If the Earth were only a few feet in diameter floating a few feet above a field somewhere people would come from everywhere to marvel at it. People would walk around it marveling at its big pools of water, its little pools and the water flowing between. People would marvel at the bumps on it and the holes in it, they would marvel at the very thin layer of gas surrounding it and the water suspended in the gas. The people would marvel at all the creatures walking around the surface of the ball and at the creatures in the water. The people would declare it as sacred because it was the only one, and they would protect it so that it would not be hurt. The ball would be the greatest wonder known and people would come to pray to it, to be healed to gain knowledge, to know beauty and to wonder how it could be. People would love it, and defend it with their lives because they would somehow know that their lives would be nothing without it. If the Earth were only a few feet in diameter

-Joe Miller

Happy Earth Week!

- Cycle Ride
- Waste Pickup
- Theatre/Presentation and more
HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

(Continued)

It is still a condition in which things haven’t adapted, there is a lack of adaptation, and also what may seem to be an incapacity for manifestation (?). Yet the body doesn’t have the feeling or sensation of being unable to do what it wants to do - it never has; the power to act remains, but the will to act isn’t there. And what still gives that sort of ill-being (a physically painful ill-being) is the friction between the body’s spontaneous movement and what comes from outside: the imposition of outside wills.

This ill-being is growing in acuteness. It is true that one second of isolation (not a physical one), of a break in the contact [with others], is enough to restore the Harmony; but otherwise, if you don’t take care to isolate yourself within, it creates a kind of disorganization.

And the body no longer finds pleasure in any of those things that are usually pleasant to a body: it’s perfectly indifferent to them. But slowly, something, or someone, is teaching it to have, not pleasure or anything that looks (even remotely) like excitement, but a comfortable vibration in certain things of the senses. But that’s very, very different from what it was before.

It is clear that in order to follow its own rhythm, the body should reduce its activities to the minimum; not exactly “reduce,” but have the freedom of choice of its movements: nothing should be imposed on it from outside - which is quite far from reality. And yet, if one looks at the whole, there is an absolute conviction, even in the body, that nothing happens that isn’t the effect of the supreme Will. Therefore, the conditions in which it finds itself are the conditions that He has wanted and wants - that He wants - at every second. So the conclusion is that there must be in the body a resistance or an incapacity to follow the Movement.

When the problem reaches that point, there is always a similar answer: “Don’t concern yourself with that!” I think this is wisdom. There you are.

We must learn to let ourselves live, that’s the important thing: “Don’t be constantly reacting against this, trying that … - let yourself live.”

In reality, the will to progress is still quite impregnated with desire: there isn’t the smile of Eternity behind it.

The answer is always the same, which can be translated like this (but there aren’t any words): “Don’t concern yourself with that.”

It is still a remnant of the old tension. (Mother goes into contemplation)

There is, at any rate, a sort of sensation or perception that you are, for the moment, the only one here who really understands what’s happening to me. That’s something. I am very grateful, as they say, that at least, from the external standpoint, what’s going on will not be entirely useless. Because as I said, the signs of the Power being at work are increasing day by day, day by day; only, if this is crystallized around an experience made perceptible to others, I think it becomes clearer, doesn’t it, instead of being something quite diffuse. Therefore, even from this external standpoint of the external realization, you can be satisfied. In the great universal work, your existence has its place and its usefulness.

From the personal standpoint … my own feeling is that you are BOUND to have experiences after some time; they have to come, because that field is the one open. Changing this body is something new; but having experiences already exists, so it has to happen to you, it’s bound to happen to you. But I believe your experiences will be of a very particular character, in the sense that they will be very positive.

You have categorically refused the experiences that consist in going out of the present existence in search of another - you haven’t come for that and you don’t want that. What you want is something very concrete - it’s a little bit more difficult to have. But it will come.

I am not telling you this to comfort you, but because I SEE it this way: it will come. And what’s interesting is that there is an identity in the movement [Mother’s movement and Satprem’s]: what has happened to you lately, that thinning down, is yet another example; that’s precisely what I’ve been preoccupied with these last few days - that means something. Perhaps someday we’ll be given a little goody!

MOTHER’S AGENDA, 21 November 1964

MOTHER

The psychic being works with perseverance and ardour for the union to be made an accomplished fact, but it never complains and knows how to wait for the hour of realization to come.

~The Mother Words of The Mother, vol.14, p.357
WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Report of the Working Committee of the month of March 2019

The main topics of these months were:

1. Visit new Governing Board member.
   The new member of the Governing Board, Shri M. Madan Gopal I.A.S. (Ret’d), former additional Chief Secretary Karnataka, paid a brief visit to Auroville from March 19th - 21st. Information on Shri Madan Gopal has been published on the Auronet.

2. Minutes Governing Board meeting.
   The minutes of the meeting of the Governing Board meeting held on February 27th are still awaited.

3. Visit to Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi and visit to Auroville by the FRRO
   On behalf of the Working Committee, Mandakini and François visited the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, on March 25th. The next day, the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer, Mr. Xavier Dhanraj, paid a visit to Auroville and interacted with the community in an open meeting at the Unity Pavilion. We are awaiting the official information from the Ministry / FRRO about the announced policy changes and the status of those who have been refused re-entry into India.

   The Secretary, Auroville Foundation, sent us the Auroville Foundation (Admission and Termination of persons in the Register of Residents) Regulations 2019, as approved by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. This approved version of the Regulations, although different in some ways, is as good as identical to the version submitted by the Governing Board to the Ministry in December 2013. A General Meeting on the Regulations will take place on Friday, April 12th at the Unity Pavilion, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, when the differences and similarities will be shared, and a discussion will take place on possible next steps for implementing these Regulations.

5. Update on disputed Land Purchase
   The disputed land purchase at Irumbai Revenue village R.S. No.426/1C2 with extend of 8.175 acres deed has been cancelled as advised by the Governing Board.
   The full amount, including sale consideration, stamp duty and registration charge have been recovered from the sellers.
   The Working Committee has thanked all the people who have been involved in the process of the recovery of this amount.

6. Sexual harassment
   An Auroville resident who has been convicted of sexual harassment by the Auroville Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) set up under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, has refused to accept the decision and has challenged the constitution of the ICC and the fact that the Working Committee acts as ‘employer’ as mentioned in the Act.
   Following these objections, the Working Committee has been seeking a legal opinion on the matter.

7. Sexual harassment (2)
   We have received two complaints about alleged sexual harassment, one of which also involves physical violence. These have been brought to the attention of the ICC.

8. Noise and drugs
   We received a letter from the Under Secretary, Auroville Foundation, expressing his concerns about the noise levels at gatherings exceeding the limits allowed and about rumours on the use of drugs. We have informed organizers accordingly.

9. Commercial disputes and disputes involving guesthouses
   The Working Committee receives complaints from clients of commercial units and guests of guesthouses / home stays about the goods or services provided by a commercial unit or guesthouse or home stay. The Working Committee is not dealing with these kinds of complaints. We have requested the Auroville Board of Commerce to set up a subgroup to deal with complaints about an Auroville commercial unit while the Guests Facilities Coordination Group has been asked to deal with all issues relating to Auroville guesthouses and home stays.

Ongoing topics:
   The Working Committee is also involved in the following topics, which are still ongoing and not yet concluded:

1. Entry cases: difficult ones (jointly with the Av Council and Entry Board)
2. Revision and improvement of the Entry Policy, 2017 (jointly with the Av Council)
3. Cases of misuse of Auroville name and symbol
4. Garbage matter
5. Kuilapalamay parking
6. Highway, jointly with the HTF
7. Mandate of the Auroville Council: currently not started
   The Working Committee Carei, Mandakini, Partha, Ranjith, Sauro.

Auroville Council report - February 2019

AV COUNCIL INTERNAL FUNCTIONING

The new A.R.S. team was presented to the community in our last report. The team has been very active and the Auroville Council has been having close interactions with them, especially on the topic of the Selection Process. A lot of appreciation goes to the new team’s hard work.

L’avenir selection process
   The subgroup constituted of members from the Auroville Council and Working Committee has interviewed present and previous members of the team to understand the difficulties and challenges they faced and what could be improved in the future. Out of these interviews, the subgroup has come up with a report and recommendations Subgroup Report and Recommendation which will be soon shared with the community and will be used as guidance for the selection of the new L’avenir team.

Matrimandir Gardens
   The Matrimandir executive team presented their process for the call for and selection of designs for the main gardens to the Auroville Council and the Working Committee. An Observing Committee will be formed to oversee the process, consisting of executives of Matrimandir, one member from the Working Committee, one from the Auroville Council and one from the RAS. Angelo will join the Observing Committee as recommended from the Auroville Council.

Land Board functioning
   A subgroup constituted by the Auroville Council and Working Committee is looking into the Land Board selection process.

MANDATE AND POLICIES

Entry Policy
   A subgroup of the Auroville Council and Working Committee is continuing work on reviewing the 2017 Entry policy, together with the Entry Board, Entry Secretariat and other involved persons.

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Selection Process
2 Petitions were received from Residents Assembly Service (RAS) - the first from Juan and the second from Auro Sangamam. A Survey was circulated by RAS to assess a way forward and a General Meeting was held to understand the pulse of the community

Temporary Feedback Review Committee (TFRC)
Members of the Auroville Council met with the new TFRC members to explain their scope of work and answer any questions from the members.

Clearance Panel (CP):
The team is now fully functioning. Members of AvC, together with CP have met with some members of the previous TFRC members to have more information on those needing attention from the new team.

WORK TO RE-ESTABLISH HARMONY

Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI) / Sophie
For some months last year some disagreement and disharmony occurred between Sophie and the ACI team. A Restorative Circle took place and for a while the situation seemed to improve. At the end of December last year ACI asked Sophie to leave the team.

Sophie requested the Council to look into the conflict. After hearing both parties the Council supported L’aura’s proposal for a healing process involving community members.

ACI team declined requests for further mediation.

Serenity conflict
Koodam team initiated a mediation between the residents of Serenity community.

At the end of February, one Serenity resident involved in the conflict requested Koodam and the Council to step back and give space to a direct dialogue between community members.

Council and Koodam agreed to that, nevertheless Elviria is still helping the residents to form their community guidelines.

OTHER TOPICS

Well Cafe
Before initiating an arbitration process, Council and Working Committee decided to ask FAMC to look into the issue. The topic is at present with the FAMC.

Loud Music / Parties and Public events
A joint announcement on loud music has been published by Council and Working Committee in Auronet and News and Notes.

Ilango
Following concern expressed about Ilango’s past conduct, an investigation was conducted by a subgroup of the Auroville Council and Working Committee. The subgroup came to the conclusion that there is no reason to prolong Ilango’s Newcomer process and that he can be declared an Aurovilian.

Under age driving
Some concerns were expressed by an Aurovilian regarding under age children driving two wheelers without a proper licence. A note to the community was subsequently published by the Auroville Council on safe driving.

Warmly,
For the Auroville Council: Angelo, Enrica, Martin, Matriprasad, Mitla, Sandyra, Selvaraj and Shivaya

Report and Reflections of the Water Group, January-March 2019

Current water situation
After last year’s overall poor rainfall (1005 mm vs an average of 1300 mm), groundwater levels are quickly decreasing all over Auroville and surrounding areas. In the Centerfield area and Nine Palms, for instance, the water level in wells is at least one meter lower than last year on the same dates. In other areas such as Fertile, the water level has gone down 5 meters compared to the same dates last year. To have a quick understanding of the situation yourself, do the following: if the well in your community is regularly monitored, compare the readings between years. All monitoring data are published at https://gis.auroville.org.in/. Kindly let us know should you require assistance in how to find data, we’d be happy to assist.

After the Mass Bulletin from L’avenir about the severe water crisis, we received a lot of inquiries from people about how to help and what they can do. First, conserve water as much as possible. Try to diversify your source of water for different uses instead of depending on precious groundwater for everything. For example, reuse shower or dishwashing water for watering gardens. Also, be sure to read the water tips on our website and implement them. Second, inform yourselves. Gilles B. is giving a talk on the current water situation on April 23 at 4:30pm at the Unity Pavilion. We will keep you posted on more action points.

Water Talks
Four water talks were held in March by Water Group members and were attended by 150 people. In case you missed the talks, you can listen to most of them on Auroville Radio. If you attended the talks, we would love to hear your feedback on them. Overall, we are excited to host more presentations to increase the conversations about water in our community. Thank you to one generous donor who allowed us the funds to book MMC.

Education
We have identified education as one of the key components of the work of the Water Group and have initiated conversations with various Auroville and outreach schools regarding water curriculums. If you are an educator in one of these schools and are offering (or are interested in offering) a water curriculum for your students, please get in touch with us.

CSR Geomatics
We have received general feedback from the community that there is a lack of knowledge about the CSR Geomatics team and what they do. Interested to read the level of the Nine Palms well? Curious to see a map with most of the mango trees in Auroville highlighted? Want to know how much rain fell in the Botanical Gardens last year? Visit https://gis.auroville.org.in/ to see the data the Geomatics team has collected and is publishing regularly.

WWTP
We are excited by the progress being made on the WWTP in the Residential Zone and the amount of treated wastewater that will be available for communities. Treated water is clear, without any smell, and is ready to be re-used. Four storage tanks of 50 cubic metres each are under construction and will be ready soon. Situated close to the Matrimandir, they offer a golden opportunity for watering gardens in the surrounding area.

Water Group
watergroup@auroville.org.in


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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Public holiday on Thursday 18th April 2019

Dear Community,

This is to inform you that the Tamil Nadu government, on Wednesday, issued a government order, announcing a public holiday on **Thursday 18th April**, the day the General Election polls will be held in the state.

With regards,

The Working Committee.

### Objectionable posts in Social Media etc.-

**from the desk of the Secretary, AVF**

Dear Community,

The below is from the office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation. We have been requested to disseminate the following message to all members of the Community.

Regards,

The Working Committee

Auroville Foundation strongly objects to Auroville Units and Services registered with the Auroville Foundation issuing statements or posting in social media like Facebook or Twitter etc. on political issues or posting messages or content exhorting voters to vote for or against any political party. The Units/Services and Executives are hereby officially warned to desist from indulging in any political activity. All are once again strongly reminded that Auroville strives to "...live in peace and progressive harmony above all creeds, all politics and all nationalities."

### Clarification Regrading WAT (Work Allocation Team)

**It has come to our attention that there persists confusion about the status of the WAT (Work Allocation Team)**

**In clarification:**

When Interface team took office in Oct 2017, WAT was already a non-functioning team. The works that were under WAT is being handled by our Technical Team.

For any further clarification required, please contact TDC office.

Thank you,

L'avenir d'Auroville

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

### BUILDING APPLICATIONS - Monday 15th April 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 29th April 2019.

In the **Residential Zone**

1. **First Floor Extension**
   - Joy Guest House, Giovanni, Centre Field
   - **Built up area:** 95 sq.m
   - **Project Brief:** Five additional rooms for long-term guest and volunteers.

In the **Industrial Zone**

2. **Auromode Trust Office**
   - **Louis Cohen, Auromode Campus**
   - **Built up area:** 196.5 Sq.m
   - **Project Brief:** To convert existing unused workers cafeteria space into offices on the first floor, and a multi-purpose room on the ground floor.

Please note:

- An NOC (No Objection Certificate) is issued only after evaluation and processing of the community feedback received during the two-week period.
- Any work should start only with an NOC.
- Site permission is valid for one year. For fencing and clearing of the site, special permission of L’avenir d’Auroville is needed.

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

Warm regards,

L’avenir d’Auroville

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Dear Community,

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville, joining Auroville. Prior to Newcomer, Aurovillian and Friend of Auroville status confirmation, for Newcomers two weeks and for Aurovillians, Returning Aurovillians and Friends of Auroville one-month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to entrieservice@auroville.org.in.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:
- Jiaqi LIU (German), staying in Auromode and working at Transformation daycare
- Jean-Luc BUREAU (French), staying in Aspiration and working at Art service

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
- Lesley BRANAGAN (Australian)
- Aparajita BARAI (Indian)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
- Tracy SKOLES (Indian), staying in Eternity and working at Eternal Divers
- Saranam VELAYUTHAM (Indian), staying in Siddhartha Forest and working at Vehicle Service

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
- Daniel RODARY (French)
- Elke ilse JOST (German)
- Kalaiselvi MURUGAN (Indian)

YOUTH TURNED 18 ANNOUNCED:
- Uttara JADEJA (Indian), staying in Petite ferme Auromode and studying in Future School
- Selvi MURUGAN (Indian), staying in New Creation field and studying in Pondicherry University
- Amelia Hannah JACK (Slovenian), staying in Dana and studying in Future School
- Daniel LEE (Korean), staying in Sincerity and studying in Future School
- Auroshree MOHANTA (Indian), staying in Celebration and studying in Future School
- Sagarkha BHATI (Indian), staying in Kailash/Courage and studying in Last School
- Alexandra LOKUTA RODRIGUEZ (Spanish), staying /working in Youth Center and studying in Future School
- Tenzin Choe-Ying Bruce VATTIER (French/Tibetian), staying in Svedam and working in YoungLink

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

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

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30AM-12:30PM
*Newcomer kits will be given and received only on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm

Yours,
The Entry Service

Information for Aurovilians about last Wills & Testaments

Dear Community,

The Auroville Council would like to offer a reminder and some valuable information about last wills and testaments. Many of us set this question aside without realizing that doing so can create complex situations for the ones remaining when someone leaves his/her body.

Most Aurovillians are not aware of the legalities involved in making a will and what the consequences may be for a partner or young children left behind if there is no legal will. Below is a brief summary of an article from Auroville Today, (December 2015, no.317) For more details consult the main article on Auronet: https://www.auroville.org.in/page/about-last-wills-and-testaments-2013.

As this is the time of year when many Aurovillians visit their home countries, we encourage you to clarify your intentions and to complete these formalities while you are in your country of origin.

1) Last Will and Testaments
   - For Aurovillians of foreign origin:
     - It is important to have a will made in accordance with the laws of your country of origin to ensure that all legalities are being observed. If there are also assets in India, they need to be included. Be sure to make it clear that the house where you live in Auroville belongs to the Auroville Foundation. If there is no legal will, your money or assets may go to a distant relative and not to your partner here in Auroville or to the Auroville projects of your choice.
     - If you have no intention or possibility to return to your country of origin, a testament can also be made in India. (The process is outlined in detail in the article mentioned above)
     - A testament can also contain bequests (donations) to Auroville or to specific projects within Auroville. It makes sense to do such a donation through the Auroville International Center in your country as many Auroville International Centres qualify for tax-free bequests. Contact the AVI centre in your country for more details.
   - For Indian nationals
     - The system is simpler here in India as there are no inheritance tax laws. Your beneficiaries will not pay any inheritance tax. Auroville does not pay inheritance tax on bequests it receives from Indian nationals.

2) Other complementary actions
   - Designate a nominee for Indian bank accounts and other investments so someone can easily access your accounts upon your death. If there is no legal will though, the money may have to be handed over by the nominee to the one who is the inheritor according to the law of your country of origin. If there is a legal will, the nominee will have to hand the money over to the executor. Most banks can give a standard form which needs to be filled and be countersigned by the bank manager.
   - File your last will with the Financial Service along with other useful personal information. This will be stored in the safe and made available when it is needed. Also, Inform the Auroville Financial Service in writing about who will manage your account at that time. Again, if there is a legal will, this money will have to be handed over to the executor.
   - Fill in the Farewell form to specify your wishes about how the body will be treated between the time of death and burial or cremation. Link to the Farewell form: https://www.auroville.org.in/article/56336

The Auroville Council

From the Housing Service

Houses available for transfer:

1. Invocation - Miraj Jyoti - Apartment: Plinth Area 107.34 sq.m. RCC framed structure with Hall, Bedroom, Kitchen and Toilet & Bath. (Deadline to apply 23 April 2019) (Suitable for Single or Couple)

2. Sharga - Pascal & Elise House: Plinth Area - 115.00 sq. m. Single storied load bearing structure - residential building with brick walls plastered with cement mortar, madras roof consisting of front verandah, living cum kitchen & toilet. (Deadline to apply 16 April 2019) (Suitable for family)

3. Aspiration - An existing house (Aspiration model house) with wooden structure of area approximately 81 sq. m. is available for transfer. (Deadline to apply 16 April 2019) (Suitable for Single or Couple)

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

Write Separate e-mail for each house/apartment mentioning the house/apartment name in the subject line.

Youth Housing:
If you are Aurovillian, between 20 and 35 years old, working for Auroville full time for at least 9 months and have no/limited funds for housing, you are welcome to apply for Youth Housing. Places in Youth Housing (Kriya and Humanscapes) are suitable for singles, couples and families. (No guarantees for immediate placement.)

For more information e-mail to housing@auroville.org.in
Houses available in housing projects:

1. From Sunshin:
   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, bath room, 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 allocated 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.

NEW ECONOMY

Walking Toward the Dawn of Sustainability

All Aurovilians and Newcomers are welcome to answer some questions about the sustainability of Auroville’s economy. The results will be gathered and used as qualitative data for a report. This set of questions is to determine the overall consensus of how close or far we are from achieving The Mother’s dream of a self-sufficient Auroville. You may find the form here. Please answer honestly and only for yourself. Love, Malcolm (in association with Aurostats).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2019 KAVUNJI - 1st GROUP

Leaves Auroville on April 30th in the evening (Transport Service). Leaves Kavunji on May 8th in the afternoon. The children will be back in Auroville on May 9th early morning.

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ON APRIL 20th at 4:30pm

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B.N. Post Office moved to Service Area!

The Bharat Nivas Post office has now moved to Auroville’s Service Area. It is located in a rather cramped little building within the premises of the Auroville Electrical Service. Communities are requested to arrange themselves for the removal of their community post boxes from the old post office wall in Bharat Nivas and attach them to the outside open wall of the new Service Area post office building.

Matrimandir Garden review process ends on 24th April

Dear Auroville community, greetings from Matrimandir! We would like to inform/remind you that the community review process for 4 existing gardens [Existence, Consciousness, Bliss and Progress] is going to end on 24th April. So far, we have collected 62 feed backs from the community. We appreciate those who have submitted the review form both online and also physically filled it at the entrance of Matrimandir. Years of effort has been put for the preparation and the realization of these gardens. At the same time, we are aspiring to improve the garden design for both the existing and the future gardens. It will be highly appreciated to hear your experience and suggestions by submitting your review form either physically at Matrimandir or through online submission [https://auroville.org.in/article/73940]. We have also prepared a reference document (attached to the review form) for you to reconnect with the core theme of each garden given by the Mother. The hard copy form will be kept in our office and with the watchman at the gate. You can leave the filled forms with the watchman at the gate. If you have any questions you can directly visit us in our office, or write to us at 12gardens@auroville.org.in. We welcome your participation to help us to manifest the beautiful Garden which the Mother has envisioned.

Sincerely,
Matrimandir Executives
Aurosylle, Hemant, John, Jyoti, Louis, Vladimir

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OBITUARY

Gildo Pivetta proceeds

This is to inform the community that our friend and brother Gildo Maria Pivetta left his body on Friday, 5 April, in Belgium, surrounded by his wife and children. Gildo (most people know him as Guido) had been quite unwell lately and left Auroville last month for Belgium where it was found that a terminal cancer had rapidly spread throughout the body. He was 74 years old.

Gildo who was originally Italian but lived in Belgium with his family before joining Auroville, started his newcomer process in December 2011 and became Aurovillian two years later. After some time in Luminosity, he lived the last two years in Swayam. Being fluent in French, he was individually tutoring pupils from various schools in that language and would, in the French Pavilion premises, tutor anyone else interested in the language as well.

He was an energetic, solitary man, very clean and orderly, not only in life but also in his approach to death. Nearing the welcomed end, he was very calm and clear, being profoundly grateful for what he had received in life.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his family.

GREEN MATTERS

Kids Talk Trash: Plastic Patrol

Weekly White Tigers

STOP BUYING PRINTED PLASTIC SUGAR PACKAGES! Most sugar packaging is colourful printed plastic and cannot be recycled! Please help us in finding solutions to convince our Auroville shops to sell sugar in transparent plastic packages which are recyclable, or to store sugar in big stainless steel or glass dispensers like they do in PTDC. Warmly, the White Tigers (Andrea, Asia, Pablo, Ramon)

Water Saving Tip of the Week!!

If you still have a garden that needs water, be sure to water it in the morning or evenings, ensuring that less water is lost through evaporation.

With love from the Water Group, helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city.

watergroup@auroville.org.in

Earth Week Events

Tuesday 16th

Seeds of Freedom: 5pm, Movie at SLI (Sustainable Livelihood Institute), Naicker House, Kottakarai, Auroville
(See details under Film Section)

Tuesday, April 16th to Tuesday, 22nd

Eco Film Festival: Be sure not to miss the annual Eco-Film Festival, from 16 to 22 April, by Cinema Paradiso. Water is the over-arching theme of the films this year, with explorations on how it affects both marine and fresh water animals and their habitat, as well as lives of people, with a reminder about possible solutions. Please find the full schedule in Cinema Paradiso section. Kudos to the MMC team for running the Eco-Film Festival every year since 2005! Hosted by: Cinema Paradiso

Saturday 20th

Cycle Ride: Babies and children (plus parents and those young at heart!) are invited for a simple and short bicycle ride through Auroville in honor of Earth Day. Don’t forget your sun protection and water. Assemble in front of Solar Kitchen at 8:45am and start cycling by 9am. Hosted by: Aurovelo.

Sunday 21th

Sunday Walk, Farms, and Forests: Visit Aranya Forest, departure at 5.30am from Solar kitchen (See separate announcement)

EARTH DAY Monday 22nd

Waste Pick Up: Start your Earth Day bright and early by beautifying our city! Join the AV Clean Up group for a litter pick up, starting at Certitude at 6am. Please be sure to bring sun protection and water. Hosted by: Auroville Clean Up Group.

Theatre Performance: "The Story of our Times" is a three-act play about alternative ways to make sense of the state of our world. One day a group of children asks various groups of adults some basic questions: “What’s happening to the planet? How did we get here? Where are we heading?” The adults, some scientists, some business leaders, and some government officials respond from one of three perspectives: 1) Business as Usual, 2) The Great Unraveling and 3) The Great Turning. The play starts at 3 pm at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. Hosted by: R/Evolutionary Leadership programme

Presentation: Wild Otters Research is an organization based in Chorao Island, Goa. Their current focus is on studying the ecology and adaptations of otters, while concurrently working on species of civets and porcupines, especially in South Asia. The aim of the research is to look at the holistic ecosystem and addressing issues such as data deficiencies for the concerned species, adaptations in human dominated landscapes and impacts therein. They also work to make research accessible to a wide specialised and unspecialised audience to better guide biodiversity decisions across the globe. They work with students and professionals both from academia and corporate streams to better undertake these missions by means of a variety of initiatives including offering short and long experiences, training programs, year-long wildlife curriculum as well as research internships and volunteering opportunities. A presentation will be made about their projects by the director of the organisation, Katrina Fernandez, from 5-6pm in MMC Auditorium, followed by a Q&A session.

Crowd-funding on Social Media: Promote Earthday and raise funds for Land for Auroville on Earth Day. Let’s activate your social network on Facebook to receive “special Earth Day matching grants” for our crowdfundraiser on Globalgiving. https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/auroville-land-funding/
If each of us actively forwards to 20 friends, requesting a small donation, we will see what we can come up with together. How to do it: Become Facebook friend of “Auroville Funding” https://www.facebook.com/Aurovillefunding and Auroville Funding Groups https://www.facebook.com/groups/1775037028807871/. Share the recent 3 posts and videos in the coming days with your network, especially ecologists and people new to Auroville. On April 21st, one day before Earthday, we will publish a crowd fundraising appeal on Facebook, and you share it, forward it actively. We will receive considerable matching grants on that day! (Only PayPal and international money transfers) Make it appealing: Auroville is THE flagship of regenerative work, the biggest agglomeration of Earthcaring activities - in an international and Indian setting! Let’s fundraise for our green campus - online! Let’s work together to widen the network for land for Auroville. Over 40 Auroville initiatives work for ecology and human unity in the bioregion, but we urgently need to safeguard our “base camp”.
Hosted by: Funding Auroville Team, Sigrid, Prem and Nadia http://funding.auroville.org/

**Talkin’Trash**

**How to reduce your waste while traveling?**

Many of us are travelling soon. To help you reduce your waste on the way, we give you a little help here.

To get started, while travelling, you could:
- Think twice before you generate any waste.
- Mind your consumption of plastic.
- Notice that buying package-free is cheaper than other options.
- Buy only what you need.
- Try to REFUSE - REUSE - REDUCE - COMPOST and only as a last option: RECYCLE. You’ll never be sure if your waste will really get recycled.

So, here are a few tips for you:

**FOOD AND DRINKS**
- When going out for food, always carry with you in your bag: a container, steal or bamboo cutlery, a water bottle (and eventually a reusable straw), a cloth or reused bag.
- Don’t take away if you do not have your own container or just eat on site to avoid waste.
- Refuse napkins, if you don’t really need them. Napkins come from trees. If you get one, but did not fully use it, then take it with you for later: no useless waste.
- Feel free to develop the habit to refuse straws, plastic bags, packaging or bills to spread awareness around you.
- Go to local markets to get your unpackaged food and snacks: it’s cheaper and healthier.
- Download the app ‘Bulk’ on your smartphone to find bulk stores around you and buy package-free. Buying in bulk is cheaper than buying with a packaging.

**TRANSPORTATION**
- Give priority to walking and cycling, then to the train or bus, and finally flying.
- When checking in for your flight, choose the electronic boarding pass option.
- When flying, no need to print your ticket. You can just give your name at the counter and they will find you.
- When flying, take your own water bottle: empty it before security and fill it once passed through. Or keep the first cup you get on the plane and ask for refill.

**AT THE HOSTEL/HOMESTAY/GUESTHOUSE**
- You could use containers left by previous travelers or ask if you can borrow containers and bags.

**BATHROOM / TOILETRIES**
- Get unpackaged options whenever possible e.g. natural soap instead of plastic shampoo bottles, body wash gel.
- Avoid all these mini packages which turn very fast into waste.
- Refuse the toiletry kit given by hotels or take it along if not finished.

Waste-Free Auroville

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**Sunday Walk Farms & Forests**

Sunday, 21st April
5:30 am from Solar Kitchen (bus available)
Aranya Forest
With Saravanam

This is the last in a series of 15 walks for this season
(January to April) So, do not miss it!

**Description:**
Aranya is one of Auroville’s outlying keyhole forest area, 12 km in the north-west of Auroville, towards the direction of Sadhana Forest and Ousteri Lake. A research sanctuary for indigenous flora and fauna near Ousteri lake, a wetland that attracts thousands of migratory birds. It encompasses 45 hectares of plateau and a large area of gullies and ravines. A former wasteland with a few remaining pockets of TDF (Tropical Deciduous Evergreen Forest) and a sacred grove dedicated to the deities Munneswaram and Veerapan. It is one of Auroville’s first purchased areas and so one of the oldest places in Auroville. Several attempts were made to save this site along with the surrounding area but it wasn’t till 1994 that a comprehensive plan under a project funded by IDRC (Int. Development Research Center) was drawn up to restore the coastal TDF by rain-fed afforestation using indigenous species. In three years’ time, 36,000 pioneer trees were planted using saplings at hand and genetic stock from the few surviving sacred groves around this region, involving local people for the work.

As a result, the water table was enriched and soil erosion prevented. The afforested area extends to three villages. With the enormous conservation and afforestation work done by Hermitage and Sadhana forest, this outlying north western area of Auroville is a treasure to visit. Aranya attracts students of natural sciences and field biologists and has established Ecoclubs involving school children and has sensitized a younger generation on the need for community-based conservation and livelihoods.

Aranya also organizes Wilderness & Adventure camps; they have a zipline and a rope bridge and tree houses over the canyon, we hope to see you there!

Saravanam will lead us for the walk, we will have breakfast and a short presentation on the work being done there afterwards. Around 10.30 departure and back in SK around 11 am.

**Direction:** As Aranya is quite far, we have organized a bus; departure at 5.30 am sharp from Solar Kitchen, so be on time! If the bus is full, you can follow it to Aranya. After Auro orchard, cross the NH in the direction of Kootroad, then before KR, take a left on the winding road towards the direction of Sadhana Forest and Ousteri lake (better to follow the bus).

NOTE: The AVGreenCenter funds bus and breakfast and appreciates a contribution (Blue sheet)

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**Earth day, 2019: PROTECT OUR SPECIES**

"Humans must rise above the Earth... to the top of the atmosphere and beyond. For only thus will we understand the world in which we live" - Socrates, 400 B.C.

On Monday, the 22nd of April, the world celebrates the 49th Earth day, and its theme is ‘Protect our Species’. Earth day marks the anniversary of the birth of the Environmental movement in 1970. The stage had been set by the publication of Rachel Carson’s book *Silent Spring* in 1962. It began to raise public awareness and concern for living organisms, the environment and links between air, soil, water pollution and public health. The idea to have an international day came from Earth day founder Gaylord Nelson, then a US senator. By the end of 1970, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was formed and the Clean Air and Endangered Species Act took place. Big campaigns followed in 1990, the UN Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, followed by many other earth summits.
Earth day has reached into its current status as the largest secular observance in the world, celebrated by billions of people in over 200 countries every year and has become a day of awareness and action that changes human behavior and provokes political change.

The Earth Day Network engages people, students, institutions, businesses and schools across the globe to define the ethical guidelines that should inform our relationship with other living things.

All around the world, human activity is leading to the destruction or rapid reduction in the populations of plants and wildlife. Species are going extinct and habitats are shrinking. The vast array of living things in a given place: a small stream, a desert, a forest, the oceans or the entire planet is also known as biodiversity. And biodiversity is decreasing faster than ever before. If this problem continues, it will have an overall negative impact on the capacity of the planet to sustain life, including human life. All living things have an intrinsic value, but also serve a purpose and play a role in the web of life. Each species is critical in the production of key ecosystem services which are indispensable to maintain all life on Earth. For example, the production of clean food, air and water, the control of climate and disease, the support of nutrient cycles and oxygen production and the provision of spiritual and recreational benefits.

Only with the support of many more people will we turn the tide.

Pledge to the Earth
I pledge allegiance to the Earth
And all the Life it supports
One Planet in our Care
With Sustenance & Respect

The Green Column and Sunday Walks to Farms and Forests are published in the News&Notes and on AuroNet. We report green events in Auroville, the bioregion and the wider world. We are looking for new members to strengthen our team (organization of Sunday Walks and contributions for the Green Column)

The AV Green Center wishes all a meaningful Earth day 2019. May we all re-affirm daily our privileges & responsibilities as crew members of Spaceship Earth

The AV Green Center (Lisbeth, Island, Isabelle and Apple)

Healthy Cashew Network News

Community cashew harvest and processing;
The Healthy Cashew Network is planning a Cashew Harvest Celebration in Kriya Community on Sunday, the 5th of May.

We aim to have a morning of harvesting cashews, breakfast, music and celebration. We invite volunteers to join us for this event!

We are now collecting recipes for the use of the cashew fruit, cashew nut and any tips for cashew harvest/processing/value addition. Please drop us an email or send us a message if you wish to share.

We are also starting a database for cashew harvests in AV and looking to link harvesters with trusted organic processors of cashews. If you or if you know any individuals or communities who are growing and harvesting organic cashews (even if it is the smallest amount) in this Auroville area we can help with logistics for organizing a group run. Please write to us!

Cashew Pesticide Spray:
Spraying of chemical pesticides on cashew trees is occurring throughout the Auroville area, on fields not owned by Auroville. The cashew spray season continues into April. Harvests have begun and will continue through till June.

A homeopathic remedy for dealing with pesticide effects, Okbubaka, is recommended for the symptoms exhibited on exposure to the chemicals being sprayed.

“Spray Alert” WhatsApp group: Residents report when and where they notice pesticides are being applied in the Auroville area. This will help you and your family keep out of the way of these poisons as much as you can.

If you want to take advantage of this, please join the group on WhatsApp via this link: https://chat.whatsapp.com/ErpUeLtG1YglXL9La2alBUC or contact Marc, WhatsApp +4917628731028 or email us to be added. You can also view updates on spraying on this map: http://cashewnctwork.auroville.org/

The Healthy Cashew Network is an initiative by the community for the community (in the widest sense). Our efficiency depends on participation. Please contact us if you are motivated to help!

With Love and gratitude,
Healthy Cashew Network
- working towards a safe and pesticide-free Auroville

MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE

No Bus Service on 18.04.2019

Dear All,

On 18.04.2019 / Thursday, there will be NO bus service to Pondicherry due to Parliament Election in India. Thank you

Raju for Auroville Accessible Public Bus.

MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE: Essentials

City Shuttle

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

Where: Visitors Center Main Gate or on call.
When: daily 9.30am to 6pm.
How: call landline (best) 0413-262-2611 or 9487650951 (driver).

Cycle Kiosk at Solar Kitchen area
We repair and maintain all types of bicycles, as a community service.

Bike parts to full servicing at minimal costs. Free air!

Where: Opposite PTDC/Foodlink/Solar Kitchen in Prosperity Area.
When: Monday to Saturday 9am to 4:30pm.
How: drop in. Contact Phone Chris O.: 8940115240.

Cycles and children car seats rentals
Where: Vehicle Service, Town Hall.
When: Monday - Saturday from 9am to 12.30 and 2.30 to 5pm.
How: Contact avvehicle@auroville.org.in or Phone: 0413-2623022, Mobile: 9443074825.

Electric bicycles for rent at Kinisi:
Where: at CSR compound (see MAP).
When: Monday-Saturday 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-4:30 pm.
How: book online at http://kinisi.in, or email kinisi@auroville.org.in or call +91 8304606679 / +91 8304606880 / +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 for Srima beach SUNDAY trips) is always available at www.auroville.org/contents/3988.

POSTINGS

Invitation to join reading circle

Some of our Aurovillians are meeting at SAWCHU (the circular space located on the right side as soon as one enters Bharat Nivas) every alternative Thursday at 5 pm and read together the book “The Mother on Auroville”. We read the white book with The Mother’s picture and excerpts from Agenda, we use the blue covered book with the image of Galaxy on it. Both the books are on the same title. We read in Tamil or English. There are no rules, we follow our heart. Please join us in this exciting one hour where we travel to the period when The Mother was in her body and described how she saw Auroville and what she said are the actual conditions to be a true Aurovillian. Vinodhi

The next reading is on 25th April 2019, 6 pm.
**KoTree Hatha Yoga classes on hold**

KoTree Hatha Yoga classes in Douceur is taking a break between the 16th of April up to the 12th of May. Classes resume on Tuesday, the 14th of May. Classes will be every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 5 to 6:30 in Douceur at the Kolam Yoga School. For info, contact Info@kolamyoga.com. Grace Gitadelia

**An unusual invitation!**

A celebrity chef of the country, Marut Sikka, will be in Auroville on April 15th and 16th. To know more about him, please see on the internet. If you wish to meet him, please contact Vani, bharatnivas-vani@aurovile.org.in, or call her on 9159186599, to arrange for this.

**Major Repairs at La Piscine**

Pool will be closed on 15 April for more or less 10 days. We will announce the re-opening date as soon as we know. Sorry for the inconvenience but it is urgent! Thank you, La Piscine Team

**Talks on DEATH AND TRANSFORMATION now on Auroville RADIO/TV**

The two talks on Death and Transformation which were given on 18 and 19 February at the Unity Pavilion are now available on the Auroville Radio/TV website. Please click on the links below for direct access to each talk. Our team apologizes for the delay in transmission. For those who requested a DVD and a booklet of the talks, they are being prepared and will come at a later time. https://www.aurovilleradio.org/death-and-transformation-talk-1/ Loretta

**Joy of Impermanence needs volunteers**

Call for Volunteers to help out the Joy of Impermanence project on its first site, Anitya (near Sacred Groves), to build a social space with Earth Institute. We build this space with rammed earth walls. If you are interested to learn and practice earth construction, please call us: +917868085125 or joyofimpermanence@gmail.com. We need lots of people in the mornings and even more in the afternoons.

**AUM 2019 Seattle**

This year the All USA Meeting will take place in a green conference center on the Hood Canal just near city of Seattle, Washington. This is the annual gathering of evolutionary stalwarts from around the world who have, or want to have, a direct connection with moving forward in the spirit of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother towards Human Unity. Bill Leon and his team have prepared an exceptional program for those fortunate enough to attend. Auroville is always well represented and if you or anyone you know might like to attend, please go to the website www.collaboration.org and click on AUM 2019 for registration and all the details. The dates are June 20-23. Submitted by B.

**Dance for Peace 2019, Auroville!**

So grateful for all the love and cooperation and the journey we went through all together organizing and being a part of this special event.

Special thanks to Well Cafe, Hibiscus Art Village, Guy, Matrimandir team and workers, Jan Chiara and Jerry for Matrimandir set up, Eric & Ann, Auroville 50’s birthday, Seracon - Av Marathon, Outreach Media, Auroville Radio, Av security, Sunny for deco, all the beautiful volunteers, Pavilions and all the places providing such yummy food. All stalls presenting their beautiful work. All the artists participating - Sadhana Forest, Fij, Ancolie, Samrat, Vera, Bamboo Center and Mohanam, Margarita & Friends, Paul & friends, African Pavilion drummers, Dj P, Dj Jesse, Aarnav & Dhani.

Big huge thank you for Krishna and Solitude farm for providing this beautiful space. And of course, to all people coming to support, enjoy and celebrate Love, Peace and Unity. Look how many people were involved in manifesting this! Much Love and Peace to all.

Just Be team

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**Donations for our Play**

Dear Community, do you remember the Odd Couple, the comedy we performed 4 years ago? Then, it would be good to know that we are coming back in October with another deliciously entertaining comedy! In order to make this dream come true, we need your help to cover part of the expenses for the increased rental costs of Bharat Nivas and the building of a rather complicated set that will completely amaze you!

Your donations are more than welcome on account number 252771. Kindly help us so that we can deliver this fabulous comedy to you all.

With Love and Fun!

from Otto, Krishna, Anandamayi, Elke, Afseaneh, Ema, Sheetal, Lili, Lyle and Francesca.

**For the Marathon Sculpture:**

The new sculpture “MARATHON” is moving in the wind, in front of Neem Tree Restaurant, enjoying many eyes. But the Account is still in MINUS: - 32,000 Rs. Each amount is welcomed and will help to balance it. Account No.: “Marathon” 251469 at Financial Service, Auroville. Thanks for all kind of support and GENEROSITY! Helgard.

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**Santé Schedule Now Online on our Website**

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

**MATTRAM Online Website**

Centre for Psychological Development and Support, link.

**Polio/DPT vaccinations**

Following a recent visit to the Primary Health Centre in Thalilapuram, Kiliyanur by Suriyagandhi (Health and Healing trustee) and Jocelyn (Santé executive), please be advised that the Primary Health Center village health nurse will be available to give Polio/ DPT vaccinations at the Aspiration Health Center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month between 2.00 to 4:00pm.

The Primary Health Centre (PHCs), sometimes referred to as public health centres, are state-owned rural health care facilities in India. Aside from providing regular in-patient and out-patient health care services, PHCs also focus on implementation of family welfare programmes and national health programmes such as immunization, prevention and control of endemic diseases, and basic sanitation. From AV Health Facilities

**EATING OUT**

**Goyo closed**

Goyo, Korean silent restaurant in Luminosity, will be closed from 9th of April to the end of June. We hope to accommodate you again in July after refreshing. Thank you for all your good responses and supports.

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WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunity to travel to Romania and be part of a World Cup Promo and be Compensated!

The Perfect Way (TPW) casting team is currently casting for a promo for ICC World Cup for StarSports. (https://www.facebook.com/ThePerfectWay/).
Shoot dates: 22nd - 26th of April or 3rd - 10th of May
Shoot Location: Romania
It is a fun script and they are looking for:
- A foreigner man who can play a 75yrs - 80yrs old and a foreigner woman who can play a 70yrs - 75yrs old who can pass off as the Prince and Queen of England respectively. They need to be good actors as there are keen expressions of them in the film.
- 5 foreigner men, 35 - 45yrs old. Actors and Non - Actors from various nationalities like English, Australian, Dutch, South African, West Indian, New Zealander, Afghan etc. Must have a unique characteristic representation of their country. They must have a unique personality example: lisp, walks funny, bald, long hair, beard or moustache etc. We need people who are comfortable grooving and comfortable in front of camera.

For further info and if interested, please email your profile (2-4 photos with different looks and/or a 30-60 second video intro of yourself (hi, my name is Zelda and I am from Auroville and share a bit about yourself, what you do, something interesting etc.) in the form of a link to aurollearts@auroville.org.in and they will forward it to the Production Company.

Love and Light, Team TPW!

HR Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers who are looking for suitable work to find it, and to help Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions to find the right individuals to step in. Happy to announce that we have placed our first candidates!

Receptionist: You are a multitasker, fast, a team player and good at working with sometimes difficult people. You have basic computer skills and are very precise, your schedule is flexible and you are reliable. Your English communication skills are good. Full time, maintenance provided.

Maintenance and Repair Management: You have knowledge in electromechanics and hands on experience in equipment repair. Your daily tasks will be the repair of medical equipment, planning of repair works and infrastructure planning. You are responsible for keeping the equipment in good condition and ensure the smooth functioning of the setup.

System Administrator: You will take care of networked system administration and maintenance. You understand system and network integration of multi-modal networking environments: Linux servers and desktops, Windows laptops, Macbooks, android devices. You can support user needs on the various platforms, you are able to work with shell scripts, scripting and automation of routine tasks. Experience in a relevant field is a plus; someone with a Computer Science degree could be trained.

Admin and Communication work: You are dealing with the administrative work of our project and creating consistent communication within and outside of Auroville. You are a good team player and might have design skills. You know your way around social media platforms. Could be part-time. Maintenance provided after a probation period.

Guest House Management: You are in charge of receiving and interacting with guests, supervision of housekeeping, email correspondence and accounts. Expect more than 15 hours work per week. Need to be able to communicate fluently in English (other languages a plus). Maintenance provided.

Italian Cook: You are of any nationality and have cooking experience. Training is available. Expect hospitality hours of work (min 9 hrs /day). Maintenance provided; food and accommodation also possible.

Website Management: You handle regular website updating, product uploads, communication with unit holders, organizing photo shoots and product research. Skills required: Proficiency in written and spoken English, good communication skills, organization skills, meticulous, able to work in a team. Full-time maintenance provided.

Content Creator: You are creating content for our blog, preparing press kits, mailers, social media content, proofreading for other team members and doing interviews. Skills required: Proficiency in written English (mother tongue is preferred). This is not a full-time job, it can also be done from home independently from the office. Maintenance provided.

Administrative Work, Part Time: You carry out daily administrative tasks as well as communication on an international level to introduce/promote/ spread a global concept on dentistry - as an example for India and the world. Skills required: Familiarity with MS office and also software for photos and video editing. Good command of English and willing to work in a team. Maintenance provided.

Please contact us for more information and if you are interested in any of these work opportunities or if you are looking for something else: hr_hub@auroville.org.in

AUROVILLE RADIO / TV

Greetings Auroville...
We are happy to share with you all what we managed to capture in past week as a team of Auroville Radio/TV. Please do collaborate with us in sharing event details and video clips of events happening in the community of Auroville.

We would be happy to hear from you, and also for you to make use of our services. Please do follow our updated website which offers a wide range of information with written, audio and video content and stay connected with us for more event updates on our social media sites.

Please check below the latest programs published by AurovilleRadioTV team this week:
- Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi (en Français) - 298 (audio)
- AMERICA LATINA E INDIGENA: El Sur del Sur (audio)
- Night Conscious Learning - B talks about Auroville History (audio)
- Yoga Nidra radio programme - Session 10
- Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi (en Français) - 297
- Synthesis of Yoga
- The Colibri Project No.2: would the flowers remedy save Germany's wounds?
- Youth Center - Interview with Pujja (video)

It’s very simple to collaborate with AurovilleRadioTV: call 0413-2623331 or email radio@auroville.org.in or simply pop by at the studio at the Town Hall ground floor! You can listen to all of the programs and more on:
- facebook.com/auroville.radio
- twitter.com/AurovilleRadioTV

The Radio/TV Team

NOTES

Sagarika from Last School secures admission in Bennington College in the USA

Dear friends in the Community, we are happy to share with you that our daughter Sagarika has been welcomed for admission for graduation at Bennington College in the USA with almost 90% of scholarship.

Sagarika is born and brought up in Auroville, and has been drawn to art ever since she could hold a crayon. One could say that art is her medium of expression. She went through education in Auroville and has been guided by different schools of thought. At an impressionable age of 11 she joined the Last School where the teachers, the philosophy and
system of education as well as the learning environment created were conducive for her blossoming and growth. Following her heart, Sagarika continued her education in Last School and went on to develop her being and her work. Along with comprehensive and inclusive framework of education, supportive guidance and a well-developed work ethic at the Last School, programs such as ‘Bridging the Gap’ and ‘Ultimate Frisbee’ as well as the very exploratory ‘Ganga Yatra’ were instrumental in widening her awareness, capacity building and honing of perspective that gradually led Sagarika to become her own person.

With this background, Sagarika went on to apply for admission in Fine Arts at Bennington college, Vermont in the USA, based solely on her portfolio and not on any certification. She presented her journey of learning and unfolding as well as her reflections and aspirations through a composition of her art work and accompanying essays. Her portfolio of about 75 pages was very well received and supported.

We are profoundly grateful to Auroville and our larger community that allows for Life based on Faith and we are forever grateful to the teachers at the Last School and do pray that all aspiring students in Auroville get an opportunity for such self-discovery and growth in this beautiful and supportive environment.

Sagarika is happy to share her learning journey and portfolio with interested ones in community and if anyone wishes to get in touch with her or with us, please feel free to write at: Sagarika - sagu@auroville.org.in, Shailaja - shailaja@auroville.org.in & Lalit - lalit@auroville.org.in. With deep Gratitude - Shailaja & Lalit

Matrimandir Crystal
a ray came to you
the sea brought him here
we still at your feet.

Anandi - Realization - 4-4-19

ACCOMMODATIONS

Needed 1: Long term house sitting. After having been in love with Auroville for such a long time we would like to finally stay and contribute to the community as well as have our daughter (last with Sitar in concert at UP) visit Last School. We will be very happy for any offer suitable for our little family of three; happy to look after house and possibly pets/garden. Looking forward to hearing from you. جريتي. Shankar@gmail.com, 7057154505. Jagriti

Needed 2: Looking for a house-sitting option (one month or longer) for one person. Location close to Arati / Creativity / Madhuca would be perfect. Would love to take good care of animals and garden. Very grateful for contacting us at ulrikkrishna@gmail.com, drupadg@gmail.com, Whatsapp: 7972831406, Phone: 2622906. Ulrike Burghardt

Needed 3: Dear community, I am a Newcomer looking for a house-sitting from April to mid-September. Please let me know if you need someone. Myriam +919344169331.

Needed 4: After 25 years of bringing international students to Auroville (mostly via Living Routes), my family has decided that it is time to bring ourselves! My wife, Monique, and our younger daughter, Pema (14y), will arrive in early July and I’ll join in August to start our Newcomer process. Woohoo! We are now looking for a 2-bedroom house/rent or rental from July-October, ideally with A/C (‘we’re coming from Canada!) and not too far from Last School. Please contact me (Daniel Greenberg) at daniel@ic.org or +19783941711 (WhatsApp). Thanks so much!

AVAILABLE

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

Shoes: I am giving away two pairs of shoes in exchange for contribution:
• The first are for football with studs. Brand: Adidas; Model: ace16.4; Size: 42 Europe, 8 UK
• And the second pair are for Footsale. They don’t have studs. Brand: kipsta. Size 40 Europe, 6.5 UK
  Contact me 7598394821 or erdmuriel@gmail.com. Thanks, Eden.

Various items: The following items are available in exchange for contributions:
• UPS (Battery and inverter): very good condition, 1 year old.
• Boiler (15 litres): very good condition, 1year-old.
• Stove (double): good condition, 1year-old.

More information and details, contact Pedro on 875460810 or pedro.santos.guedes@gmail.com. Thanks!

Talented carpenter: If you need a talented, reliable, accurate carpenter please get in touch with Ajappan from Edayanachavadi. His English is fluent and his phone number is +919488725736. Submitted by Silvana.

Bikes: 3 second-hand motorbikes
1. Pulsar 150 cc
2. Hero Hunk
3. Pulsar 200 cc

Please contact Pedro or SMS to 8489281386 for pictures and details. Inge Van Alphen

LOOKING FOR...

Mountain bike: Dear Aurovillians, I am looking for a second-hand mountain bike. If you have one which you are not using anymore and want to give away in exchange for a contribution, please contact me, Kiara by email: kiara.auroville@gmail.com or by SMS: tel:+91637459736.

E-bike: I am looking for a second-hand electric bike. Contact me if you know any: Laure 8300941041.

Space in his/her suitcase: Hello everyone, is there someone going to Paris who would accept to take in his/her suitcase 3 books and 2 clothes! Please contact me on my WhatsApp +33782148344, Thais.

Mattress: I am searching for a queen size mattress. If you have one, please contact me! Kyara, merianichia@gmail.com, 8300668334

Job for Gardener: Shivraj is an experienced gardener but is also able to run errands, make purchases and deliveries as well as bank-work etc. He speaks English, is honest and friendly and can take own initiatives. He has also a good hand with animals. I can highly recommend him! For more info, please contact me on: martina@auroville.org.in, Martina

Afternoon work for Amma: Our amma from Sanjeevinigar who works for us in Vikas every morning would like to find work during 2 to 3 afternoons per week. She is experienced and speaks a little English and has a very kind and pleasant personality. If interested, please call Heidi at 9442357651.

TAXI SHARING

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

17th April/flexible date: I would like to have a check-up done at Aravind Eye Hospital. If there’s someone else who wants to have a check-up, I would be happy to share the cost of a taxi. The date is flexible. Please let me know if you’re interested either by sending an email to chali@auroville.org.in or calling/messaging me (Chali) at 9787628806.

18th April: leaving Thursday, 18th on time because it seems to be troubled because of the election day! Contact via WhatsApp at 8072725596. Joel @ Sanjana

23rd April: Hello, I’m travelling to Chennai airport on April 23rd. Leaving Auroville from Acceptance at 4 pm. Call me if you want to join the ride: Laure 8300941041

23rd April: I would like to share a taxi from AV to Chennai airport. I would be leaving AV around noon for the airport. If anyone interested, please contact Nupur at nupurmahajan88@gmail.com or at my contact number 09873850666.

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

**AT THE AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR**

Sunday, 28 April
6.30 to 7.30 pm (weather permitting)

We will sing Mother’s mantra “Om Namo Bhagavate” with Joy and Weidong (guitar) to guide the chanting.

Everyone is welcome to join chanting or just be...
Please take your torch light for the steps. No photos please.
Dear guests, please carry your Aurocard and note that the gardens will be open only for this moment at the Amphitheatre.

**Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil’s music**

Every THURSDAY - 6 to 6.30 pm (weather permitting)

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

Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.
We request everyone: please No Photos and do not to use your cell phones, cameras, i-pads, etc. Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm.
Please be seated by 5.55 pm, no late entry. Thank you.
Amphitheatre Team.

**INVI TATIONS**

Deepanam Open house
on 19th April,
10:30 am - 12:30 pm. 
Come and see the work of students in Light, Peace, Grace and Faith groups.

**EXHIBITIONS**

Camino de Santiago
Photo Exhibition at the Aurelec Cafeteria & Art Gallery
Open from 8 am to 5 pm from 1 April 2019 to 31 May 2019

Dear Aurovilians from European origin and possible future friends of the European House, we would like to invite you to see Mirao’s last paintings, that will decorate the walls of the European House from Monday 1st April to Saturday 20 April.

Also, in order to establish an email list of people interested in the future events of the European House, please, kindly email back your name and email address to Denis, denis@auroville.org.in

We thank you all in advance.

The European House Team

Bharat Nivas presents
At Kalakendra Art Gallery
“The Dawn of Auroville”
Ongoing Photo Exhibition on the early days of Auroville with rare historical images and texts by The Mother.
Opening hours: 9 to 4:30 pm. Sundays closed.
Ongoing until further notice

Badrinath and Mana
Photos by Franz Fassbender
Aurelec Cafeteria & Art Gallery
12th March to 30th April from 8 am to 5 pm

Come and explore WILD GROWING EDIBLE PLANTS together!

We are creating a space for abundance to grow without interference, while learning what wild plants to eat and how to eat it. Why? To connect with our biological unity with nature and as a solution to our ecological crisis, closely linked to our mental, physical and spiritual well-being.

We meet every Wednesday morning 8.30-10.30 am, at Town Hall between SAILER and Maison Des Jeunes. No pre-registration needed. If you have any questions or want to connect, contact Emma: emma@growingwithwild.com or WhatsApp: tel:+46705318534, on behalf of the Green City Team.
Exhibitions – April 2019
Monday-Saturday
9am-5pm

Meditations on Savitri
The entire series of 472 paintings created
by the Mother with Huta
In the picture gallery
Sri Aurobindo - A Life-Sketch in Photographs
in the upstairs corridor
Glimpses of the Mother: photographs and texts
In the square hall
Everyone is welcome.

Mother’s Symbol Exhibition
with translations of Her Powers
(or virtues, qualities…) in 22 languages

International Space, Bharat Nivas
(Indian Space next to Sri Aurobindo Auditorium)

AUROVILLE YOUTH CHOIR
Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st 5 pm at Cripa

Presentation of our final work of this season.
Excerpts from
“Les Choristes” by Bruno Coulais
and “A Ceremony of Carols”
by Benjamin Britten
Everyone is welcome

CULTURAL EVENTS

Bollywood Dance Workshop
By Shobhana Patnaik

Tuesday, 16th April
5 - 6:30 pm
Unity Pavilion

Shobhana, a young talented artist and ex-student of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, is offering the workshop for the 4th time. All are welcome. No registration is required.

Gentle Jalaja
by Jyoti Khare

A book release
along with coloring
And a puppet show!

At Nandanam Kindergarten
on Saturday, 20th April
at 4 pm

SAIER - Auroville

SCHEDULES

YOUTH CENTER
Activities for the upcoming week:

♦ Shyam and Harsh, two volunteers living in Youth Center, would give a presentation on “Deployable Architecture” at Night Conscious Learning (NCL) on 16th of April from 06:30 - 08:00 pm. All are welcome!
♦ Youth Center welcomes Anita, on 18th April at (NCL) to give us a presentation on “Town Planning” from 06:30 - 08:00 pm. All are welcome!
♦ Pizza Night is back!

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Vietnamese style Qi Gong. We will work on meridians as in style Tai Chi our vital energy, and start the day with positive energies. We will discover authentic Indian flavors. Come and join us! Limited places available. Contact number:

joycommunity@auroville.org.in

A cooking class where we will cook delicious food. Together we will experience the local culture, food and temples. On Wednesday, 17 April (9.30 - 11 am) An invitation for pregnant women to experience the weightless, relaxing and connecting benefits of floating and movement in warm water. You are invited to come with or without your partner/birth-attendant. When you come for the first time, contact Friederike at 9943247326 or Appie at 8903158065 beforehand.

Baby Swim session with Appie & Friederike Friday, 19 April (9.30 - 11 am) This is only for babies between 1 and 12 months old and their parents, who are with their baby in the warm water. Please bring a closing swimming pant for your baby and towels.

Liquid Flow Experience with Dariya and Daniel Monday, 22 April (4:00 - 6:00 pm) Dear water and dance lovers, welcome to the closure of the season for Aquatic Bodywork courses and Dance Offering. In this event we combine our passion for warm water therapies, free dance movement exploration and contact improvisation. We will experiment moving on our own, floating each other, and moving as a group. This is a session with a lot of space to explore, experience, enjoy the freedom of movement in water, within a guided framework, and connect from our hearts, which water fosters so effortlessly. You need to pass at the reception latest between 3.30 - 3.45 and be changed by 3.55 in swimwear or clean shorts (we cannot let you in the pool in the same clothes you arrive with). As it is a build-up, it is essential that you are in the pool on time; latecomers will be welcome to enjoy the ocean instead.

Explore Temples Around Auroville (prior booking required) We welcome you to explore temples around Auroville. You will experience the local culture, food and temples. On Saturdays from 4:30 to 7 pm. Starting place: Joy Community Guest House Minimum places but Maximum Fun! For more information and booking contact: tel:9487272393 or joycommunity@auroville.org.in www.joyauroville.org - www.facebook.com/joyauroville

Indian Delight Cooking class (on appointment only) at Joy Guest House with Rupavathi on Fridays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. A cooking class where we will cook delicious food. Together we will discover authentic Indian flavors. Come and join us! Limited spaces available. Contact number: Rupavathi tel:9487272393 or email: joycommunity@auroville.org.in Warmly, Joy Team

Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas For more info: bharatnivas@auroville.org.in

Qi Gong for Meridians with Marco Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7-8am at Progress Hall. Classes Description: Morning practice to awake the body, feel the qi, our vital energy, and start the day with positive energies. We will use warm up exercises and movements coming from Chen style Tai Chi Chuan, Malaysian Qi Gong, and 5 Animals Vietnamese style Qi Gong. We will work on meridians as in shiatsu tradition, and through movement and touch. Classes for all levels. No previous knowledge of Qi Gong or Tai Chi is required. About Marco: Aquatic body worker, Qi Gong and Tai Chi Chuan practitioner and facilitator, Thai Shiatsu body worker, and Multidisciplinary Improvisation teacher. Marco started his journey into healing practices in 2013 studying art and art therapy, with keen interest in movement and body awareness. This interest brought him to dive deeply into Contemporary Dance, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Shiatsu, and aquatic body work. He is an aquatic bodyworker formed in Auroville, and he studied TCM at Lotus Centre Cambodia, and in Europe at Tai Chi Dublin. Since 2017 Marco has been a facilitator of Qi Gong morning practices in India, Ireland, Spain, Romania, Sweden, and Israel.

WATER SESSION FOR PREGNANT WOMEN WITH APPIE & FRIEDERIKE

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OTHER EVENTS

Music Summer Camp 2019

The MUSIC SUMMER CAMP will be about singing songs accompanied by music instruments from different countries, rhythm practice & music initiation through the senses, and will end with a performance: songs, interactive singing, games and/or musical story.

All, who enjoy singing, are welcome, starting from 5 years old. (Younger children can also participate, if together with parents). Preferences will be given to children who can attend regularly and the whole duration of the program. The workshop is free of charge. 6 weeks from 7th of May till 22nd of June at TLC camp

On Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 AM to 12 PM We might add Saturdays as well later on.

Drinking water will be there. But please note, that neither snack nor lunch and transportation will be provided. So, please provide for your children.

Music lovers, those, who like to spend time with children, and family members of participating children, if you can spare some
time and would like to help us in any ways - this would be very appreciated. See with coordinator.

“Thank You!” to the TLC team for allowing us to use their space for this activity.

Facilitators: Kateryna (Kato), and singers of “Auroville Harmonies” choir, Friederike, Véronique J., Shruti, Egle (coordination). Please write to coordinator to enquire more about content and details of the program and/or to register: egle@auroville.org.in

Theatre Acting Workshop for Funding!
Dear theatre addicts and lovers, I am glad to announce a workshop on acting and theatre on the 17th, 18th and 19th of April from 6pm to 8pm in New Creation.

The workshop is open to everybody and it is aimed to fund the expenses for the next comedy in AV that I am going to direct with a fabulous cast: Otto, Krishna, Elke, Ema, Afsaneh, Anandamay, Lyle and Sheetal.

We will have a lot of creative fun with improv and many other games related to open up the emotional and physical body to stage creativity. Free donations at the first day of the workshop. If you want more details please write to me: francesca@auroville.org.in

If you just want to help us with the funding our temporary account is: 252771.
Love, Francesca

Welding course and MAG/MIG course
Auroville Institute of Applied Technology at its Aurobrindavan campus is conducting an 8 days course in Stick Metal Arc Welding on Saturday mornings starting April 20.

We would also conduct a MIG/MAG course in the week, if there is enough interest. If you are interested or need more information, don’t hesitate to contact:
Karim 9159970623 / karim.abdalla@auslandsdienst.at

Connection as Life Energy
Introduction to Nonviolent Communication with L’aura Joy

“Connection as Life Energy”

Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others?
Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want?
Fri, April 26th - Sat, April 27th
9.30am - 5pm, with lunch break
More info & register (and for venue info): contact L’aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016.

SLI presents - The Seeds of Dreams Movie Night

Seeds of Freedom
Tuesday 16th April 5pm
at SLI, (Sustainable Livelihood Institute)
Naicker House, Kottakarai, Auroville

This year on the 27th July, the SLI seed festival is going take place for a third time. Not only the success of the last two editions but also the growing tendency towards intellectual ownership by global seed companies pointing out that such initiatives need to implemented and promoted on a progressively increasing scale. Therefore, the seed festival scales up as well and becomes the “Auroville Seed Festival”, organized by the SLI.

In order to promote the festival and to raise awareness of farming related issues the SLI is going to lunch the Seeds of Dreams Movie Night. Every second Tuesday until the 23rd July the SLI invites you to enjoy a documentary in a cozy atmosphere and to discuss afterwards the shown problems, ideas and solutions.

On the 16th April at 5pm we are going to start with the first film of the Seeds of Freedom trilogy. The documentary of the same title provides an overview of the history of agriculture, charting the transition of the farm into a factory, and highlighting the impact of the agrochemical and GM industries.

CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 15 to 22 April, 2019

REMINDEr: Indian - Monday 15 April, 8:00 pm: 36 VAYADHINILE (AT THE AGE OF 36) For details please see N&N issue 793

MMC/Cinema Paradiso Group is happy to bring you the 15th annual Eco-Film Fest from 16-22 April. Hope you will come, enjoy and engage.

It is almost impossible that we do not know the climate crises, or crises created by our throw-away culture and the looming scarcity of fresh water. Question is, do we as individuals and collective do enough to combat the challenges? Do we question constantly what is sustainable? We hope that this selection will remind, provoke, and inspire us to take action, or notch it up.

Eco-Film - Tuesday, 16 April 8.00 pm

• GROWING UP WILD
USA, 2016, Dir. Mark Linfield & Keith Scholey w/ Daveed Diggs, Documentary, 58mins, English, Rated: G

Life is an adventure, especially for the newborns. The film follows five animal babies from across the globe as they take their very first steps to the stage when they step into their adulthood. The film reveals the triumphs and setbacks of these young ones in which instinct, parental lessons, trial & error define their destinies. Stunning photography and wonderful story telling makes this film truly special.

Eco-Film - Wednesday, 17 April, 8:00 pm

• CHASING CORAL
USA, 2017, Dir. Jeff Orlowski w/ Andrew Ackerman, Pim Bongaerts, Neal Cantin, and others, Documentary, 93mins, English, Rated: NR (PG)

From the team that brought the film Chasing Ice comes another must see film. Coral reefs around the world are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. A team of divers, photographers and scientists set out on a thrilling ocean adventure to discover why and to reveal the underwater mystery to the world. This official screening of this film has been made possible by generous sharing by the film-team.

Eco-Film - Thursday, 18 April, 8pm

• WATER WARRIORS/SAVING THE SAVIOR/TO WAKE BUDDHI WATER WARRIORS: Canada-USA, 2017, Dir. Michael Premo, Docu-Short, 22mins, English, Rated: NR (G)

When an energy company begins searching for natural gas, a multicultural alliance including members of the First Nation, Acadians, and English-speaking families-unite to drive out the company to protect water and the way of life.

Saving the Savior: India, 2018, Dir. Jalal Ud Din Baba, Docu-short, 29mins, Kashmiri w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

This internationally acclaimed film is about the Wular Lake in Kashmir told through the perspective of 15-year-old boy Billa whose life is inter-linked with existence of Wular Lake.

Films

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:30pm. Duration: 39min.

• Meditations on SAVITRI, Book 1, Canto 4: THE SECRET KNOWLEDGE, Part 2

This whole world is the playground of the One supreme and his Conscious Force, the Mother, the Two-in-One. They play out their drama here in the universe with us for roles. He moves here as soul, she as Nature.

“The master of existence lurks in us And plays at hide-and-seek with his own Force; In Nature’s instrument loiters secret God. 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.” (Savitri, p.66)

A meditative film by Manohar of Huta’s paintings illustrating passages from Savitri read by The Mother and accompanied by her own organ music.

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To Wake Buddhi: India-S.Africa, 2017, Dir. Yakima C Winter, Short, 15 mins, Hindi-English with English subtitles, Rated: NR (G) Once upon a time in the forest of Kullu, lived a young girl named Janisha. Her happy heart was in tune with nature. When things change trees warn through her about their actions that burn and destroys forest. All screenings are made possible by generous sharing of the filmmakers.

Eco-Film - Friday, 19 April, 8:00pm

THE ALBATROSS
USA, 2013, Dir. Chris Jordan-Bloch & Sabine Emiliani, Documentary, 97mins, English, Rated: NR (PG)
In the heart of the great Pacific, a story is taking place that may change the way you see everything. Using sparse narration and stunning imagery, the film explores the plight of Layasan albatross plagued by the ingestion of our plastic trash. The film explores the interconnectedness of species, with the albatross on Midway as a mirror of our humanity. The filmmakers offer this film as a free public artwork; ours is an official screening.

Eco-Film - Saturday, 20 April, 8:00pm

LIVING THE CHANGE: Inspiring Stories for a Sustainable Future
Sometimes the environmental, economic and social issues seem too big and overwhelming to deal with it. Climate change, resource limits, economic downturn, social disconnection - the list is long. The film explores solutions to the global crises we face today - solutions any one of us can be part of - through the inspiring stories of people pioneering change in their own lives and in their communities in order to live in a sustainable and regenerative way. This screening has been made possible by the generous sharing of Happens Films and the directors.

Eco-Film Matinee - Sunday, 21 April, 3:00 pm

AT TENBOROUGH’S LIFE THAT GLOWS
UK, 2016, Dir: Joe Loncraine, w/ David Attenborough. Documentary, 60mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G
Sir David Attenborough explores the world of bio-luminescence, the often spectacular natural light produced by some creatures. Specially designed cameras reveal nature’s leading lights.

Eco-Film - Sunday, 21 April, 8:00pm

SEED: THE UNTOLD STORY
USA, 2016, Dir. Jon Betz & Taggart Siegel w/ Vandana Shiva, Andrew Kimbrell, Jane Goodall, and others, Documentary, 94mins, English-Hindi-Spanish, Rated: PG
In the last century, 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared. As chemical companies try to control, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight to defend the future of our food. ‘A must-see for all! The directors have shared the film with us and may be present for a Skype-based Q&A.

Eco-Film - Monday, 22 April, 8:00pm

SURYAGANGA
India-USA, 2017, Writer-Director. Valli Bindana w/ Naseeruddin Shah, Documentary-Adventure, 90mins, Hindi-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)
This film is on the epic conflict between India’s land, energy, water and people. It’s an intense ride of three curious denizens who attempt to connect the dots between vanishing rivers, massive energy projects and the quiet rise of the renewable.

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

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

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

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

NOTE: There will be no film show on Friday 19th. Enjoy the Eco Film Festival, and rendezvous the week after!

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, April 19th, 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:**

Losing Tomorrow!

52 Minutes / English / 2005 / Directed by Patrick Rouxel
A film on the biodiversity of the Indonesian rain-forest and an insight into the logging, pulp and paper, and palm oil industries. Losing Tomorrow is a self-produced film with a poetical first half and a more classical second half.

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 sadhanafilm@auroville.org.in.
Or visit us online: sadhanafilm.org and facebook.com/sadhanafilm.

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Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.

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

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