News & Notes

The Matrimandir wants to be the symbol of the Universal Mother according to Sri Aurobindo's teaching.
Above the stretch and blaze of cosmic Sight,
Above the silence of the wordless Thought,
Formless creator of immortal forms,
Nameless, investitured with the name divine,
Transcending Time's hours, transcending Timelessness,
The Mighty Mother sits in lucent calm
And holds the eternal Child upon her knees
Attending the day when he shall speak to Fate.
There is the image of our future's hope;
There is the sun for which all darkness waits,
There is the imperishable harmony;
The world's contradictions climb to her and are one:
There is the Truth of which the world's truths are shreds,
The Light of which the world's ignorance is the shade
Till Truth draws back the shade that it has cast,
The Love our hearts call down to heal all strife,
The Bliss for which the world's derelict sorrows yearn:
Thence comes the glory sometimes seen on earth,
The visits of Godhead to the human soul,
The Beauty and the dream on Nature's face.
There the perfection born from eternity
Calls to it the perfection born in Time,
The truth of God surprising human life,
The image of God overtaking finite shapes.
There in a world of everlasting Light,
In the realms of the immortal Supermind
Truth who hides here her head in mystery,
Her riddle deemed by reason impossible
In the stark structure of material form,
Unenigmaed lives, unmasked her face and there
Is Nature and the common law of things.
There in a body made of spirit stuff,
The hearth-stone of the everliving Fire,
Action translates the movements of the soul,
Thought steps infallible and absolute
And life is a continual worship's rite,
A sacrifice of rapture to the One.
A cosmic vision, a spiritual sense
Feels all the Infinite lodged in finite form
And seen through a quivering ecstasy of light
Discovers the bright face of the Bodiless,
In the truth of a moment, in the moment's soul
Can sip the honey-wine of Eternity.
A Spirit who is no one and innumerable,
The one mystic infinite Person of his world
Multiplies his myriad personality,
On all his bodies seals his divinity's stamp
And sits in each immortal and unique.
The Immobile stands behind each daily act,
A background of the movement and the scene,
Upholding creation on its might and calm
And change on the Immutable's deathless poise.

SAVITRI, Book X, Canto IV:
The Dream Twilight of the Earthly Real - SRI AUROBINDO

BONNE FÊTE!
The Matrimandir wants to be the Symbol of the Universal Mother
according to Sri Aurobindo’s teaching. Mother

Cover:
Auroville’s Matrimandir foundation stone ceremony - 21st February 1971,
coinciding with Mother’s birthday.
(Blanche Rachel Mirra Alfassa was born on 21 February 1878, Paris - France)
# Auroville 51st Anniversary

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 21st to 28th February 2018

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<td><strong>“Vibrations”</strong> - Photographic exhibition</td>
<td>9th - 24th Feb 8-12 and 2-6pm Pitanga</td>
<td>A myriad of photos captured in the Matrimandir gardens will be presented at this exhibition. Every flower, every leaf, every brim of grass, every drop of dew, every pebble sings the glory of creation.</td>
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<td>Mother’s Birthday at Matrimandir</td>
<td>21st Feb 6am</td>
<td>Meditation for the Mother’s birthday with text read by the Mother from Sri Aurobindo's book ‘The Mother’.</td>
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<td>Art for Land Exhibition &amp; Events</td>
<td>Until 15th March</td>
<td>Fundraising exhibition of artwork in all media donated by 90 artists from Auroville, India &amp; worldwide to raise funds for Auroville’s missing Master Plan land. Special event Tues. 19/2 at 5 PM with Uma of Upasana</td>
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<td>The Endangered Craft Mela</td>
<td>21st - 28th Feb</td>
<td>This is an educational programme to encourage and inspire youngsters in Auroville (not only) to put intelligence in their hands and explore the dignity of craftsmanship. Several skilled artisans from outside will share their knowledge.</td>
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<td>Divine Flowers Exhibition</td>
<td>21st - 28th Feb 9.30am - 5pm Savitri Bhavan</td>
<td>An exhibition of live flowers and flower paintings with the Mother's spiritual significances and comments. In the Square Hall. Open to the public.</td>
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<td>The New Creation Emerges</td>
<td>22nd - movie 23rd Feb - event 10am - 4pm Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas</td>
<td>This day-long event will be focused on new ways of being: what we wish to see in Auroville and the world.</td>
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<td>Auroville Community Celebration Day</td>
<td>24th Feb 6.30am - 7pm Auroville</td>
<td>Starting from the Matrimandir at 6.30 am, a day packed with activities celebrating our community, including a walk of togetherness through different zones and venues in Auroville.</td>
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<td>Confluence On Re-imagining Univers-city</td>
<td>26th - 27th Feb 8.30am - 6pm Unity Pavilion</td>
<td>Envision the future of Auroville as a new kind of Univers-city by developing long-term higher education programmes based on past 50 years of experience.</td>
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<td>Auroville’s Birthday Ceremony</td>
<td>28th Feb 5 - 7am Matrimandir Amphitheatre</td>
<td>Bonfire and meditation beginning at dawn, Welcoming Auroville’s 51st year! Bonfire and meditation begin at 4.30 am.</td>
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<td>Book release - Auroville 1968/2018</td>
<td>28th Feb 4 - 6pm SAIER Conference Hall</td>
<td>This coffee table book will give an overview of the first 50 years of Auroville history, from the inauguration in 1968 to the celebration of the 50th anniversary in 2018.</td>
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21st February 2019 – Goodwill Activation Point

“One must have heroism to be a precursor; for, generally, men have faith only in what is already accomplished, evident, visible, and recognised even by the most sceptical.” (CWTM, Vol. 13, p.142)

These words of the Mother carry immense relevance in context of her many messages, talks, and references after the descent of the Supramental consciousness on the 29th of February 1956 and the birth of the New World.

One may ask, “But where is the New World?”

Here, then, arises the question of what it is “to be precursor” and the need for “heroism”.

Those who understand the workings of consciousness know that things first get realised in the subtler plane before they can manifest outwardly. On 24th April 1956, Mother wrote in a message:

Lord, Thou hast willed and I execute:
A new light breaks upon the earth,
A new world is born.
The things that were promised are fulfilled.

In other words, in the Mother’s perception of things, a new world has become a reality on the higher or the subtler planes of consciousness. We, who draw inspiration from her light, must have courage born of the deeper faith of the soul in the Mother’s experience. This is often easier said than done in context of the material reality of our everyday life.

All those who work for Auroville are also “precursors” because Auroville, too, is a reality on the higher or the subtler planes of consciousness. In fact, the whole world is in the process of evolving towards the things Auroville stands for. We need to remain firm in this faith, this courage, this heroism, in face of all appearances to the contrary and all discouragements. That gives a relevance and meaning to our life and our work, including the efforts to secure and safeguard the physical base for the City of Dawn.

Aryadeep

Mandakini

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MOTHER’S ROOM DARSHAN

MOTHER’S ROOM DARSHAN ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2019

Reminder:
There are four ways to go to Sri Aurobindo’s Room or Mother’s Room without a token on Darshan days:

1. You may join the queue of devotees at 5-6 pm on the previous day, spend the night waiting on the street and enter the Ashram compound for Darshan from 3 am onwards.

2. You may go on the day itself, join the queue between 3 am and 6 am.

3. You may go in the morning of the Darshan day and get your token at the Ashram. In this case you will probably need to wait or come back later at the time indicated on the token.

4. You may join the queue on Darshan day before 5 pm as the queue is generally over between 5 to 6 pm.

Kumar, Mallika, Meha: Pitanga team.

PONDY SAIIER BUS ON DARSHAN DAY
FEBRUARY 21ST
For those using the Auroville bus to have darshan in Mother’s room on February 21th, Mother’s birthday, the bus will leave from Matrimandir at 3 pm and return from Pondy at 6 pm. Tokens are required.

The SAIIER bus is reserved for Aurovilians and newcomers going for darshan. Paulette

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

City Services - Contributions and Payments
Jan. 2019
A more detailed report is available on the Auronet.

SUMMARY

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**Zero Contribution-Commercial Units**

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| Nature & Spirit (AVA - Alkya)          | AVA - Gems House            |
| Akriti Construction                    | Graphic Design Studio       |
| AVA Alpha Consulting                   | Revelation                  |
| ASSA Alter Eco                         | AVA House of Harmony        |
| Andakosha                              | AVA - Inscapes              |
| Aqua Engineers                         | Ivanas Drawings             |
| ASSA AURO CONSTRUCTION                 | ASSA Jade Beauty            |
| ASSA Auro E Book                       | Kol Mandala                 |
| Aurokriya                              | Linea                       |
| AVA - Aurohandicrafts                  | Little Z                    |
| Aurodam Harmony Center                 | Maha Transport Service      |
| Aurore Kinisi                          | ASSA Maiko                  |
| AVA - Aurosysticma                     | Mira Boutique               |
| AVA Aurotech                           | Naham Consultancy II        |
| AVA AVA Accounting Service             | AVA - Oasis                 |
| Auvzines                               | AVA - Oasis Mother of Pearl |
| AV Associated Architects               | AVA - PACE SALUTE           |
| AVA AV Songs for Children              | Payanam                     |
| AV Transport Service                   | Perceptive Ourea            |
| Avison                                 | Poonam Architecture         |
| AVA - Bendí                            | Quantum Mech Training       |
| Bhrama Building                        | ASSA Raman Constructions   |
| AVA - Bindu’s Educational Services     | REVE WORKSHOP               |
| AVA - Candala                          | Roland Workshop             |
| ASSA - Castelino & Marchese            | AVA - Sabaki                |
| AVA - Chamatkar                        | Sanskrit Songs              |
| AVA City Transport                     | Shama Dalvi Architects (close) |
| ASSA Creal Om                          | Skinny Wolf                 |
| ASSA - AV Delicious Italian Food       | Sopanam                     |
| Digital Insight                        | ASSA SS Mobiles             |
| ASSA Dream Studio                      | ASSA Starcode               |
| AVA - Earthen                          | Tamarin Bakes               |
| ASSA Earth Weavers                     | ASSA Touchstone Artwork     |
| ENVIRONMENTAL MONIT.                   | Vijayarsi Consultancy       |
| AFA ESSENCE OF NATURE                  | AVA - Wisdom Splendour      |
| AVA Eternal Builders                   | ASSA Yep                    |
| Farm Fresh                             | Zurmuehl Consulting         |

**Zero Contribution-Guesthouse**

| Horizon GH                             | Samutirga GH |
| EUU - Kofpu GH                         | EUU - Saroja  |
| EUU - Nilatangam GH                    | Semanti GH    |
| EUU - Pitchandikulam GH                | Utility GH    |
| Promesse GH                            | Terra Soul Collection |
| EUU Rohini GH                          |               |
``FOREST GROUP MEETING - MARTUVAM
01st FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT: Rita, Kumar, Balu, Vengadesh, Alyona, Jan, Agnes, Philippe, Saranraj, T.G. Jyoti, Neetha, V.Boobalan, Nathalie, Ambre, Lauren, Rajnarayan, , Jessamijin, Fabian (notes), Natasha (chair), Babu, P.Emalnai, Quentin, Pujasree, Manolo, David, Christopher, Enea, Yuval

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

1. Centerfield
   Rita introduces Philippe (presently working with the Geomatics Studio at CSR) and informs the group that she is happy to welcome Philippe in Centerfield to live and work with her on the place. He will build a simple structure next to an existing store. It was suggested that Philippe will be caretaker of the asset while Rita remains/becomes steward of assets created here. The topic brought a wider discussion on caretaker/stewardship in Forest Communities and while it was mentioned that assets in those possibly could/should be under the responsibility of the steward. However, it was also acknowledged that each Forest Community has its own workable understanding and that while overarching guidelines are helpful, they alone are not adequately reflecting the diversity of situations and as such not universally applicable. It was suggested that Rita and Philippe draft a sample agreement for their particular situation which in future could be used as a template for similar cases.

2. Siddhartha Forest
   Boobalan introduces Neetha, Jyoti and Saranraj as potentially new residents within the community. Neetha and Jyoti are already working as volunteers in Siddhartha Forest and staying in a house previously used as volunteer accommodation. Saranraj - part time working at the Vehicle Service - will also join in the work of the community and stay in an existing structure against a monthly contribution. However, it was acknowledged that each Forest Community has its own workable understanding and that while overarching guidelines are helpful, they alone are not sufficiently reflecting the diversity of situations as such not universally applicable.

3. Udumbu
   Jessamijin introduced Lauren (working with Ecosfemine) and her husband Rajnarayan. Both are Newcomers and announced that they are planning to join Udumbu to live in a temporary, low tech structure. The Forest Group has at this very early in principle no objection and is waiting for more details to follow up.

4. Dhanajayan:
   Dhanajayan requests funds to hire a watchman for the land (6 acres) he stewards along the canyon between New Creation and Samridhi.

5. The next meeting will be on Friday, 1st March 2019 in Baraka, 3pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER for new Entry Board Selection
Dear members of the Residents’ Assembly,
Just to remind you that the time has come to select a new Entry Board. For the process to be rich, diverse and constructive, it needs collective involvement and participation.
If you didn’t step in for participation already or invite others to do so, you can have another look at the first announcement where you will find more details - see this link.
If you have any question(s), you can come and visit the Residents’ Assembly Service at La Terrace on Tuesdays (10 am to noon) and on Fridays (4.30 pm to 6 pm), or send us a mail directly at raservice@auroville.org.in.
Just be aware that the deadline for submitting your participation and sending your profile is Sunday the 24th of February.
With love and hope,
The Residents’ Assembly Service and the Study Group.

Registration of ALL Guests Within 24 Hours- Don’t Reply, But Please Comply!
The FRRO recently sent a mass mail around, stressing the legal requirement that all foreign guests in Auroville are registered within 24 hours of their arrival. Please note this includes family and friends staying in private homes. If you received this mail, there is no need to reply to the FRRO. But please DO comply with this important regulation. At the demand of the Auroville Foundation, ALL Indian guests also need to be registered, so our request is for ALL GUESTS STAYING IN AUROVILLE. The Guest Registration Service operates during working hours at Visitors Centre, Town Hall, and Aspiration, and the Visitors Centre office operates also on SUNDAYS.
-Guest Facilities Coordination Group

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 786
Dated: 18-02-2019

* We will be closed for public from Feb 21 to Feb 28, 2019

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilian, Newcomer 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:
Ashavari MAJUMDAR (Indian) Staying in Edayanachavadi and Working at Bharat Nivas
Claudia Maria Verena HARGESHEIMER (German) Staying in Vikas and Working at Residents Service & Quiet
Maud UDIN (French) Staying in Grace and Working at Auroville Design Consultants

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:
Vajaranasa Rangsar (Indian) Born on 14/05/2014 (child of Ashavari MAJUMDAR)
Hameer Padmasar (Indian) Born on 04/01/2017 (child of Ashavari MAJUMDAR)

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Yong Hwi KIM (Korean)

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
Vidjea EPINAL (Indian)

FRIEND OF AUROVILLE ANNOUNCED:
Daniel GREENBERG (USA) Daniel has been engaged with Auroville for over 25 years and has supported over 500 college students to live and learn in Auroville through Living Routes. Daniel also serves as President of the Global Ecostyle Network.

FRIEND OF AUROVILLE CONFIRMED:
Edwin ZAPPE (Austrian)

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 Auroville Resident.

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30AM-12:30PM
* 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

Yours, The Entry Service

From the Housing Service
Houses available for transfer
1. Terra Amata - Simona’s Apartment: Carpet Area 37 Sq.m. Rcc Framed structure with 1 bed room, attached toilet bathroom, Kitchen, Living room and Terrace. Suitable for Single or Couple.
For more information e-mail to housing-transfer@auroville.

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.


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"News&Notes 18 February 2019 [786]"
Places in Youth Housing (Kriya and Humnscapes) are suitable for singles, couples and families. (No guarantees for immediate placement) For more information e-mail to housing@auroville.org.in

Houses available in housing projects:
1. From Sunship: Immediately available
   One office of 20 M2 (First Floor) is available for transfer (Contact louis@auroville.org.in for visit and more information)
2. Kalpana Housing Project: The Kalpana project is completed. The residents have moved in since 15th December 2018. 4 units are available
   Fully equipped apartments with cupboards, equipped kitchen, bath room, fridge, hob, light, fan, solar back up system. Covered terrace for each apartment. For information and site visit contact: satyakam@auroville.org.in

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

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### Why we fundraise for land for Auroville - Part 4

Today, 10% of City Area land & over 50% of Greenbelt land are still missing from the Master Plan area.

Auroville’s red laterite soil, impoverished in organic matter, is not a fertile soil - usable for fruit orchards and cashews, but not for other agriculture. Only in Annapurna farm and the western Greenbelt the soil quality is more suitable to growing vegetables, rice and field crops.

Auroville started in the 70’s with organic agriculture - today we would call it “regenerative agriculture”: an approach to food and farming systems which aims to regenerate topsoil, increase biodiversity, improve water cycles, enhance ecosystem services, support biosequestration, increase resilience to climate fluctuation, and strengthen the health and vitality of farm soil. Auroville’s farming is a prime example of all these elements of “regenerative agriculture”.

In Auroville, all 4 types of organic farming are practiced: natural farming (Pebble Garden, Solitude farm); permaculture; biodynamic agriculture; and compost-based agriculture. Recently, Deepika from Pebble Garden received a national award for her work in preserving and propagating traditional vegetable seeds.

Auroville’s farmers are committed to working for Auroville’s goal of self-sufficiency in food. However, Auroville’s financial support available for investing in land - and the associated needed infrastructure, food processing capacity, training and research etc. - is very limited.

**Why is fundraising for land for Auroville’s organic farming a very urgent priority for Auroville and the bioregion?**

The depletion of ground water resources, rapid urbanisation and growing population are a major challenge for India’s future food security. Growing vegetables and grains with very little water, on depleted soil, with increased costs for labour and land is the huge challenge. Auroville’s research and experience in this scenario is highly relevant.

Auroville’s regenerative work, research and outreach in regenerating poor soils in order to grow food, and its experience in practising agriculture with greatly reduced water use is a key element for the future for food production for India!

Auroville’s experience in growing food on red laterite soil, which is very common in the tropics, is relevant worldwide:

- **Auroville’s seed savers** for the past 20 years have created a seed bank for the preservation of traditional seeds for grains and vegetables in southern India.
- **A Seed Festival** organised by SLI in 2018 brought together over 1000 farmers and visitors.
- **Krishna McKenzie’s (Solitude farm) initiative promoting “eat local foods”** - the food available at your doorstep and used in traditional South Indian food, has gone viral in the media past months: A TEDX talk and several videos clips in TV and newspapers reached more than 50,000 people in Tamil Nadu and India.
- **The Scorres project** - a smart irrigation project for organic farming - started with a successful pilot project in Auroville's Buddha Garden: with only 20 % of the water usually used, an increased yield has been achieved. This research project in cooperation with a university in the UK is now expanding to 20 pilot studies in farms in Auroville, the bioregion, Tamil Nadu and throughout India.

We urgently need to secure valuable farmland for Auroville as the “basemap for regenerative agriculture”. There is an urgent need for investment in water conservation measures to secure the groundwater for consumption and agriculture in the bioregion. Enjoy your Auroville-grown organic food - it came to you through an intense labour of love!

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.

Accres for Auroville, GreenAccres and Funding Auroville team have their office with the Land Board at Town Hall, 1st floor, mornings, 0413 2622657. Please come and see us, and bring your ideas!

- LFAU https://land.auroville.org for the global Auroville Integral Yoga family
- Funding Auroville http://funding.auroville.org/ for land & collective development, to approach foundations, CSR funding, & organisation.

From Sigrid, with Aryadeep & Mandakini’s support

### From the Auroville Choir

**The Auroville Choir Performs compositions under the theme “Northern Lights”**

On Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of March, at 8.00 pm at CRIPA, Kalabhami

**Entrance with tickets only**

For reserving your seat on either date, please get tickets:
- from Divya at PTDC/Solar Kitchen at lunch time
- on Eventbrite.com, event name: “Auroville Choir - Northern Lights”
- link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/auroville-choir-northern-lights-tickets-5615948542

(please keep in mind that the number of seats is limited, therefore we kindly request you to not make more reservations than you need.)

The 10 pieces, composed by Karl Jenkins, Eric Whitacre, Morten Lauridsen, James MacMillan and Ola Gjeilo, will be sung a cappella or with instrumental accompaniment: piano, saxophone and viola.

For more information on the compositions, check out the upcoming publication on Auronet.

### Interviews/talks available from the Auroville Archives

In 2009 the Auroville Archives invited Aurovilians to be interviewed or talk about “Why did you come to Auroville?” This project, called “Face cum Voice”, was conducted over a period of 2 years and over 200 Aurovilians participated. These talks have been edited by the new Digital Archives team, and are being made available in the Auroville Archives for viewing. We will be publishing each of them, one per week, starting in mid-February. As this is the 10th anniversary of the initiation of this project, and this is the 50th year of Auroville’s existence, it is an opportune moment to review what was on some of our hearts and minds at that time. To continue this historical research, over the next several months we are planning to invite those Aurovilians to reflect on the last 10 years of their life in Auroville, “How have the last 10 years impacted you?” and “What’s changed in your life in Auroville?” If you participated in this project and want to review your talk, please feel free to make an appointment with us. Please write to avda@auroville.org.in.

Your Archives Team (Doris, Francis, Meera Elumalai, Gilles G, D. Thambidurai and Amy).
OBITUARY

Devayani proceeds
This is to inform the community of the demise of Aurovilian Devayani (Augusta) Martizi, Italian, who left her body in Italy in the early morning of Monday, 11 February, at the age of 72. She had been somewhat unwell the last half year and left Auroville in December to have a check-up in Italy, where things must have accelerated.

Devayani came to Auroville from Findhorn in 2010 and became Aurovilian resident in August 2011. These last years she lived in Swayam, and while being involved in quite a few activities, her main work was for years in PTDC’s kitchen as well as at Matrimandir.

Friends describe her as a joyful woman, a person full of light, who was extremely happy and grateful to know Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, whom she called her true parents. She often spent time at the Ashram.

Devayani left her body in the presence of her daughter and two sons, in the certainty that she was going to her true home.

With warmest condolences to her family and friends, we thank her for having shared with us her joyful enthusiasm and presence.

Jay MA~

GREEN MATTERS

Sunday Walk Farms & Forests
Sunday 24 February at 9.30 am Walk in Darkali with Agnes.

Description: Darkali took off in 1987. The land was barren and badly eroded with a canyon running through it. Over the years thanks to a lot of hard forestry work it has become a much greener place. There is a small ‘dry garden’ with the aim to show, educate and encourage people to make gardens without wasting precious ground water. The western half of the park is a fitness track, open to the public.

Darkali is situated on the future location of Saraswathi Park.

Directions: From Matrimandir: 5 minutes cycling. After the Matrimandir office, turn left at the next crossing, past the Town Hall on your right, turn first left on the paved road to Kottakarai. Across from the Vérité turn, on the left you see a green gate which is locked. Take the second Green Gate to Darkali. Once inside follow the road straight till the road turns right.

(contact: 94432 92729)

Water Words
What does the Water Group do? Where can I find a map of all of the wells in Auroville? Why are they called the Elephant Towers? What is the nearest freshwater to swim in, closest to Auroville? The wells in Auroville? Why are they called the Elephant Towers?

You have questions about water in Auroville, and we will try our best to answer them. For the whole month of February, the Water Group is “question-raising,” a lot like “fund-raising,” but with no money involved. All we want are your questions and curiosities about water in Auroville. Email them to: watergroup@auroville.org.in, post them on Auronet, or fold them into a paper plane and fly them over to CSR.

Water Group (Aditi, Giulio, Ing-Marie, Tency, Tom)
Website: www.aurovillewater.in
Facebook: www.facebook.com/aurovillewatergroup

Talkin’ Trash

THE TRASHION SHOW TRIUMPH
Upcycled from the garbage can to the catwalk, sensational fashions stunned two audiences overflowing Kalabhumil last week.

Auroville’s annual Trashion Show hit a new high in creating laughter, learning, and awareness for the “won’t-go-away” crisis facing humanity: WASTE/TRASH/GARBAGE.

Our unbearable problem became wearable for some spectacular moments thanks to 50 models, and a host of world-class fashion designers. This huge Community effort emphasized BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. Jesse articulated flawlessly with mock and shock each ensemble while the crowds cheered. All our efforts for waste management: our Eco-Service, our programs and outreach were highlighted to increase awareness and advance our move to end landfill. Are we “the city the earth needs!” We are on the way to the “impossible dream” of zero waste. The choice to “refuse, repair, reduce, recycle, and Upcycle” came through loud and clear. If you were unable to attend the show, you can still be the show . . .

Roots 2: The humble gourd
On the shelves of our stores, the gourd, I believe, is easily overlooked. Most non-native people, like myself, tend to choose other vegetables from the same family such as the pumpkin or zucchini over the humble gourd. But did you know that the gourd connects us with us the ancestral roots of humanity, being one of the earliest domesticated varieties of plants. The bottle gourd, which grows easily in Auroville, has been cultivated as early as 13,000 BC. Gourds are also dried and used as body scrubs (loofah) or transformed into various musical instruments all over the world.

Currently in Auroville, we grow during the main growing season of Dec-Apr, we produce four varieties of gourd. Out of these, the bitter gourd is probably easily recognized, though production and consumption of this vegetable, at 207 kgs last year, is still low. The ridge gourd can be eaten when it is young and tender, but at a mature stage, the fibrous inside of the gourd can be dried to be made into a loofah. Last year, there was one farm, Kottakarai farm that supplied 300 kg of bottle gourd. The bottle gourd has earned a place in the musical heritage of India as its shell was widely used as a resonator in many varieties of string instruments. And to me, at least, its flesh is similar in its texture to chow-chow. Last year, as a community, we consumed 4101 kg of this vegetable mostly at Solar Kitchen. And finally, we introduce to you the snake gourd (pudulangai in Tamil), which we chose to focus on, as it is very popular in the local cuisine. Auroville farms produced and distributed through Foodlink, 560 kgs of snake gourd. And Buvana, who is already famed as a chef for her local knowledge of edible plants that she turns into delicious, nutritious, and to me, exotic dishes, will share her age-old favorite snake gourd recipes with a small group. We will, however, try to share these recipes with all soon. The cooking demonstration with Buvana was scheduled for February 16. We may follow up with her for cooking classes on the other gourd varieties in the coming months. We will keep you posted. Watch out for these vegetables in the coming months at PTDC!

Anandi, Bindu & Sheetal
Contact details: anandizhang@auroville.org.in or whatsapp: +91 8940285201
MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE

MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE: Essentials

- **City Shuttle**
  Quick “Pick up and Drop” Shuttle Service within the city area or nearby, free of charge, operating with 2 EV vehicles (quiet electric 7 seater vans) and 1 petrol 4 seater for special needs.

- **Cycles 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!

- **City Kiosk at Solar Kitchen area**
  Where: Opposite PTCID/Foodlink/Solar Kitchen in Prosperity Area.

- **Cycles and children car seats rentals**
  Where: Vehicle Service, Town Hall.

- **Electric bicycles for rent at Kinisi**
  Where: at CSR compound (see MAP).

- **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.

- **Integrated Transport Services (ITS)**
  Electric vehicle rental, shared taxi services, local pick up & drop services, delivery services and vehicle repairs.

- **Auroville Accessible Bus Schedule**
  The current Accessible Auroville Public BUS schedule (for Pondy and Srima beach trips) is always available at www.auroville.org/contents/3988.

- **Visitors’ Center - Bicycle Rental**
  Daily/Weekly/Monthly rates.

- **Auroville Accessible Bus Schedule**
  Where: Available from the Kiosk, Near Dosai Corner/Dreamer’s.

- **Part time Secretary**
  Looking for a Receptionist/Office Presence. Interested in helping Auroville Services in their work for the Service Economy?

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- **Auroville Dental Centre (Protection)**
  Part time Secretary: Auroville Dental Centre (Protection) is looking for a part time secretary to carry out the daily administrative tasks. Should be familiar with MS office and also programmes of photos and video editing. Should have a good command of English. Should be willing to work in team. Maintenance provided. If you are the person and willing to join the team, please contact the Reception (0413) 2622 265 or 2622 007 and fix an appointment. Thanking you, Administration team. aurodentcentrey@aurouville.org.in.

- **Receptionist/Office Presence**
  Looking for a Receptionist/Office Presence. Interested in helping Auroville Services in their work for the Service Economy? We're looking for a bright and active person to begin part-time, good English computer and communication skills needed, only Aurovilians please. For more information contact ABS at svaramsoundhealing@gmail.com.

- **Auroville Marathon Organizing Team**
  To All Who love Sports and specifically basketball.

- **Dirtball 2019**
  To All Who love Sports and specifically basketball.

- **How**
  It is the reflection of all individuals supported this event and it is the reflection of all their support, blessings and wishes that makes this event a truly memorable one. A big Thank you to all.

- **Thank you note from the Marathon team**
  On February 10, 2019, Auroville hosted its 12th edition of the increasingly popular Auroville Marathon with 3500 runners this year. What started as a one-off event to celebrate the 40th year of the advent of Auroville has become a regular fixture in the calendar of Auroville as well as long distance running events. An event of this magnitude cannot happen with the efforts of just handful of people. It is the combined effort of the whole community, directly as well as indirectly, that has contributed to the success of the event. Many Communities / Units / individuals supported this event and it is the reflection of all their support, blessings and wishes that makes this event a truly memorable one. A big Thank you to all.

- **Thank you from Thamarai**
  We have had many beautiful moments over the past few months at Thamarai, we thank all who have contributed their talents and support to the project and in particular, lately, we want to thank:

  1. The Visitors Centre cafe with Kyoung Hyoun and the Conscious Food team who hosted a beautiful fundraising lunch. Gratitude to the many Aurovilians and guests who came to the lunch and contributed to the project.

  2. A magical moment was the visit of Livia and Bill with the Vanaver Caravan to our after school and playgroup. Their beautiful music and song performance created great excitement and touched all our hearts.

With deep gratitude for the grace and blessings that emerge through Auroville. The Thamarai Team thamarai@aurouville.org.in, The Thamarai Journey film, https://earlydays.thamarai.film, Thamarai on Facebook.

- **CONGRATS TO THE NEWS CO-EDITORS**
  This week I want to express my admiration for the news co-editors. They have to face many challenges, like critics from nasty fellows like me who have been banned, censored during many placid years. Their challenges are innumerable, it is well known that few people are really happy, most of us go on walking grumbling for this or that. It is a difficult task to please everyone, but in spite of all they go on plodding, even forgetting to blink in front of their phosphorescent screens, by that sacrificing the little eyesight they still possess.

In spite of all my legitimate claims to be heard on paper, I keep for them an inefable tenderness and compassion. They are heroes, determined against all odds, to keep the community weekly informed. My love for them has no bounds, Soham.
This open tournament is targeted for all those Girls /boys/ women/ and only men who are NOT registered in any official clubs. We repeat, Men who are registered in any official club will NOT be eligible to play as they will be participating in the official tournament on the 26th.

This Year’s Theme: “Unity and Ultimate Good Times!” So for all those interested please send a text/WhatsApp message to Velu 948981587 or Virya 9585838938 with you name age and community/school. (Example: Quala 14 Transformation/Last school)

For Fixtures and Teams, please check out the Certitude basketball court post on the 20th February

See You All soon on the Dirt!! Certitude Basketball League 2019

VIRTUAL AIKIDO INTENSIVE PRACTICE 2019!

The Auroville Aikido group calls its regular, previous and new students to its Aikido Intensive:

from Feb. 25th to March 7th at the AV Budokan at Dehashakti.

Our 7th Dan teacher, along with 3-4 other high ranking “aikidoka” will be with us for about 11 days between Feb. 25th and March 7th, at the Auroville Budokan, Dehashakti. Complementary practices of Ki Gong, Shiatsu and Tibetan Yoga will enrich the intensive.

Schedule: Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th morning 6 - 7.30 am; Wednesday 27th evening 4.30 - 6.00 pm then 7.30 - 8.30 pm; Thursday 28th 9.30 - 11.30 am; Friday March 1st 6 - 7.30 am; Saturday 2nd & Sun. 3rd 7.30 - 9.30 am; Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th 6 - 7.30 am; Wednesday 6th evening 4.30 - 6.00 pm then 7.30 - 8.30 pm (Finala!) possibly Thursday 7th 6 - 7.30 am.

- Children already in our regular Aikido classes are most welcome to attend as much as they can. After the holidays, they will have 2 special classes with our teacher: Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th, from 4 to 5 pm and 5 to 6 pm as usual.

- Please come at least 15 minutes before the timing; wear long loose pants & T-shirt with sleeves or your martial arts white outfits/keikogi if you have.

More info with Surya: budokan@auroville.org.in or phone: 0413-2623813 or 9655485487 (then you may register - no beginners’ drop in during the workshop!)

Cristo, Surya and Murugan for the Auroville Aikido group, Auroville Budokan (Reg. ALA/LEAD activity)

EATING OUT

ROMA’S KITCHEN FULLY BOOKED ON 19/02

ROMA’S KITCHEN IS FULLY BOOKED FOR DINNER ON TUESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY. WE REGRET THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED IF ANY. ROMA

WELL STUDIO CAFÉ CLOSED 22-25 FEB.

Dear all, Well Studio Café will be closed from 22-25 February as our ladies going on a tour. We will go to: Rameshwaram, Thiruchendur, Kanya Kumari, Kutchalam falls, Madurai and then return to Auroville! Well Studio Café will welcome you again from Tuesday 26 February. Love, Well Studio Café team.

AUROVILLE RADIO / TV

New year, new ambitions! AurovilleRadioTV is evolving and changing its technical background and editorial strategy. AurovilleRadioTV is your media: come and tell us what you would like to watch and to listen to!

Do you have a subject you would like to investigate or an idea for a regular new radio show? Are you a professional video maker who would love to join our video team? Are you organizing a cultural event in Auroville that you would like to be covered by us?

Come and collaborate with AurovilleRadioTV: message us on our website: aurovilleradio.org, on Facebook: facebook.com/auroville-radio, by email: radio@auroville.org.in or simply pop by at the studio at the Town Hall ground floor!

Please have a look at our last publications:

As part of your regular practices, you can listen to your Yoga Nidra Session performed by Nadia, the Feldenkrais Method radio program by Nur and/or Marlenka offering her reading of The Synthesis of Yoga. If you want to understand why it us urgent to secure Auroville’s land, listen to Bertrand’s interview recorded by Claire and watch the 4th Art of Land presentation video, published by Woobly. For Auroville’s news reporting, check the Trashion show video (with special interview of Jesse and Ribhu) made by Andro and Woobly and the Marathon’s audio reporting recorded by Andrea. As part of Auroville’s cultural events, please check the VAST dance theater performance video made by Woobly and listen to the White Night painting exhibition opening night recorded by Claire.

This is just the beginning, come along and be part to the adventure! All the best from AurovilleRadioTV team.

NOTES

Racing Ground

When one is exposed daily to racing and noisy motor bikes on Auroville roads, one wonders if those people ever heard the Mother saying, 15 km/h should be the maximum speed on AV roads? Martin Sobiero!

LOE-CHU Research:

My own acknowledgements for the 1988 ‘Auroville in Mother’s words’

My smiling thanks to B and to Gilles G., who have both graciously given the main credit to me for the first ‘Auroville in Mother’s Words’: B, through a ‘Letter to the Editor’ in the January 2019 issue of ‘Auroville Today’, and Gilles G, through an Erratum on Auronet as well as in his introduction to the two volume compilation he has just published, keeping the same title as I had given to mine.

Although that first ‘Auroville in Mother’s Words’, done under that Centre for Human Unity (CHU) which in 1985 became the twin-Unit of the LOE, was fully ready to print already in 1988, only the half of it that was from Mother’s Agenda could get published finally (by B), in 1990, and under a different title. The original whole effort for Human Unity in Auroville around Mother’s words didn’t go through then. I am glad for Gilles - and for all of us - that now Mother’s words are accepted whatever their origin, and that his compilation, even more complete, did get fully printed. This success, together with his well-meaning use of my title, give me at last the opportunity to publish at least here my own Acknowledgements Page, prepared since many long years for those other Aurovilians who helped me then, each one in his or her indispensable way.
To the following Aurovilians, in the chronological order of their contribution to this ever-growing work:
- Navodite: as far as I know the first Aurovillian (living then in Aspiration) to have kept Mother’s Messages for Auroville - in connection with this ‘Gazette Aurovillienne’ founded by Mother herself, where such precious old documents as the complete ‘Aspiration Talks’ could still be traced by me years later when I was eagerly looking for them.
- Barbara, from Matrimandir, who prepared the first actual brochure, the very well known ‘Mother on Auroville’ (published in 1977 during the time of Shyamsundar, in English, Tamil, French and Hindi), still very much in use today, and rightly so. When around 1986 I went to see Barbara to update that great work of hers with the additional material I had found in ‘Mother’s Agenda’ and other sources published later than what was already ready in her brochure, she was very happy, but too busy with her Matrimandir work to help directly, other than by very generously giving me the entire box of cards referencing each quote, typed and organized in her neat and efficient manner for that prior brochure.
- B, who helped me with the temporary translation into English of the relevant passages I had found in ‘L’Agenda de Mère’ and that Satprem had kindly authorized me to translate, as the official translation wasn’t yet ready for all the various volumes concerned.

On top of it, B took up the raising of the necessary money for printing the entire 500-page book that the compilation turned out to come to. He was successful in raising the whole amount, a remarkable feat! (But after the two years delay, it wasn’t enough anymore for the whole thing…)

- Barb: she didn’t yet start Savitri Bhavan, but likely to informally help at the LOE-CHU at the time; from Barbara’s great cards and the additional information I myself gave her for the other new material, she established the indispensable Reference Pages at the end of the book… And she added to that the INDEX pages, by topic, quite necessary to find easily any quote: I had chosen that all the quotes be presented simply in chronological order, so that the whole thing would read as the wonderful Story of naturally unfolding, of the Mother’s caring guidance for her new Child, Auroville…
- Brigitte, from Arya, who accepted to type the voluminous document, in the final double sized format that would give a sharper normal size result… Always smiling, what a cheerful job!

To you all, whether still in your physical body or not, my warmest thanks and smiles! Bhagav, for the CHU

About Leadership

Now, in Auroville, it is selection time, our main working groups have to find new worthy members…

Regarding this, I came across a very interesting article in ‘The Hindu’ about the qualities that must show a true, truthful leader. The author, Rajeev Bhargava, a professor at the Center for the Study of Developing Societies (Delhi) tells us with great pertinence that a true leader first must be inclusive, nobody should be discarded or ignored. Second, this leader must “keep his ear on the ground”. To judge of the validity of his decisions also he must be open to criticism, he must calmly listen to them not evade them and “sift the wheat from the chaff.” A great quality he must have is flexibility. Third, a leader must understand the hearts and aspirations of people and answer to them with utmost sincerity. Finally, a good leader must be able to read the mind and heart of the people and accordingly choose the right people to help him to achieve his tasks. He must be without resentment and select the people around him who have the best capacities and abilities, forgetting the eventual hurts of the past.

In the context of Auroville, the true leader must see in everyone Narayanay and Narayanay, he must be guided within to fulfill the best good for everyone. He must be like a gardener who raises flowers with love as an offering to the Divine.

Aum Namoh Namah! Soham

PS: In Auroville, the city the world needs, a true leader must always have an open heart and be able to be mentally silent at will in order to know the Divine Will, the Truth, with its infinite aspects and facets. Also, he must embody naturally, with ease, the twelve colourful qualities of Mother’s symbol and according to me a 13th: one: a great sense of humour of which, no doubt, Mother and Sri Aurobindo were not lacking.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Needed 1: Dear community, I am looking for a house sitting starting end of Feb for one or two people. I am a Newcomer and my friend is Aurovillian. If I can find something for a month alone that would be fine. Cats and Dogs are fine if they are well behaved :) Plz send text or call 9344169331. Thanks Myriam.

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. alot@auroville.org.in, NOW ONLINE! aurolot.myturn.com/library/inventory/browse.

An Aluminum Four Step Ladder: just new. Please contact Guido at 9443790180.

Cycle: I would like to sale my bicycle Bergamont vitox 3 purchased 2 years ago from Aurovelo. In very good condition. Contact: Clemens in Hope: cell: 9786666081, e mail: candel@auroville.org.in.

LOOKING FOR...

Guitar: This is Rattan Bhatia from Delhi, SAVI volunteer. I am learning music in Auroville, if anybody has 1 classical guitar (nylon string) for me to practice for upcoming 4 months then please let me know. It’s going to be very helpful for me to continue my music journey. Contact no 9718292655.

Cupboard: Dear Friends the Savi team is in need of some storage place… Before buying anything we wish to ask to the community at large if anybody would be able to donate metal…but any other material would do too… (both small size or big would be good)… preferably not in too bad condition :D Email us on study@auroville.org.in or call us on 944 36 17 308 Warmly, Savi Team.

Furniture and Appliances: My friend Ruba will finally be shifting into her new flat in Creativity, along with her 3 sons. She’s looking for support to furnish the place, as she’s moving in almost empty-handed. She’ll be needing beds, tables, chairs, fridge, and anything else you can think of! Ruba’s journey has been quite an incredible one, having grown up Kottakkarai village, then coming to work with me in Joy Guest House in 2008, and finally coming into her own and choosing an independent path, and then joining Auroville! Thank you for your support! Love Laura, Centre Field: 9442788016, laura.joyful@gmail.com.

Part time job: Hi, this is Subai! I’m looking for a part time work in the evenings! Please call me if any work can be provided 7094284028 or mail to avsubathra@gmail.com. Thank you.

Any afternoon/evening Work: My Name is Parthipan, I am working in New Pour Tots (PTDC), I am looking for a job after 3pm. I have also computer knowledge, can do Administration work and know Tally. I have a BBA in Business Administration and MBA in Finance. I am open to any kind of work even if it is not related to my qualifications. Contact me: 9089740882, parthippanbaile.34@gmail.com.

TAXI SHARING

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

19 February: leaving Chennai airport around 20.30 to go to Auroville. Taxi sharing possible both ways. Giovanni. giovanniparrillo@hotmail.com or WhatsApp: +393928818130.

20 February: Hello, I am Nadia, staying with Claude Jouen, New Creation. I would like to share a taxi to Chennai airport on Wednesday February 20th, leaving New Creation at 7:30 pm. Contact me by e-mail: nadia.loury@orange.fr or WhatsApp +33 607634492.

22 February: Want to share a taxi? Leaving to Chennai airport Friday, February 22nd at 7.30 pm. Call Julia 78678 01750.

27 February: taxi sharing from Auroville on 27th February around 6.4M, arriving around 8.40 in Chennai airport (both ways possible) Elisabetta elisegala@gmail.com / phone 7339593115.
TRAVEL

Latest News from Inside India - Travel info
We are open from 9am to 1pm and from 1:30pm to 5pm.
**NEW LOCATION in Kalpana Office 2**
Latest offers from International Airlines: Qatar Airways has special offers to Europe. Emirates has special offers to destinations in Europe. Etihad Airways has special offers to Europe & USA. Oman Airways has special offers to Europe.
Please check with us in advance regarding flight schedules & baggage policies of airlines.
- International Flight Tickets/International Hotel booking: 0413-2622078, travelshop@auroville.org.in,
- Domestic Flight Tickets/Trains/Bus/Travel Insurance: 0413-2623030, domestic@inside-india.com,
- Tours and Domestic Hotel booking: 0413-2622047, insideindia@auroville.org.in.

AT THE MATRIMANDIR

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

INVIATIONS

Join us at The Conscious Fashion Hub Conference 2019 on ‘Clothing and Consciousness’.
20th - 24th February 2019

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Write to outreach@upasana.in to register!

The Conscious Fashion Hub
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Auroville Community Celebration Day-Event
Let us all celebrate the culmination of Auroville 50th birthday together on Sunday, the 24th of February.
Following are the walk and engagements organized till now.
Please join us:
- 7 am: Meditation under the Banyan tree at Matrimandir.
- 7.30 am ‘Together walk’ from Matrimandir office gate.
- 8.30 am Breakfast at Tibetan Pavilion
- 9.15 am to 11.45 am Engagements with the International Zone.
- 12 pm Community lunch.
- 2 pm Walk through the Forest.
- 3.30 pm visit to the youth center craft mela.
- 5pm screening of Auroville films.
- 6.15pm ‘Barefoot on the Ground’ fashion show at Upasana.
- 7 pm Return to Matrimandir.
Transport will be provided at 6.30 am from Aspiration, via Bakery, NC, Certitude to Matrimandir. 7 pm from Upasana back to Aspiration. More details on Auronet Calendar soon.
Mita, Guy, Frederick for the 50th Anniversary Core Team.

The New Creation Emerges...
Bhumi Hall at Bharat Nivas
- Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies
- India and the World - invite you all to a day-long event on the theme:

The New Creation Emerges....
on Saturday 23rd February, 2019
at Bhumi Hall
Bharat Nivas

10 a.m. A few words to share the event...
11.15 a.m. Voices of the New Creation...
11.30 a.m. Cup of tea
12.30 to 2 p.m. Lunch on the terraces
2 to 4 p.m. ... What we wish to see in Auroville and in the World...
4.30 p.m. Tea and au-revoir

A soft copy of the event brochure and the day’s programme will be soon on Auronet. Please take a look and if you wish to participate, get in touch with Vani to let her know at bharatnivas-veni@auroville.org.in, or call her on 9159186599. This will help us to make arrangements.

As an appetizer to the event, there will be a special screening open to all:
on Friday 22nd February at 5 pm at the Bhumika Hall screening of the film ‘Conscious’ presented by the directors Alan Baiss and Joseh Garcia (Duration of the film will be 65 minutes)

Inspired by the work of Sri Aurobindo and Mirra Alfassa, the film addresses humanity’s potential to achieve a higher level of consciousness in this time of global crises. It features interviews with renowned thinkers including Stan Grof, Brian Swimme, Aster Patel, Michael Murphy, and more. The film is enriched by beautiful imagery and music, and discusses cosmology, the evolution of consciousness, and the roles of love and art as vehicles for a deeper human potential. The world is preparing for a big change, will you help? “CONSCIOUS” has been selected for the Canada Independent Film Festival 2019.
About the film directors Alan Baiss & Joseh Garcia: Alumni of the California Institute of Integral Studies and former psychotherapists, Alan and Joseh now dedicate their projects to the expansion of human consciousness. Alan’s earlier film, Integral Consciousness, became a reference for the history of Integral Yoga in the West.

Let us breathe together a fresh air - With love, Aster for the Centre.
In its deep lotus home her being sat
As if on concentration’s marble seat,
Calling the mighty Mother of the worlds
To make this earthly tenement her house.

- Savitri

The Mother’s Birthday at Matrimandir

21.2.2019
Morning Meditation for Mother’s Birthday: 6 am at the Matrimandir Amphitheatre

Entrance from the Second Banyan Gate: open from 5.15 am.

All are requested to be seated by 5.45 am.

Recording of the Mother's voice reading from 'The Mother' by Sri Aurobindo will be played.

Photography not recommended during the meditation and afterwards only without flash.
Please remember to bring along a torch light and leave your cellphones and pets at home.
Access will be limited to the Amphitheatre and up to 7.30 am only.

All are invited to create and maintain an atmosphere of silence and concentration.

Guests are requested to either carry their Aurocard or to personally collect free tokens available at the Visitors Centre (upstairs) on 19th and 20th February between 4 and 6 pm.

5.30 – 6 pm

Savitri Music in the Amphitheatre with the setting sun.

Entrance from the Office Gate at 5 pm. Guests are requested to carry their Aurocard.

23.2.2019

Grant O Lord, that we may be more and more conscious
of Thy law, that is, be one with it, so that we may
foster its manifestation in all things.

February 23, 1914

5.30 pm

An offering of the Russian Singing Bells at the Amphitheatre:

Entrance from the Office Gate at 5 pm. Guests are requested to carry their Aurocard.
Dear friends,

We are delighted to welcome you to the concluding ceremony of our 6th Swadharma batch. 16 young adults (age 18 to 28) from various parts of India and abroad have gone through our 5-week long learning journey of exploring their swadharma, their true calling. They will present their journey from what brought them to Auroville to how the programme helped them to get a sense of who they are and reflect on the insights they gained for their life path ahead. Each student will present their journey for about 7 minutes with 3 minutes for questions and answers.

The session will take place on Saturday, February 23rd from 2.00 to 5.00 pm at the SAIIER Conference Hall.

We would be delighted to welcome you! With Gratitude for all the support we have received from the community.

Swadharma programme coordination team.
(Divyanshi, Lalit, Manoj, Sheetal, Siddharth, and Valentine)
Auroville Campus Initiative, ACI
Departmentment of Further Learning, SAIIER

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**Sunday Farmer’s Market**

At Youth Center every Sunday 9.30am - 12.30pm

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**EXHIBITIONS**

Dear Friends, Vanakkam

You are cordially invited to our Exhibition:

**" INDO - TAMIL - FRENCH - CULTURAL RELATIONS"**

from 18th to 28th February 2019,
10 am to 6 pm
At Ilaignarkal Education Centre, Auroville
All welcome. Thank you

**BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM**

Welcomes you to the exhibition:

śrī caraṇa
The Divine Kissing the Earth awake

Inauguration 21st of February 2019 at 5:30 pm
February 22nd to 27th daily open 3:00pm - 5:30pm
March 1st to 30th
Open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 3:00pm - 5:30pm

**BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM**
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre
Edayanchavadi, Auroville
Group visits can be organized on request!
kshetram2014@auroville.org.in / +91 7639845821

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**Japanese Woodblock Prints**

Exhibition of original Woodblock prints
Aurelec Cafeteria & Art Gallery
28th January to 28th February
Open from 8 am to 5 pm

**Bharatnivas Invites you to experience**

Art Works exhibited by Former Students of Sri Aurobindo International Center of Education (SAICE - Pondicherry).
Kalakendra Art Gallery Space, Bharatnivas
Opening Hours: 9 to 7:30 pm (open on Sundays).
For more info: bharatnivas@auroville.org.in

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**Brahmanaspati Kshetram**

The German pavilion group cordially invites to the exhibition of Birgitta Volz:

**Baobab Project - a Research of the Invisible**

The exhibition is open from Mon 11 February to Sat 2 March from 9 - 12.30 am and 2 - 5 pm.
Venue: Exhibition Gallery of the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone, Auroville.

Birgitta traveled to Namibia and magic unfolded while she worked with this 3000 year-old majestic baobab tree.
Auroville Timelines
An in-situ video art installations project presents
A tribute to the soiled hands and feet
At Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas, Auroville
4th February to 4th March 2019
10am to 7:30pm
Curated by Richa and Rrivu
timelines@auroville.org.in

Mother’s Symbol Exhibition
with translations of Her Powers
(or virtues, qualities…) in 22 languages
International Space, Bharat Nivas
(Indian Space next to Sri Aurobindo Auditorium)
This exhibition started at 3:00pm 28 January at, on the occasion of 2019 International Zone General Meeting. The exhibition is on-going. A heartfelt “Thank You” to all who supported and made it happen. To translate Mother’s Powers and quotes into other languages, please email: anandizhang@auroville.org.in

Vibrations
A Photographic Exhibition by Paulette
Saturday February 9th until Saturday February 23rd 2019
Open daily 8 am - 12 pm and 2 - 6 pm. Closed on Sundays
Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti.
(0413) 2622403/26223994 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.

Savitri Bhavan
Exhibitions – FEBRUARY 2019
Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm
• Meditations on Savitri
The entire series of 472 paintings created by the Mother with Huta From 1961-67 is on display in the newly extended picture gallery
• Sri Aurobindo - A Life-Sketch in Photographs
in the upstairs corridor Everyone is welcome.
Auroville Art Service presents
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 Chinna
Thambi st, Kuruchikuppam,
Pondicherry

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Savitri Bhavan

Love -
The Truth that Saves
The Ninth Dr. M.V. Nadkarni Lecture
will be given by
Dr. Larry Seidlitz
on Tuesday February 19, 4-5pm
Transport will leave from the street behind
the Ashram from 2pm onwards
Light refreshments will be served at Savitri Bhavan
Everyone is welcome

Expressing the colours
of your chakras
Learning to use the wisdom of the chakras
to fasten inner evolution.
A self-evaluating event by Aparajita Barai
20th Feb 2019, 5 pm to 7 pm
Registration & Contribution
Guests of Auroville: Please register at 0413-2622047
from 9 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 4:15 pm.
Aurovilians & Newcomers: No contribution required,
please book in advance. This is a recreational activity
Venue: Inside India, Ground floor, Auroshilpam
(behind Auromode Guest-house)

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Art & Human Unity
Bharatnivas Invites All to the following programs at
Kalakendra on 3 Sundays from 3 to 7.30pm.
Introduction: Talks and Art workshops on the Theme of Art &
Human Unity. These meetings of minds are to mark the 50th
Anniversary of Auroville and express Auroville’s gratitude to
Ashram Members, Teachers, and Students & Friends who had
participated in the Founding Ceremony of Auroville.
Program No.1
Aurovilians & Friends - two from each nationality - (preferable one
female artist and one male artist) - are invited to sign up for the
creation of a collective circular artistic canvas painting workshop:
Theme: HUMAN UNITY - One Heart for One World
Today more than anything we need peace in our hearts and love for
our neighbors in order to be truly happy.
Inviting one and all to join hands in this creative gesture of human
unity, by expressing in any medium on a round shaped canvas of
twelve inches diameter, a dream, a prayer, an aspiration for Human
Unity.
The canvas and basic acrylic colors will be provided, but if you
require anything more specifically for your work please bring with
you. At the end of the month long exhibition these circles will be
stitched together (volunteers are welcome) and will be
displayed at Bharat Nivas as a symbol of our creative aspiration for
World Unity.
Thank you to register beforehand by emailing
bharatnivas@auroville.org.in by giving your name, country of origin,
mention the Indian State you belong to (for Indians) and giving your
creative background in 3 lines. We would like to have at least one
person from each Indian state and each country of the world.
Thank you to treat this as our collective invitation and please extend
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& on 3rd March at Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas between 3 and 7.30 p.m.
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Program No. 3
Closing ceremony Time: 5.30 pm
Kalakendra. (Date has not been provided - please write to Bharat Nivas for more details - Eds)

Chanting in Sanskrit followed by short Contemporary Dance Performance by Rekha & group:
Meditations on Shakti-Shiva, by Rekha and group “This presentation in two parts, invokes Shakti and Shiva as divine principles within the human body, through the language of odissi dance, yoga and ritual gestures. It begins with a solo address to Devi as Pure Awareness, Infinite Strength and the Embodiment of Auspiciousness, whose presence is sought here and now at this special moment of Shivratri. Surya is invoked as the creative essence of Devi, and Shiva celebrated as the Causal Principle, through pneumatic sounds and odissi’s abstract movement patterns.” Artistic Direction: Rekha Tandon, Dancers: Kalvi, Abhi, Shrishti, Karolina, and RekhaMusician from Mohanam in Auroville. Musical arrangements by Michael Weston.

Presented by Dance Routes, Skandavan.
For precise info please write to bharatnivas@auroville.org.in

CULTURAL EVENTS

CRIPA presents
CARLA, voice and PUSHKAR, piano
Short vocal recital music of western song
With songs, arias and lieder from various composers
Tuesday 19 February at 8 pm
CRIPA hall, kalabhum

TROVADORES
Joining the World Poetry Movement for “A World Without Walls”
Music and Poetry in Different Languages
Sunday the 24 February.
at 5.30 pm
at BHARAT NIVAS
C.A.L.I
(House of Latinamerica.India)
For the I.Z. AMERICA.
Everybody Welcome!

FULL MOON NIGHT.
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture invites
you all on a Ragas in Praise of Moon light,
Flute by Gordon.
TUESDAY, 19th of February 2019
7.45 to 8.45 pm.
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture,
International zone.
All are invited.

Beatles Tribute Concert

Sunday, February 24
At Visitor’s Center
Flying Lanterns 7.30 pm /Concert 8.00 pm

SCHEDULES

Isai Ambalam Guesthouse
contact: 9487503617 or isaiambalam@auroville.org.in

Tibetan Bowl Sound Massage with Satyayuga on Monday 18 February at 5.30 PM
Connect to your inner self through sound massage and vibrating chants. Improve your energy flow with full relaxation and decrystallisation. Drop in. The session takes place on our roof top yoga space.

Mantra Chanting with Nikhil on Sunday 24 February at 5 PM
Chanting the rhythmical repetition of mantras is one of the most ancient spiritual practices. According to the Indian yoga tradition, sound is healing and sacred. It is also believed that sound is one of the most powerful forces. Drop in. The session takes place on our roof top yoga space.
**VERITE**

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

INTENSIVES IN VÉRITÉ: (Registration required)

- **BHAKTI YOGA (YOGA OF LOVE) MANTRA CHANTING MEDITATION** - with NIKHIL
  Thursday, 21 February - from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
  In the yogic tradition Bhakti, or surrendering to divine consciousness, is considered to be the easiest of the 4 paths of yoga. For most of us, especially beginners, it may be difficult to meditate just by focusing on breath. Singing mantras (devotional chants), however, is a tool that many people find helps to quiet the mind more easily, and brings a sense of unconditional “inner-self love”!
  This intensive ends with a guidance in “Yoga Nidra” or yogic sleep, a proven method for achieving deep, trance-like self-relaxation.

- **PRANAYAMA: BREATH OF LIFE: PART 1: 3 DAYS INTENSIVE** - with ANANDA
  Friday, Saturday & Sunday 22, 23 & 24 February - from 9 am to 4.30 pm
  Prana is the breath of universal life energy. Breathing and energy flow mostly happens unconsciously as part of survival process. By becoming conscious and attentive to prana – and enhancing and directing its flow through the pranayama practices– we can rejuvenate the body-mind-energy, enhance sensitivity and perception, expand inner awareness, and open the door to higher states of consciousness.
  In this part 1 training we welcome to learn, practice and experience:
  - Unique preparatory exercises for whole body & spine
  - Inner Science of Energy : Nadi, Vayu, Chakra, Mudras, Bandhas
  - Basic and Advanced pranayama practices
  - Techniques : Warmup exercises, Kapalabhati, Nadi Shuddhi, Ujjayi, Shitali, Ashwini Mudra, Vajroli Mudra, Moola bandha, Kumbhaka, Chakra breathing, A-U-M Nada yoga, Mudras
  - Experiential, Scientific & Meditative process for essence of self

- **FELDENKRAIS - ROLLING ON THE RIB CAGE** with NUR - Saturday 23 February from 9.30am to 12.30pm
  The term ‘rib cage’ may give the impression of something closed, lacking the ability to breathe. But as toddlers, before we learned to walk on two legs, we knew how flexible this part of our body really is, and how pleasurable it is to breathe deeply when the ribs are soft and pliable.
  Crawling or walking on “all fours” gives the ribs a reminder of this softness, while standing on two feet can diminish this feeling. In this intensive, we will remind ourselves how to roll and breathe like we did when we were toddlers!

- **OPEN HEART SPACE MEDITATION INTENSIVE (2 half days)** with SAMRAT - Monday, 25 & Tuesday, 26 February - from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
  A simple practice of becoming aware of reality as it is, without judgment, interpretation or reaction, and settling into its vast, luminous expanse. We learn to embrace and let go each experience as it arises and subsides. Eventually the mind falls silent and sinks into the open heart-space, a doorway to oneness, where the inner and outer worlds meet and merge.
  We use practices from insight meditation and various spiritual traditions to help dissolve habitual patterns of closing ourselves from the reality that is ever-present in each moment. The key points during the intensive will be dropping our identities and opening to an embrace of awareness and love.
  Samrat grew up in the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry. He studied through graduation in the Ashram School/College (Sri Aurobindo International Center of Education), and also studied Sri Aurobindo’s philosophy. He has practiced meditation for the past 30 years and has offered meditation classes in Europe and India.

**CREEVA**

Experience with CREEVA in collaboration with Kala Kendra in the Bharat Nivas studio

- **Behind the Scenes**
  Exploring what it takes to make a movie.
  February 22 and 23, 9am.-12pm. & 2-5pm.
  With Thais and Julien, contact 9972354371

**JIVA**

JIVA - your journey in healing and transformation

We offer workshops, classes, therapy sessions and retreats. Our Therapists share their journey in integral yoga in their professional therapeutic work for your health, wellness and transformation.

Therapists: Andres Lokutta, Sami Latzke, Sigrid Lindemann, Mirabelle Borg Lindemann.

Ongoing Classes: “Natural horsemanship” and “Qi Gong”.

Therapies: Acupuncture, Homeopathy, integral regressiontherapy, Samalin energy work, Horse assisted therapy, hypnotherapy.

Upcoming workshops:

- **“Explore the path of your Soul”**
  20th Feb 9.30am - 4.30pm at Sharga GH Yogahall
  Teacher: Sigrid Lindemann, Trainer in hypnotherapy, transpersonal regression therapy, trauma therapy, Sensation Method homeopathy, living in Auroville more than 20 years, teaching internationally.

- **“Explore your mind”**
  22, 23 & 24 Feb at Sharga Guesthouse
  2.5 day workshop in hypnotherapy
  “The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when is still!”
  What is hypnosis? How do right and left brain function practically? How do conscious and subconscious interact? Explore the depths of your mind and relax! Meditate with ease!
  Expand your therapeutic toolbox! Apply Self-hypnosis!

- **Workshop combining experiential learning and “Theory of the Mind”**
  Feb 22nd 4-7 pm, 23 & 24 Feb 9-5.30 pm
  at Sharga Guesthouse Yogahall
  www.shargaguesthouse.in
  Certified course from EKAA www.ekaa.co.in
  Info meeting Feb 20th 5.30 pm. at Sharga Guesthouse Terrace.
  Trainer Sigrid Lindemann.
  All info and registration: www.auroville-jiva.com, contact@auroville-jiva.com, Whatsapp 9626006961

**QUIET HEALING CENTER**

For appointments and registration, please contact the reception at 2622392, 9488084966
www.quiethealingcenter.info / quiet@auroville.org.in

- **Watsu 1 (TF) & OBA 1 - Fluid Body with Gianni**
  Tuesday 19 - Thursday 28 February
  (8.45 am - 6.30 pm - no workshop on 23 and 24)
  During Watsu 1 Transition Flow (TF), you will acquire the skills to connect the basic Watsu movements with long, gracefully flowing transitions.
  You will also learn about your own body mechanics and how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible.
  OBA 1 - Fluid Body focuses mainly on underwater work, where the whole body can be moved in playful new ways.
  Especially designed movements allow the whole spine to swing and the energy to flow again.
  The radius of joint movements becomes wider, while chronic physical pain as well as emotional tensions can be released.
  This form of bodywork invites you to experience a completely unique way of healing in water and undertake a journey back to your origins, into the endless depth of your inner ocean.

- **Tantsu 1 with Xavier**
  Wednesday 20 – Wednesday 27 February
  (8.45 am - 6.30 pm - no workshop on 23 & 24)
  Tantsu grew out of Watsu and brings the unconditional holding of Watsu back to land. It offers a deep state of listening and creates an unconditional union of touch-connected presence.
  During the first four days, you will be exposed to the basics of Tantsu: cradling someone in a comfortable hold, which gives access to a deep level of stillness and relaxation. The micro-movements
that appear will guide stretches and rotations of shoulders, arms, hips and legs, thereby releasing blockages in the energy flow. The following two days will take you deeper into body-listening and exploration of various body movements; you will also gain knowledge about meridians, hara, and the intricate connection between mind and body.

- **Watsu & Breathing with Xavier**
  **Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 February (8.45 am - 6.30 pm)**
  A 2-day journey of exploring and discovering your breath and its applications in Watsu. You will also integrate the practice of Watsu qualities, such as grounding and presence, and discover the power of working with your receiver’s breath. Several topics will be discussed such as the link between breathing and yourself as a giver, but also breathing and your energetic connection with the receiver. You will also be exposed to the anatomy of our respiratory system to better understand its functioning. To incorporate all these elements into your water work, you will practice, explore, share your feelings, and practice again and again.

- **Somatic Movement with Maggie**
  **Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 February (9.30 am - 5.00 pm)**
  Somatics is a system of slow, mindful movement. It improves the function of the nervous system, creating more ease and freedom within ourselves. Somatics teaches us to recognize and release holding patterns, resulting from pain, injury, stress or habituated posture, and enhances any kind of exercise such as yoga, dance, sport or just moving through life. You will also learn a daily practice in order to maintain better flexibility, coordination, balance and wellness, resulting in a decrease of aches commonly attributed to stress, injury and ageing.
  Maggie is a certified Somatic Movement Educator and graduate of the International Institute for Somatic Movement Education. She is also a highly trained massage therapist and has been working in the field of pain relief for over 15 years.

- **Reiki Level 1 with Betty**
  **Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 February (8.30 AM - 6.00 PM)**
  Reiki is an ancient, non-intrusive complementary therapy. As a hands-on healing technique, it enhances the body’s own innate ability to heal itself and helps restoring balance and harmony to mind, body and spirit. Anyone can learn Reiki; no need to have any special inclination towards healing, unique gift, or prior experience.
  In this 2-day workshop, you will learn about the history & five principles of Reiki, the human energy system (aura and chakras), Reiki Level 1 initiation, which opens the flow of Reiki energy, and how to channel universal energy for self-healing and healing others.
  This workshop includes a theoretical component, attunement, hands-on practice, and certification plus level 1 manual.
  Betty is a Reiki Master Teacher, recognised by the Usui Reiki Federation, and practitioner of Usui Reiki since 2005.

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### AT AUROMODE

**YOGA SPACE**

More on: [www.auromodeyogaspace.com](http://www.auromodeyogaspace.com)

- **Hip Mobility and Hip stretching Intensive**
  **Wednesday 20/02/2019 from 3 pm to 7 pm**
  Intensive 4-hour theory and practice on Hip mobility and Hip opening. We will explore the possibilities of stretching these biggest muscle group in our body. Bala teaches yoga in Auromode, he will include the principles of Kalariipayatu and yoga principles in this intensive.
  Registration needed, for enquiries and price details e-mail: contact@auromodeyogaspace.com.

- **Songs of ThiruMOOLar, Tamil Siddha**
  **Friday 22/02/2019 from 7.15 pm to 8.15 pm**
  We can discuss about Siddhas in general. We will read few of the poems of Thirumoolar, Tamil siddha. We will discuss about the philosophical aspects in his epic tamil poem. We can see his poems covered various subjects like alchemy, nanotechnology, Yoga and life. Donation expected. Discourse by Bala, our yoga teacher and tamil culture enthusiast.

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### AT HOLISTIC

- **Yoga and meditation workshop**
  **25 Feb 19 to 1st March 2019**
  Auroville- Holistic with Christine
  The purpose of this 5 mornings workshop is to help you to find more stability in your emotions and more peace inside.
  We will do yoga asanas, breathing exercises, pranayama, Patanjali yoga sutra reading (yoga philosophy), mindful meditation and Chakra Meditation. And we will explore the limitations of our body (and mind).
  For more info & booking: mob & what’s app 91-9489805493 or christine@auroville-holistic.com

### AT CREATIVITY HALL OF LIGHT

- **Spontaneous singing restarts**
  Come and enjoy the pleasure of singing and discovering your own voice without any goals nor prerequisite.
  Be surprised by what happens when your voice encounters another voice.
  Every Wednesday, 5 to 6:30pm. Max. 12 people, min. 4 people.
  Antoine - 8940740529, antoine@auroville.org.in
  This is a recreational activity

### SAVITRI BHAVAN

- **Inner-Work-Workshop**
  **Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother 19 February (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 Psychic Being’
  • 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.integrallyoga-auromode.com.

- **Divine Flowers - Activities for Children**
  Activities for children: age group 6 to 10 years.
  Children can participate in various activities to experience and connect to flowers. Either on Monday 25th or Wednesday 27th from 9:30am to 11:30am.
  Please register (free of charge) your child’s participation by 18th of February 2019, divinedflowers@auroville.org.in

- **Savitri Nursery schedule update**
  Dear community, here is an updated schedule for the collective gardening work, seed/plant gifting & exchange at Savitri Nursery (next to round garden tools shed with thatched roof, behind the main building of Savitri Bhavan):
  Every Thursday 5:00-6:30pm
  Every first Sunday/month 9-10:30am (before Savitri reading:-)
  We had a major cleanup with Ashramites organized by Golden Chain and a few Aurovilians on Sunday 3 February 7:00-10:30am.
With a humble heart and start, volunteers at Savitri Nursery are bringing seeds and plants from their home garden, home country! and the Ashram gardens, germinating & transplanting them, weeding, planting, pruning, crafting, composting...at their own initiative, time and rhythm.
Welcome to join our growing team, share seeds, plants, and the message of flowers...
Savitri Nursery team (Amrita, Anandi Z., B, Dominique, Helmut, Prasad, Saranya, Sandiya, Suresh, Tomoko...)

♦ Youth Center

♦ NCL (night conscious learning)
Hello friends, we would like to invite you to our new project. It’s created for people who want to discuss topics related to nature, economy, art, Eco-sustainability, politics, climate, leadership, etc.
Youth Center is a creative space where individuals can learn, understand and brainstorm alternative subjects according to their interests.
You are welcome to join us this Thursday evening at 6:30 pm at Youth Center. Bring your notebook and a lot of curiosity.
Follow up news and notes if you want to know what’s next!

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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.com/
- 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.verity.in/
- Arka Wellness Centre: www.auroville.org/contents/2886
- Quiet: http://quiethealingcenter.info/
- Lilaloka: www.lilaloka.org

OTHER EVENTS

♦ Comm4unity: Experiencing Auroville
You are invited to “come 4 unity”, and discover community with YouthLink... An exploration of Auroville’s alternative activities through a specific theme, and through the eyes of the youth:
Upcycling Waste, 18th - 23rd Feb
What Health 25th Feb - 2nd March
Green Safari 4th - 9th March
Each week includes a variety of over 10 activities in Auroville related to each theme, and a field trip into the bioregion. Breakfast and Lunch will also be included. This action taken by the Youth is for the Prosperity of YouthLink so this program allows us to sustain the needs of the team and to continue to offer service for the youth throughout the rest of the year. And it will also encourage youth to become ambassadors and support projects the youth want to initiate in the spirit of Auroville.
Please sign up by sending us an email to youthlink@auroville.org.in. Please also feel free to drop by our office at Humanscape Hall during week days. You should find one of us there between 9 am - 5 pm!

REGULAR EVENTS

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

Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm)
The contents of News & Notes are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.
0413-2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in

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Bioclimatic Earth: Design Workshop

The immemorial tradition of building with earth proves the capacity of versatile earth construction techniques to adapt to varied bioclimatic regions. This two-week design workshop will reinvestigate earth architecture predominantly through environmental reasoning.

During the first week, students will:

- be introduced to the characteristics of the different climatic zones.
- establish an understanding of the principles of bioclimatic architecture.
- develop an understanding of the fundamentals of earthen architectural design.
- study examples of vernacular earth architecture acclimated for environmental comfort.
- practice methods and use tools of weather analysis, establishing initial design guidelines for different environmental conditions.
- explore the design capacities of different earth-building techniques such as adobe, rammed earth, cob, and CSEB through hands-on practice.
- gain a basic understanding of a few environmental design simulation tools.

Then, through the second week of the workshop, students will apply the gained theoretical knowledge and practical skills in a design project; a challenge to design examples of innovative earth architecture adapted to the environmental conditions of different regions. The intensive design workshop aims at providing designers with the knowledge needed to evoke their sensibility to simultaneously design with earth and with climate.

For more information, please see www.earth-auroville.com/bioclimatic_earth_en.php or contact training@earth-auroville.com

Films

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, February 18, 2019 at 6:30pm. Duration: 63min.

Gloria - Serving the Construction of the Matrimandir

an Interview of Gloria Cicionesi by Francois Gautier and Rakhal. From childhood on Gloria was interested in architecture and went on to study Architecture at the University of Florence, Italy. There she met Piero, who studied also architecture and shared her interest in Zen-Buddhism. Later Gloria went to Paris, France and along with Piero went to Finland to study advanced architecture under the great master Alvar Aalto. After three years they returned to Italy to work there. But they were disturbed by the amount of corruption involved in architectural work in Italy and thought of going back to Finland. Then by chance they got to know about the Ashram and Sri Aurobindo’s philosophy and the interesting project to build a city in South India; that was in 1966. When they wrote to the Ashram, The Mother wrote back ‘come immediately’. So they came with their child Martha to Auroville and lived in Promesse. For Aspiration Piero designed the keet-huts, and later the first permanent dwelling in Auroville for Frederick and his family, named by The Mother ‘Auroson’s Home’, around which grew up the community of Certitude, also mostly designed by Piero and Gloria. Gloria worked mainly on the finishing parts such as doors, windows, kitchen, bathroom, floor etc. Apart from these constructions Piero was deeply involved in the building of Matrimandir and especially in creating the Inner Chamber according to Mother’s vision. The Mother’s vision of the Inner Chamber with the ray of the sun on the globe guided him through all the work. Piero and Gloria always discussed and shared their efforts about the work for Matrimandir. Piero prepared all the calculations and drawings (by hand in the days before computers) and Gloria worked on site to ensure that the measurements were accurately implemented by the workers. Over the years, Gloria met the Mother regularly and developed a deep and loving relationship with her and faith in the Divine work.

Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 18 to 24 February 2019

Spirituality - Monday 18 February, 8:00 pm:

Shortcut to Nirvana

USA, 2003, Dir. Nick Day & Maurizio Benazzo, Documentary, English, 85 mins, Rated: G

For over two millennia pilgrims and gurus from across the globe have been coming every 12yrs to attend the Kumbha Mela - a celebration that is widely considered to be the largest gathering of humanity on the planet. Though the Mela has been shrouded in mystery in the eyes of western civilization, the secrets of this rapturous gathering are now revealed as cameras look into the very heart of the festival and speak with those in attendance about what the Kumbha Mela truly means to them. A special appearance by the Dalai Lama takes viewers deep into this wondrous gathering like never before, while offering a glimpse of sheer ecstasy rarely experienced by western culture.

Spirituality - Tuesday 19 February, 8:00 pm:

Zen


In the early 1200s during the Kamakura period, Dogen Zenji brought Chinese Chan philosophy to Japan, and established the Japanese Zen school of Buddhism. He taught that a person is capable of realizing Buddhahood within himself, by way of Zazen. Zazen is extended hours of sitting and meditating to achieve a state of “Mu” (nothingness, or empty existence).

However, this new form of Buddhism was not accepted in all communities. This movie it as “a poignant, in-depth, reverent and surprisingly moving portrait of Eihei Dogen”, a great Master.

Spirituality - Wednesday 20 February, 8:00 pm:

Wheel of Time

France-Germany-UK, 2003, Dir. Werner Herzog, Documentary, Tibetan-English w/ English subtitles, 80 mins, Rated: G

Each year, thousands of Buddhist pilgrims travel to Bodh Gaya in India (the place where the Buddha is said to have attained enlightenment) to take part in the Kalachakra Initiation. As the visitors stream into Bodh Gaya, many traveling on foot and often
stopping to prostrate themselves as a sign of devotion, a team of monks create a beautiful and intricate sand painting on Mount Kailash, which is scattered to the winds by the Dalai Lama at the end of the 12-day celebration as a symbol of the impermanence of existence. Herzog documents the ancient rituals of this ceremony as well as profiling the Dalai Lama and some of the many Buddhists who travel to India for this event.

**Spirituality - Thursday 21 February, 8:00 pm:**

- **The Buddha**
  - USA, 2010, Dir. David Grubin, Documentary, English, 120 mins, Rated: G
  - After 400 BC, a new religion was born in South Asia, generated from the ideas of Buddha, a mysterious Prince from Nepal who gained enlightenment while he sat under a large, shapely fig tree. Buddha never claimed to be God or his emissary on earth, only that he was a human being who had found a kind of serenity that others could find, too. This film tells the story of his life.

- **International - Saturday 23 February, 8:00 pm:**
  - The ballad of Buster Scruggs
  - USA, 2018, Writer-Dir. Ethan Coen & Joel Coen w/ Tim Blake Nelson, Bill Heck, Tom Waits and others, Comedy-Musical, 133 mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R
  - Six tales of life and violence in the Old West, following a singing gunslinger, a bank robber, a traveling impresario, an elderly prospector, a wagon train, and a perverse pair of bounty hunters.
  - Coen Bros are back, if you like them don’t miss it.

- **Children’s Film - Sunday 24 February, 4:30pm**
  - **Aliens ate my homework**
  - USA, 2018, Dir. Sean McNamara w/ London Cardinal, Ty Consiglio, Christian Convery, and others, Comedy, 90mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
  - When a tiny intergalactic starship crashes into the bedroom of 12yrs old Rod Albright, It’s the start of the adventure of a lifetime for him and his cousin Elspeth. Enlisted by the extraterrestrial Galactic Patrol, a group of out-of-this-world lawmen, Rod and Elspeth must race to save the world from Total Planetary Disaster.

- **Rainer Werner Fassbinder Festival @ Ciné-Club** - Sunday 24 February, 8:00 pm:
  - **Die Ehe der Maria Braun (The marriage of Maria Braun)**
    - Germany, 1978, Dir. Rainer Werner Fassbinder w/Hanna Schygulla, Klaus Lowitsch, Ivan Desny, and others, Drama, 120mins, German w/English subtitles, Rated: R
    - The director received the greatest international box-office success for this first of his postwar trilogy. The film presents a heartbreaking existence. Herzog documents the ancient rituals of this ceremony as well as profiling the Dalai Lama and some of the many Buddhists who travel to India for this event.

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, Rated awaiting, 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 contributions.

**Thanking You, MMC/CP Group**

**Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in**

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

presents its:

11th Panorama of Contemporary Indian Cinema, PCIC 2019! on 22-23-24 February - Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas. Program in the extra page in this issue of the News & Notes. Program will also be on Auronet and its Calendar. Welcome!

presents a SPECIAL EVENT:

“AUROVILLE - FROM SEED TO SAPLING” a 51 min. new documentary on Auroville, 50 years after... (English, with Eng. Subtitles) Directed by Jinu Thomas, produced by AUROFILM/SAIHER - to be screened on Thursday 28 February at 5.00 pm MMC, with the presence of the director.

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**The FRENCH PAVILION presents**

*Martin Around the World* - *Martin Autour du Monde*

(or *Biomimicry, or how to find solutions by imitating nature?*)

(ou Le Biomimétisme, ou comment trouver des solutions en imitant la nature?)

**Documentary in French only:** written and directed by Fred Cebron

**Saturday 23rd February 2019 at 5pm (Dur. 100min)**

**Town Hall - Cinéma Paradiso**

Film in French only

The project: “Martin Around The World” was born in 2007, when Sean Penn’s “Into the Wild” was released. “Into the Wild” is inspired by the true story of Christopher McCandless, a young American boy who, to feel fully alive, decided to experiment adventure and freedom to the end, to a degree that would far beyond what society today allows.

It is as “idealistic backpackers” that the family of Martin takes the road 3 years later, with the desire to see the wild beauty of our planet and specially to learn to answer the question: Can man return to the most total nature, the one that presided over the birth of its origins? Is it possible for him to survive in an unfamiliar, hostile yet welcoming place? And if the answer is yes, what lessons can we draw from it to provide solutions to today’s problems?

This questioning led the hero of the film, eager for knowledge and extreme sensations, to his own loss when he was barely 24 years old: Christopher McCandless was found dead in the wreck of an abandoned bus in the wilderness of Alaska. Just before he died, he wrote: “Happiness is only real if shared.”

With this experience, it is aboard a 4x4 truck of 15 tons, which can travel 2500 km without crossing a fuel pump and provided with a reserve of water to live for a month in the most hostile deserts, that Fred, Laura, Martin (5 years old) & China (1 year) will live during 5 years adventures in natural environment.

Their goal, traced throughout this road movie 1x100’, is to build human relationships with men and women who have found sustainable solutions to live in nature in accordance with themselves, and in the truth. Fred Cebron

[www.martinautourdumonde.com](http://www.martinautourdumonde.com)

[https://www.facebook.com/martin.autourdumonde](https://www.facebook.com/martin.autourdumonde)

[https://vimeo.com/user3896456](https://vimeo.com/user3896456)

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**THE ECO FILM CLUB**

Sadhana Forest, 22 February, 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 :)**

**Treatment under the Pines**

42 mins / English / 2018 / Directed by Klaus Kastenholz

Forests are so much more than just exploitable land; they can also be a place of healing. An increasing number of doctors and scientists agree forests can have positive health effects, such as alleviating hypertension, depression and stress.

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in.

Or visit us online:

[www.sadhanaforest.org](http://www.sadhanaforest.org) and [facebook.com/sadhanaforest](https://facebook.com/sadhanaforest).
AUROFILM, a sub-unit under SAIIER, in collaboration with the Directorate of Film Festivals, Delhi present its:

11th PANORAMA OF CONTEMPORARY INDIAN CINEMA - AV. PCIC 2019!
At the SRI AUROBINDO AUDITORIUM, BHARAT NIVAS, AUROVILLE 22-23-24 FEB.

Friday 22 February:

5pm MALAI (ICE CREAM): Directed by Rajdeep Paul & Sarmishta Maiti, Odisha  Odia/EST 14’
A low-caste boy from rural India goes with his family to attend the wedding of a local leader’s son. He is excited at the prospect of having a grand meal, especially his favorite ice-cream called “malai”. The boy, however, discovers another side of the Great Indian Wedding...

5.15pm SA (SIMPLE NOTES): Directed by Arijit Singh, Bengal  Bengali/EST 1h.49’
A simple family from a village in West Bengal in the aftermath of the birth of Bangladesh. The birth of Lalu brings great joy and hope but tragic circumstances leaves the father alone to raise the burgeoning family on his own. He sends Lalu to his childhood friend, a venerated maestro of Indian classical music...

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Saturday 23 February:

5pm MONITOR: Directed by HARI VISHVANATH, Maharashtra  Hindi/EST 20’
Rupa is a computer programmer who works long hours in an IT company. She stays with her mother. Rupa has a boyfriend and they communicate by phone. The film is told from a (computer) monitor’s point of view...

5.20pm WALKING WITH THE WIND: Directed by Praveen Morchhale, Ladakh  Ladakhi/EST 1h.19’
Accidentally, Tsering, 10 year-old, breaks his friend’s chair at school. His every day seven kilometers-long journey to school in mountainous terrain on donkey, turns even more challenging as he decides to bring the chair to his village for repair. The chair silently becomes a metaphor in his awakening journey of life...

8pm SUDANI FROM NIGERIA: Directed by Zakaryia, Kerala  Malayalam/EST 2h.
Funny and touching story of Majeed, the manager of a football team in Malappuram district with their star player Samuel, a Nigerian player. After Samuel suffers a serious injury, he must stay at Majeed’s house for bed rest and care...

Sunday 24 February:

5.30pm AUSHADH (THE MEDICINE): Directed by AMOL DESHMUKH  Marathi/EST 15’
At the pharmacy, the wrong medicine has been accidentally given to an old village woman. The pharmacist and his helper want to find her as the medicine could be harmful for her...

5.45pm THE WORLD’S MOST FAMOUS TIGER: Directed by S. Nalla Muthu  English 44’
Machli, the legendary Tiger Queen of Ranthambhore National Park in Western India was known for her fierce determination, bravery and confidence. A wonderful documentary shot over a period of nine years...

8pm URONCHONDI: Directed by Abhishek Saha, Bengal  Bengali/EST 1h.40’
Bindi, in her late 30s, escapes her abusive husband in his lorry, driven by Chottu, the young helper. On their way they pick up Minu, a young runaway bride on her way to meet her dream man. Then, they meet Sabitri, a widow in her 60s, who is mishandled by her sons. This story starts and end on the road...

All films in their original version with English Subtitles (EST) Audience: from age 12

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Dear Community,

The News and Notes is a MONDAY PUBLICATION:
- it includes the events of the week starting on that Monday up to the following weekend
- whenever you receive your soft copy or paper copy earlier than Monday, we are actually early!
- and actually ON TIME when you receive it on Monday, so... SMILE PLEASE!

We always do our best to:
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“Whosoever has courage can give courage to others, just as the flame of the candle can light up another.”

The Mother

The Matrimandir is Auroville’s most precious, valued creation. Now, over 700,000 people go to the Matrimandir Viewing Point each year, and over 80,000 friends & visitors go up to the Inner Chamber - and are all touched by its Force! The Matrimandir is tended with great dedication for what it is and represents. The Mother wrote: “Let the Matrimandir be the living symbol of Auroville’s aspiration for the Divine” – “manifesting in a progressive human unity”.

Manifesting this aspiration & vision requires courage. For 50 years, Aurovilians and friends have kept alive this light of courage, and passed on the flame, benefiting us all, including the hundreds of thousands of people to date who have come to Auroville to see - at least once in their lifetimes - the Matrimandir.

The Matrimandir could not have been built without its piece of land, and it is the same for all of Auroville. Land is the physical base for every aspect of manifesting The City of Dawn. As Auroville embarks on its 51st year, let us renew our pledge for its harmonious Manifestation - and we call upon all friends to join us in fulfilling the Vision and realizing the Dream!

Let’s support the Auroville Dream – a courageous bridge to a new Future!

Join the “A4A Land Gift” for the City of Dawn’s missing land!!

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Photo of Agni & Olga by Paulette – The Mother’s “Courage” quotation from Collected Works Vol. 13, p. 170

The ART FOR LAND fundraising exhibition is going on with full-force this week, in beauty and with the energy of solidarity for Auroville’s land!

We invite you to attend this week’s special land fundraising event (your solidarity donation for the land will be appreciated):

Tuesday 19th February at 5 pm - “The Forms I dream with Bio Cotton” by Uma of Upasana

To see our artwork collection online and for all information http://www.artforland.in

Also available are special photos contributed for land fundraising: the beautiful Matrimandir photos by Paulette, and Loretta’s rare photos of Sri Aurobindo & The Mother. We thank them both! To see more of Paulette’s heart-stopping photos of Matrimandir disk-cleaners over the years: https://www.flickr.com/photos/14967114@N00/albums/72157690947589834/with/39386860532/