28th February, 1968

NEWS AND NOTES

A Weekly Bulletin for residents of Auroville

#787, 25th February, 2019

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1. Auroville appartient à personne en particulier. Auroville appartient à tout le monde dans son ensemble. Mais pour voyager à Auroville, il faut être la nourricière volontaire de la Conscience Divine.

2. Auroville sera le lieu de l'éducation progressive, du progrès constant, et d'une jeunesse qui ne serre point.

3. Auroville unira tout le pont entre le pauvre et l'aveugle. Profitant de toutes les découvertes et inventions, elle sortira toujours vers le monde de ses réalités futures.

4. Auroville sera le lieu des recherches matérielles et spirituelles pour donner un corps vivant à une unité humaine concevable.

Charte d'Auroville

Auroville
becoming
Charte of Auroville

1. Auroville belongs to nobody in particular. Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole. But to live in Auroville, one must be the swelling servant of the Divine Consciousness.

2. Auroville will be the place of an unending education, of constant progress, and a youth that never ages.

3. Auroville wants to be the bridge between the past and the future. Taking advantage of all discoveries from without and from within, Auroville will boldly spring towards future realizations.

4. Auroville will be a site of material and spiritual researches for a living embodiment of an actual Human Identity.
And your translation of “Savitri”?  
But I have work to do. I no longer have time. I no longer have time to do anything.

It's a pity.  
That is to say, now F. has taken it into her head to translate Savitri with me (all she does is look in the dictionary when I need a word), right from the start, and I’ve reached the second page! It'll take ten or fifteen years!

But I find it very interesting, because I only have to be still, and Sri Aurobindo dictates to me. So there remains one or two little corrections in the French, and that’s that. He tells me the word: for this word, this word. Like that. It's very interesting. Only, I do five or six lines every time.... But now I do it better than I used to.

...Soon afterwards  
The government (I don’t know who) has asked the chief of the Radio here to ask me for a message on India’s condition. At first I answered, “I don’t deal with politics.” Then he told me, “No, it’s not from a political but from a spiritual standpoint.” I said, “I don’t know.” But he insisted, he told me, “I’ve been asked by the government; if I can’t give it to them, I’ll be in trouble....” The poor man knew how to get round me! (Mother laughs)  
See, here’s his letter (Satprem reads): “I pray the Mother to record a message for my radio on ‘integration and unity of India’....”

I said this: (Mother reads)  
“It is only India’s soul who can unify the country. Externally the provinces of India are very different in character, tendencies, culture, as well as in language, and any attempt to unify them artificially could only have disastrous results. But her soul is one, intense in her aspiration towards the spiritual truth, the essential unity of the creation and the divine origin of life, and by unifying with this aspiration the whole country can recover a unity that has never ceased to exist for the superior mentality.”

My handwriting has become quite bad.... It’s not me who wrote this, I don’t remember it at all - it doesn’t evoke any memory in me.

I also put (and this is from me), “the essential unity of the creation and the divine origin of life.” That whole formula, I know, was an attempt to express the thing without using the word “God” because... There was in my life a period of at least twenty years during which those words used to make me bristle, so I understand very well the feeling it evokes in people. Later, it was Sri Aurobindo who made me rise above all that; but it's because he pulled me very high up that I rose above all that, otherwise, on an intellectual level, it didn't do at all. It evokes the narrowest religiosity, and... it won't do. So I don't want that - the country is now fully in it, here in India. I don't want to raise that first obstacle. That's why I made this long sentence.

MOTHER’S AGENDA, July 3, 1968 - MOTHER

The doctor recommends not to tire oneself. What is it that tires? - Only that which is useless.  
Seeing sincere people, to whom it does good, is not a fatigue.  
But those who come to judge theories and practices, those who, with their intelligence, think they are highly superior and capable of distinguishing the true from the false, who imagine they can decide whether a teaching is true and a practice is in accordance with the Supreme Reality, those are tiring and seeing them is useless, to say the least ....  
Oh, yes, I do understand! I understand that very well! (Mother laughs) I thought it could make an amusing little note.  
Oh, I’ve seen loads of such people, you know!...  
“...Let the higher intelligences putter along in their own sweet way, which will go on for millennia, and let them leave simple and good willed people, those who believe in the Divine Grace, free to move on quietly on their path of light.”

MOTHER - MOTHER’S AGENDA, August 28, 1968

Special 51st Cover

inspired by the AUROVILLE TIMELINES’ Art Installation:  
“A Tribute to the Soiled Hands and Feet”,  
and the Photo Exhibition on the early days of Auroville “The Dawn of Auroville”  
- both currently held at the Kalakendra Gallery of Bharat Nivas.

Bonne Fête!
ART FOR LAND
- EXHIBITION & FUNDRAISER FOR AUROVILLE’S HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT
till the 15th March 2019
Monday - Saturday: 10 AM to 4 PM
& on Sundays 3rd & 10th March: 3 - 6 PM

“Generosity of thought and act ... gives & gives itself without bargaining ...
... unstintingly for the joy of giving”
The Mother

ART FOR LAND is a beautiful expression of flowing generosity for Auroville’s land.
It is entirely non-commercial and is not a sale.
Your contributions - as artists & donors - are all land donations
- offerings towards a greater purpose and a shared cause!

Here’s how this flowing generosity cycle works:
- Over 90 artists have contributed their works which go into our artwork collection
- The Art for Land team then proposes a suggested donation for each work
- Donors who make a donation for the land are gifted with an artwork in recognition of their generosity
- People who donate in a certain range can choose an artwork in that donation range to be gifted to them
- For an artwork the donor particularly would appreciate as a gift, a donor can contribute more than our suggestion,
  and can also make a request to donate less for a specific work.

We have a special thought of grateful remembrance for our dear friend Henk Van Putten,
an artist who gave himself unstintingly, and every year donated in generosity his creative works to the Art for Land action.
This year, Henk donated the sculpture shown above: “Stone Beauty”.

This is our most beautiful exhibition yet and the works are going fast - so we invite you to make a visit to the Unity Pavilion without delay! The artwork collection is also viewable at the online gallery at www.artforland.in - the site’s “How it Works” page gives complete information on reserving a work and on making a donation.

We wish you lifelong pleasure from your donated artwork gift! Your donation will go exclusively for the purchase of missing plots within Auroville’s Master Plan area via the Acres for Auroville campaign. Remember that your generosity is a donation, and not a payment.

When you make your donation via the Auroville Unity Fund or via the Donation Gateway, please remember to use the word “Donation” (not “payment”).

ART FOR LAND FUNDRAISING EVENT OF THE WEEK - AT THE UNITY PAVILION:

Sunday 3rd March at 7 pm – “A Concert of Hindustani and Carnatic Music” by Intune
(This event is a land fundraiser. When you attend, kindly donate generously in solidarity for the land!)
www.unitypavilionauroville.com

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

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

www.artforland.in
unitypavilion@auroville.org.in - Tel. 0413-2623576
https://land.auroville.org/
lfau@auroville.org.in - Tel. 0413-2622657
A call to everyone: a Collective Commitment for the Land of Auroville

Summary of a presentation held at the opening of the Art for Land exhibition 2019

Collective Commitment means for us: *Generosity* -- *Realization*

We are here to build a city, but not any city...

A city that is:
- A collective enterprise for a shift in consciousness,
- A cradle for the new being,
- A next step in evolution.
- Manifesting Peace, harmony, beauty,
- A striving towards perfection.

Supramental Consciousness – We live in a New Paradigm of Abundance

We have 7,800 accounts in Financial Service – IF... 7,800 accounts give ₹10 each monthly >> in one year we have ₹8 lakhs 40,000

This without anyone even noticing it!

**Commitment & Generosity** – NOT taxes – Commitment means for us: No Percentage; No Fixed Amount; Each one is free to decide on their own contribution - What holds it together is that everyone is committed to contribute.

IF... we then imagine: see table ▶️▶️▶️▶️▶️

This is just an average calculation - we could raise within Auroville between ½ crore ₹ and much more for the land yearly.

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**Monthly totals**

₹ 3,53,000

Per Year: ₹ 42,36,000

Mother said once that She would rather like that one million people gave one Rupee each than one person giving one million Rupees.
Can we put both at Her Feet?

“The lands for Auroville are to be bought and can be bought. The money is needed. Will you help?”

The Mother
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 # 787
Dated: 25-02-2019
Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville, joining Auroville. Prior to Newcomer, Aurovilian and Friend of Auroville status confirmation, for Newcomers two weeks and for Aurovilians, Returning Aurovilians and Friends of Auroville one month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to entryservice@auroville.org.in.

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
Aparajita BARAI (Indian) Staying in Courage and working at Creeva (Auroville Arts Service)
Juan Andres PAPAGNO GAZMURI (Chilean) Staying in Maitreye II and Working at Santé, Sacred Groves & Youth Link
Sathish MACHAKETU (Indian) Staying in Aspiration and Working at Well Café

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Naveen VAUSEDEVAN (Indian) Stayed in Courage
Santosh SHANMUGAM (Indian)
Yoon KYUNG LEE (Korean)

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
Ramya VADIVEL (Indian)
Shivagami KUMAR (Indian)

FRIEND OF AUROVILLE ANNOUNCED:
Jean Francois PINET (Belgian) Active member of AVI Belgium, interested in civil engineering and project management

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE CONFIRMED:
Giovanni PARRILLO (Italian)
Varun KAPUR (Indian)

Left on his/her own:
Yong LEE (Korean)
San LEE (child of Yong LEE).
Soel LEE (child of Yong LEE).

NOTE: Individuals are entered into the Register of Residents (maintained by the Auroville Foundation) shortly after filling the B-FORM and meeting with the Secretary of the AVF. The appointment date for these is set and communicated by the Entry Service to the individual at the respective time, and NOT AT THEIR PERSONAL REQUEST.
This is the last step of the Newcomer process where the status of Newcomer Resident is switched to Aurovilian Resident.

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

* 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 28.
Yours, the Entry Service

From the Housing Service
Houses available for transfer
1. Single standing House - Pratyrna Community: Plinth Area of 58.11 sq. m. single storied residential building, load bearing structure and terracotta roofing with verandah, kitchen, two bedrooms, two attached toilet and bathroom. For more information e-mail to housing-transfer@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.

BUILDING APPLICATIONS - Monday 25th February 2019
The following projects are recommended by L’avenir d’Auroville and feedback is now invited from the larger community.
The last date for your feedback is Monday 11th March 2019.
In the Cultural Zone
1. Eluciole Circus Dome
Kalou at Kalabhoomi - eluciolecircus@gmail.com
Built up area: 69.75 Sq.m
Project Brief: The Geodesic Dome built for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations is currently being used by the Eluciole Circus for conducting activities for children.

In the Cultural Zone
2. Last School Parking & Store room
Jean Yves for Last School Team. lastschool@auroville.org.in
Built up area: 113.28 Sq.m
Project Brea: Parking shed for 35 bikes & 10 cycles, small store room for waste and garden tools and a stand-alone wall.
Please note:
• An NOC (No Objection Certificate) is issued only after evaluation and processing of the community feedback received during the two-week period.
• Any work should start only with an NOC.
For additional information or feedback, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L’avenir d’Auroville office in the Town Hall. The maps and details relevant to these announcements can be found on the Auroonet page of L’avenir d’Auroville.
Warm regards,
L’avenir d’Auroville team (Anita, Inge, Pino, Tejaswini)

Walking Path Proposal from Bharat Nivas
Bharat Nivas plans to open a walking pathway for visitors from the Visitors Center to Kalendra. The intention is to give those interested a deeper and more educational experience of the Auroville Adventure. We gladly welcome suggestions and proposals from the larger community. Please write to: bharatnivas@auroville.org.in, Bharat Nivas Team.

GAES initiative
Dear Community, thank you for your participation in the Growing Auroville’s Economy Sustainably (GAES) initiative. Due to changes in the team, we have not been able to update you about this initiative since our last community workshop in December. GAES is an initiative taken up by FAMC at the request of the Governing Board, Auroville Foundation.
The Growing Auroville’s Economy Sustainably (GAES) report submitted to the community can be found on the Auronet at [https://auroville.org.in/article/72956](https://auroville.org.in/article/72956). The purpose of this phase of GAES has been to collect proposals from the community to help strengthen and grow our economy. The report contains 6 proposals submitted by various individuals and groups. The main themes identified by the community are:

- Human Resource Development
- Policy and Structure review
  - Centralizing Accounts
  - Streamlining Trust Structure
  - Explore opportunities to reduce GST liabilities
  - Contribution Policy Review
  - Maintenance System Review
- Public relations (Messaging and marketing)
- Targeted infrastructure development between Aurovelo and Visitor’s Center

The FAMC has mandated the GAES task force to initiate Phase II. Phase II aims to facilitate:

- A messaging and marketing plan with key actors including [auroville.org](http://auroville.org), [auroville.com](http://auroville.com), Outreach Media, and AV Today.
- A Human Resource Development action plan with groups that have expressed interest in HR reform, the BCC, and HRT.
- A clear understanding of the implications of the structural reform proposed and community discussions to see if we can arrive at agreements toward the next steps.
- Discussion of contribution and maintenance policies to see if we can arrive at community wide agreements.
- Hand-over the infrastructure development to the Town Development Council for further development and possible implementation.

The GAES task force currently comprises Angelo, Bindu, Gijs, Lyle and Stephan. Contact info: gaes@auroville.org.in

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**OBITUARY**

**Henk**

Our Dutch friend and brother Henk van Putten left his body on Saturday 16 February, at the age of 82. He had been taken to PIMS due to an asthma induced lung complication that flared up after his recent return from Holland. His son Jeroen and nephew Dirk were with him at the moment of passing.

Henk, and his late wife Agnus Gastmans, came to Auroville since 2001 and joined in 2004 for good. Both accomplished artists, they settled in Petite Ferme where they created their art as well. Henk was a quite known designer and sculptor, who worked with various materials such as steel, stone, bronze and wood to form the building blocks of his sculptures and multi-dimensional objects. One finds a good number of his large structures in Auroville, in Visitors’ Centre, along the roads, in gardens and other places. Not a very socially active person, Henk was totally dedicated to his work and was a much-asked artist participating in exhibitions and art fairs across Europe. In 2014 his work ‘Stretching’ won the Liu Kaiqu Excellence Award, Wuhu, China. After a few days in the Farewell Centre, Henk’s remains were buried at the Auroville burial grounds.

Saluting Henk and thanking him for his beautiful art that may enliven Auroville’s landscapes for eons to come, our warmest condolences go out to his son Jeroen and daughter Marjolein in Holland, as well as to Walter and Tina and the wider Gastmans family here on site.

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A short interview of Henk talking about his work can be found at goo.gl/Fwq5yF

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**2019 Art for Land Awareness and Fund Raising Event: Invitation to participate**

We have been approached by many who ask us - “I am not an artist, but I would also like to contribute in kind towards the Land - How can I do this?”

To open this amazing space of generosity to more people, we will have a: **Generosity Fair and an Afternoon Tea Party** on **Sunday 10th March** - with musical performances during and after.

Everybody is invited to contribute to the Generosity Fair and the Big Tea party!

We are organizing this Fair now and need you: We are happy to receive things of all kinds which are beautiful, good, fun, and useful - art works, decorative items, books, clothes, household items. They can be delivered at the Unity Pavilion daily between 9am and 5pm. If you want us to pick up, please send a mail to unitypavilion@auroville.org.in or phone 0413-2623576.

We will be open to receive items up till the 8th of March.

For the Afternoon Tea, we would like to receive cakes and savories. All baked items need to reach us before noon on the 10th, certain items we can also pick up on the 9th as convenient. So please if you will hear directly from us as we will individually be contacting all our Bakeries and Restaurants as well as Individual Aurovilians well known for their cakes and baking.

Please let us know by mail or phone how you can participate!

*With love and Gratitude from the Art for Land, Acres for Auroville, LFAU, Green Acres, AV Art Service and Unity Pavilion*

Let us together prepare for a Great afternoon with focus on the Land!

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**Why we fundraise for land for Auroville - Part 5**

Today, 10% of City Area land & over 50% of Greenbelt land are still missing from the Master Plan area. Auroville’s relevance is growing!

Auroville started on its hot, arid, eroded plateau in a disadvantaged rural area with a few young pioneers from the Ashram, from Kullapalayam, Kottakarai and Edayanavadi, and a few more from the West. This experiential community has grown into an international settlement with people from 53 countries, and 700,000 visitors per year.

Auroville is one of very few projects worldwide that has successfully bridged from regenerating its land and environment towards radiating out with this work to its bioregion. Its dynamic contributions include its work on restoring Tamil Nadu’s traditional water system, the creation of 6 health care facilities and 36 educational facilities, and its social work organisation “Auroville Village Action Group (AVAG)” working with over 80 villages and 100 000 people. [https://www.villageaction.in/](https://www.villageaction.in/)

The past decades have seen Auroville develop into a learning center that attracts volunteers, interns, scholars and students worldwide. To further Auroville’s educational character as a campus or a Univer-city is the next step, gaining even wider relevance.

Many of the income-generating activities are social enterprises, acting in service to humanity, with an influence and intention to better align societies to the earth’s needs, particularly in the sphere of regenerative culture, design and education.

Auroville is the largest such project to make this transition and by example, arguably, one of the great hopes for the future of humanity! The seed planted on 28 February 1968 has sprouted, and grown - but today, rapidly-expanding Pondicherry changes the dynamics of Auroville’s physical environment! We urgently need to consolidate “the base camp”, the land for Auroville’s ongoing work. The challenge to do so is greater than ever.
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.

Acres for Auroville, GreenAcres and Funding Auroville team have their office with the Land Board at Town Hall, 1st floor, morning, 0413 2622657. Please come and see us, and bring your ideas!
- Funding Auroville http://funding.auroville.org/ for land & collective development, to approach foundations, CSR funding, & organisation.

Submitted by Sigrid, with the support of Aryadeep & Mandakini

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**Update - General Information Meeting on Matrimandir**

Dear Auroville community, Thank you all who have participated to the Information Meeting on Matrimandir on 8th February in Unity Pavilion. For those who were not able to attend the meeting we are sharing the presentation file which was used during the meeting. Please login to Auonet and download the presentation file from: https://auroville.org.in/article/72852. Here is the link to the ongoing plan for the existing garden review and new open garden design call: https://prezi.com/view/rbF68S0LFeLOjCuBgGky/ 

Here is the link to Auroville Radio recording (this will help to understand the PDF slideshow). https://www.aurovilleradio.org/general-meeting-about-matrimandir-gardens/

Thanks to Unity pavilion, AV radio team and Natasha from Perceptiveye - systems design studio (ASSA Activity) for your valuable service.

Sincerely, Matrimandir Executives: Auroville, Hemant, John, Jyoti, Louis, Vladimir.

**Veterinary Dr Kumar’s Availability**

Dear Community, Dr. Kumar is available free of cost for emergencies with dogs, be it for rabies, or a stray that needs emergency care. If there are strays that are not sterilized in Auroville, please inform Dr Kumar and Helpanimals. Dr Kumar will do the operation for free. Costs for material and medicines will be covered by the dog carer or, in exceptional cases, by Helpanimals. Dr. Kumar’s phone no.: 9443203092, please phone and send SMS as his phone is often on silent mode.

For more information or sterilisation requests: helpanimals@auroville.org.in

**Kaleidoscope #5 is out!**

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- Dying ANIMALS

Usually, we like to start with thinking about topics that could be inspiring for multiple articles, while still allowing other, more distant topics too. This issue was rather difficult, even though we did take a break for the month of January since the holidays were a distraction. What should have been a plain-sailing few weeks, were a little stormy. Even then, we have proudly released the 5th issue. I, being part of the pet-loving community can assure you the articles are written for them as well! They are not only for convincing people about having pets but also for the few animal lovers who are discriminating them according to their pedigree! It might not be wrong to have eyes for a particular type of animal according to their adaptability to your environment but being picky about having only a pure breed is unexplainable. One of the articles is about radiation, which might seem like the square peg in a round hole. I would like to think not. At the end of the day, most of the pieces are about making your everyday better and this writing really puts in place how much of a difference your life could be just by educating yourself correctly about such topics. These days, when words such as anxiety and depression are more commonly heard, it’s very important to prioritize health and happiness. I hope this issue could help!

- Faith group, Deepanam

You can see and read Kaleidoscope #5 here: https://issuu.com/home/published/magazine_5-3

**GREEN MATTERS**

**Talkin’Trash**

■ Say NO to non-recyclables

The past months, a significant amount of non-recyclable transparent plastic egg boxes appeared at Eco service. These boxes come from a shop inside Auroville. As they are non-recyclable, Eco service should put them in the landfill.

Sooner or later, that waste will pollute our precious earth. Our earth on which our food grows and where our tap water comes from.

So, for the time being, Eco Service has chosen instead to store these non-recyclable egg boxes, hoping a solution would come one day...

Now, the good news is that Auroville produces great and healthy eggs and has many eggs available in bulk. They are available at PTDC, Food link, Hers, Marc’s Café, Auro Orchard...

If you buy them plastic-free from Auroville, you won’t harm our land and you will be giving your money to local farmers. Don’t we want to support our local economy?

Please mind what you are buying. Think twice before buying non-recyclables.

If you do not know if it is recyclable, please ask Eco Service, ask your neighbors, google it, etc...

Take care of your waste = take care of your earth = take care of your health

Greetings from Waste-free Auroville

**Saturday Morning Beach Clean up at Quiet**

on Saturday 2nd March, 8 to 10am

If you have the love and energy to contribute, and feel the need to do something for the beach and the ocean, we invite you to do it together: kindly contact us at 9488084966 or 0413-2622329 and be there on Saturday morning, 2nd March, 8-10 a.m. for the “Beach Clean Up” at Quiet Healing Centre.

Gloves and snacks provided!

Call for volunteers for the Beach Clean Up

Quiet Healing Centre is looking for volunteers and friends to organize the beach clean-up event. Kindly contact us: 9488084966, 0413-2622329.

Greetings from Waste-free Auroville

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**Sunday Walk Farms & Forests**

**Sunday 3 March**

**Afternoon from 3.30 to 6 pm**

**REVELATION FOREST**

**with Patrick**

**Description:** Spread over an area of 85 acres in the north of Auroville, Revelation is one of the oldest most expansive and beautiful forests in the region. It comprises orchards, a forested park and a large forest sanctuary which has allowed a rich diversity of birds and wildlife to return. Activities in Revelation center around holistic conservation of soil and water. Today this forest stands as a model for eco-restoration, considering that it was regrown on desertified red laterite soil; it is a place for research and education. Patrick will be your guide, he has planted, nurtured and stewarded this forest for many decades.

Learn fascinating facts about water conservation & reforestation in Auroville from the pioneering days till now. As well as about succession of species, the rare flora and wildlife, the scientific research and volunteering in Revelation forest.

**Directions:** Ca 10 minutes cycling from Solar Kitchen or 5 minutes from Matrimandir. Coming from Solar Kitchen turn left and continue straight on the main road, passing the archeological park on your left side, the Matrimandir then Town hall. Keep going straight toward CSR/Upsasana/Wellcafe. Immediately after Wellcafe/Svedame, you will see a large brick wall on your right and the gate to Revelation. Patrick will be waiting at the gate. Please DO come on time to not miss the walk! Assistance: 0413 262 2683.

**Are you or your Community growing and harvesting organic cashews in the Auroville region?**

Dear community members, one of the aims of the Healthy Cashew Network is to be a linking hub connecting the communities/individuals who are growing organic cashews, the processors who can be trusted to work with organic cashews and the people who want to buy and support local, organic cashew growers. For those harvesting organic cashews on a small scale, we currently have the option of sending the cashews to a trusted processor who works without mixing organic and inorganic cashews. If you want to do this we are happy to help with the logistics. Please write to us to discuss further.

We are also starting a database for this information. If you know any individuals or communities who are growing and harvesting organic cashews (even if it is the smallest amount) in the Auroville area, please write to us!

You can text us at this number: +917094716136 or write to us at healthycashewnetwork@auroville.org.in.

**Healthy Cashew Network - working towards a safe and pesticide-free-Auroville**

Anandi, Helena, Jasmin, Nikethana, Marc, Patricia, Priya and Verena

**Water Words**

How can I retrofit my home to collect rainwater? Where can I find information on drought-resistant plants? What’s the difference between Pour Tous Water and Auroville Water Service? Do Auroville schools have a water curriculum?

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 telepathically send them to a Water Group member.

Water Group (Aditi, Giulio, Ing-Marie, Tency, Tom)

Website: www.aurovillewater.in

Facebook: www.facebook.com/aurovillewatergroup

**GET IT FRESH FROM THE FARM!**

Greetings from SOLITUDE

Guys the ramphal (custard apple) season is back and we have tons of it coming soon at our farm stall. Come gets yours!

Monday to Saturday

9am - 3pm, Solitude farm.

**Roots: January & February reviews, and March session coming!**

In January, we highlighted jicama. Here are the links to some jicama recipes and video of our cooking co-creation. Are you ready to give it a try, be inspired and be creative?

Our February journey took us to Chef Buvana’s home kitchen. We walked on the pebble path through a veg & flower garden and were greeted with a warm ‘Vanakkam’. The whole morning, we were observing and learning how to cook Snake Gourd Kootu, Country Tomato Rasam, Brinjal Curry, Ash Gourd Pachadi, Jicama Salad, Home-Made Curd, Naarthanga Sweet Pachadi, Curry Leaf Rice and Varagu (broken parboiled rice + unpolished varagu 1:1).

We learnt the importance of consuming the local veggies fresh (within a day or two of purchase). We got to know that veggies need to be cut firstly along the direction of how they grow. We were wowed at the traditional tools for grinding coconut and black pepper, the soapstone and mud pots for cooking, the many home-made “secret touches” to a dish, cleaning up while preparing dishes, and the joyful reverence to the art of cooking. We also found time for flower decoration and laughing, sharing a lot together!

When all dishes were ready, they were first offered to the Divine (for the chef - Sri Aurobindo and The Mother) and then to crows which, in Indian tradition, represent the ancestors. Then, we started eating in silent gratitude, some sitting on the floor, most of us with hands, just the Tamil way. We learnt the sequence of serving/eating Tamil dishes: salad, raw veg first, sour tasted ones like sambar, rasam, mixed with rice, sweet dish if any, finally yogh curd rice with pickle. Yum, yum, yummy… We ate them all, to the joy of all, especially the Chef!

Chef Buvana, author of Sustainable Palate (a book introducing traditional Tamil recipes with grains, veggies and fruits from Auroville farms) welcomes earnest learners to her kitchen with her contagious smile and yoga of cooking. Email: buvana@auroville.org.in

In the March session, we will go to Chef Sarah’s abundant home garden and kitchen at La Ferme to harvest and learn how to prepare veggies raw and cooked, lady fingers, bottle gourd, long beans, pumpkin, various herbs and flowers. We will experience diverse forms of abundance, and have a vegan lunch together.

**Roots March cooking session**

**Time:** 2 March, 9:30am-14:00pm

**No. of participants:** 10 persons

**Register before 1 March with Anandi Zhang:**

anandizhang@auroville.org.in, WhatsApp: +918940285201

Be our next chef, and/or welcome us to your kitchen (home, farm, forest, community or unit)

**Roots team (Anandi Z, Bindu & Sheetal)**
**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.
  Where: Visitors Center Main Gate or on call.
  When: daily 9.30am to 6pm.
  How: call landline (best) 0413-262-2611 or 9487650951 (driver).

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

- **Cycles and children car seats rentals**
  Where: Vehicle Service, Town Hall.
  When: Monday - Saturday from 9am to 12.30 and 2.30 to 5pm.
  How: Contact avvehicle@auroville.org.in or Phone: 0413-2623302, Mobile: 9443074825.

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

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

- **Visitors’ Center - Bicycle Rental**
  Daily/Weekly/Monthly rates.
  Where: Available from the Kiosk, Near Dosai Corner/Dreamer’s.
  When: 9.30am - 5pm.
  How: Contact: 0413-262-3034.

- **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.
  Contact: avbus@auroville.org.in.

**THANK YOU**

**“VAST”, big thanks**

We created our new show VAST and performed it on the 15th, 16th, 17th February in Sri Aurobindo auditorium, Bharat Nivas, Auroville.

It was a huge success. More than 1200 Aurovilians and guests came and were deeply touched. Each evening brought an intense emotion.

VAST received long standing ovation and very good feedback: “There are no words, just thank you, thank you, thank you, it’s like a journey into the soul” - Ulrike and Ahana

“Thank you for that stunning, bold and heartfelt performance!! The Spirit...It’s VAST, blessings” - E.I.

We thank Bharat Nivas team for their very special welcome. Thank you to:

- Tapas and Joy.
- Ashwin for the light
- Suresh for the sound
- Varun and Nadia for the musical composition
- Aurelio and Svaram for the partnership

- Ritam community and especially to Barbara our co-producer.
- Goliath Studio
- Eluciole Circus and Kalou
- To all the volunteers who helped us to make this event possible: Angelika, Michael, Lukas, Sophie, Frederic, Brigitte(BB), Sebastien, Vijay, Guna, Aikya, Ravi, Michele.
- For the video and photo shooting: Alessandra, Aurovenkatesh, Piero (Outreach Media)
- Bavi and his team (Last School), Sven, Rishi, Sabine and Isabelle for News & Notes, French Pavilion, Outreach Media, Auroville Radio TV, Auroville theatre group, CRIPFA, New Creation Dance Studio, Orly and Wallpaper.

We thank all the donors.

We thank SAIJER for the grants for the researches for new dramaturgy and Krishna and Auroville Art Service for their support. VAST is now ready to tour under Auroville Art Service in India and abroad.

Next performances:

- **28th February** in Tantrotsav Festival, Edayanchavadi
- **22nd March**, at the Francophone festival, Indianostrum, Pondicherry

As we didn’t receive any grants for our creation VAST, we still need extra financial support for the Sri Aurobindo auditorium rental, the musical composition, Record Studio, promotion, video, photo, props and sets, food, transport, accommodation, rehearsals expenses. You can donate on our account 252160 in Financial Service.

With Love and Gratitude,

Barbara, Philippe, Thierry, Gopal, from Surya Performance Lab (Activity under Auroville Art Service)

.suryaperformancelab@auroville.org.in

.www.surya-performance-lab.com

**APPEAL**

Urgently Needed: A Place where I Could care for my Mother

I have an urgent request for anyone who may be able to respond to me. My mother has been treated for cancer intensely for over a year. The cancer is increasing. I need a place where my brother, my cousin and I can care for her. As you know, nature is the best place for such healing. If you have any suggestions or ideas about where we could find such a place, please call at +91 9486145072 or e-mail sathyacolour@auroville.org.in.

My deepest gratitude, Sathy - Aurovilian/painter/CREEVA member and farmer.

**HELP Needed for HELPAIMALS**

Dear Aurovilians and friends, Helpanimals wants to rekindle the effort to sterilise stray dogs and assure that all dogs in the city area are vaccinated and cared for.

Only together and with continuous efforts we will be able to stabilise the dog population and ease slowly the stress of the many dogs that often bark in night time and cause sleepless nights to noise-sensitive people.

Next to financial help we also appreciate people that come forward to give time and energy. We are working on a project for dog sterilisation in the nearby villages and would need young native Aurovilians to support us and collaborate in this.

Please contact us through helpanimals@auroville.org.in. You may reach out to any member of the team.

For sterilisation, vaccinations, medicines, pre- and after care we need YOUR help. Please donate generously.

Particularly helpful are monthly contributions that will help us to build up a “Healthydog Service”.

Contributions and Donations can be made via FS account #: 252699 or through AV Unity Fund, specified for “Helpanimals”.

Any amount, small or big, is most welcome and much appreciated. THANK YOU!

- Helpanimals operational team (hopefully growing soon):
  - Karman, Dr. Kumar, Mirani, Megha.
- Helpanimals fundraising and caring team:
  - Eva, Susan, Shama, Nina.
- With active support from Auroville Council:
  - Enrica, Mita, Shivaya.
**HEALTH**

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

**MATTRAM Online Website**
Centre for Psychological Development and Support, link.

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

Full time video editor: Dear community, OutreachMedia is looking for a full-time video editor to work with our filming team. If you’re interested, please send your resume/CV and links to work you’ve already done to outreachmedia@auroville.org.in. Hope to hear from you soon! OutreachMedia team.

Position available in Eco Femme: Eco Femme is looking for an enthusiastic full-time member to join the sales team. The responsibilities include managing of events, communicating with prospects and retailers and coordinating the online shop. If you are interested, please email at info@ecofemme.org for a detailed job description. A maintenance will be provided.

Tailors required: We require tailors at Upasana Design studio. If interested, please contact production@upasana.in or call at 0413-2622939 & 8489027878.

**SPORTS**

**Inauguration of the New Creation Stadium**
Everyone is cordially invited on the 25th February 2019 at 10am. Venue: New Creation Sports Ground. Governing Board Members will be attending the inauguration.

**Ultimate Frisbee Team Update & HAT 2019**
Dear community, our Ultimate Frisbee team - Spinergy- is back from Nationals in Ahmedabad.

What an adventure!... the RAC train rides, the cold weather, the different food, and the tournament itself with team from across India, each with their own story... We won the tournament Spirit of the Game award along with another team given by special guest - International level para badminton player - Manasi Joshi. We are grateful to have been able to go. We would like to thank all those who helped and supported us - with gifts for other teams (Av bakery), with accommodation (Dharmesh), with food for our train journeys (Raji, Sonali and more helpful family and friends) and financially of course (all those who contributed and Daniel from our team for helping some more) - making it possible for us to get there.

Next on the Ultimate calendar is the Auroville Hat this weekend (23rd and 24th February) at the Gaia field. A Hat Tournament is an opportunity to get to know new people and learn from each other while having fun playing. We will have many students from different cities this year. Anyone who would like to learn the game or come and watch is welcome... We hope to see you there! Spinergy team.

**EATING OUT**

Early breakfast at Visitors Center on Auroville’s Birthday
The Cafeteria at Visitors Centre will open at 7am for breakfast on Thursday, the 28th. Happy Birthday to all! Cafeteria team.

**AUROVILLE RADIO TV**

Greetings Auroville...
Dear Community, AurovilleRadioTV is still evolving and changing its technical background and editorial strategy. AurovilleRadioTV is YOUR media: 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:
call 0413-2623331 or email radio@auroville.org.in or simply pop by at the studio at the Town Hall ground floor! You can listen to all of the programs and more on: www.aurovilleradio.org.
Check out our Facebook and Tweeter pages.

These are the latest programs published by AurovilleRadio this week:
- General Meeting on the upcoming Selection Process (Audio)
- Songs & visions of Kabir by prof. Sehdev Kumar (Audio and video)
- Conference: Ayurvedic Health Education by Docteur Geeta (Audio)
- Synthesis of Yoga Chapter 23, page 856 (Audio)
- Music - The Vanavers live at Unity pavilion (Audio and video)
- Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi- 291 (Audio)
- Synthesis of Yoga Chapter 23, page 851 (Audio)
- General Meeting about Matrimandir Gardens (Audio)

All the recordings are ready to be copied on your memory stick at the AurovilleRadioTV studio by your request. Your AurovilleRadioTV team

**NOTES**

**LIGHT**

Light
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Only Light
Embrace
Ecstasy
Echoing in our bones
Flashed flesh
Free
And the cells...
The cells
Only
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Light
Anandi – February 2019
Honoring Henk’s Passing

Note from Devayani’s family

Dear Auroville Community,
we are heartfelt to announce that our mother Devayani left her body, and now she is into the light. While she spent the past decade in Auroville, we know she touched many of your community who learnt to appreciate and love her: we wish to thank you, everyone and each of you, for your friendship, your love and your support to her, physical and spiritual. We know that La Mere and Sri Aurobindo were the most important spiritual leaders she had and they helped her through the past 2 months in which the illness devoured her so fast. The Divine bless you all in every form and everywhere!
Giovanna, Daniele and Filippo
(Submitted by Giovanni)

For Devayani

Devayani wanted to practice English, and so I became a small part of her beautiful world. A misunderstanding in one of our conversations was a classic it would have been hilarious on any comedy stage or movie - and is still my absolutely funniest memory from any ‘English class’.

With her sense of humour and luminous smile and her practical and uncomplaining endurance, she was/is a model and teacher for me. Devayani and I had some things in common and that connection remains precious.
After I learned of her release, every time I thought of Devayani, there came a clear response of lightness and gratitude and a smile.
Patricia, Creativity

ACCOMMODATIONS

Needed 1: Dear Auroville family, this is Valentina (Aurovillan), Pablo and my cat from KRIYA community. We are currently looking for a long-term house-sitting in Auroville. I love gardening and we love pets, therefore, I would take really good care of your place, pets and plants. I could also create a little permaculture garden at your place if you wish. Please let me know if we are what you are looking for, otherwise just spread the voice around. Thank you for your attention. Mobile number: 9498961117, e-mail: valentina@auroville.org.in.

Needed 2: 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 Aurovilian. If I can find something for a month alone, that would be fine. Cats and dogs are fine if they are well behaved :-) Please send text or call at 9344169331. Thanks,
Myriam.

Needed 3: Dear All, my name is Alice. I am French, 28 years old volunteer and will be staying in Auroville for a year. I am looking for a place to stay on the long term, starting now. I am reliable, know how to keep a place clean and tidy and take care of pets. You can contact me by phone: 9585627701. Or by mail: kelleralice1@gmail.com. Alice

Available 1: Available small cottage in the green belt for ecofriendly, long term guest or newcomer. Contact ambre@auroville.org.in.

Auroville Library of Things (ALoT), an initiative by earth&us, at the container opposite PTDC: borrow tools, toys, kitchenware, travelling & hiking gear at your convenience. alot@auroville.org.in.
NOW ONLINE! aurolot.myturn.com/library/inventory/browse.
Basket and front & rear light for bicycle: Brand new. Please contact Carlos: 7598953079 or cartoonics9@gmail.com

Two functional keyboards: We have two keyboards laying in our office. If needed, please pass by our office: 9-12, Mon-Fri, Savi Team.

Household items: Fridge, UPS with battery, blender with one big and one small jar, and a wooden table (semi-circular, foldable, comes with fixation for wall) for contribution. Please contact Elke: elke@auroville.org.in

Used bicycle with gears: Still in good condition. Contact at 7623763: Lella


Female dog: Perky, very smart, middle aged, long black hair female dog is looking for a welcoming home. WhatsApp: 965509371: Karma

Looking for...

House work position: If you need a competent worker, Lakshmi has been working for Henk for 12 years. She does cooking, laundry, gardening and housekeeping. If you need help, call Dhiena at 9787127721. Thank you for your consideration. Submitted by Audrey.

Laptop: Dear community, I am a SAVI volunteer at the News&Notes and I am looking for a laptop for and/or a smartphone (used in both cases). It is my humble request to the community to lend me one if you have a spare and not using. Please contact me at: 9774490591. Thank you, Amal.

Used REVA car: any size, any age. If you know of one, please email: Gail Shaw gaillshaw@gmail.com or Michael Shaw michael.shaw@findhorn.org. Thank you kindly.

Second hand Laptop: Hello everyone, I’m Julien and I’m a SAVI volunteer working with AV Art Service. I am looking for a small laptop ideally but any kind of computer is also welcome. It can be either to give, or for a contribution, or to borrow. If you have anything like that please let me know! My number is 9972354371. Thank you so much for your help. Julien.

Dance teacher: We are looking for someone who can teach simple circle dance for the International Women’s Day on March 8th, 2019. Please contact Madhi at ejilmady@auroville.org.in (or) Grace at Grace@auroville.org.in. Thanking you, Mirra Women’s Group

Taxi Sharing

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

26th February: an empty taxi leaving to Chennai around 4:30/5:00 am. Could also leave a bit earlier or later. One way sharing. Kindly contact 9443439039 if you’re interested. Thanks, Mia.

27th February: leaving Auroville around 2:45 am to catch a flight at 6:45 am from Chennai domestic airport and coming back on the 27th at 8:30 PM from Chennai. Contact sophie@auroville.org.in or 9487920197. Sophie

27th February: leaving Auroville at 6 a.m. for Chennai airport and arriving around 9 a.m. Sharing is possible. Contact at Elisesgala@gmail.com or +917339591115, WhatsApp or call. Elise

27th February: leaving Auroville at 1.30 am for Chennai Airport. Taxi can be shared both ways, only 1 person is going. Ingrid 9443843976 or ingridt@auroville.org.in.

1st March: leaving from Auroville around 8 pm and arriving at around 11.30 pm in Chennai airport. Contact Evelyne: evelynequinouard@wanadoo.fr.

1-3rd March: We are two volunteers staying at the Youth Center. Between 1 and 3 March, we have a van with 2 available seats going North to Kolkata. We are reachable on WhatsApp number +33 (0)6 60 80 50 37. Marc

2nd March: 1 person going to Chennai and looking for a shared taxi. Reachable on WhatsApp number +33 (0)6 60 80 50 37. Marc

3rd March: We are taking a taxi from Auroville to Chennai Airport, leaving at 3:30am and arriving around 7:00 am (morning). We are two people and have space for two more. Please call Ben on 95857 79693.

3rd March: leaving Auroville at 8:30 PM for Chennai airport. Sharing either way is possible. Contact 5vaha@gmail.com, 0413-2623898 or text 890-344-9396. Swaha (US)

10 March: Planning to leave AV around 3:30 am to get to Chennai airport no later than 7:30. Interested in sharing taxi? Also available for return to AV. Please contact Quentin. Tel; 7399532010; macfarlanv0@gmail.com

Travel

Latest News from Inside India - Travel Shop
we have shifted to Kalpana. Jearaj and Ganesh will be available from 10 am to 1 pm and from 1.30 to 6 pm.

Latest offers from International Airlines: Jet Airways has offers to Europe destinations partner with Air France & KLM. Emirates has offers to selected destinations in Europe. Qatar Airways has special offers to Europe. Etihad Airways has special offers to Europe & USA. Oman Airways has special offers to Europe.

Some of the Airlines may increase their fares from 01 March onward. Kindly book your tickets on or before 28 February to avail the best offers.

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: 0413-2622064, domestic@inside-india.com,
- Tours and Domestic Hotel booking: 0413-2622047, insideindia@auroville.org.in

Week’s Happenings

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

AT the Matrimandir

Matrimandir - Meditation with Savitri

Read by Mother to Sunil’s music

Every Thursday - 5.30 to 6.00 pm [weather permitting]

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

Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone: please No Photos and do not to use your cell phones, cameras, i-pads, etc.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there. Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 pm

Please be seated by 5.25 pm, no late entry. Thank you. Amphitheatre Team.
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

Auroville’s Birthday
at the Matrimandir Amphitheatre

26.2.2019
‘Anahata Nāda’
A musical offering on Bansuri and Seaboard
On Tuesday 26th February at 5.30 pm in the Amphitheatre
Entrance from the Office Gate at 5 pm. Guests are requested to carry their Aurocard.

28.2.2019
Collective Meditation for Auroville’s Birthday with Dawnfire
On Thursday 28th February 2019 from 5 to 6.30 am in the Amphitheatre
Entrance from the Second Banyan Gate only. Open from 4 to 5 am and after 5.45 am.

Please note that during the meditation, from 5 to 5.45 am the gates will remain closed,
All are requested to come early and be seated by 4.55 am.
Latecomers may join in after 5.45 am

Please remember to leave your pets at home, bring along a torch light and to switch off your cellphones.

It is recommended that photos are taken only after the meditation is over and without flash.
Access is limited to the Amphitheatre up to 7 am only.

Aurovilians who wish to be seated in the area meant for ‘No Photography’
are requested to look out for the ‘No Photography Enclosure’ on the Northern side of the Amphitheatre.
Please do not take photos in the ‘No Photography Enclosure’ out of respect for those who choose to sit there.

Your goodwill and cooperation are essential
to maintain an atmosphere of peace and silence all through the event.
Volunteers on duty will be there to guide and assist.

Visitors are requested to either carry their Aurocard or collect personally free ‘information cards’
available at the Visitors Centre (upstairs) on 26th and 27th February from 4 to 6 pm.
Enterance from the Office Gate at 5 pm. Guests are requested to carry their Aurocard.

5.30 – 6 pm
Savitri Music in the Amphitheatre with the setting sun.
Enterance from the Office Gate at 5 pm. Guests are requested to carry their Aurocard.

Bonne Fête!
INVITATIONS

“Let’s Play with the Diversities”
Friday 1st March 9am - noon / Solar Kitchen to Town Hall.

Let’s Play with the Diversities
Awareness of creating an inclusive society where everybody is included
Friday 1st March 2019

With the support of SAIER and the collaboration of YATRA (Arts Media)
invite all of you to this special and unique event:

“Let’s Play with The Diversities
on Friday, March 1st, 2019
9am to noon
Solar Kitchen to Town Hall

The aim of this event is to involve everybody, especially children, students, urban planners, architects, transport services, and cycle path groups to increase awareness about creating an inclusive society.

In order to achieve our goal, we have planned this 3-step event:

1) A walk from Solar Kitchen to Town Hall - on wheelchairs!
Starting at 9 am from Solar Kitchen, we will take a “walk” on wheelchairs up to Town Hall. Through this collective experience, the participants will feel - just for a little while - the discomfort of social exclusion which results from architectural and mental barriers.

2) A play on diversities
Once we reach Town Hall, everybody will be invited to see an unusual and amazing performance (on the stage in front of “Le Morgan Café”) - played by the Yatra Team and a wide diversity of Aurovilians, including children and adults. Members of the audience will be involved in the play as well.

3) Photo Exhibition: “Accessibility and architectonic barriers”
At around 10:30 am the Photo Exhibition - about accessibility and inaccessibility issues in Auroville and Puducherry - will be inaugurated at the Town Hall Entrance.

We will be very happy to see you all there attending this special, unique and educational event
which is happening for the first time in Auroville.

Susmita and Piero Cefaloni
For Accessible Auroville - accessibleauroville@auroville.org.in
www.auroville.org/contents/131
ENDANGERED CRAFT MELA

An all-inclusive Craft Market
Celebrating hand-made articles

Wednesday 27th February
at Youth Centre
From 9am until dark

EXHIBITIONS

ANNUAL REPORT
A photo exhibition by Lisbeth

Saturday 2nd until 16th March 2019
opening 4.30 pm on March 2nd
open daily 8 am-12 and 2 pm-6pm, closed on Sunday.

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

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

BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
Welcomes you to the exhibition:

śrī caraṇa
The Divine Kissing the Earth awake

February 22nd to 27th daily open 3:00pm - 5:30pm
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BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre
Edayanchavadi, Auroville
Group visits can be organized on request!
kshetram2014@auroville.org.in / +91 7639845821

PLENTIFUL
Painting - Collage Ėva Citadines

from 27th February to 16th March
10 am to 12 pm and 3 to 5 pm
Monday to Saturday
Centre d’Art Gallery at Citadines

The German pavilion group cordially invites to
The exhibition of Birgitta Volz,

Baobab Project -
a Research of the Invisible
Until Saturday 2 March

Exhibition Gallery
of the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture,
International Zone, Auroville,
open from 9 - 12.30 am and 2 - 5 pm.

Birgitta will share for a last time some
of her expedition adventures in the
bush of Namibia and explain about the
magic unfolding, while she worked
with this 3000-year-old majestic
Baobab tree on Friday 1st of March
2019 at 4 pm in the Exhibition Hall of
the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.
The last chance to see the exhibition
will be on Saturday, March 2nd.

Earth Creature, 2018,
bark print
from a 3000-year-old
Baobab tree
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**Divine Flowers**

“A Lord, let this pure flower of love blossoms to me, so that it may make (fragment all who approach me and its perfume sanctify them).”

The Mother

A Flower Exhibition
Venue - Savitri Bhavan (square hall)
Date - 21st to 28th February
Time - 9:30am to 5pm
First day opening time - 10:30am
divineflowers@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 on 28 January on the occasion of the 2019 International Zone General Meeting. The exhibition is on-going. A heartfelt “Thank You” to all who supported and made it happen. “To help and translate Mother’s Powers and quotes into other languages, please email: anandizhang@auroville.org.in

**Sanskrit session**
Thursday 28 February 7.30 - 8.30am
International space (half underground), Bharat Nivas (next to Sri Aurobindo Auditorium).
A warm welcome to attend the Sanskrit session at exhibition of Mother’s symbol in 22 languages. Sanskrit, also called Devabhasha - the language of the gods - carries the deep spiritual tradition and knowledge of India. Extensively used by Sri Aurobindo, it was given special attention by the Mother, for India and for the Ashram School. A session with Aravinda with some chanting, listening to Mother’s message about Sanskrit, and reflecting and meditating on Mother’s symbol.

*Language chanting at the end: each participant speaks/sings/chants a word from Mother’s symbol in their own language, we can then sing in each other’s languages and let the sounds merge...
Let us learn from each other the beauty and divinity in languages, within and among ourselves. Please share this with whoever would be open and interested to learn it.

With Joy and Gratitude, Anandi Zhang.

**Japanese Woodblock Prints**

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

**Bharat Nivas**

Pavilion of India, Auroville

**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 until 3rd March
Opening Hours: 9 to 7:30 pm (open on Sundays).
For more info: bharatnivas@auroville.org.in

**Invites you to Auroville Timelines**

an in-situ video art installation

* A tribute to the soiled hands and feet Curated by Richa and Rrivu

Bharat Nivas presents At Kalakendra
"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 - Life-Sketch in Photographs in the upstairs corridor
  Everyone is welcome.
ART FOR LAND 2019
Fundraising
ART EXHIBITION
at THE UNITY PAVILION

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

• 10 am to 4 pm Mondays – Saturdays
• 3 to 6 pm on Sundays 3/3 and 10/3
till the 15th March 2019

Auroville’s creative artists have come together once again to create a splendid offering of beauty to raise funds for Auroville’s unified material base. They are joined by artist friends from India and all around the world - making over 70 participating artists in the media of painting, sculpture, pottery, textiles, and photography. The Unity Pavilion has offered its beautiful spaces for this showcase of inspiration and for the parallel fundraising events.

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

You can also preview the artworks and reserve online at artforland.in.

TALKS
Arpanaa
A service under City Services
(Geetha & Mona)

warmly invite you to

taaḻam

Friday 1 March, 2019, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas, Auroville

An interdisciplinary conversation exploring the varied expressions of rhythm and proportion in Indian culture
Sashikala Ananth, Vaastu exponent
Dr. Arimalam Padmanabhan, Musician, Musicologist
Manoj Pavitran, Design Researcher

for registration or more details, please write to:
sriram.sangeetha@gmail.com/whatsapp 87620-58675

CULTURAL EVENTS

Sand Mandala of Chenrenzig

Performed by the monks from Tashi Lhunpo Monastery at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone.
To get detailed information, see Auronet or send an email to bodkhang97@gmail.com
The Auroville Choir
Performs compositions under the theme “NORTHERN LIGHTS”
Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of March,
at 8.00 pm at CRIPA, Kalabhumi
Please arrive by 7:45 pm.

AUROVILLE CHOIR
NORTHERN LIGHTS

Entrance with tickets only
For reserving your seat on either date, please get free 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-56159488542
(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 on Auronet.

WINGS of the SPIRIT
Poetry in celebration of the Divine
If that seed in the muddy muck and soiled water can rise to blossom into such a beautiful lotus what might not you and I become in our journey towards the sun? each one of us is a garden. Wings of the hearts, Poets and lovers of poetry Invite you to partake in an evening of performed poetry. Come and be inspired!
Starting at 7:30 pm
Friday, 1st March
At Unity Pavilion

Concert of Hindustani and Carnatic Music
by INtune
At Unity Pavilion - Sunday 3rd of March at 7pm
Gordon Karstange: Carnatic Flute
Joel Eisenkramer: Hindustani Slide Guitar
Umayalpuram Mali: Mridangam

A land fundraiser - please make a solidarity donation.

Meditation on Shakti-Shiva
by Rekha and group
Sunday, 3rd March 2019 - 5pm
Kalakendra Entrance Circular Space
Bharat Nivas invites all to the Closing Ceremony of the Art Exhibition at Kalakendra:
An Offering of Dance Performance by Rekha and her group.

Artistic Direction: Rekha Tandon
Dancers: Kalvi, Abhi, Shrishti, Karolina, and Rekha
Musicians from Mohanam in Auroville
Musical arrangements by Michael Weston
Presented by Dance Routes, Skandavan
Additional information on the ongoing Art Exhibition at Kalakendra by the former students of the Pondicherry Sri Aurobindo Ashram:
Sunday, 24 February and Sunday 3rd March 2019:
Art Workshop on the Canvas from 3 to 7.30 pm
All are welcome to participate.

For more information, please see Bharatnivas Auronet Page: auroville.org.in. For registering, write to us: bharatnivas@auroville.org.in or call at: 2623250
Bharat Nivas Cultural Group
SEAS
Soul Encounters for the Auroville Soul
Tuesday, 26th February 2019, 7:00 pm
Bharat Nivas, Auroville.

Savitri Maya and Grace Gitadeli
la dance chosen highlights of the original SEAS performance that took place at the Matrimandir Amphitheater in February 2018.

All welcome to close the program in a collective meditation.

LOVE MATTERS...
Philosophy On Stage
Sat & Sun, 2nd and 3rd March, 2019
7 pm - Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes
At Adishakti Theatre - neighbours of Auroville

LOVE MATTERS... a field-performance, in which a transdisciplinary group of artists and philosophers from India and Europe researches love on stage. They struggle together to deconstruct stereotypical patterns of love for the sake of a multi-perspective view on an ambivalent phenomenon that touches us all.

Contact: 0413 2622287 / 9578542882
Email: adishaktiprogram@gmail.com
Entry Free! Donations are welcome

SCHEDULES

BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
Edayanachavadi, Auroville - kshetram2014@auroville.org.in

♦ Reading from The Mother’s Questions & Answers
Vol-7, in English, led by Rama Narayana.
Friday 1 March at 6.00pm

♦ Reading The Supreme & Savitri
in Tamil & English, led by Buvana Sundari.
Sunday 3 March at 5.30pm

SAVITRI BHAVAN

• Inner-Work Workshop
Place: Savitri Bhavan
Time: 9 am to 12 Noon
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
26 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: ‘Self-realization’
• Overview with multimedia presentation
• Questions and Answers
• Practice in Daily Life
• Complimentary Concentration Exercises
• Creative Arts, Interactive Games
• Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
• Introduction to the Reference Books

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

VERITE

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

INTENSIVES IN VÉRITÉ: (Registration required)

♦ Intro to Hatha Yoga - Designing your own practice
With Bijou
Wednesday, 27 February - from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
Hatha Yoga, the most traditional form of asana-oriented yoga, is aimed at a unified body-mind state. It intends to increase balance and stability on both fronts - mental focus and composure being the prime objective, while the physical attributes work themselves. Why is it important that we learn to design our own practice? Because each one of us is built differently. What works for one may not necessarily work for the person on the next mat, and vice versa. We aim to bring the awareness inward to find out, with a little help and continued practice, what works best for us. This makes yoga practice possible anywhere, anytime.

♦ Yoga for conditioning the back
With Bijou
Saturday, 2 March - from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
One of the most common physical issues in people is a weak back, which is often due to unhealthy lifestyle choices and/or a lack of proper exercise. In this intensive, you will be guided through a series of yoga asanas which will strengthen the back. These simple postures can help to prevent and remediate the typical spinal issues that we are most vulnerable to.

♦ Somatics - An Introduction for Everybody!
With Maggie
Monday 4 March - from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements (mind-body training) in the tradition of Thomas Hanna. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.
Watsu & Pregnancy with Xavier
Friday 1 - Sunday, 3rd March (8.45 a.m. - 6.30 p.m.)
This 3-day workshop offers the necessary tools for giving Watsu sessions to pregnant women and gaining a deeper insight into the fascinating world of pregnancy and birth in relation to aquatic bodywork. It also offers specific indications and contraindications in the context of pregnancy and will allow you to give precious support to future mothers.
With Watsu, we can help relieving specific pains and create psychological conditions to better prepare pregnant women for childbirth. The workshop also focuses on the prenatal energetic relation between parents and child and how future fathers can participate in the pregnancy. With Watsu, the family history starts well before birth.

Special Announcement to Pregnant Women and their partners
Saturday 2 March (3.30 - 4.30 pm for pregnant women only)
Sunday 3 March (2.30 - 4.30 pm)
As part of Watsu & Pregnancy (see above), we invite pregnant women and their partners to join this workshop for a demo and practice session on Saturday 2 March from 3.30 till 4.30 pm (for pregnant women only) and on Sunday 3 March from 2.30 until 4.30 p.m. Please contact the Quiet reception for signing up beforehand.

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

Tibetan Bowl Sound Massage with Satyayuga
Tuesday 26 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.

Joy GH

Please note the following cancellation:
Awareness Through the Body classes cancelled for two Saturdays: ATB classes at Joey will be cancelled for Saturday 23rd February and March 2nd. The classes will restart on the 9th March. Warmly, Joy team.

**change of timings for these 2 new regular activities with Rupavathy at Joy GH**

Explore Temples Around Auroville: Every Saturday from 4:30 to 7:30 pm with Rupavathy. We welcome you to explore temples around Auroville. You will experience the local culture, food and temples (transport and dinner included). Prior registration required. For info and reservations, please contact us: 9487272393 / Email: joycommunity@auroville.org.in.

Indian Delight: Cooking class; Every Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 pm with Rupavathy. A cooking class where we shall cook delicious food. Together, we shall discover authentic Indian flavors. Prior registration required. For info and reservations, please contact us: 9487272393 / Email: joycommunity@auroville.org.in.

CANCELLATION OF “BEHIND THE SCENES” CREEVA workshops on Feb. 22 and Mar. 9 and 10.

Creeva has an Open Studio in Kalakendra
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2 - 4.30pm

Watercolour through geometry and meditation
March 1 - 3 (Thurs - Sat), 9.30am - 3.00pm
with Gino. With the discipline of these exercises the student can obtain control over brush and colours. I share of all levels of water colour practice. Contact 9047097812

Monthly Schedules of AV Centers

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.aurovillelenguagelab.org/courses.php
- Auromode Yoga Space: www.auromodeyogaspace.com
- Vérité: www.verite.in/
- Arka Wellness Centre: www.auroville.org/contents/2886
- Quiet: http://quiethealingcenter.info/
- Lilaloka: www.lilaloka.org

Other Events

Deep Transformational Coaching with Jörg, on appointment
Do you feel stuck? What is stopping you from living the life that really fulfills you? I am passionate about inner discovery and learning; I help people integrate all parts of themselves so that they can truly find their deepest dreams for the future. I support people to become aware of where they want to be in the future and to take the right steps to get there.

What happens in a coaching session?
The most challenging situations are the ones with the biggest potential for change and transformation. Dealing with challenging situations needs a safe space. I make sure to create this safe space where we can explore your dreams and needs together. I also challenge you to realize these dreams and to act upon them.

About the coach: Jörg is a Certified Professional Coach, trainer and management consultant with over 7 years of experience in the field. His background of management and consulting in the corporate world blends nicely with the experience of living and working in Auroville for the last 13 years.

Contact: Joerg@auroville.org.in
Mobile/WhatsApp: +91 9442396065

Special TANGO BOOT CAMP for Beginners
6 to 10 March 2019
Auroville Holistic Tango Festival (8th edition) is coming soon! This year, for the first time, we will have simultaneously a 5-day bootcamp for beginners. If interested, contact tangofestival@auroville.org.in

And do not miss the festival’s opening night at Visitors’ Center on March 6th, 8pm!
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.

25 Feb - 11 Mar 2019
At Earth Institute
(Inside CSR compound)
Conducted by
Omar K. Rabie & Lara K. Davis
Organized by the Earth Institute

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 adapted 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

Building Matrimandir - Labour of Love

Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:30pm, Duration: 52min.
This documentary on the building the Matrimandir shows archival footage of the early stages of the construction, as well as more comprehensive coverage of the final stages and includes interviews with some of the builders. The construction of Matrimandir represents a special aspect of the growth of Auroville and its soul. The film will be shown in English and is also available in eight other languages, published by Auroville Video Production in 2008.

Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 25 Feb to 3 March 2019

Indian - Monday 25 February, 8:00 pm:
- VADA CHENNAI (North Chennai)
  India, 2018, Writer-Dir. Vetrimaran w/Dhanush, Ameer Sultan, Radha Ravi, and others, Action-Crime, 164mins, Tamil w/English subtitles, Rated:NR (R)
  Anbu is a young guy from north of Chennai, an old neighborhood of working-class people but with active gangs. Anbu is an ace carrom player and aspires to remain out of trouble and secure a government job. His lady love Padma, a young woman with a lot of spunk - gets into a situation where Anbu needed to come to her defense. Thus, started Anbu's tryst with the crime world as he becomes a reluctant participant in a war between two warring gangsters. This film has been acclaimed for its script, cinematography, and authenticity in portraying the characters down to their accent. Critics label the film as dark, violent, engaging and authentic.

German - Tuesday 26 February, 8:00 pm:
- SEELENVÖGEL (Soul Birds)
  Germany 2009, Dir. Thomas Riedelshheimer w/Isabel Schupp, Pauline Schupp, Leonhard Grabe, and others, Documentary, 93 mins, German w/English subtitles, Rated: NR.
  For Pauline (15 years), Richard (10 years) and Lenni (6 years), life means something very special. Suffering from leukemia, they are facing death. Pauline writes poems and meditates, Richard knows everything about his disease and Lenni’s charm fills any room. Three strong personalities with all their plans, hopes, triumphs and defeats. An unusual cinematic approach to the search for life’s energy and power. Pauline’s mother Isabel will be present for a Q&A session after the screening.

Interesting - Wednesday 27 February, 8:00 pm:
- MR. GAGA
  Israel-Germany, 2015, Dir. Tornar Heymann w/ Ohad Naharin, Tsofia Naharin, and others, Biography-Documentary, 140 mins, Hebrew w/English subtitles, Rated: NR
  Ohad Naharin, artistic director of the Batsheva Dance Company, is regarded as one of the most important choreographers in the world. Meeting him at a critical turning point in his personal life, this spirited and insightful documentary will introduce you to a man with great artistic integrity and an extraordinary vision. Filmed over a period of eight years, director mixes intimate rehearsal footage with an extensive unseen archive and breathtaking dance sequences. This story of an artistic genius who redefined the language of modern dance is guaranteed to leave you skipping.

French - Thursday 28 February, 8:00 pm:
- SPARRING
  France, 2018, Dir. Samuel Jouy w/ Mathieu Kassovitz, Olivia Meriliath, Souleymane M'Baye, and others, Drama, 94 mins, French w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
  Over 40yrs old, Steve Landry is a boxer who has lost more fights than he has won. Before putting the gloves aside, he accepts an offer which many boxes refuse: become the sparring partner of a big champion...

International - Saturday 02 March, 8:00 pm:
- FIRST MAN
  USA-Japan, 2018, Dir. Damien Chazelle w/ Ryan Gosling, Claire Foy, Jason Clarke, and others, Biography-History, 141 mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
  A biopic on the life of the legendary American astronaut Neil Armstrong from 1961-1969, on his journey to becoming the first human to walk the moon. Exploring the sacrifices and costs on the Nation and Neil himself, during one of the most dangerous missions in the history of space travel.

Children's Film - Sunday 03 March, 4:30pm
- SMALLFOOT
  USA, 2018, Dir: Jason Reising w/ Channing Tatum, James Corden, Zendaya and others, Animation, 96mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
  A Yeti is convinced that the elusive creatures known as “humans” really do exist.

Rainer Werner Fassbinder Festival @ Ciné-Club Ciné-Club - Sunday 03 March, 8:00 pm:
- QUERELLE
  Germany, 1982, Dir. Rainer Werner Fassbinder w/ Brad Davis, Franco Nero, Jeanne Moreau, and others, Drama, 108mins, German w/English subtitles, Rated: R
  This was Fassbinder’s final film, shot only a few months before his death at age 37. It shares the common Fassbinder themes of betrayal, power relations, rivalry, ritual, and love, but its stylized set, stiff performances, and use of color contrasts with his more naturalistic style in the 1970s.

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

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

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The FRENCH PAVILION presents:
The way of Shiatsu
Saturday 2nd of March 2019 at 5pm
at Cinéma Paradiso - Town Hall

A Documentary in French, with English subtitles directed by Bénédicte Seguin and Mylène Pierrard “The heart of Shiatsu is like a mother’s love,” said Japanese grandmother Tokujiro Namikoshi.

Shiatsu is a manual discipline from Japan. It is exerted by thumbs and hands to restore and maintain the balance of the body. It was recognized by the Japanese government in 1955, and also now in France and in many European countries. This discipline is now practiced worldwide.

At a time when conventional medicine is no longer sufficient, and drug consumption in constant increase with recognized adverse effects, many people are turning to complementary medicines to restore their balance, stay healthy and prevent disease.

This documentary, the first on the subject, shot in Japan, France and Belgium, wants to report on the exceptional growth that Shiatsu is experiencing today. What are the effects on the patients who receive it? How does the medical and hospital world welcome this movement coming from elsewhere? How and why do people from different backgrounds find themselves studying this discipline, and which way should they go? Shiatsu is a Way, like any Japanese art. An authentic way, ancestral art, a medicine for all.

(Dur. 49 mins)

Presented at Multi Media Centre Auditorium (MMC, Town Hall)

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, March 1st, Friday
Schedule of Events:
4:00pm: Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
4:30pm: Tour of Sadhana Forest
6:00pm: Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
6:30pm: Eco Film Club begins with “previews” of short Sadhana Forest films
8:00pm: Dinner is served
9:30pm: 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 :)**

**Urban Mining - Gold in our trash**

47 mins / English / 2015 / Directed by Frank Wiering

A ton of broken mobile phones, computers and other electronic waste contains sixty times the amount of gold a ton of gold ore has. Moreover, it is easier to get from. It is estimated that 30 to 40 percent of total world demand for rare metals can be covered by urban mining and this is only the beginning.

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 2677682 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in. Or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org and facebook.com/sadhanaforest.

Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm)

The contents of News & Notes are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy. How to submit material:
Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the N&N email address (below).

Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever these are available:
The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute
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A DREAM

“There should be somewhere on earth a place which no nation could claim as its own, where all human beings of goodwill who have a sincere aspiration could live freely as citizens of the world and obey one single authority, that of the supreme Truth; a place of peace, concord and harmony where all the fighting instincts of man would be used exclusively to conquer the causes of his sufferings and miseries, to surmount his weaknesses and ignorance, to triumph over his limitations and incapacities; a place where the needs of the spirit and the concern for progress would take precedence over the satisfaction of desires and passions, the search for pleasure and material enjoyment.

In this place, children would be able to grow and develop integrally without losing contact with their souls; education would be given not for passing examinations or obtaining certificates and posts but to enrich existing faculties and bring forth new ones. In this place, titles and positions would be replaced by opportunities to serve and organise; the bodily needs of each one would be equally provided for, and intellectual, moral and spiritual superiority would be expressed in the general organisation not by an increase in the pleasures and powers of life but by increased duties and responsibilities.

Beauty in all its artistic forms, painting, sculpture, music, literature, would be equally accessible to all; the ability to share in the joy it brings would be limited only by the capacities of each one and not by social or financial position. For in this ideal place money would no longer be the sovereign lord; individual worth would have a far greater importance than that of material wealth and social standing.

There, work would not be a way to earn one’s living but a way to express oneself and to develop one’s capacities and possibilities while being of service to the community as a whole, which, for its own part, would provide for each individual’s subsistence and sphere of action.

In short, it would be a place where human relationships, which are normally based almost exclusively on competition and strife, would be replaced by relationships of emulation in doing well, of collaboration and real brotherhood.

The earth is certainly not ready to realise such an ideal, for mankind does not yet possess sufficient knowledge to understand and adopt it nor the conscious force that is indispensable in order to execute it; that is why I call it a dream.

And yet this dream is in the course of becoming a reality; that is what we are striving for in Sri Aurobindo’s Ashram, on a very small scale, in proportion to our limited means. The realisation is certainly far from perfect, but it is progressive; little by little we are advancing towards our goal which we hope we may one day be able to present to the world as a practical and effective way to emerge from the present chaos, to be born into a new life that is more harmonious and true.”

Mother – 1954

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