Join the
All Auroville Cleanup
Thursday 28 March
from 9 to 10am
with Waste Free Auroville
Has the psychic any power?

Power? It is usually the psychic which guides the being. One knows nothing about it because one is not conscious of it but usually it is that which guides the being. If one is very attentive, one becomes aware of it. But the majority of men haven’t the least idea of it. For instance, when they have decided, in their outer ignorance, to do something, and instead of their being able to do it, all the circumstances are so organised that they do something else, they start shouting, storming, flying into a rage against fate, saying (that depends on what they believe, their beliefs) that Nature is wicked or their destiny baleful or God unjust, or. no matter what (it depends on what they believe). Whilst most of the time it is just the very circumstance which was most favourable for their inner development. And naturally, if you ask the psychic to help you to fashion a pleasant life for yourself, to earn money, have children who will be the pride of the family, etc., well, the psychic will not help you. But it will create for you all the circumstances necessary to awaken something in you so that the need of union with the Divine may be born in your consciousness. At times you have made fine plans, and if they had succeeded, you would have been more and more encrusted in your outer ignorance, your stupid little ambition and your aimless activity. Whilst if you receive a good shock, and the post you coveted is denied to you, the plan you made is shattered, and you find yourself completely thwarted, then, sometimes this opposition opens to you a door on something truer and deeper. And when you are a little awake and look back, if you are in the least sincere, you say: “Ah! it wasn’t I who was right - it was Nature or the divine Grace or my psychic being who did it.” It is the psychic being which organised that.

Is it the psychic which wants the being to be identified with the Divine?

Yes, surely. It is the will of the psychic. It is also the very reason of its existence. It is for that it is there. For example, in the mind certain activities (and even at times in the physical and vital certain activities awaken to the influence of the psychic without even knowing it). That is why those parts adhere to it and begin to aspire also for the divine knowledge, the divine union, the relation with the Divine.

How does the psychic manifest the truth?

I have said that it manifests the truth.

“We give the name ‘psychic’ to the psychological centre of our being, the seat within of the highest truth of our existence, that which can know and manifest this truth.” - “The Science of Living”, On Education

Oh! the truth of our existence - not just the Truth. The truth of the being, that is, the central raison d’être of an existence. It is that, indeed, which organises circumstances so that the truth of the being may be expressed or the superficial outer being be led to turn round within not find any support outside, for instance, and turn within - to have a support; it finds the psychic support.

“The body has a wonderful capacity of adaptation and endurance. It is fit to do so many more things than one can usually imagine. If instead of the ignorant and despotic masters that govern it, it is ruled by the central truth of the being, one will be surprised at what it is capable of doing. Calm and quiet, strong and poised, it will at every minute put forth the effort that is demanded of it, for it will have learnt to find rest in action, to recuperate through contact with the universal forces the energies it spends consciously and usefully.” - ibid.

How can one have “rest in action”?

That comes from a kind of certitude of inner choice. When one aspires for something, if at the same time one knows that the aspiration will be heard and answered in the best way possible, that establishes a quietude in the being, a quietude in its vibrations; whilst if there is a doubt, an uncertainty, if one does not know what will lead one to the goal or if ever one will reach it or whether there is a way of doing so, and so on, then one gets disturbed and that usually creates a sort of little whirlwind around the being, which prevents it from receiving the real thing. Instead, if one has a quiet faith, if whilst aspiring one knows that there is no aspiration (naturally, sincere aspiration) which remains unanswered, then one is quiet. One aspires with as much fervour as possible, but does not stand in nervous agitation asking oneself why one does not get immediately what one has asked for. One knows how to wait. I have said somewhere: “To know how to wait is to put time on one’s side.” That is quite true. For if one gets excited, one loses all one’s time - one loses one’s time, loses one’s energy, loses one’s movements. To be very quiet, calm, peaceful, with the faith that what is true will take place, and that if one lets it happen, it will happen so much the quicker. Then, in that peace everything goes much better.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 16 December 1953 - MOTHER

The Ponder Corner

“I came to Pondicherry in 1914 [...] Something in me wanted to meet Sri Aurobindo alone the first time. I had an appointment for the afternoon. I climbed the stairs, and there he was, standing, waiting for me at the top of the staircase. EXACTLY my vision! Dressed in the same way, standing in the same position, in profile, his head held high. He turned his head towards me... and I saw in his eyes that it was He. In a flash, the inner recognition merged with the outer, and there was a fusion, the decisive illumination.”

Mother’s first meeting with Sri Aurobindo, March 29, 1914.
Report: Exploration into L’avenir since its selection in 2017

SUMMARY
An exploration was carried out by sub-group of the Auroville Council and Working Committee into the way that the L’avenir team performed since it was selected in October 2017. The exploration concentrated on two main questions:

- Team dynamics
- Understanding of the work requirements relating to their new mandate, and the extent to which this was followed.

- Team Dynamics
It was agreed by all that the team dynamics were difficult from the start, with clashes of personality and differing views on basic principles and priorities. There was little or no agreed team structure and agreement on roles and responsibilities. Team dynamics deteriorated over time, with polarizing of viewpoints and unresolved issues. Although there was an attempt to work on team dynamics with a facilitator, this work was never fully carried through. The difficult dynamics lead to a number of resignations within the team, and may have contributed to long absences by some members, and an apparent lack of commitment by others.

- New L’avenir Mandate
The question was asked to the members of the team whether they fully understood the new mandate of L’avenir, and whether there was a serious attempt to follow it. It became clear that although there was a basic understanding of the mandate, there was little attempt made to follow it. This resulted in the work on the Term of Reference and development priorities, that are key tasks according to the mandate, being largely left undone. It was clear that not all agreed with the new mandate, and this also affected its adherence. Some work was done on the Detailed Development Plan for the International Zone by an outside consultant, but the work is as yet incomplete.

- Other factors
Other factors which affected the work of the team were also discussed. Some mentioned inadequate funding for the technical team and secretarial work, and a lack of proper management of that team and of resource members. The lack of competence in both the interface and technical teams was mentioned as a serious issue. It was mentioned also that the pressure of the 50th anniversary took a lot of energy away from the main work.

RECOMMENDATIONS
To make sure this time L’avenir d’Auroville/ TDC can work together and deliver, it is proposed:

1) THE INTERFACE TEAM: The Interface Team should indicate the professional profiles of the people needed for the preparation of the Detailed Development Plans and their brief; Identify the Aurovilians who have the professional skill to undertake the required tasks; if those people are not available, the work has to be outsourced to professionals outside Prepare a budget for the appointments of the various technical experts to be submitted to the GOI grant group and other sources of funding in Auroville.

2) WORK PLAN: Within three months of its nomination, the Interface Team should present in a General Meeting how it intends to proceed for the preparation of the Detailed Development Plans, keeping as the reference the key elements of the Galaxy approved by the RA in February 2007 and again in May 2017, the Terms of Reference and the Planning Principles to be adopted, and present the names of the technical experts and consultants to be appointed.

3) COMMUNITY CONSULTATION: The Interface Team should indicate also the process of community consultation to be followed to determine the development priorities for the next three years.

4) COMPOSITION: Since the task of the Interface Team is to activate a participatory role of the community and at the same time be a client of technical experts / outside professional on behalf of the RA, the Interface team should ideally be composed by a mix of people with communication and technical skills that could enable them to prepare the briefs and interact with experts.

5) DECISION: On receiving the output from the technical experts, the Interface Team, may approve the works of the technical experts, and/or ask modifications and/or reject the output or part of it on the basis of the outcome of the community consultation. The final endorsement of the Detailed Development Plan and the Development Priorities will be taken by the Residents’ Assembly.

6) SITE AND BUILDING APPLICATIONS: The Interface Team is responsible for the approval of site and building applications and for designing the related process and identify the role of the groups that are to be involved for feed-back at various stages. If so desired the Interface team can delegate the function to a specialized sub-group.

7) SELECTION: Competence is a key nominating factor. The upcoming selection process in April will be made according to the existing system of the participatory working group. However, in future it would be advisable to have a selection process specially designed for L’Avenir d’Auroville.

8) PROPOSAL OF NAMES: The community will be invited to propose names. The nominees who are part of the existing selection process can be considered for inclusion. Nominees are expected to accept the key elements of the Galaxy, the Terms of Reference and the Planning Principles approved by the RA as a framework to implement their task.

9) TERM OF OFFICE: The term of office is for four years, subject to an assessment after every year. Each of the existing members nominated through the participatory process in October 2017 can continue till the end of the mandate, if they so wish, subject to assessment.

10) VACANCY: In case of the resignation of any member or vacancy, the replacement can be made immediately by the selection team.

11) SUPPORT GROUP: The Working Committee and Auroville Council will JOINTLY constitute a group whose task it is to do regular quality auditing of the functioning of the Interface team, of each of its members and of each staff member.

12) DECISIONS: Decisions of the Interface Team will ideally be made by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, decisions will be made by simple majority vote.

March 2019. The Working Committee and Auroville Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Admission and Termination of Persons in the Register of Residents

Dear members of the Community,

This is to inform you that we have received the below document ‘The Auroville Foundation (Admission and termination of Persons in the register of residents) Regulations, 2019’, from the Auroville Foundation.

We will inform you about the implementation of these regulations.

The Working Committee

[To Be Published In the Gazette of India, Part-III, Section 4]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the, 11th March, 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (h) of sub-section (2) of section 32 of the Auroville Foundation Act,1988 (54 of 1988), the Governing Board hereby makes the following regulations, namely:

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1. Short title and commencement.
(1) These regulations may be called the Auroville Foundation (Admission and termination of Persons in the register of residents) Regulations, 2019.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions.
(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, (a) “Act” means the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988 (54 of 1988); (b) “Admission Committee” means the committee constituted by the Residents’ Assembly for carrying out the functions of the Residents’ Assembly relating to admission of persons to Auroville; (c) “Appellate Committee” means the committee constituted by the Residents’ Assembly for considering appeals against the findings of the Termination Committee; (d) “applicant” means a person who has applied for admission in the register of residents; (e) “Charter” means the Charter of Auroville as proclaimed by the Mother on the 28th day of February 1968; (f) “Register” means Register of Residents of Auroville maintained under sub-section (1) of section 18 of the Act; (g) “Resident” means a person whose name has been entered in the Register; (h) “Termination Committee” means the committee constituted by the Residents’ Assembly for dealing with reports against residents and for carrying out the functions of the Residents’ Assembly related to the termination of persons in the register of residents; (i) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation appointed by the Central Government under sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Act; (j) All other words and expressions used herein and not defined but defined in the Act, and the Auroville Foundation Rules 1997, shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the said Act and rules.

(1) The Residents’ Assembly shall constitute an Admission Committee whose members shall be appointed directly by the Residents’ Assembly or by a committee constituted by it for this purpose.
(2) The Admission Committee shall consist of nine members, at least six of whom have been resident of Auroville for a minimum period of five years.
(3) The Residents’ Assembly or such other committee constituted by it for this purpose shall ensure that:- (i) the ‘Admission Committee’ is composed of residents of different ages and nationalities and that there is a gender balance; and (ii) the members are qualified for the assigned work as per mandate provided in regulation 4 and that they have the required communication and organisational skills.
(4) The members of the Admission Committee initially appointed, shall hold office for a full term of three years. Thereafter on expiration of every year, three members shall retire and three new members shall be appointed in their place on rotation, as per the decision of the Residents’ Assembly. Outgoing members shall be eligible for re-appointment after a lapse of two terms from the last one.
(5) The Residents’ Assembly, at any time, will have the right to remove any of the members of the Admission Committee and replace them with other persons as members if it considers that it is in the larger interest of the community of Auroville.
(6) Any vacancy arising in the Admission Committee either by way of resignation, expiry of term of office, or otherwise, shall be filled up by the Residents’ Assembly or by the committee constituted by it for the purpose.

4. Mandate of the Admission Committee.
(1) The Admission Committee will have the following mandate: (i) to welcome, register and assist any applicant seeking admission to Auroville; (ii) to accept or reject an applicant in accordance with these regulations; (iii) where applicable, to request the Secretary to recommend an appropriate visa for an applicant and his/her descendants or wards; (iv) to recommend to the Secretary that the name of an applicant may be entered in the register of residents.

5. Constitution of the Termination Committee.
(1) The Residents’ Assembly shall constitute a Termination Committee whose members shall be appointed directly by the Residents’ Assembly or by a committee constituted by it for the purpose.
(2) The Termination Committee will consist of nine members, at least six of whom have been resident in Auroville for more than five years.
(3) The Residents’ Assembly or such other committee constituted by it for the purpose shall ensure that: (i) the Termination Committee is composed of residents of different ages and nationalities and that there is a gender balance; and (ii) the members are qualified for the work to be done as per mandate given in regulation 6.
(4) The members of the Termination Committee initially appointed, shall hold office for a full term of three years. Thereafter on expiration of every year, three members shall retire and three new members shall be appointed in their place on rotation, as per the decision of the Residents’ Assembly. Outgoing members shall be eligible for re-appointment after a lapse of two terms from the last one.
(5) The Residents’ Assembly shall have the right to remove any of the members and replace them with other persons as members if it considers that it is in the larger interests of the community of Auroville.
(6) Any vacancy arising either by way of resignation, expiry of term of office, or otherwise, shall be filled up by the Residents’ Assembly or by the committee constituted by it for the purpose.

6. Mandate of the Termination Committee.
(1) The Termination Committee will have the following mandate, namely: (i) to conduct an enquiry upon receiving a report or request from the Working Committee or from at least sixty residents, that a resident’s behaviour is incompatible with Auroville’s ideals or the laws of India or that a resident is not engaged in any community work or meaningful activity relevant to the life and growth of Auroville; and (ii) to examine whether the name of a resident should be removed from the register of residents, in cases where the resident has not been residing in Auroville for a consecutive period of three years.

7. Powers of the Termination Committee.
(1) The Termination Committee shall have the powers to: (i) reject a report recommending termination of a resident, following due process; (ii) issue a public warning or censure to a resident; (iii) decide that a resident should compensate for loss or damage caused by him/her as assessed by the Termination Committee; (iv) issue, direction, if required, that a resident is examined by a qualified psychiatrist / psychologist, as the case may be, registered in India for obtaining an opinion of the resident’s condition and the treatment required; (v) decide that a resident has to leave Auroville permanently or for a certain period of time, and determine the period within which that resident has to leave Auroville; (vi) recommend to the Working Committee that the name of a resident or residents, as the case may be, to be removed from the register.

(1) The Termination Committee shall dispose of all reports and requests received by it as expeditiously as possible and in each case, the proceedings shall be concluded within a period of six months from the date of receipt of the request by the Termination Committee.
(2) The Termination Committee shall ensure that due opportunity is given to the resident to submit any declaration or written explanation as also to the working groups and persons making the report or request, before giving its finding.
(3) The Termination Committee, while examining the cases for removal of the name of a resident who has not been residing in Auroville for a consecutive period of three years from the
register of residents, shall give due opportunity to the resident to offer justification or explanation in writing.

9. Admission into the register of residents.
(1) A person shall be qualified to have his or her name entered in the register if such person fulfills the following conditions, namely:
(i) if the person has completed the age of eighteen years;
(ii) if such person has faith in and devotion and commitment to the Charter of Auroville and the aims and ideals as enunciated by the Mother and undertakes by way of signing the statement in Form-I appended to these regulations; and
(iii) if such person has been accepted by the Admission Committee as a resident, after due process.

10. Authority to whom applications for admission may be made.
(1) An application for Admission in the register shall be made as per the Auroville Foundation Rules, 1997, as amended from time to time, to the Secretary enclosing the following documents, namely:
(i) Certificate of Nationality / Passport issued by the country where the applicant is domiciled at the time of making the application; Provided that in the case of Indians, the birth certificate or any such other proof shall suffice;
(ii) signed statement in Form-I appended to these regulations; and
(iii) Recommendation of the Admission Committee that the name of the applicant be entered in the register.

11. Removal of Names from the register of residents.
(1) The name of a resident shall be removed from the register provided at the request of the Termination Committee on the following grounds, namely:
(i) if it is found that the name has been entered by fraud, misrepresentation or by suppression of material information;
(ii) if the person has been found convicted for guilty of a criminal offence by a Court in India.;
(iii) upon the recommendation of the Working Committee, based on the findings of the Termination Committee;
(2) The Secretary shall send communication of such removal to the resident to the address as entered in the register.

(1) An appeal against a decision of the Termination Committee may be filed to the Working Committee by the person directly affected by the decision of the Termination Committee.
(2) The appeal shall be submitted in writing duly signed by the appellant.

13. Period of limitation of appeals.
No appeal shall be entertained unless such appeal is received by the Working Committee within a period of thirty days from the date of the decision of the Termination Committee.

(1) The Working Committee shall refer all appeals received within the prescribed period to the Appellate Committee constituted in the manner specified below:
   i. The Appellate Committee, to consider appeals under these regulations and any other matter as may be decided by the Residents’ Assembly, shall consist of three residents nominated by the Residents’ Assembly and two members of the Governing Board nominated by the Chairman of the Governing Board;
   ii. The Appellate Committee shall review the findings of the Termination Committee based on the documents available on record. During the review, no personal hearing shall be granted to the appellant;
   iii. The tenure of the Appellate Committee so constituted shall be co-terminus with the term of the Governing Board;
   iv. Secretary shall convene the meeting with the Appellate Committee in person or by circulation.
(2) Pending the proceedings of the Appellate Committee, the decision of the Termination Committee shall be kept in abeyance.
(3) The Appellate Committee shall decide an appeal within thirty days from the day an appeal is referred to it.

(4) Appellate Committee may decide appeals referred to it by circulation via electronic mode to members stationed outside Auroville or in a meeting, provided at least four members of the Appellate Committee participate in such decision-making process.
(5) The decision of the Appellate Committee to confirm or revoke the decision of the Termination Committee shall be final and binding.

15. Implementation of orders in appeal.
The Secretary shall give effect to the decision of the Appellate Committee.

16. No application for re-admission.
No application for re-admission of a name removed from the register shall be entertained for a period of three years, except in cases, where the Termination Committee has decided that a resident has to leave Auroville for a shorter period, in which case the application for re-admission may be made after the expiry of that shorter period.

17. Saving clause.
All persons whose names have been entered in the register on the date of coming into force of these Regulations shall be deemed to have been duly entered in the register and shall be subject to the provisions of these regulations in all other matters except in the matters of initial admission.

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FORM-I
The Statement [See regulation 9 (ii) and 10(ii)]

I, ____________________________, aged about .... years, S/W/D/o__________________, national of ____________________________ for the present domiciled at ____________________________
do hereby affirm and state that I have read and understood the Charter of Auroville and fully subscribe to the following principles upon which Auroville is founded:

1. Auroville is an experiment, based on the ideals and vision of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Integral Yoga is a stepping stone towards an evolutionary future. Messages of The Mother about Auroville, such as “The Charter of Auroville”, “The Dream”, and “To Be A True Aurovillian”, contain guiding steps towards the realization of these ideals. As part of Integral Yoga, all forms of connecting with the Divine are allowed as means for personal growth. No particular religion or sectarian beliefs are collectively encouraged. The propagation of any religious or sectarian beliefs is not permissible.

2. Auroville is a place for manifesting Human Unity. Any discrimination, social, political, Geographical, economic or racial, is not acceptable. Residents shall abstain from active involvement in Indian or international politics.

3. Auroville is aspiring to be a universal cultural township and is subject to the laws of India. Residents undertake to abide by the laws of India. Auroville is located in Tamil Nadu, which has a unique heritage. Residents shall respect the cultural values and avoid any form of disrespect towards local people, customs, traditions and social order.

4. To ensure the development of Auroville in accordance with its Charter, it has enacted the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988 and created the Auroville Foundation, an autonomous statutory body.

5. No ownership of property is a respected collective value in Auroville. All immovable assets are owned by the Auroville Foundation which holds them in trust for humanity as a whole. Residents undertake not to own any immovable assets in the City area of the Auroville Master Plan. Ownership of immovable assets in the Green Belt Area of the Auroville Master Plan is only allowed with written permission of the Auroville Foundation.

6. Auroville is contributing towards building a collective prosperity for all the members irrespective of the type of work one is engaged in. Everyone endeavors to build an economy based on generosity and sharing. All works and efforts as a member of Auroville’s collective life are directed towards building a shared economy for the “city the earth needs”. Residents shall refrain from participating in activities solely
benefiting personal interests, institutions or family members outside Auroville.
By signing this Statement, I agree to unending education in the values of Auroville and to manifest them in my life in Auroville with full faith and devotion and commitment to the aims and ideals of Auroville and undertake to respect and strictly abide by the Charter of Auroville which forms the aforementioned founding principles of Auroville.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I have not done anything so as to incur any disqualification for being admitted as a resident of Auroville and affirm that my declaration herein in this respect is true.

Date:..................................................................................
Name of applicant.........................................................
Place: Auroville
Signature:...........................................................................
Designation of the person

Authorised to issue this notification from the Foundation

Appointee of new Governing Board Member

Shri Madabhushi Madan Gopal, IAS (Retired)
The Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Shri M.V. Chunkath, informed us that Shri Madabhushi Madan Gopal, IAS (Retired) has been appointed as member of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation, with effect from 2nd March 2019.

A short biography:
The Ministry of Human Resource Development has appointed Sri. Madan Gopal, IAS (Retd.), former Additional Chief Secretary Department of Forests, Environment and Ecology, Government of Karnataka, as member of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation. Sri Madabhushi Madan Gopal, IAS, has a Master’s Degree in Commerce and Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism. He was selected into the Indian Administrative Service in 1984 and placed in Karnataka Cadre. He started his career as Asst. Commissioner & Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Nanjangud, in Mysore District. During his more than 3 decades of service in Karnataka, he has served the State in many Departments including Health and Family Welfare, Higher Education, Food and Civil Supplies, Forest, Environment and Ecology, Water Resources, Mines and Geology, Deputy Commissioner for Bijapur and Gulbarga. He also served as Executive Director for World Bank funded Jala Samvardhan Project. He has served in several capacities including 4 years as CEO of Board of Industrial and Technical Education of Karnataka. He has been a Visiting Professor at IIPM, New Delhi, ASCI, Hyderabad, and Affiliate Professor at IIM, Tiruchirapalli, IIT, Kharagpur, and Visiting Professor at IIM, Ahmedabad.

He has attended various workshops and seminars at National and International level as a Resource Person on Community Mobilization, Non-formal Education, Health, Rural Development, Empowerment and other related issues. He is also a Visiting Professor for International Institute on Chronic Hypoxia, La Paz, Bolivia.

He is Life Member of IIPA, New Delhi, ASCI, Hyderabad, Bangalore International Centre and Sri Ramana Maharshi Centre for Learning, Bangalore. He has published many books and presented papers at National and International forums. He has visited several (50+) countries to attend seminars and workshops and also as part of the Study Teams on various development and educational issues. His hobbies include Mountaineering and Photography.

From L’Avenir d’Auroville

BUILDING APPLICATIONS Monday 25th March, 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 8th April 2019.

In the Residential Zone

- Individual Social Space - Joy of Impermanence/Anitya, Michael Marco Manger, Center Field
Built up area: 25.2 sq.m

Project Brief: The structure is a rapid-demolition and fully recyclable structure. Special permission from L’avenir d’Auroville with this announcement: The structure is a rapid-demolition and fully recyclable structure. It has been agreed with the Project Holders that L’avenir d’Auroville reserves the right to ask them to remove/move the unfinished building after the feedback period, depending on feedback.

In the Cultural Zone

- Terrace Extension - Monique Louarn, Dana
Built up area: 12.41 sq.m

Project Brief: A slab joining the Ground floor & First floor to protect the front entrance.

Please note:
A 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 a NOC.

For additional information or feedback, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 0413-2622170.

Warm regards, L’avenir d’Auroville
From the Housing Service

Houses available for transfer:
Grace - Mauna House: Plinth Area - 57.335 sq. m. Two-storied residential building, load bearing structure, partially exposed outside and finishing inside, verandah, living room cum, bedroom and toilet.

For more information e-mail to housing-transfer@auroville.org.in

Youth Housing:
If you are Aurovilian, between 20 and 35 years old, working for Auroville full time for at least 9 months and have no/limited funds for housing, you are welcome to apply for Youth Housing. Places in Youth Housing (Kriya and Humscapes) 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 Sunshrine:
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. Fully equipped apartments with cupboards, equipped kitchen, bathroom, fridge, hob, light, fan, solar back up system. Covered terrace for each apartment.

Four units are available. 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.

Welcome

Alaya
Vanitha and Jerome are very happy to announce the birth of Alaya on the 13 March at East Coast Hospital. We are thanking the Morning Star Birth team, especially Krishna and Shanti.

With love from Vanitha and Jerome, and from the grandparents Viswa and Narayanansamy in Douceur.

For your Information

Dance for Peace
Dear Community, Coming soon: Thursday April 4th, at Solitude Farm.
Dance for Peace Auroville, community gathering to support global peace and unity.

5 pm: Peace Gathering at the Matrimandir followed by Savitri Reading.
5 pm to 7 pm: activities and food stalls in Solitude.
7 pm: Opening Ceremony in Solitude.

Live music performance, African drumming and dancing, dancing, dancing...

All the units and individual artists are welcome to contact us to participate.

We need volunteers to manifest:

Holding the space at Matrimandir, set up, clean up teams, decorations, picking up flowers, to be in charge of different spaces in the event and more...

Contribution is on donation basis:
For your financial contribution please deposit on the account number 252720/Just Be. Description ‘Dance for Peace contribution. Any amount will help.

For kind support we need:
Art materials, brushes, paints, canvas, face paints, water cans, lights, cakes, snacks, anything you think will be fun and useful for the event.

For more details and participation please contact Priscilia:
Just Be - pashutilhiot@gmail.com, 9489969875
lovera.ra@gmail.com, 9751633084

With Gratitude, Love and Peace to all!
Dance for Peace team.

SaraCon Invites Startups
‘Saraswaty Consciousness in Action’ is our inspiration and aspiration for developing a creative center for economic and entrepreneurial development.

SaraCon has now office spaces opened up after Auroville Consulting moved out. These places have been refurbished and prepared for new teams to come in.

Three types of startup activities invited:

• Engage in product or service for community of Auroville at large
• Engage in product or service that support Aurovilians and young technocrats, aspiring new Aurovilians using knowledge-based systems and methods.

• Engage in product or service that brings new artisan engagement models using micro enterprise, micro lending, self-assessment and skills development while providing platform for young technocrats to setup social enterprises with artisan labor from bioregion but providing design, marketing and distribution using state-of-art methodologies.

If you would like to explore co-location & co-creation at SaraCon and believe you and your team members are of similar aspiration to ours, then please write to us: chandresh@auroville.org.in, anandprasad@auroville.org.in.

Open Space for Opportunities: for/from/about with a ‘youth that never ages’

Dear community, we are happy to launch an Open Opportunity Space in YouthLink. Please email or drop by a small (A5 max) description of your opportunity: workshop/ job/apprenticeship/ project/ travel/ ideas/ events/ relating to youth that never ages. The only criterion is that it is linked to the Auroville spirit in some way. We will post it for you on our Opportunity Board and also try to help link you to the right people.

And then every Friday from 3:00 pm onward, we open the floor of YouthLink in Humscapes Hall:

• We are opening the floor for anyone to present an opportunity (ideas, projects…) in front of a diverse audience;

• We use this platform to also train people in public speaking and becoming AV Ambassadors;

• We are also open to public in an informal space to get to know YouthLink activities and projects;

• We invite the projects related to YouthLink to come and share their progress, concerns, success, celebration, doubts...

This Friday 29th 2019, 2 amazing projects will be presented:

• AV Today (next edition) is fully dedicated to Youth and will be made by Youth. We are looking for interested people to contribute

• Makers’ Lab: we are launching the project of an Open Multi-functional Workshop Cooperative which means a Hardware shop (PTDC Style); and machines to be used on site with mentors in order for anyone to create in the spirit of DIY-T (Do it Yourself Together).

If you want to know more about what is going on in Auroville from our side, or if you want to connect dots together, please join us any Friday, we will be happy to welcome you.

With love, the YouthLink Team

A Word from Kaleidoscope
We come to you with another magazine issue. This month we delve into the topic of travel. After coming back from our school trip, all of us had a lot to share. This time we have a nice spread of articles. A lot of people from class travel a lot too. This might be one of the first times where there was no lack of words. In fact, everyone had a lot to say. We recently went on a school trip to Chinnar, Kerala for an anthropology project, and it was really gratifying to be able to go and actually do all the field work for everything we learned in the class. It also provided us with a handful of insights about traveling, especially with a big group. We, as a class are very close. We have been together for about 2-3 years and still somehow manage to learn more about each other on such trips. Talking to one another really gave me a lot of ideas and views about the magazine. During our small
Before I started the trip, I can't explain how I felt. In one word, if I had to, I would say nervous-cited (that’s nervous and excited, hey it’s still one word!) I was excited about the four-day sleepover with my friends and nervous about the work that loomed ahead like a beast just waiting to be woken, and even more so I was nervous about the travelling in the bus. The ride was twelve hours and although I didn’t know it at the time the bus/jeep rides were plentiful OK let’s do some maths; so if you add Leah and a long bus ride it equals a lot of vomit. Luckily, I didn’t throw up (on the bus anyway) instead after a day of bus rides and junk food (and a tiny white chocolate heart which I think is the straw that broke the camel’s back) I finally cracked and vomited in the middle of the night. Well, better out than in... right? Anyway, in a lot of individual words I would say excited, nervous, freaked out, and unprepared but no matter what I told myself nothing could have prepared me for what lay ahead. One thing was for sure that wherever we were going, it was far far away from my comfort zone, which by the way is already quite narrow. The first thing that made me step out of my comfort zone was before I got dressed when I had to wake up at five AM (which is way too early for me, I can barely handle seven AM,) let alone five I need my beauty sleep that is two whole hours less sleep than I’m used to. On the bus there was little to no food, so we had to survive on snacks people brought. We didn’t have any chocolate hearts (which he couldn’t even eat because they weren’t vegan) which meant I got even less beauty sleep. So I went to bed, woke up.... and vomited... all over myself which was... unpleasant to say the least. Luckily, I had brought an extra pair of pajamas so I was all right, but then I woke up about an hour later by the sound of someone else vomiting! This may sound a bit selfish but my first thought when I heard someone else vomiting was: “I’m glad I’m not the only one who threw up”, so I went back to sleep and the rest of the night was pretty uneventful .In the morning we had to go to see the Muduvans which was about an hour Jeep ride away, so naturally I thought that the back would be more fun and I couldn’t have been more wrong. In the back of that jeep I felt so sick, it took every ounce of willpower to not vomit. (What? You think I’m exaggerating well maybe a little but not much, honestly!) nothing really happened until the third day when we trekked up to the waterfall I managed the impossible: travel sickness whilst walking! I didn’t think that was possible, even for me. Anyway, the only other thing that actually happened was that I tried to slip on the bus with one seat and it was not fun. I wouldn’t recommend it ever!

Kaleidoscope - The various hues of Deepanam

**GREEN MATTERS**

**Talkin’ Trash**

**Throw Trash on the Road**

Let’s Talk Trash Cleanup group did their 37th Sunday cleanup (7 am) on the Solar Kitchen to Townhall route on March 17. Really great, but we need to do more.

On March 28th, from 9 am to 10 am an all Auroville Cleanup is scheduled with the help of Eco Service.

This is a Thursday morning at just the time everyone has arrived at school, in the office, workplace or getting going with the something for that day. If enough people, schools, shops and services just take this one hour, go outside and cleanup wherever they can, it will make a huge difference because of the collective effort.

To make it even easier, faster and more efficient, please throw all waste right in the middle of the road or path during the next days. There’s a terrible habit of throwing trash into the ditch on the side, or into the thorns or trying to hide it behind bushes. Don’t crumple up those wrappers and packets into tiny wads and toss them behind fences or places hard to reach. Just drop everything in plain sight. There will not be a mass bulletin about this! Ever tried to get a crumpled plastic water bottle out of a “wait-a-minute” thorn bush? Joking because pollution is not a joke.

We’re reprogramming our thoughts away from “the stupidity of waste”. We’re breaking the throwaway habits. The stinking garbage on the roadside is real. So, are the solutions when we do them. The Earth needs our city.

Waste-Free Auroville

**Weekly White Tigers**

Kids Talk Trash: Plastic Patrol

Hello, we are the ATPA: Anti-Tetra-Pak-Association, and we want to put an end to Tetrapaks! Tetrapaks, six-layered cartons, are very hard to recycle and very few places in India do it. Tetrapaks are made of 20% polyethylene, 75% paperboard, and 5% aluminium. Tetrapaks go to the landfills, seep into our earth and crops, and make us and the nature sick.

STOP USING TETRAPAKS! SAVE FUTURE GENERATIONS!

Sincerely,

the White Tigers, 6th grade, Transition School

(ADPA team: Amber, Lavanya, Leiia, Madhav, Niran)

**Water Talks - Let’s talk about water!**

Each Monday in the month of March, a member of the Water Group will dive into one aspect of water in an interactive and engaging presentation.

Last Talk, March 25: “The Blessed Human Factor”

Please see the detailed schedule every week of this month under the “Talks” section and join us!

All talks are free of cost, but if you would like to support the on-going work of the Water Group, our FS# is 252000. Thank you!

Water Group - www.aurovillewater.in

**one extract from the Magazine:**

4 days away from my comfort zone...

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**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.

- **Electric bicycles for rent at Kinisi**
  We are offering electric bicycles for rent.
  **Where:** at CSR compound (see MAP).
  **When:** Monday-Saturday: 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-4:30pm.
  **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.in/contents/3988.
  Contact: avbus@auroville.org.in.

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**Sunday Walk Farms & Forests**

Sunday 31 March
9 am
In Baraka
with Achilles

Baraka is a community dedicated to forestry and farming, and to fostering a sustainable way of living. A small team of dedicated people look after 40 acres of Auroville’s bioregion in the greenbelt area, tending mostly forest but also orchards (it is famous for its mangoes) and vegetables. With its horses, cows, dogs, geese, turkeys and wildlife, Baraka offers a learning ground for young ones (of all ages!) to connect with animals and plants, nurturing a living relationship with of nature through interaction.

**Directions:** ca. 15 minutes cycle ride from Solar Kitchen. Past the Kottakarai turn-off, at the next crossroads turn right into the greenbelt road. Follow this road from its paved beginning past the Youth Center and Transition to the Entrance of Dana on your right side. Opposite on the left you see the Baraka gate; follow the winding road to the parking.

(Assistance: 91594-48069)

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**Free E-Scooter Service Camp at Kinisi**

CSR Auroshilpm for Aurovilians and Newcomers only.
Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30 between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.
Email: kinisi@auroville.org.in Website: http://www.kinisi.in

With the help of Hero Electric, Kinisi is organizing a free service camp. These two days, you can bring your electric scooter to our Kinisi workshop in CSR. During these two days, experts will offer free service to all existing electric scooters. Parts will be charged. Diagnostics, labor and servicing will be free. Welcome. Be there to welcome all ! The Kinisi Team

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**Special Kinisi rental prices for long-term volunteers!**

In summer, electric bicycles are the perfect solution to reach your workplace without breaking a sweat. They combine the advantages of both bicycle and motorcycle. For example, you can exercise in the cool mornings by pedaling on the forest cycle trails, and use full e-assistance to reach home quickly at the end of your day. Going out for lunch is a breeze and gives you more time to relax after your meal.

Kinisi offers special summer rates to all long-term volunteers. To qualify for this rate, you need to work in Auroville for at least three months. Please bring your SAVI registration card or a letter from your workplace. We have two different models:
- for an autonomy range of 20 km/day, rental is 60/day (only 5 available)
- for an autonomy range of 30 km/day, rental is 90/day

All are welcome to try our different e-cycle models at Kinisi. Please call us at +91 830 046 0679 / 80 for an appointment or write to kinisi@auroville.org.in. We look forward to helping you support sustainable mobility in Auroville! The Kinisi Team

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**Savithri English-French available**

A big thank you to the units of AV press and Vanaville for their dedicated work on the Savithri English-French made by Gerard M. and released at the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Auroville. The book is available again for free to Aurovilians and Newcomers. Please contact Fabienne at 9443602194 or 2622428 to get your free copy.

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**From the SAVI team**

Dear Community, The SAVI office will be closed because the team will take a short trip, from the 29th of March to the 1st of April. The office will be open again on the 2nd April.

Warmly, Savi Team

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**NANDINI closed this week**

Dear Members, we, NANDINI Distribution will be closed from the 26th March to 31st March for yearly stock taking, sorry for the inconvenience. Have a cool summer, Mutha & Aarthi.

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**Green Papaya Collective ‘Gleaning Project’**

Do you have any fruits and edible greens in your garden that you have no time or means to collect? The Green Papaya Collective can come and do it for you, sharing the harvest 50/50. Contact us through Emma: emma@growingwithwild.com or whatsapp +4670318534. Thank you!

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**UPCYCLING on the move**

Upcycling Studio is on the move to a new location. Before settling down at the Centre, a part of the team will be at Abri while the Tree house community and the other part will be at old Inside India building, 1st floor in Auroshilpm, till the new place is ready. All volunteers are still welcome. For more information, contact Ok, Marc and Coralie at 9487620109 and Upcyclingstudio@auroville.org.in. Coralie Gabriel
**APPEAL**

**Auroville Art Service - Fund raising for a sculpture**

Helgard Zurmuehli received a grant from the 50th anniversary team to create a giant kinetic stainless steel sculpture titled MARATHON. This public art installation is composed of 3 moving body shapes and is being installed at the entrance of Mahalakshmi Park (in front of Neem Tree Café) - a perfect meeting point for joggers and nature lovers.

The grant from the 50th anniversary did not fully cover the costs of building this beautiful work and Helgard needs some help to cover this amount (about 50,000). Please do contribute with an open heart to the FS account 251469, Marathon AVArtS. Thank you.

**HEALTH**

**Santé Schedule Now Online on our Website**

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

**MATTARAM Online Website**

Centre for Psychological Development and Support, link.

**EATING OUT**

**News from Solitude café!**

Greetings from Solitude!

Drop in, to our café, Monday- Saturday, 9.30 am to 3 pm to get our new batch of Ayurvedic powders, delicious Papaya Jars and our abundant fresh harvest of fruits and vegetables.

Love, Solitude Farm

**GASTRONÓMICA**

Dear community, we’re happy to announce the Soft Opening of 

**GASTRONÓMICA - Pasta & Pizza**

a new concept of Italian fusion cuisine. 

Tuesday to Friday, 10 am - 1pm

Only take away

Pasta Fresca (Fresh Pasta):
Tagliatelle, Spaghetti (noodles), Casarecce, Penne, Maccheroni, Fusilli. (100% organic, 100% atta, natural flour type 0, Semolina, with or without eggs)

On Order ONLY: Ravioli, Lasagne, Parmigiana, Oil Ciabatta Bread, Ragù Pesto & fresh tomato basil sauce, Pizzas (by trays) and focaccia.

Hand-crafted and naturally made

Kulilaplayam N. One, Opposite AV Bakery
Place your Orders only WhatsApp +91- 8489756434
Submitted by Antonello

**Voices of Notes**

**AUROVILLE RADIO / TV**

**At a week’s glance...**

Dear All,

AurovilleRadioTV is continuing its journey! While we are defining our new editorial structure, we keep covering the main events happening in Auroville. If you want to be part of the adventure, come and join us!

It’s very simple to collaborate with AurovilleRadioTV: call 0413-2623331 or email radio@aurovil.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: facebook.com/aurovile.radio, Twitter: AurovilleRadioTV

Please see below the latest programs published by AurovilleRadioTV team this week:

- Yoga Nidra radio programme - Session 7 (audio)
- “Ostinato” With Nathalie Houtman in Pitanga (audio)
- A Lecture Recital by Anand Seshadri - Pianoforte concert (audio)
- Feldenkrais Method radio programme - Session 5 (audio)
- Listen to the amazing concert of Nadaka, Gopika, Keshava and other artists ! (audio)
- Synthesis of Yoga (audio)
- Listen to the future of Auroville through this “Open Mic Presentation” (audio)
- Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi (en Français) - 294 (audio)
- The Water Crisis - A talk of Giulio from the Water Group (audio)
- Healthy Cashew Network, interview with Helena (audio)

COME AND JOIN THE COLIBRI PROJECT

The Colibri Project has been launched and the first episodes will be released in the following weeks. Thanks a lot to the people who have already shared their stories with us! Did someone do something small that changed your path? It could be any small steps for your environment, community, family of just yourself. We are convinced that Auroville is made of these stories and we would love to hear them. If you don’t want to be recorded, or want to remain anonymous, don’t worry, just tell us the story and we will find the best way to share it! Contact us by email Claire.soustiel@gmail.com or just pop by to the radio in the Town Hall. Thanks a lot for being part of this positive collective journey.

Your AurovilleRadioTV team

**NOTES**

**Experience in Nilambe Mediation Centre**

Dear Friends, I would like to share with you few details of a beautiful experience. On the hills of Sri Lanka, close to Kandy, there is a meditation center where the teaching and gentle meditation technique used, I found are so akin to Integral Yoga. Recognizing that the mind is a tool to be trained and which we have to work with at our best in order to go beyond it; I found and experienced that this gentle way so much helps in this very deep and often hard work. It recognizes the relation Mind-Emotion-Body without denying any parts of it. In the words of the teacher: “Meditation is: knowing the mind, shaping the mind and freeing the mind”... and … should’t we feel grateful...These little things we take for granted, but these little things go a long way. So please realize meditation is not about having special experiences, special qualities or extraordinary things. It is about seeing these simple things; seeing these ordinary things as something truly extraordinary.” It reminds me of how the Mother said that she would experience union with the divine in the simple gesture of brushing her hair or taking a bath.
A meditative state is something that we are encouraged to carry with us, and not leave behind, crossed legged in a meditation hall, but practice and observe in daily action and interactions… Easier said than done… but at least we try…”

The name of the place is Nilambe Meditation Centre www.nilambe.net

I invited the teacher to visit Auroville. He had already been here many years ago and knows Mother and Sri Aurobindo. I know some of you might know the place and the teacher, Upul. If somebody wishes to help me organize his stay in Auroville, please get in contact with me: saraponza@hotmail.com With Gratitude, Sara

Wings of Poesy

// Kynud - to hum //

kynud,
a melody in progression,
a vibration aberrant,
a whole universe in pendulum motion,
a translucent hum of the soul,
a banyan tree made of sound,
a pilgrimage for eternity,
resplendent yet reticent,
warm and bittersweet -
the tearing up of eyes at the sight of your old school
be burnt down to ashes only to linger forever in memories
kind of bittersweet,
the long ride home after the immersion of Durga's idol
on the fourth day of Dashami
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the reuniting and reviving of ties with a long-lost lover
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the picking up of that old newspaper
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and knowing never will such a thing happen again
kind of bittersweet,
the final farewell from your hostel corridors
and college terrace sessions
kind of bittersweet,
the leaving behind everything that you own and value
knowing you've come alone and you're going to go alone,
yet rejoicing the fact that you've given your best foot forward
kind of bittersweet:
to take a page out of Mr. Marshall Mathers’ books,
there was a time when I had Shillong city by the balls,
and now, all that is the silvery haze of a bygone comet's tail,
a beautiful statue made of light and memory,
a distant eclipse of recollections
that has gone Neptune retrograde
in the mist of space and time,
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mellow esoteric dregs of a
dead flower’s nectar,
silent residues of
accumulated epinephrine and glucocorticoids
that shape your hindsight,
and all that remains is
a kynud:

and this is not to enforce an idea of lament
but to emphasize the impermanence of life and its treasures,
perhaps this is the way life is sought to be,
perhaps impermanence is the amulet that life wears,
perhaps impermanence is the only true rule,
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got twisted,
perhaps impermanence is what the big bang actually looks like,
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lest we get to keep them for long in some way,
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Om
Asato ma Sat gamaya
Tamaso ma Jotir gamaya
Mrityo ma Mrirham gamaya
Shanthi, Shanthi, Shanthi

Om
From the unreal lead me to the Real
From inertia lead me to Light
From death lead me to Immortality
Peace, Peace, Peace

This is a hymn from Brihadaranyaka Upanishad.

The Rishi who composed this hymn lived in the forest during the Upanishadic period about 8000BCE. He had embraced Sannyasa, the life of a monk and was aspiring to attain immortality. He begins the hymn with ‘Om’ to call the universal Divine, Satchitananda which is present everywhere and in all things. The Divine enters into his body. The self of the Rishi will remain ever but his body-mind complex will disappear at any time. He cries as a result of his identification with his body-mind complex which is ‘asat’ i.e unreal. He prays the Divine to lead him from the unreal to the Real. ‘Sat’ means Satyam. The English translation of ‘Satyam’ is Truth which is highly inadequate to express the full meaning of ‘Satyam’. The Upanishadic formula for ‘Satyam’ is as follows: Satyam Nityam (Eternal), Satyam Nityam (Eternal), Satyam Nityam (Eternal). The English translation of ‘Satyam’ is Truth which is highly inadequate to express the full meaning of ‘Satyam’. The Upanishadic formula for ‘Satyam’ is as follows: Satyam Nityam (Eternal), Satyam Nityam (Eternal), Satyam Nityam (Eternal). The body-mind complex is transitory, prone to decay and death. Therefore, the Rishi cries and prays the Divine, ‘Impel me from asat to sat’.

The Vedic concept of universal existence has been applied by the Rishi to know his stage in relation to the universal existence. Satyaloga, Tapologa and Anandaloga constitute the upper trinity of the universe. Whereas Mind, Vital and Matter the lower trilogy. The Supermind, the fourth plane of consciousness, is in between the two. There is Light, endless Light, no more darkness in the first four planes of consciousness from top to bottom. It is Jothi, the divine Light: it is the Truth consciousness, ‘Ritam Joti’, always Right and Vast. Conscious Mind, subconscious Vital and inert incoherent Matter are present in the lower trilogy of the universe. They are ignorant in nature and subject to falsehood and error in their action. Therefore, the Rishi prays the Divine, ‘From inertia lead me to Light’.
In the third line the Rishi says, ‘Writyo ma Amirtham gamaya’. He prays the Divine to lead him from death to immortality. Amirtham is the source of immortality, Ananda is the expression of it. Saint Manickavasahar who lived in Tamilnadu in the beginning of 900CE has thrown more light on this idea. He says that, while contemplating on the Feet of Lord Siva, he feels Amirtham extols our Lord and enters into his body. This Amirtham implies ‘Sat’ (Self) and Chit-sakti (Consciousness-force). The Truth -consciousness working under the conditions of Ananda leads Saint Manickavasahar from death to immortality. Immortality does not mean that the body also will become immortal. In general, there will be dissolution of body-mind complex. But the soul in man experiences immortality. It is eternal and one with the greater Self. But it does not lose its identity in the universal existence. Because it is one of the multiplicities of the Supreme Self, it can enter into relations with the things and forces in the universal existence without losing its contact with the Supreme Self. It can enter into the cycle of birth and death on its own will. But it does not mean that it ceases to be immortal.

Sri Aurobindo says, ‘Whether I live or die, I am’. This is absolutely true. The Mother says that Sri Aurobindo has chosen to remain in the subtle physical plane of consciousness in the universe so that he could easily extend his help to the devotees who seek his help at the time of struggle and suffering in their life. (Ref: Tiruvasaham, Chennipattu, Verse, 5.)

Submitted by Somasundaram.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Needed 1: This is Valentina (Aurovillian), Pablo and my cat from KRIYA community. We are currently looking for a long-term house sitting in Auroville. I love gardening and I 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. Love and Light. Valentina and Pablo. Mobile number: 9498896117, email: valentina@auroville.org.in

Needed 2: Hello there, beautiful people, my family and I want to start the process to become Aurovillians. We start our 3 months’ trial period this coming September. We are therefore looking for housing for the months September, October and November. Is there any house sitting available during these 3 months? We are 2 adults and a 13-year-old girl. My girlfriend Eline and her daughter Indra, are Belgian/Thai, I, Erik am Dutch. For any contact details or questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us: my e-mail address is: erikprasadagmail.com, Erik

Available 1: I am looking for a house sitter in Arati 1 from 26 April to 11 June. Please contact amarnath@auroville.org.in or phone at 2622492 or 978739103. Thank you. Amarnath.

Available 2: My house in Quiet is available for housesitting from 28th April till 24th or possibly 28th April. It is best suited for one or maximum 2 people and involves pet care. Please note the distance as it is on Quiet beach. If this is for you, please contact Nandita at nandita@sharan-india.org or SMS at 9488483286 and we can talk.

AVAILABLE

Auroville Library of Things (A LoT), an initiative by earthbuds, at the container opposite PTDG: borrow tools, toys, kitchenware, travelling & hiking gear at your convenience. allot@auroville.org.in. NOW ONLINE! aurolot.mytum.com/library/inventory/browse.

Reliable Repairs: I would like to recommend on Euromalai from Quiet. Affordable and reliable plumbing & electricity works. Can repair inverters, washing machines, AC and more. Call him 9486367097. (submitted by Gallit)

Compost, available: Are you in need of quality compost, and would also like to support a small natural horsemanship project, located in Evergreen? We routinely have extra compost that can be used for your gardens, fields, or forests. We have 50kg bags available for pick-up or you can bring your own containers/ load carrier/ tractor and we can fill them. Looking forward to hearing from you! Call us or text to 8489281386 to book some today. Thank you, Daniela, Divya, Inge, Maya, Sagu

Keyboard: Casio CTK-3500 with touch sensitive keys and accessories. Shruti, 9766126866 (WhatsApp)

Guitar: Left handed Juarez beginner guitar with accessories. Shruti, 9766126866 (WhatsApp)

HDMI monitor: LG LED Monitor 47cm. Contact: Shruti, 9766126866 (WhatsApp)

Rockrider BTWIN Bicycle: 24’ bicycle, best for children aged 8-12 years. In good condition. Colour - Black & Red. Please contact: Manu, mango@auroville.org.in, 9488830338, 2622474.

Bathroom items: The following items are available for free at Naturellement. If interested, write to: naturellement@auroville.org.in.

- 1 Bathroom sink new (off-white)
- 1 Bathroom sink used (white)
- 1 Seat cover new (Parryware Cascade NXT)
- 1 Toilet cistern new (Parryware Cascade NXT)

Bike and household items: The following items are available in exchange for a contribution:

- Two spring mattresses (a king size and a single size) in excellent condition. Purchased one year ago. Have protective covers for transporting.
- Outdoor plastic dining table and 3 chairs. Nearly new condition.

Contact Paul: 6369929907.

Fridge and gas stove: We just started a long-term house sitting and we ended up with two fridges and two gas stoves. That’s why we want to give away our fridge and gas stove in exchange for a contribution. Anyone interested, please contact at elke@auroville.org.in.

Electronic items: The Working Committee has following non-functional electronic items to give away for a contribution:

- Samsung Printer
- Samsung CPU
- Logitech Keyboard
- Shredder (steadfast cc-005)
- Monitor (view sonic2007)
- Monitor Samsung (type: GH15LS)

Interested persons can see the equipment at the Working Committee office. Those interested are requested to submit their offer to the Working Committee by email. The item/items will be awarded to the highest bidder. Email at workingcommittee@auroville.org.in.

Used car: Tata Indica DLG with DIOC engine, 2008 model is being offered. 95800 km, new tires (bought at 89000 km), new battery, seat: cloth. Car can be seen at Mantra on most afternoons by appointment. Serious offers to be made in writing to Mantra. 2622173, 2622567, mantrapottery@gmail.com. Angad

Air Conditioner: Dear Community, Easy Procurement Solutions (EPS) has recently negotiated a beneficial deal for Mitsubishi air conditioners. If you are looking for a new AC before the summer months, please get in touch with us to receive a quotation. We’ would also like to remind that we have a very good deal for Atomberg “Gorilla” fans. These fans have brushless DC motors which use very little electricity compared to conventional ceiling fans. We have also found them to be very quiet and of a high quality. Please let us know at eps@auroville.org.in if you are interested! EPS team Angelo, Balu, Iyappan

MacBook Pro adaptor: If anyone has a spare MacBook pro adaptor model from 2012, please contact us at 9629686133. Xavier and Sayoko.

A Laptop: Hi, I am from New Creation school. I am an Aurovillian and I am in need of a laptop for my 11-year-old son, who is in Deepanam, for his school’s project work. I could not afford to buy a new one for him. If you have any old one and may want to give away for a contribution, please contact me. My cell number is 9943132738 and my mail is rajalakshmi@aurovilleorg.in. Thank you so much. Rajalakshmi.
Male actors: For our upcoming theatre performance, we are looking for male actors. It’s a comedy that will be directed by the same director of ‘Odd Couple’. If you are anywhere between the age of 25 and 70, and willing to commit yourself from July/August until the middle of October, you’re our man! If interested, contact Francesca (francesca@auroville.org.in) or call Elke (9486520868).

An Amma: permanent job available for an amma for 3 full days/week in Aurogreen with Tine and Tobo. If interested, please call at 8903938649 and 9843984181. Thank you! Tine

BIG size books of Sri Aurobindo’s Synthesis of Yoga & Savitri (Ashram edition): no matter if they are old and torn out (but entire), because I’ll repair them and give them a new life. If someone is not using them and willing to give away, please contact via WhatsApp +32474945407 or SMS (only SMS please) on Indian mobile: +917289907792. Many Thanks :-)

Basic furniture: Dear community people, we are a small family, recently shifted to a newcomer house. We are looking for some basic furniture like a bed, a table, a couple of chairs and shelves. Also, a refrigerator. Please let us know if you have any spare for us. Thank you. Contact youthcenter@auroville.org.in

Lost & Found

Lost Sunglasses: I lost my Black Morgan sunglasses with box at certitude playground (I think). Please contact at 9629686133. Xavier and Sayoko

Lost Mastercard: Daniel Lange, volunteering at Sadhana Forest is appreciating any information about his missing black Mastercard. thank you. Daniel Lange, daniel.lange.1@gmx.de

Lost phone/debit card: in Kullapalayam Samsung Galaxy S7 mobile with, in the cover, a debit card on the name of Jehan Hiramanek. For any help, please contact: mirahumm@aol.com

TAXI SHARING

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

27th March: Leaving AV at 9 p.m. to go to Chennai airport. Taxi sharing possible both ways. Giovanni: Email gionvinniparrillo@hotmail.com or WhatsApp +393288181300

28th March: Leaving Auroville for Chennai International Airport at 2 a.m. Taxi sharing possible both ways, email to Ken at vanosky@gmail.com.

28th March: Sharing taxi for Chennai town in the morning. Please call or SMS at 7598719931 or WhatsApp at +393483003363. Thank! Stefano

31st March: Leaving Auroville Center Field at 3 pm to Chennai airport. Contact Elisabetta 6385629106

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Donation of Wood / Barrel / Utensils: Youth Center (YC) welcomes the donation of wood as we are coming up with new wooden structures in YC. We are looking for one or more barrels and Utensils; we would welcome any kind of donation. Thank you. Contact youthcenter@auroville.org.in

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**KINO Auroville**

*Hey filmmakers, video-lovers, compulsive shooters!*  

Do you like to shoot for the sake of shooting with any device you have in your hands?  
Are you able to edit a short movie no longer than 6 minutes, and especially done for Kino Auroville?  
Would you like to watch your movie projected on the big screen of Cinema Paradiso?  
Then join us and bring your movie the first Saturday of every month. And anyone who enjoys watching short films, please come by. All are welcome!  

Next screening: Saturday, April 6th, Cinema Paradiso, 10 a.m.  

Kino Auroville is an activity of MMC/CP, a City Service  

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**Animal Compassion Day**  
At Neem Tree, Tuesday 26th March

Whether you are an animal lover, vegan, activist, or just a curious passerby, we welcome you to this open space which invites you to take a step towards building a compassionate and sustainable world. Through sharing knowledge with one another, learning, reflecting, and co-creating, we will explore ways to collectively make a positive difference to the lives of animals.

5.00 PM - 7.00 PM UNCONFERENCE  
Let’s co-create a discussion on animal welfare. We will cover a range of topics (which anyone is free to initiate). This Unconference will be made by people, for animals!  

7.00 PM ONWARDS. VEGAN DINNER  
Enjoy a delicious meal at Neem Tree, and a special surprise dessert of the day.  
For more info, contact: Samyukta: +91 7760510707 or Charlotte: +91 9597740933.

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**Come and Discover the Esperanto Language at the European House in March!**

Ludwik Zamenhof and his creative genius to bring all the Humans together: he dreamt of this fraternal gathering tool all through his childhood, and he made his first attempts to create a universal language as an adolescent. In 1887, at the age of 28, he published the first manual under the pseudonym "Doktoro Esperanto" (in Esperanto: "The one who hopes"). Today, 132 years later, this international language is spoken in 120 countries, translated by Google, proposed in apprenticeship by many websites … Esperanto is recognized and supported by UNESCO for its contribution to peace in the world. This language has its own culture: a rich original literature, many translations of the most diverse languages (Finnish, Croatian, Bengali …). Come and discover the Esperanto journey!

Coming in a near future at the European House:
- Easter Sunday, 21 April, Paint and search Easter eggs and The Bunny (Eastern Egg Hunt with the German Group)  
- Painting exhibition, Mirao, all through April  
- Your event or exhibition ??? contact us to use our space! european-pavilion@auroville.org.in

Come and join us, making the European place alive together!  
The European House Team

**EXHIBITIONS**

**Badrinath and Mana**  
*Photos by Franz Fassbender*  
12th March to 30th April  
Aurelec Cafeteria & Art Galerie  
Open from 8 am to 5 pm
Let’s talk about Water
“The Blessed Human Factor”
Monday 25 March, 4pm-5pm
at MMC (Multimedia Center/Cinema Paradiso), Town Hall

While we often speak about water management in technical terms, or about the quantity/quality of water, one thing that we unfortunately seldom consider is the “BHF”. This interactive talk will explore the human side of water. Talk given by Tom.

Please join us! All talks are free of cost, but if you would like to support the ongoing work of the Water Group, our FS# is 252000. Thank you! Water Group

www.aurovillewater.in

**Change of date**
NIGHT CONSCIOUS LEARNING at YC presents
Presentation on Green Papaya Collective
Thursday 28th March 6:30 to 08:00 p.m.
at Youth Center

By Ivan from Green Papaya Collective.
The Green Papaya Collective is a new initiative launched in Auroville, on March 2nd 2019 with collaboration from the SEA (Social Entrepreneur Association), with the goal of creating a thriving alternative money-less economy by providing a blueprint and new contract between people who wish to participate in it. We intend to ween ourselves off the financial system as a web of collective free peoples and work together to generate wealth for our network of participants. We are a fully inclusive group and we want to expand participation, help provide your needs and help you provide other’s needs. Please note that this initiative is an experimental work in progress and you can help define it and fine tune it. There are currently 13 members (as of March 10th, 2019). This is a model of participatory economy; a shared economy, partly in the gift and partly through other reciprocal means (checks and balances). It is an informal economy based on new agreements as its structuring principle. An economy of solidarity with those who make the effort to play. An economy where cooperation is more important than competition, where quality (health) is more important than quantity and thus planned obsolescence is replaced by planned prevalence. It's a movement toward sustainability as a collective venture that is intended to feel empowering and celebratory.

The Watercolour Palette for Auroville
By Ivana from Roof Studio

It is my honor and pleasure to invite you for my presentation.

SAILER Hall
Saturday 30 March, 3 - 4 pm
Please do not hesitate to contact Ivana/Roof Studio if you have any inquiries.
Mob. 7094344154, email: ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk
Auroville Campus Initiative, SAIIER
Department of Further Learning
invites you to presentations on
First Person Research
On Humility & Sincerity
By Prema & Lucas
Alumni of Indian Psychology Institute, Pondicherry
27 March 2019 (Wednesday) at 4 PM
SAIER Conference Hall
Based on a two-month long Yoga-based research project involving a study of oneself & literature review from the works of The Mother & Sri Aurobindo.
They will be presenting what they discovered about
(1) First person research,
(2) Humility & sincerity
(3) Their journey.

CULTURAL EVENTS

THE AUROVILLE HARMONIES
Women’s Choir Invite you to their performance
Singing the World
Direction: Antoine
Saturday 30 March - 6:30 PM
UNITY PAVILION

Reminder: Adishakti,
Presents: “La dance ou le chaos” - by Souleimane Sanogo (Mali)
Monday, 25th March at 7 p.m.
At Adishakti Theatre (neighbours of AV)

Odd-eye-see
Contemporary theatre performance
by Unicorn Collective
Thursday 28 March - 9pm - Cripa
Performance for those who skipped the première.
Friday 29 March - 10:30am - Cripa
Performance for school students.
Last chance to see!

Odd-eye-see is the strange imaginary journey of shipwrecked people from the old world that have gone astray. They break through their frame of mind and escape on an uncertain path. Through sharing and celebrations, they evolve together in a dreamlike and weird world, that will eventually transport them to a dimension where magic opens the possibility of a New World. (duration - 45 minutes)

SCHEDULES

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)

Five Rhythms Dance & Movement Meditation - creative explorations with IRENA
Saturday, 30 March 2019 - from 10 am to 4.30 pm
Your body is your temple, and this intensive invites you to dive into sensation to express and transform, to let go of letting go and simply return back home to your breath and your body. Through the 5 rhythms, we will explore our intuitive movement, and discover the grounded power that comes from our center. Connect to yourself, to another, and to the community.
Irena Taskovski is an Aurovilian and certified 5 Rhythms dance teacher. She has enjoyed offering 5 Rhythms Dance in Auroville during this past year.

Anatomy of the Spine - Theory & Application with Osnat
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 3, 4, 5 & 6 April 2019 (4 half days), 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
This introductory intensive will focus on the bio-mechanic aspects of the spine, and include both theory and practice. It is open to all (no previous knowledge of anatomy is required), but is specifically designed for those who have some background in the field, and would like to refresh, expand and apply their knowledge. The applied anatomy component will be especially useful to students and practitioners of various therapies and body work modalities (yoga, massage, ATB, etc.)
Day 1: 9:30 -10:45am - Anatomical terminology and introduction to body systems. 11 am-12:30 pm- Using anatomical language in practice: understanding terminology in body work, types of joints, anatomical planes.
**AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CENTRE**

**NIGHT CONSCIOUS LEARNING (N.C.L.)**
Youth Center Night Conscious Learning, every Tuesday and Thursday 06:30 pm until 08:00 pm is an experiment to reach out to youth and like-minded people who are willing to develop ideas and discussions regarding various subjects (growing economy, politics, climate, urban dynamics, culture, town planning, art, rural development, sustainable architecture, forestation, water conservation, farming etc. and more) that needs to be discussed or given a space where everyone can freely express their views, raise questions and create awareness. All are welcome to share with us any particular topic or subject on which you would like to reach out to the youth and many others with progressive ideas. Please write to us at youthcenter@auroville.org.in if you are willing to join us with any suitable date according to your availability either for a Tuesday or Thursday Night.

All Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, Guests, and others are welcome to join us every Tuesday and Thursday.
- 26th March: 6:30 to 8 pm Auroville Organization - Governance and Economy. **Amy**
- 28th March: 6:30 to 8 pm Green Papaya Collective (Alternative Money-less Economy). **Ivan**
- 2nd April: 6:30 to 8 pm Auroville History.

**Correction:** Ivan is now presenting on 28th of March instead of the 26th of March.

**Appeal for In Kind Donation:**
- Youth Center (YC) welcomes the donation of wood as we are coming up with new wooden structures in YC.
- If anyone is willing to donate one or more barrel to YC please contact us.
- Youth Center needs Utensils, we would welcome any kind of donation.

**Activities for the upcoming week:**

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AUROMODE YOGA SPACE

Check the schedule on:
www.auromodeyogaspace.com
For appointments:
phone +91 413-262224
contact@auromodeyogaspace.com

Guests/volunteers: contributions requested (reductions).
Aurovilians/newcomers: donations welcome.

Introduction to traditional Thai Yoga Massage
with Bebe
Friday, March 29th, 3 – 7 p.m.
This introduction is designed to cover the basic principles of alignment to understand Traditional Thai Yoga Massage simple routines and techniques and to explore the deepness of this ancient method of healing.

Transformational Yoga
with Elsie
Saturday, March 30th, 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Inspired by the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, Transformational Yoga goes far beyond physical exercise: it is an integral approach to physical health, emotional balance, mental and spiritual clarity.

SAVITRI BHAVAN

Inner-Work-Workshop
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
26 March (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.integralyoga-auroville.com.

CREEVA

Center for Research Education
Experience Visual Arts
Art Experience with CREEVA
in the Kalakendra Studio
located in Bharat Nivas
Information 9786411419 or audrey@auroville.org.in

Explore Colour with Audrey
March 27 & 28 Wed. & Thurs.
From 9:30am -12:30pm & 2-5pm each day
CREEVA in collaboration with Kala Kendra at KK’s Studios.
Your own and one of the theories of colour. We will use colours in different ways. NO Experience necessary.

Come explore your own desire to express yourself
on paper or canvas, all materials provided in our OPEN STUDIO
Kala Kendra: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 2 - 4:30pm
or CREATIVITY STUDIO: Monday to Sunday (except Saturday).

WATERCOLOUR THROUGH GEOMETRY AND MEDITATION
By Gino 9047097812
1 to 3 April, Mon/Tues/Wed. from 9am-12pm
With the discipline of these exercises the student can obtain control over brush and colors. I share all levels of watercolor practice.

PITANGA CULTURAL CENTRE

Samasti Community
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Dance class for beginners & regular students at Pitanga:

Odissi Steps and Body Conditioning
by Rekha
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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:
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REGULAR EVENTS

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OTHER EVENTS

Restorative Circles Learning Community

Building a Compassionate
Justice System
- with L’aura Joy
Sat, March 30 - Sun, March 31
9.30 am - 5 pm, with lunch break

Restorative Circles (RC) offer ways for individuals and communities to establish connection, discover meaning and recover power on profound levels. They create forums for reaching agreements that help sustain effective and nurturing relationships both personally and collectively.

This Circle process has developed within the Restorative Justice (RJ) movement, which in recent decades has rediscovered and adapted ways for communities to promote responsibility and healing. Rethinking justice, and engaging with the challenge of building whole system responses to community well-being, has opened up revolutionary possibilities for furthering a culture of peace.

Conflict is an inevitable part of the diversity of life. Yet few of us individually, let alone as a community, know how to respond to conflict with behaviors that do not produce pain and damage relationships.

The RC process offers a way to create community spaces for conflict that are safe and constructive, not destructive. It has been described as a straightforward problem-solving and nonviolent restoration method that demonstrates how community members can resolve their own conflicts when provided with a constructive forum to do so.

The establishment of a restorative system empowers communities to consciously choose how they would like to respond to conflict before it occurs - a form of proactive, preventative conflict transformation. It enables them to choose a nonviolent response to conflict that involves the whole community in discovering their own sustainable strategies by addressing immediate as well as underlying long-term causes.

Contact L’aura for more information and to join: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016. [Other upcoming NVC/RC events: joylivinglearning.org or restorativeauroville.org]
**AT SAVITRI BHAVAN**

**INTRODUCING SRI AUROBINDO’S YOGA through SAVITRI, Part 3**

*Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm.*

In this talk, Dr. Nadkarni goes more deeply into how Sri Aurobindo brought to modern humanity that awareness that evolution is not only a development of forms as expressed by Darwin, but much more fundamentally an evolution of consciousness. The basic crisis that we human beings are facing at present is an evolutionary crisis of consciousness.

Over millennia Indian consciousness-scientists have developed a wide range of practices for enhancing and disciplining consciousness, collectively called ‘Yoga’. Indian tradition has kept alive an awareness of the long evolutionary process that has taken place on our planet, and the Knowledge that Matter is a manifestation of the Spirit. This knowledge is imaged as a series of ten Avatars or embodiments of Lord Vishnu, the upholder of the Universe, beginning with the Matsya, the Fish, the first representative of aquatic life in water, who is followed by the amphibian Kurma or turtle. The series continues through higher life forms to the human avatars, Parasurama, Rama, Krishna, Buddha and is expected to lead to the final avatar Kalki, the Lord of purified and divinized Life. This is a symbolic way of tracing the Yoga of Nature, whose principle is that Life was already implicit in Matter and Mind in Life. Spirit plunged into Inconscience to manifest the material creation, and is emerging from Matter to give rise to the ascending planes of increasingly conscious existence. At present, human beings are the primary agents of consciousness action, but it is sure that higher and higher species will emerge to express the infinite potentialities of Spirit. It is inevitable that out of matter, God shall evolve: there is no other choice, says Dr. Nadkarni, and he reads from Savitri: The Immanent lives in man as in his house; / He has made the universe his pastime’s field, / A vast gymnasium of his works of might. / All-knowing he accepts our darkened state, / Divine, wears shapes of animal or man; / The evolution of physical forms and consciousness is the outcome of the unfolding self-manifestation of Spirit, the One Divine. A Power greater and higher than mind and body is always supporting this manifestation and all its beings and becomings in their Godward journey to higher states of consciousness.

Duration: 71min.

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**CINEMA PARADISO**

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

**Film program 25 to 31 March, 2019**

**Indian - Monday 25 March, 8:00 pm:**

- **PUPA**
  
  *India, 2017, Writer-Director Indraadip Acharya w/ Kamaleswar Mukherjee, Sudeepa Chakraborty, Rahul Banerjee, and others, Drama, 110mins, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: U/A(PG-13).*  
  
  Pupa or chrysalis refers to the final stage of metamorphosis; in the film it refers to the changes people go through when facing a crisis - like death. Shubbro a techie working in the USA comes home following his mother’s death. Before he could come to terms with that loss, a stroke renders his father comatose and is expected to pass away soon. To make his last few days easy the family brings him home. But months pass - he neither improves nor dies - creating a situation where the entire family is stuck. The film has received several awards and critical acclaim for its direction, acting, technical excellence and above all, its study of human nature. It was part of PIFF-18. This re-screening is made possible by the director. *Anytime a film induces us to question our own belief system - is always a must watch. It is a serious film - don’t miss!*

**German - Tuesday 26 March, 8:00 pm:**

- **TONI ERDMANN**
  
  *Germany 2016, Dir. Maren Ade w/Peter Simonischek, Sandra Hüller, and others, Drama-Comedy, 162 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: R.*  
  
  When his dog dies, Winfried, a retired music teacher, travels spontaneously to Bucharest to see his daughter Ines, a management consultant. This story of a tightly wound businessman torn between severing and mending relations with her lonely, singularly eccentric father is wholly original in shape and tone. Yet the feelings it wrenches from its characters are achingly recognizable. It is a film about loneliness and family: relentlessly hilarious and wise, outrageous and tender.

**Interesting - Wednesday 27 March, 8:00 pm:**

- **KEDI**
  
  *Turkey-USA, 2016, Dir. Ceyda Torun w/ Yaman Barlas, Sari, Azu Göl, and others, Documentory, 79mins, Turkish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR(G)*  
  
  Hundreds of thousands of Turkish cats roam the metropolis of Istanbul freely. This is the story of seven of them. The city of Istanbul is home to hundreds of thousands of stray domestic cats. They roam freely and have a rather complicated relationship with the fellow humans in the city. This is a story of seven such cats. The film also asks questions if the reality of an ancient metropolis changing with the times may have less of a place for the felines. *An interesting film!*

**French - Thursday 28 March, 8:00 pm:**

- **L’ATELIER (The Workshop)**
  
  *France, 2017, Dir. Laurent Cantet w/Marina Foïs, Mathieu Lucci, Warda Romnach and others, Drama, 113mins, FRENCH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated G*  
  
  La Ciotat, summer 2016. Antoine has accepted to follow a workshop  screening is made possible by the director. *An interesting film!*

**International - Saturday 30 March, 8:00 pm:**

- **DON’T WORRY, HE WON’T GET FAR ON FOOT**
  
  *France-USA, 2018, Dir. Gus Van Sant w/Joaquin Phoenix, Jonah Hill, Rooney Mara, and others, Biography-Comedy, 114mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R*  
  
  After the Portland slacker John Callahan nearly loses his life in a car accident, the last thing he intends to do is give up drinking. But when he reluctantly enters treatment - with encouragement from his girlfriend and a charismatic sponsor- Callahan discovers a gift for drawing edgy, irreverent newspaper cartoons that develop a national following and grant him a new lease on life. Based on a true story, this poignant, insightful and often funny drama makes the past of their town resurface...

**Children’s Film - Sunday 31 March, 4:30pm**

- **BENJI**
  
  *USA, 2018, Dir: Brandon Camp, w/ Gabriel Bateman, Darby Camp, Kiele Sanchez and others, Dra-ma, 87mins, English with English subtitles, Rated: PG*  
  
  Two school kids strike up a friendship with an orphaned puppy named Benji. When danger befalls them and they end up kidnapped by robbers who are in over their heads, Benji and his scruffy side-kick come to the rescue.

**MELVILLE FILM FESTIVAL@CINE CLUB**

*Cine-Club Sunday 31 March. 8pm*  

- **LE DOULOS**
  
  *French,1963, Dir. Jean-Pierre Melville, w/Jean-Paul Belmondo, Serge Reggiani, Jean Desailly, and others, Drama-Thriller, 108mins, French w/English subtitles, Rated: NR*  
  
  This film obviously owes a great deal to early American gangster films, as so much of Melville does, but what makes it slightly different is the complexity of character and plot Melville injects into the story. There are numerous layers of action going on here; each character is as duplicitous as possible so motivations are always in question and the audience never really can tell who exactly is on which side until the final conclusion. Yet, it is never too confusing and never dull to watch as Melville invites us to explore closer the beautiful fluid camera work and the stunning and stark cinematography.

**Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA):**

- General Audiences, PG=
- Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=
- Parents strongly cautioned, R=
- Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=
- Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

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THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, March 29th, 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 :)

ALMENDRO: TREE OF LIFE

51mins / English / 2003 - Directed by Barbara Fally-Puskas

The Almendro is one of the most impressive giant trees in the tropical forests of Costa Rica. It hosts from roots to top - about one thousand different lifeforms, and more than 60 species consume its fruits. Almendro and the Great Green Macaw have a symbiotic relationship. This gorgeous parrot breeds in the Almendro’s knotholes and primarily feeds on its almond shaped kernels. But, overexploitation and extensive logging has plunged them into deep crisis and the pair now faces an uncertain future.

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: sadhanaforest.org and facebook.com/sadhanaforest.

EVEN MORE EVENTS!

**Eco Film Club begins with “previews” of short Sadhana Forest films.**

**Further details of the regular events schedule may be found at www.auroville.org/contents/186.**

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FRIDAY 29 MARCH - 8:00 PM

“THE ILLUSIONIST” - L’Illusionniste (original title)

Director: Sylvain CHOMET - France, 2010

Synopsis: Is a Franco-British animated film based on Jacques Tati’s original script, which was written as a personal letter to his estranged eldest daughter. The main character is a version of Tati animated by several people under the lead of Laurent Kircher. The story revolves around the end of the 1950s, the world of music-hall leans towards the end since the birth of rock ‘n’ roll. An old illusionist considers himself an endangered artist and leaves the Parisian theaters to try his luck in London, but the situation is unfortunately the same there. He continues to do his tricks in small theaters and bars. One day, he will meet a girl named Alice in a pub in a Scottish village. Alice takes him for a real magician...

English version, no dialogues, duration: 1h20’

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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 they are ready.

The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute

Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Tuesday 5pm.

We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays and Thursdays due to work pressure.

Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words. All articles and reports need to reach us by Tuesday noon.

Visiting hours: On appointment only.

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