potatoes, and ramphal coming soon. The sour sop will follow after that, with more tapioca and a variety of other pre-simmer vegetables. The price of the basket is relative to the commitment one makes to the basket service.

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Wednesdays we also deliver in Pondi. For more information, please email us at krishnamckenzie@auroville.org.in.

MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE

**GOOD EARTH COMMUNITY WASTE COMPOSTER!**

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ONLY CLEAN AND EASY COMPOSTING!

**MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE:**

- **City Transport Shuttle Service**
  - Quick “Pick up and Drop” Shuttle Service. Within central area. Free. For farther areas, contact ITS.
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  - 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.
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  - **How:** drop in. Contact Phone Chris O.: 8940115240.

- **Cycles and children car seats rentals**
  - **Where:** Vehicle Service, Town Hall.
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**Good Earth Community Waste Composter**

Dear community, say “hello!” to our new Good Earth Community Organic Waste Composter. For bigger and better composting! Please extend your kind support. Let’s make composting and let’s recreate life together! Warmly, Mathan for NALAN

Auromics Trust Campus, Isai Ambalam.
+91 9047720320 / nalan@auroville.org.in / Web: www.nalan.in
Thank you to performers for entertaining us; QP Breakdance, Dawn’s Dance Group, Elora, Nitesh Parcours Demo, Bad Advice, tasty cake entries for the cake competition, Juan percussion, Margarita and Varun, Boca, Beatles Tribute Band, Bullet Proof Funk, Fire Jugglers and 2CB.

We would love to thank Jesse, Johnny and the participants of “The Creature from Kallivelli Lagoon”.

If I have accidentally omitted a name, we regret profoundly to have done so!

The 1st Prize in our Cake Competition went to Mohini for her Chocolate Mud Cake. Please come to the YC and pick up your prize lampshade by Glimpse!

Please continue to make the YC a dynamic space for our community by:

1. participating in our weekly Sunday Farmers Market (9:30-12). If you would like to sell, please contact ycfoodstall@gmail.com or call Puja (7043731366) or Taranti (9486650264). The playground will be available for kids to play, YC will have a warm oven with goodies baking, Italian coffee, your food stall and Auroville Farm produce. We would like to co-create a co-op atmosphere with your input. Please come!
2. Join us for an Upcycle Session at YC every Tuesday afternoon from 2-5pm. Products created can be displayed during Sunday Farmers Market…get your creativity out there by helping Eco-Service reduce its impact to land fill.
3. Saturday Night Pizza: 6:30-7 kids eat first, 7 onward teenagers and adults. We would like to show a kids movie at 7 but would need someone to volunteer to provide/operate a projector and screen for that night…if you can help, please drop in to coordinate with team members or call Puja.
4. There are weekly projects which you can volunteer for, these are written on the blackboard. Drop in and take a look. If you have an activity you would like to do or share your knowledge about, please feel free to reach out to anyone at YC.
5. We would like to co-create a co-op atmosphere so please come to YC Family Activities Brainstorm on Sundays at 10 am. Please come!

We are grateful for all the energy which has come from the community towards the YC. It is with you that we grow, learn and evolve.

With love and appreciation, The YC Team.

Ultimate Frisbee Nationals tournament in Ahmedabad
Dear Community, we have received support for the upcoming Ultimate Frisbee Tournament in Ahmedabad on the 8/9/10th of February, for which we are very grateful...but we are still short.

This year has been a very hectic tournament year for us. As Ultimate Frisbee is growing in India so are the number of teams and tournaments. Other than already hosting 2 annual tournaments in Auroville (and now a third in Koli), this year the UPAI (Ultimate Players Association of India) – the governing body of Indian Ultimate – organised the National Championship Series, a series of Sectional, Regional and National tournaments. We have attended 3 Sectional tournaments (one of which was hosted in Auroville, the other two in Chennai), Regions for all the teams in the South Zone two weeks ago and next is Nationals (for all teams in India) which will take place in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on the 8th 9th 10th of February.

As a team we have been changing too as players come and go and people have different occupations. The team is primarily yearners now – school and college going – both from Auroville and the bioregion.

These last several tournaments have allowed us to re-bond as a team and find our roles and chemistry.

As we also made it to the Elite Nationals (top 22 teams in India) we decided to go for the final tournament in Ahmedabad.

Tournaments are a great way to meet the wider Ultimate community and other Indian players, all of whom are like extended family. Tournaments are also an opportunity to push and challenge oneself at many levels. There are also a lot more opportunities for youngsters to represent India at the International level – an experience that is eye-opening for youth who would otherwise never travel to other states in India let alone leave the country.
Unfortunately, Ultimate is still a completely self-funded sport in general. We in Auroville are not under any unit nor do we get regular funding from anywhere, we also don’t earn huge amounts as individuals. Our team policy is that everyone who wants to play should be able to regardless of their financial background. We usually try to advance costs and allow players to pay back slowly. We also try to subsidising as much as possible for those who don’t have the means. But the team is on a tight budget at the moment due to the number of tournaments this year.

We will be 18 players who will go for Nationals (9 girls and 9 boys) 13 of which are students from Transition school, Last School, Future School, NESS and colleges around Auroville. The approximate cost per player (train, transport, stay, tournament fee, and food) will be Rs. 6,000-7,000.

We would be very grateful for any support from the community. Our account no is #251887.

Thank you :-) Spinergy Nationals Team 2019
Sneha, Gothai, Auroshree, Hannah, Uttara, Saranya, Monisha, Arundhala, Mayakrishnan, Jagadeesh, Manogar, Jeeva, Chandra, Manjula, Eugene, Kumaran, Smiti

-Out of regular programs we have: GangaLakshmi continues with her Selections of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo in French. Loretta reads Mother’s Q and A, 30/1/57 Savitri, BVII, CLI, Part 2 Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga 98 and 99.

Notes:
Aurovilian Deported
Dear Community, we would like to inform you that Jonah Skoles, an Auroville youth and active Auroville member, got deported from the airport of Trichy on the 20th of January.
He had left to attend the wedding celebrations of a friend who also grew up in Auroville and upon his return was detained at immigration without prior notice as his passport had been “banned”. The reason given was “Visa Violation” without any further explanation. He is currently prohibited to return to India for 5 years, forced to leave behind life as he knows it...his wife, family, home, job and all of his earthly belongings.

We would like to raise community awareness towards this very serious situation which could be bestowed upon any of us and would be life altering for most. This is a collective issue and we should unite forces to face it.
Jonah’s Family

A Pure Bliss
The last Youth Center LOVE A_FAIR was pure pure bliss from beginning to end.
The shining loving full moon was smiling in every dancing heart.
The very air we were breathing was a total rapture of brosisterhood unity.
Everybody was sweet, caring, gentle. The music, the soft skin of every brosisterhood unity.

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

Delicious Bites Pastry & Restaurant!
We are happy to offer our desserts, cakes and take away food for any event. Open for Breakfast & Lunch: Monday - Saturday 9am- 4pm (kitchen open until 3:30pm) Veg and Non-Veg Dishes, Vegan options available too. All are welcome!
Love, Delicious Bites Team.

Sunday Lunches at Atithi Griha Guest House
Owing to unavoidable circumstances, “Sindhi Sunday Lunch” scheduled initially on 27.1.2019 has been postponed to 3.2.2019
No lunch on 27.1.2019.
We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Bharat Nivas – The Pavilion of India presents:
Sunday 3 February 2019
“SINDHI LUNCH”
By Ms. SANGEETHA
Ex. Student of Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education Between 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

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).

Notes:
Urgently Needed: 1: 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 return of the stewards. We are still looking for an accommodation from 31/01/2019 to 22/02/2019. Living on maintenances, our funds are very limited but we still trust that a solution will be found for this bridging time. We are still open to any option! With Love, Many Thanks, Celine, Christophe & Family. Contact 8998846079 or celine@auroville.org.in.

Needed: 2: Dear Aurovilians! We are the family of Newcomers - Dmitriy (working at Varuna and EMS Lab), Anastasia (volunteering at Deepanam school) and our 8 y.o. daughter Vasilina (studying at Deepanam school). Our newcomers’ period ends in January and we are looking for a long term house-sitting or other possibilities. We are happy to take good care of your house, garden and pets, or may be some other help. Or may be some work for accommodation. We are quite and responsible. All suggestions are welcome. Please contact Anastasia, call: 8270194875, whatsapp +7 777 1270264, e-mail: aanaastasia78@gmail.com.

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

Keyboard (piano): Hello, dear Aurovilians! Our daughter Valentina 8 y.o. is starting piano lessons. May be someone could donate a keyboard, which doesn't use? Valentina would be happy to have one! Thanks. Please contact Anastasia, 8270194875, whatsapp +7 777 1270264, e-mail: aanastasia78@gmail.com.

Person travelling from Brisbane, Australia: to carry a parcel to Auroville. Contact Lesley 9488373747 or lesleybra@yahoo.com.

Help with computer settings: I am searching for someone, Italian speaking, who can help me with the settings of my PC, in particular about the kids safe use! Please contact me through email: merianichiar@gmail.com. Chiara.

Space for rent: IPK activities is looking for a high visibility location to rent for its activities location/co-working space. Even temporarily. Anyone with tips and ideas please call/whatsapp Joel at 8072725598. Thank you!

Taxi Sharing

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

29 January: An empty taxi will be leaving from Auroville, to Chennai early morning on Tuesday 29 January, to pick me up from Chennai. Sharing possible. details contact Mathan 9442934306.

29 January: Hi, I will be starting from Auroville, Citadines next 29/1 at 12:30 am (midnight between 28/1 and 29/1) going to Chennai International airport. I will have 2 large luggage pieces in the boot... probably another passenger traveling with me too. Call or WhatsApp to join us and share! Edo, +91 9843893652.

30 January: I am coming from Chennai airport on the 30.01. at 7pm to Auroville. If anyone is coming at the same time or going to the airport before and I could return with the taxi. Please contact me 9943368410. Kay.

7 February: Taxi to airport on 7/02, leaving Auroville at 2am to catch flight. The taxi can be shared on the way to the airport or used on the way back (approx 5 am). Please contact Ursula, sulabaumann@hotmail.com, 9677418840, Thanks!

Travel

Latest News from Inside India - Travel Shop
We are open from 09am to 1pm and from 1:30pm to 5pm. We are located in Auroshlipam.

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- International Flight Tickets/International Hotel booking: 0413-2622078, travelshop@auroville.org.in.
- Domestic Flight Tickets /Trains/Bus/Travel Insurance: 0413-2622300, domestic@inside-india.com.
- Tours and Domestic Hotel booking: 0413-2622047, insideindia@auroville.org.in.

Week's Happenings

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

At the Matrimandir

Inauguration Event

Come, feast your eyes on beauty, donate, and enjoy – and let us all come together for Auroville’s land!!

Friday 1st February 4pm at Unity Pavilion

• Lighting of the Lamp
• Presentation on Auroville’s land & introduction of the participating artists
• Invocation - Flute by Gordon
• Tea Break
• 5:00 pm - Jazz Concert by Marlenka and Shank
• Visit of the exhibition & artworks in a musical ambiance

All are welcome!
artforland.in

Art For Land Fundraiser Event:

World Dance
4th edition

On Saturday 2nd Feb, from 5.30 to 7.30 pm at Unity Pavilion

Bill & Livia are globetrotters. They will share their passion of folk dances with those who enjoy the rhythms, with their special guests. Those who have already participated will remember the fun of dancing together with them!
The 4th Auroville Trashion Show

You’re invited to the 4th Auroville Trashion Show - a fashion show featuring fashion made entirely from recycled trash!

Two Unmissable Shows!

**WHEN:**
8.00pm Friday Feb 1
&
8.00pm Saturday Feb 2

**WHERE:**
Kalabhumi Amphitheatre

Please note: Enter through the Second Gate Only
(at the rear/audience side of the stage)
For more information, don’t hesitate to call 9486623749

Meditation with the Peace bell
Friday 1st February.
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture
At 5.30 to 6.30 pm
- In the International Zone. All are invited.

If you want peace upon earth, first establish peace in your heart.
- The Mother

For when the Peace is established, this higher or Divine force from above can descend and work in us.
- Sri Aurobindo

All are welcome to join the Peace Bell ringing!

AadiKala through the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI in collaboration with Bharat Nivas · The pavilion of India, is exhibiting a small collection of

**Tribal Art and Craft**
sourced from Tribal artisans across India.
at Kala Kendra / Bharat Nivas
21st - 31st Jan.
10am to 5pm.

**BHARAT NIVAS**
PAVILION OF INDIA: AUROVILLE

EXHIBITIONS

**ART FOR LAND 2019**
Fundraising ART EXHIBITION at THE UNITY PAVILION

Come, feast your eyes on beauty, donate, and enjoy – and let us all come together for Auroville’s land!!

- Inauguration event on Friday 1st February 4pm (see Invitations)
- 10 am to 4 pm Mondays – Saturdays
- 3 to 6 pm on Sundays 3/2; 10/2; 3/3 and 10/3

Till the 15th March 2019

Auroville’s creative artists have come together once again to create a splendid offering of beauty to raise funds for Auroville’s unified material base. They are joined by artist friends from India and all around the world – making over 70 participating artists in the media of painting, sculpture, pottery, textiles, and photography.

The Unity Pavilion has offered its beautiful spaces for this showcase of inspiration and for the parallel fundraising events.

All the artists have made the donation of their original works with the goal of raising funds for the City of Dawn’s missing lands within the Master Plan area. In an action of flowing generosity, you can choose an artwork and thereby make your contribution for land purchase. Many works are available as cards and prints.

The exhibition is open from 10 AM to 4 PM (Monday - Saturday) and from 3 - 6 PM on Sundays 3/2; 10/2; 3/3 and 10/3.

You can also preview the artworks and reserve online at artforland.in.
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Paintings by Priti Ghosh of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry are on display in the Square Hall from Feb. 1 to 15, 2019, 9-5 daily except Sundays. Opening concentration: 10.30am Friday, February 1. Everyone is welcome.

Savitri Bhavan Exhibitions – JANUARY 2019

- 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.

Welcome dear friends !!!

The Brotherhood House project in collaboration with Bharat Nivas Present

Photo Exhibition "Word of Unity" at Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas, 22 January to 30 January, 9 am to 5 pm. Photos from the most beautiful places in the world - Altai and Baikal Lake.

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.

'A tribute to the soiled hands and feet'

a video art installation by Auroville Timelines for 'Journey of Auroville' at Vajra Gallery, Dakshinachitra, off ECR, ahead of Mahabalipuram, Chennai. 20th January to 15th February 2019.

And coming soon to Auroville in Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas from 4th February to 4th March.

Curated by Richa and Rrivu, the exhibition is collection of moving images selected from the archival footage of Auroville and projected from multiple old television sets in an immersive dark room. The recorded memories as they play, become a meditative experience taking us beyond the action apparent on screen, deeper into the recesses of consciousness with which actions were committed. The video exhibition depicts the energy and spirit of Auroville; the momentum and the very labour of love that went into making Auroville what it is today. It is a projection of Auroville’s continuous journey—towards becoming...

Richa Hushing and Rrivu Laha are documentary filmmakers, newcomers in Auroville. They were instantly drawn to the wealth of recorded memories from the formative years and took upon themselves the task of drawing the stunning visuals out of their obsolete containers and put them in the public domain, for all to see and experience Auroville as it was, in the making.

Special thanks to the footage contributors: Pitchandikulam Archives, Auroville Archives, Auroville Outreach Media, Joss, Anita, Fredrick, Fabienne, Doris, Francis and Renu. Contact us if you wish to know more; contribute footage, funds, old television sets, DVD players and pen-drives; or if you wish to host the exhibition.

Looking Forward - Warmly, Richa and Rrivu

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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. Adil, Nausheen, Rakhee, Sabrina, Supriya
Centre d’Art Atelier, Citadines invites you to the painting exhibition: ‘WHITE NIGHT’ Painting exhibition by V5 painters.

On view till 16 February from 2 to 5.30pm
(except Sundays)
- centredart@auroville.org.in

White Night - a review

Centre d’Art Citadines is hosting the art works of 3 Pondicherry artists Danasegar, Ezhillarasan, and Vengadesan. The deep friendship that binds these artists goes back to their student years at Bharathiar Palaikoodam (Pondicherry) and finds its source in a omni-comprehensive vocation for art. ‘White Night’ is the title chosen by the trio as a password that gives access to their galaxy. It is the common thread that connects the creative worlds of these seemingly very different artists, the underground river that emerges along their paths and merges them into an irresistible stream: the absolute joy of creation. ‘White Night’ is this undefinable space between wakefulness and sleep where the mind lowers its guard and leaves room for vision. This is the moment when the artist, like a shaman, captures all that manifests through him and embodies the immanence.

For the three of them it’s like a journey. It is a real journey for Ezhillarasan, who found in the Himalayas his land of choice. There, he could absorb its purity, its glaciers, its primordial colors, which he restores back in the form of emotional and sensory landscapes. He paints his canvases as if they were walls, on the degenerated surface of the city life, with spots, graffiti, intersecting color layers, porous fragments of bodies that live convulsive realities. For Danasegar, too, the human body is not a separate entity. It is everything, it is everywhere, it is the matter that surrounds it, the subject and the object. Danasegar travels in his dreams. In this world of the inexplicable, he is the magician. There he meets his ancestors, people passed away since time immemorial, to whom he gives voice. He fills his daily life with dreamlike stories, labyrinths of colors torn from the invisible.

Vengadesan was struck down in Varanasi. He returns there as we return to the origin. He draws his inspiration from the Hindu pantheon and its bewitching rites. There he found small statues of Kali, or Shiva. Now he is filling his canvases with formidable mineral-skinned divinities that sit in low relief on their kingdoms of temples, stairways that run down to the Ganges, surrounded by sannyasin and Nandi. His art links together innumerable coexistences, states of consciousness declined to infinity. ‘White Night’ is the nocturnal creatures of Vengadesan, the black light of creation, according to Ezhillarasan, the light and the dark, the two apparently irreconcilable aspects of the same reality, according to Danasegar. It is the blanks left by the artists as a space of the unfinished, where the pictorial and non-pictorial language stops to give way to the inexpressible. Dominique.

Cultural Events

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

ElemenTerre - the Science Secrets of Earthen Architecture

Thursday 31th January 2019 at 10:30 am, at the 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:
Contact: elementerre@earth-auroville.com
or call 9821245951, 0413 - 262 3330 / 262 3064.

CULTURAL EVENTS

“Visual Hike”

Painting Exhibition

By A.Sathya

January 19th to February 2nd 2019
Open daily except Sunday 8am -12.30pm and 2pm - 6.00pm

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

Churning Waters

- A unique Indo-Australian collaborative performance
Monday, 28 January 2019
At 7pm
at Adishakti Theatre
(Neighbors of Auroville, located near Hope)

Entry Free!
Donations are welcome

Jazz Café

With live music from various Auroville Artists & Friends
In collaboration with Auroville Potters’ Market
at the Visitors’ Center,
on Sunday 27th Jan. at 7:30pm (not 8pm)
As usual, you will find tea, coffee and cakes served with a big smile

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 SYNCHRONOUS
Jan 27 to Feb 22
Daily 3-7 pm
Morning by Appointment
Monday Holiday
Tasmai Centre for Art and Culture
17 Advocate Chinnia Thambi st, Kuruchikuppam; Pondicherry
**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

- Ecology and Development:
  - Two half-hour talks on Saturday February 2 - 4-5pm
  1. Shining a Light on Urban Trees, by Dr Stefan Smith, University of Reading, U.K.: Projected changes in climate and growing urbanisation of the world population have raised many questions about how to create sustainable built environments. This talk addresses recent and current research into how different tree species influence thermal interactions in an urban context and what part they play in creating environments that both minimise resource use and waste and achieve healthy conditions which promote well-being.
  2. Quantifying Adaptive Thermal Comfort in Protected Area Environments - Lessons from Masai Mara, Kenya, by Professor Sat Ghosh: School of Earth and Environment, University of Leeds, U.K. and VIT Vellore: The iconic Masai Mara National Reserve in Kenya is the main focus of study. Quantifying comfort levels of lions within this unique landscape will be presented. The paper illustrates how modern tools in computational fluid dynamics are used along with standard ecological models to ascertain the optimal extent of airflow, levels of hydration and land use pattern changes affecting the prevailing microclimate in this protected area, enabling detailed exploration of sustainable development for the sanctuary.

**AT VERITE**

Please contact Vérité to register for the following intensives: 0413 2622045, 2622606, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in, treatments@verite.in (Registration required).

- "Life/art process®" and authentic movement with Ambre Jaïa
  - Friday, 1 February - from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
  Movement connects sensation, emotion and imagination, allowing us to dive into the deep self, where creativity emerges. In the Life/Art Process, we explore the essential bond between Art and Life and how it can help in personal development and social change. The “dance” grows from the here and now of people’s life experiences. Authentic Movement is a mindful exploration between a mover and a witness, through which both simultaneously develop greater self-awareness. In this intensive, you will experience both of these movement modalities and learn how they can help access the body’s deep information and wisdom.

Ambre Jaïa was trained in movement-based Expressive Art Therapy in 2013 by Anna Halprin at Tamalpa Institute in California and studied Authentic Movement in Europe.

**AT QUIET HEALING CENTER**

- Watsu & Meditation with Dariya
  - Monday 4 - Tuesday 5 February 2019 (9.00 am - 6.00 pm)
  Mediation 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.

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**AT JOY GH**

- **INDIAN DELIGHT** Cooking class with Rupavathi on Monday February 4th 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 9487272393 or email: joycommunity@auroville.org.in.

**AT CREATIVITY HALL OF LIGHT**

- **Authentic Relating**
  Every other Saturday 3-5pm at Creativity Hall of Light
  Next class dates: February 2nd and February 16th.
  Relational games designed to promote connection to oneself and to each other. A space to practice deep listening, being vulnerable and honest, and building compassion and communication skills. To provide a safe container for the class doors will close 10-15 minutes after we start so please be on time. For more information contact Georgia at 94868 53032 or georgia@communityearth.org.

**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

- **Inner Work Workshop**
  Introduction to the Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
  29 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, georgia@communityearth.org).

**MONTHLY SCHEDULES of AV CENTERS**

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

**REGULAR EVENTS**

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

**AUROVILLE BUS SCHEDULE**

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

**OTHER EVENTS**

- **Beginners Kolam Yoga**
  12 Saturdays starting from 2 February 2019 - 9am 12pm.
  More info contact Grace: info@kolamyoga.com

- The Bhagavad Gita and its relevance to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo
  On 31st January 2019, Thursday
  8:45am to 12pm - Lunch break - 2 to 5pm.
  Venue: Inside India building, Ground Floor, Auroshilpam (behind Auromode Guest-house). one-day introduction presented by: Ela and Nitten. It touches on the following topics:
  - Yoga in daily life.
  - The triple path of knowledge, work and surrender.
  - Conflicts and difficulties as opportunities for inner growth.
  - Living life from the innermost truth of our being.
  Presented by talks, mantra chanting and awareness yoga. Please come comfortably dressed.
  Register in advance at 2622047 between 9am & 12pm or 2 & 4:15pm or mail us at insight@auroville.org.in.
  Aurovilians and Newcomers are welcome; contribution is required from Guests. This program is a recreational activity.

- **Sound Bath with the Russian Singing Bells**
  at CRIPA, Kalabhumi
  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.

- **Awareness Through the Body**
  ATB with Amir and Lison on:
  - Wednesday 6th February from 2pm-6pm at the ATB hall in Deepanam School.
  - Thursday 7th February from 2pm-6pm at the ATB hall in Transition School.
  - And on the weekend, 9th Saturday & 10th Sunday from 9am to 4.30/5pm at the ATB hall in Transition school.
  Open only to people that are acquainted with the ATB practice already. To see more information about this module: www.awarenesssthroughthebody.com
  To sign up contact through email connect@atbwithamir.com or WhatApp: Amir +91 9751257709.

- **Welcome to Create Your Vision Board**
  Tuesday 29th at 2,30-5.30pm & Wednesday 30th at 10-12 am in Butterfly Barn, Sve-dame.
  Creating a sacred space that displays what qualities we want to manifest in life, actually does bring them to life - what we focus on expands. When we create a vision board with a focus and place it in a space where we see it often, we essentially end up doing short visualization exercises throughout the day.
  embodied visualization is one of very powerful intention exercises we can do. One needs to focus on how/what one longs to feel/experience, not simply on things that one wants… Welcome to join this 5-hour exploration, to connect with your deeper longings, let your creativity flow using recycled materials and create your vision board around specific project/topic (your path, health, work, relations), or a more general one for ex. for next month, a year etc.
  Please register, so I know how much material to prepare! Dariya. 9786658967 or dariya@auroville.org.in

- **Singing from the Heart**
  On Thursday, 31st January, 5.30 - 7pm in Butterfly Barn, Sve-dame.
  Come let’s sing in celebration of life & joyful connection with divinity, through heart songs and mantras… Thank you for parking at the community gate. Dariya.
**Women Temple**

On Wednesday 30. January, 7-9pm, in Butterfly Barn, Sve-dame.

Welcome into the women circle, to create women culture of support and sisterhood rather than envy, competition, or gossip; to explore this body mystery as a portal to spirit and our unique way how it expresses itself. Through contemplation, movement, touch, self-inquiry, deep listening, celebration... Welcome to bring a flower and a friend! Thank you for coming little early, park at the gate, follow the candles & start together on time. Dariya.

**Power of Community Online Summit**

“We have become very good at navel-gazing”, a wise Aurovillian pioneer told a bunch of youth earlier this year, “we must look up and look out!” he said. The youth looked a bit confused, but also happily surprised. One responded, “Yes! That’s what, Taking advantage of all discoveries from without and from within, Auroville will boldly spring towards future realisations, means right? We have displayed our 50 years of success adequately, and now it is time to also look up and look out to new horizons for inspiration. We invite you for new inspiration at the end of our 50th year!

YouthLink will be a Screening-Hub for the Summit: February 1st through 10th, Mon-Thu 5-7PM, Fri-Sat 5-9PM at Humspecapes Hall.

This summit includes talks by inspiring individuals internationally who, like us, believe that building resilient community is key to our success. With speakers like Charles Eisenstein, Joanna Macy, Rob Hopkins, Christiana Figueres, Satish Kumar, Daniel Christian Wahl… and so many more! Screenings will be accompanied with brief talks from Aurovilians and friends who have been connected to these inspiring projects worldwide. We will also serve some delicious refreshments to compliment the inspired conversations that may emerge.

Please feel free to bring snacks to add to the potluck. Looking forward to getting together for a moment of shared inspiration! Much love, the YouthLink team - www.youthlink.org.in.

[You can also watch from the comfort of your homes by signing up online, + You will be gifted a book! “Ecovillage: 1001 Ways to Heal the Planet”]

**Films**

**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6:30pm.

**THE GREAT MYSTERY OF WATER**

Life on Earth could not exist without water and all forms of life arose from it. This life-giving element exists in three forms: liquid, solid and gaseous. In this film scientists from various countries and representatives of different religions discuss the properties and memory of water and present their research work. Their findings show that the structure of water and its relationship to the world around us is of great significance. The alphabet of water and present their research work. The story speaks to the shift in consciousness they experienced: “the health of our biosphere is synonymous to the health of our wellbeing”. Put in another way, we are all together, and it is our responsibility to care for our earth’s biosphere. It is ours to love. Sierra was the co-Captain of the 1991-1993 mission. She currently directs our agriculture and forestry programs in NW Bali and is the coordinator of the Biosphere Stewardship Education Programs.

For more info: www.biospherefoundation.org

**CINEMA PARADISO**

**Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium**

**Film program 28 January to 03 February 2019**

**Indian** - Monday 28 January, 8:00 pm:

- **ANDHADHUN (Blind Tune)**
  India, 2018, Dir. Sriram Raghavan w/ Ayushmann Khurrana, Tabu, Radhika Apte, and others, Crime-Comedy, 139mins, Hindi-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: U/A
  Inspired by L’Accordeur (The Piano Tuner) in this film Akash is a blind pianist who is preparing for a London concert. Sophie’s scooter bumps into Akash and upon finding that he is a pianist, she takes him to the restaurant Franco’s -run by her father, who offers him a gig. Akash meets 70s actor Pramod Sinha at the restaurant who asks him to do a private concert of his songs at his residence to surprise his wife Simi. Next Day upon reaching his house a shocking surprise is found around “the love of words”. He says later that “the first presence of [his] father is his voice on tapes” he sent from France, while the rest of the family was still in Senegal.

**German** - Tuesday 29 January, 8:00 pm:

- **DIEC MÄDCHEN (Heavy Girls)**
  Germany 2012, Dir. Axel Ranisch, w/ Heiko Bohm, Peter Trabner, and others, Comedy-Drama, 77 mins, German w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR
  A film about the lives of three of the original team of eight people who lived inside Biosphere 2 for two years recycling all their waste, air water… and learning to live together!

**The FRENCH PAVILION presents**

1) “Poets are still alive” Documentary Film by Xavier Gayan in the presence of one of the poets: Souleymane

Friday 1st February 2019 at 5pm
Town Hall - Cinema Paradiso in French with English subtitles, dur. 86min

What is poetry? What is the political role of the poet? How does being bilingual or trilingual affect their writing?

The Poets are still alive offers an entry on the contemporary practice of poetry. The director Xavier Gayan composes, through a set of interviews proposed and read by readings, a reflection on the relationship to the word, the writing, the language of fourteen French-speaking poets. Why and how to write poetry today? Whether it is political or therapeutic act, reaction to a dramatic event or “lantern in this world flooded with light” (Yvon Le Men quotes here Robert Louis Stevenson), the poetic practice often seems a weapon, the space of the reinvention of the language, passing, or as Edith Azam says “a way to wring out the tongue before it binds us”. We discover how some came to writing by the search for sonority, such as Souleymane who evokes his confidence as a poet with the practice of slam, in Paris, where he meets academics, police, with whom he is found around “the love of words”. He says later that “the first presence of [his] father is his voice on tapes” he sent from France, while the rest of the family was still in Senegal.

2) “Odyssey in two biospheres” Documentary Film by Michèle Decoust - in the presence of one “Biospherian”: Sierra - in English with French subtitles.

Saturday 2nd February 2019 at 5pm - dur. 45min
Town Hall - Cinema Paradiso

Biosphere 2 is an American Earth system science research facility located in Oracle, Arizona, and built between 1985 and 1990 by a team of visionary pioneers. It has been owned by the University of Arizona since 2011. Its mission has been to serve as a center for research, outreach, teaching, and lifelong learning about Earth, its living systems, and its place in the universe. This is a film about the lives of three of the original team of eight people who lived inside Biosphere 2 for two years recycling all their waste, air water… and learning to live together!

The story speaks to the shift in consciousness they experienced: “the health of our biosphere is synonymous to the health of our wellbeing”. Put in another way, we are all together, and it is our responsibility to care for our earth’s biosphere. It is ours to love. Sierra was the co-Captain of the 1991-1993 mission. She currently directs our agriculture and forestry programs in NW Bali and is the coordinator of the Biosphere Stewardship Education Programs.
This is the first feature film of the director whose film ALKI ALKI we screened earlier in December. This no-budget-production was realized within 10 days, fully improvised by the amateur actors. It’s the love story of Daniel and Sven, who lives with his demented mother Edeltraut (played by Ranisch’s 89-year-old grandmother). This screening is a personal revenge against the real GDR cinema: an unexpected success in Germany, and Ranisch became a prominent representative of the Berlin Mumblecore movement.

Interesting - Wednesday 30 January, 8:00 pm:

• FREE SOLO

USA, Dir. Jimmy Chin and Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi, Documentary, 100 mins, English, Rated: PG

A stunning, intimate portrait of the free soloist climber Alex Honnold, as he prepares and climbs the face of the world’s most famous rock,... the 3,000ft El Capitan in Yosemite National Park—without a rope. Celebrated as one of the greatest athletic feats of any kind, Honnold’s climb set the ultimate standard: perfection or death. The film is both an edge-of-your-seat thriller and an inspiring portrait of an athlete who exceeded our current understanding of human physical and mental potential. The result is a triumph of the human spirit. This screening has been made possible by the generous sharing by Kathryn Toll.

Selection - Thursday 31 January, 8:00 pm:

• 20TH CENTURY WOMEN

USA, 2016, Dir. Mike Mills w/ Annette Bening, Elle Fanning, Greta Gerwig, and others, Comedy-Drama, 119 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Love, loss, and the struggles of a mother bringing up a son in the late 70’s. The ignorance of a free spirit against the needs of a young man trying to find his true character and beliefs. Living in a bohemian household shared with 3 like-minded spirited people to help pay the rent, his mother tries to establish bonds that he cannot deal with. She cannot deal with his inability to talk and enlists the help of other families in his life to share the burden of his upbringing. Slowly life unravelrs for them all without understanding how.

International - Saturday 2 February, 8:00 pm:

• BLACKKKLANSMAN

USA, 2018, Spike Lee w/ John David Washington, Adam Driver, Laura Harrier and others, Biography-Crime-Drama, 135 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

From a visionary director comes this incredible true story of an undercover investigation of a lifetime. Together, they team up to take down the extremist hate group as the organization aims to sanitize its violent rhetoric to appeal to the mainstream. Produced to the team behind the Academy-Award winning “Get Out”.

Children’s Film - Sunday 3 February, 4:30pm

CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS: THE FIRST EPIC MOVIE

USA, 2017, Dir: David Soren, w/ Kevin Hart, Thomas Middleditch, Ed Helms and others, Animation, 89mins, English with English subtitles, Rated: PG

Two overly imaginative pranksters named George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking he’s a ridiculously enthusiastic, incredibly dimwitted superhero named Captain Underpants.

RAINER WERNER FASSBINDER Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 3 February, 8:00 pm:

• DIE BITTEREN TRÄNEN DER PETRA VON KANT (The Bitter Tears of Petra Von Kant)

Germany, 1972, Dir. Rainer Werner Fassbinder w/Margit Carstensen, Hanna Schygulla, Katrin Schacke and others, Drama-Romance, 142 mins, German w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

Petra Von Kant is a successful fashion designer -- arrogant, caustic, and self-satisfied. She mistreats Marlene, her secretary, maid, co-designer. Enter Karin, a 23yrs old beauty who wants to be a model. Petra falls in love with Karin and invites her to move in. The rest of the film deals with the emotions of this affair and its aftermath. Fassbinder tells his story in a series of 5 or 6 long scenes with extended camera shot and deep focus.

Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G: General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A.i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support. Pl make a donation to “Cinema Paradiso” (account #105106) at the Financial Service or set up for a monthly contribution. Thanking You, MMC/CP Group

AUROFILM at MULTI MEDIA CENTRE

FRIDAY 1st FEBRUARY - 8:00 PM

“BELLE AND SEBASTIEN” -

Director: Nicolas VANIER - France, 2013

With: Félix Bossuet, Tchéky Karyo, Margaux Châtelier...

Synopsis: In a remote corner of the French Alps, Sebastien, 6 years old, tamed a stray dog he calls Belle. The film tells the story of an unbreakable friendship between a kid, an extraordinary story of a resourceful and touching child in the midst of World War II. In spite of the presence of German soldiers settled in the village, smugglers help Jews to cross the Franco-Swiss border... Film adaptation of Cécile Aubry’s eponymous novel and following a famous French television series “Belle and Sebastian” from the 60s. General Audience. Original version in French with English Subtitles - Duration: 1h.44’

THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, February 1st, 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)**

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We regret not being able to attend to visitors

Visiting hours: On appointment only.

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