IN THE NAME OF THE MOTHER FOR THE SAKE OF THE MOTHER
BY THE POWER OF THE MOTHER WITH THE STRENGTH OF THE MOTHER
TO ALL ADVERSE HARMFUL BEING OR FORGE
I ORDER TO QUIT THIS PLACE AT ONCE AND
FOREVER.

WHOOSH!

News & Notes

A Weekly Bulletin for Residents of Auroville
But death is a word for something that does not exist. One does not die when one leaves one’s body, any more than when one goes from one room to another or changes clothes. Actually, death is not “on the other side”; it is right here, at every instant, inextricably mingled with life; we take it along everywhere we go and, sometimes, it becomes death. That “sometimes,” that moment, or more complete movement of death in us, is what we must catch hold of. Death is not “another state,” an accident suddenly thrusting us into something else. It is ingrained in life itself; it is its base, its dark foundation. And if we could unravel those tightly knit threads, that death in the quick, that self of death that beats softly within us and tries day after day after day, almost hour after hour and every instant, to supplant life at will. One dies only from want of truth. It is the only want in the world. If we were totally true, we would be totally immortal. Death is dissolution of falsehood - for falsehood is in essence decay - and we will die only so long as we are not truthful from head to toe and in every cell of our body. In short, death is the keeper of Truth, the dark angel standing at the immortal threshold that destroys anything incapable of passing purely into Truth. We have already crossed the threshold in our purified mind; we have perhaps crossed it in our heart and feelings - we must cross it in our body. The self of truth must completely replace the self of death. The process of immortalization takes place from the top down: first in the mind, then in the heart and senses, then in the body - but the supreme resistance is also the supreme victory.

It is indeed a resistance. Death is a resistance to the law of Truth, to the ever-renewed flow of Harmony. Deep down, we are founded on the “rock of the Inconscient” the Vedic Rishis spoke of, the rock that is perhaps the first moment when the great Energy solidified, turned into matter, plunged into a dark contraction of itself, “sank” into an inert stillness of its triumphant flow, lost itself in a black, motionless ecstasy that was like the inversion of its solar ecstasy on the summits. Those who have had the experience of descending into the material Inconscient know that the image of the Vedic Rishis is not just an image but a rather formidable reality to go through. It is truly a rock - immense and seemingly bottomless - a sheer drop into a basalt chasm, which cannot even be termed black because there is not one spark of blackness there, not one glimmer that would permit one to call it black - it is the Blackness, absolute, without one breath, without one vibration of anything whatever: an instantaneous suffocation, a mortal stifling, a world utterly still, utterly closed, as if strangled on itself, without a sound, without a movement, without an echo of anything whatsoever. An utter void, and yet like a black, asphyxiating existence, something that is in spite of everything - but is like a density of absolute negation, a tremendous refusal which raises its walls of basalt and plunges, plunges like an abyss into an abyss, like a death into a death. To descend there is in fact like dying. It is death. It is the Inconscient. One cannot be there; one must not be there. It is like a supreme repudiation of everything that moves and breathes, everything that bears a particle of light making it possible to live. It does not move. It does not breathe. It is a NO. A tremendous NO to everything and of everything, which swallows you or expels you - or forces you to summon a light greater than that Darkness. And there is only one light greater than that thick, stifling Blackness: the supreme Light, the Great Sun of Truth. This is why it is said in the Upanishads that Yama, the god of death, is the son of the Sun.

The supreme sun is at the bottom of the supreme darkness. “Death” is the passage to immortality, the keeper of the great total Sun, the ultimate compulsion toward integral Truth. At that moment, whatever is incapable of summoning the Light, all the unpurified fragments of being are immediately snapped up by that NO, dissolved in it, frozen in its black ecstasy, because they are themselves a little spark of that NO, a little refusal of that great Refusal, a chip of that formidable Rock.

And, as a result, we have the key to everything that creates death in life - our countless little deaths every minute. And we understand that this body, this ever so fragile and insignificant little body, which others reject as an old rag or a hindrance to the supreme frolicking of the liberated Spirit, is in fact the site of a supreme conquest and a supreme deliverance, and that the heaven of the Sun of Truth is carved out on earth and in our body every minute by our adherence to or refusal of the light, by our choice, minute by minute, between our self of light and our self of death.

The supramental being is one forever delivered from death and, through his deliverance, the earth will be delivered, compelled to her supreme Sun by her supreme darkness.

ON THE WAY TO SUPERMANHOOD, chap. XIV: The Victory over Death - SATPREM

The inner subjective self-delight independent of objects is our true aim and the high and wide poise of our peace and liberation.

Sri Aurobindo
Essays on The Gita, p. 92
ACRES FOR AUROVILLE Land Campaign

4th April & 24th April - the final arrivals in Pondicherry of Sri Aurobindo and of The Mother

“Auroville will be the site of material and spiritual researches for a living embodiment of an actual Human Unity”

The Mother

Auroville is the materialization of a long-cherished vision that is now anchored in the Earth. Its high aspiration incarnates the deep sense of what we can live and be, as described in Sri Aurobindo’s words:

“The coming of a spiritual age must be preceded by the appearance of an increasing number of individuals who are no longer satisfied with the normal intellectual, vital and physical existence of man, but perceive that a greater evolution is the real goal of humanity and attempt to effect it in themselves, to lead others to it and to make it the recognized goal of the (human) race. In proportion as they succeed and to the degree to which they carry this evolution, the yet-unrealized potentiality which they represent will become an actual possibility of the future.”

Each year new people come to continue the adventure and bring their lives and work to help build this Dream. Friends and co-builders, wherever we live, let all renew our collaboration for the harmonious Manifestation of this vision – and help Auroville to secure its base, its designated Master Plan land!

Join the “Acres for Auroville Land Gift” for the City of Dawn’s still-missing land!!

Please specify your donations for ‘ACRES FOR AUROVILLE’ via Auroville Unity Fund (checks & bank transfers)

Online via credit/debit card https://donations.auroville.com/ or via your Auroville International Center


Pioneering spirit

“Don’t lose the pioneering spirit” advised Auroville’s staunch friend J.R.D. Tata during his last visit to Auroville in 1993 when Auroville was celebrating her 25th year. J.R.D. Tata was, of course, referring to the early years of Auroville when some 400 people lived on a spread-out barren plateau amid extreme heat, lack of water and infrastructure. A vast blue sky above and a red earth below their feet - they were certainly pioneers! But we feel that the term itself is relative from a broader perspective.

From the perspective of emergence of consciousness and of light, Auroville was not pioneered starting in 1968 - but since the dawn of human civilization. The origin of Auroville goes back to ancient times when rishis in India composed the inspired word “Veda”. It goes back to the times of ancient Egypt when Amenhotep IV founded Akhenaton’s city:

“Here is the place that belongs to no prince, to no god. Nobody owns it.
This is everybody’s place. The earth will find joy in it. Hearts will be happy in it.”

They were the pioneers of Auroville as well. Similarly, the newcomers to Auroville could well be regarded as the pioneers of the future to come. One of the messages of the Mother, though in different context, is worth recalling here:

“A happy beginning
A good continuation
And no end
An endless progression”

When the goal is endless progression, each generation is both pioneer and continuer. “Each generation must, out of relative obscurity, discover its mission, fulfill it, or betray it,” wrote an Occidental thinker.

The task before the early settlers was to reclaim the eroded land by planting saplings, and also the seeds of their creativity. “Acres for Auroville” is a part of that continuum. It seeks to consolidate the material base for the unique future city that is coming up. Thus, we are also pioneers, and those who will come to develop the city after us will be pioneers of the new things in the endless progression of Auroville!

Aryadeep

Mandakini

Please specify “ACRES FOR AUROVILLE” (all Master Plan priority plots) or “GREEN ACRES” (Greenbelt plots exclusively) for all donations via:

- Auroville Unity Fund (checks & bank transfers),
- Auroville Donation Gateway (credit & debit cards) https://donations.auroville.com/
- Auroville International www.auroville-international.org

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DARSHAN DAY

Darshan Day
April 24th
On Darshan day April 24th second and last arrival of the Mother in Pondicherry, Sri Aurobindo’s room will be open from 6 am to 12 noon. Tokens are not required. Submitted by Mallika.

Pondy Trips on Darshan Day
For those willing to reach Pondy using Auroville’s collective transport, the SAIIER bus will leave from Matrimandir on Wednesday 24th at 9 a.m., stop at the Solar Kitchen and follow the ordinary route, returning from Pondy at 12 a.m. No tokens are required. Please note that this is not a commercial bus; the offer is only for Aurovilians and newcomers having Darshan. Submitted by Paullette.

ENTRY & EXIT

The constitution of the appeal group, three Residents from the same in both versions, is three years, or as determined by the exit group. This detail is also the same in both documents. The conditions for removal of a name from the Register of Residents, same in both versions, are:

- if a Residents’ behaviour is incompatible with the ideals of Auroville or the laws of India; or
- if a Resident is not engaged in meaningful activity relevant to the life of Auroville; or
- if a resident has been absent for three consecutive years from Auroville; or
- if a resident’s name has been entered in the Register of Residents without due entry process.

Differences:
The WCom observed that essentially both documents are similar. However, the differences are in the following areas: 1) in format, numbering and layout; 2) in terminology and nomenclature; 3) in the constitution of the groups; 4) in the conditions for re-appointment of members of these groups; and most significantly, 5) in the Form I. The WCom went on to provide examples in these differences.

Terminology: the 2019 Ministry-approved version names the two groups based on the nomenclature used in the Foundation Act such as Admission, Termination, Committees, and has named the appeal group as Appellate Committee. Whereas the 2013 RA and GB approved version named these groups as Entry Service, Review Committee and Special Committee.

The constitution of the groups for entry and exit in the 2019 version mentions 9 residents each, whereas the 2013 version did not specify any number.

The conditions for re-appointment of members of these groups in the 2019 version states after a lapse of two terms, whereas the 2013 versions states after a gap of one year.

The “Form I”:
A significant difference, however, between these two documents is the Form I. The Form I is the Form which everyone is to sign at the point of becoming Aurovilian. The content of this Form in the 2019 version is longer and more detailed than the Form in the 2013 version.

The WCom observed the Form in the 2019 version is rather similar to the one in Auroville’s Entry Policy which was approved by the RA in 2017, titled, “Values and Principles guiding the collective life of Auroville.”

The WCom continued to observe that, although similar to the Entry Policy 2017 form “Values and Principles guiding the collective life of Auroville”, the 2019 Form has significant differences in two major areas:

1) A clause not approved by the community appears in the 2019 version, “[...] Ownership of immovable assets in the Green Belt Area of the Auroville Master Plan is only allowed with the written permission of the Auroville Foundation.” This clause does not appear in the Entry Policy 2017 Form.

2) Internal conflict resolution processes have been created to resolve conflicts arising between the members of the Auroville community with mutual respect and understanding. Residents agree only to involve an external agency after having exhausted the possibilities of conflict resolution based on Auroville internal processes.” This clause is part of the Form in the Entry Policy 2017, as approved by the RA.

The WCom explained that these discrepancies will have to be addressed, and that a discussion on it will take place during the Q&A session right after the presentation.

Process for requesting a name to be removed from the Register of Residents:
The WCom then went on to elaborate the process as explained in the Regulations, by which the WCom or 60+ Residents can send a written report or request to the exit group for removal of a name from the Register of Residents. The WCom went into some detail to explain the conditions under which the exit group...
would initiate an enquiry to remove a name of a resident from the Register:

- If a Residents’ behaviour is incompatible with the ideals of Auroville or the laws of India; or
- If a Resident is not engaged in meaningful activity relevant to the life of Auroville; or
- If a resident has been absent for three consecutive years from Auroville; or
- If a resident’s name has been entered in the Register of Residents without due entry process.

The WCom observes here that there needs to be clarity about which cases are to be applied under these Regulations, and how an exit group will process such cases. This clarity still has to be worked out.

The WCom also suggested examples of possible situations for which a name shall not be requested to be removed from the Register under these conditions.

For example, the WCom suggested that the name of a Resident who is out of Auroville for three consecutive years, shall not be sent to the exit group if the below apply:

- For family reasons, e.g. the need to take care of ailing family member; or
- For study reasons, e.g. the need to finish an education; or
- For health reasons, e.g. the need to undergo extensive medical treatment outside Auroville; or
- For financial reasons; or
- For immigration reasons, e.g. not being allowed permission to re-enter India.

The WCom ended their presentation by stating that there are a few areas in these Regulations that need to be further worked out with more detail and care before implementing these Regulations.

The areas that the WCom presented that need addressing are:

1) Formulating guidelines or an internal exit policy that will clearly define which cases are to be applied under these Exit regulations. For example, how is an exit group to assess incompatibility in behaviour of an Aurovillian with the ideals of Auroville, or assess whether an Aurovillian is engaged in meaningful activity related to the life of Auroville, or not;

2) Constituting an exit group, process for selecting the names of the three Residents who will be part of the appeal group...

3) Naming these groups, Exit or Review Committee, and Appellate or Special Committee?

4) Finding a way to address/correct the discrepancies in Form I

5) Any other that may come up during the interaction session at the GM.

After this 15 - 20 minutes presentation, the WCom turned to the room for questions for clarifications, answers and discussions. This interaction with the community helped the WCom assess the pulse of the community as represented by those who were present in the GM, and possible next steps.

Summary of key concerns brought forward during the interaction:

1) Amendments: When asked if amendments can be made to these Regulations, it was clarified that yes, it is possible to propose amendments; however, it was informed that once the proposal for amendments has been submitted, it takes time (up to years) for the amendments to be approved and gazetted; it was also clarified that while the amendments are being approved, the current Regulations stand; it was also expressed that it does not know how this happened; it was strongly objected to; it was suggested to remove it, and propose amendments;

- Regarding the question on how the Form changed so much the WCom explained that it had not sent the content of the “Form I” to either the GB nor the Ministry and expressed that it does not know how this happened;

- Concern was brought forward regarding the distinction made between the City Area and the Greenbelt Area regarding ownership of land in the Form I.

The meeting ended with a collection of concerns brought forward and suggestions to address those concerns, and with a moment of silence.

Conclusion and Next steps:

The WCom agrees with the suggestions made in the GM, and has decided to form a task force of community members to work out the above areas of concern. We will continue to keep the community involved and informed.

—End of Report—

The Working Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Auroville ID cards**

Dear Community, the Auroville Foundation Office is issuing Auroville ID cards. If you wish to have one, or renew your existing one, this is what you need to do:

- Get your photo clicked and fill in your information.
- Pass by the Graphic Section on Fridays and Saturdays only from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm at AVDzines Graphic Section - Town Hall

Last week, we had 322 Aurovilians who passed by to get this done. Below are short answers to some of the very relevant questions we were asked. These might help answer yours too:

- It will only take up to 3 minutes, no need to make an appointment. You will not have to wait in a long queue at all.
- No need to pay, no need to carry any documents, just bring yourself. If you have a recent photo, we would still want to click a fresh one.
- The card will be valid for 5 years again. The card is only for Aurovilians who are 18 and above. ID Cards for children under 18, will be issued later.
- If you know your blood group, please provide this information when you arrive.
- If you are out of town during the summer, no problem, upon your return you may pick up your card.
- The card is not mandatory; however, we encourage all Aurovilians to come update their information and obtain a card as a result.
- The information you provide is being handled by the Working Committee and the Auroville Foundation. Your information is safe.

**Benefits:**

- It doesn’t replace the Aadhaar card, however, while travelling outside Auroville, within India, the Auroville ID card helps prove that you are legally under the umbrella of the Auroville Foundation.
- More and more aspirants are joining Auroville. Within Auroville, this card will help all our services, to identify new Aurovilians. This is why we hope that all Aurovilians, new and old, will help by obtaining a card.
- Helps streamline and update the data periodically (every 5 years) in the Master List (maintained by the Resident’s Service) and the Register of Residents (maintained by the Auroville Foundation).

**Challenges:**

Making friends with the feeling in the heart that Auroville is becoming more and more bureaucratic. We understand that this feeling is a personal matter. We can only encourage everyone to help update our centralized data in the Master List and the Register of Residents and as a result obtain the Auroville ID card,
and then feel free to choose for oneself whether or not to use it within Auroville or outside.

To clarify any further questions (on the matter of Auroville ID cards), please feel free to continue writing to us at idauroville@auroville.org.in

With regards,
Mandakini On behalf of the Auroville Foundation Office

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 795

Dated: 22-04-2019

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

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:

- Hyajoon KIM (Korean), staying in Grace and working at Future School
- Sandra BAUSER POIRSON (French), staying in Sunship and working at Auroville Arts
- Elise BAUCHET LIU (German), born on 13/12/2017 (child of Jiagui LIU announced in N&N # 794)
- Felix BAUCHET LIU (German) Born on 19/05/2014 (child of Jiagui LIU announced in N&N # 794)

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

- John Paul LACROIX (known as Phoenix) (Canadian)
- Mira JOSHI (Belgian)
- Vijaya SAMBATH (Indian)
- Xavier COLOMBET (French)

AUROVILLAN ANNOUNCED:

- Arumugam PAKKIRISAMY (Indian), staying in Shakti and working at Auroville Earth Institute

AUROVILLAN CONFIRMED:

- Balvinder BANGA (British)

NOT READY TO JOIN AUROVILLE

The Entry Board, in consultation with the mentors concerned, has not accepted the following Newcomers joining Auroville. The reasons have been communicated to them.

- Gopalkrishnan PERUMAL (Indian)

ERRATA

- Nur BÁR-ON (Israeli) - Due to some administrative oversight, Nur had been prematurely announced as ‘Announced Newcomer’ on 01/04/2019. We revoke the previous announcement.

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
09:30 AM-12:30 PM
* Newcomer kits will be given and received only on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm.

Yours,
The Entry Service

Correction for Housing Board Report

Jan/Feb 2019 published in issue 793

The HB would like to retract the paragraph about Jonah, Eternity in a previous issue of the News and Notes. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused.
The Housing Board

Stewardship papers

Dear Community members, the Housing Board would like to bring to your attention that it is nowadays of the utmost importance to have stewardship papers for the asset that you are living in.

Valid stewardship documents avoid disputes in case the steward is absent for longer periods of time or passes away, especially in case of co-stewardship.

Stewardship papers are needed in order to ask permission for house repairs & extensions, to apply for housing grants, housing loans or transfers, house sitting and house sharing agreements.

In case you have no stewardship papers, please contact Sundar K. at Housing Service (housing-transfers@auroville.org.in) to start the process.

Thank you,
Housing Board/Housing Service

From the Housing Service

Houses available for transfer:

1. Terra Amata - Simona’s Apartment (Re announced): Carpet Area 37 Sq.m. RCC Framed structure with 1 bed room, attached toilet bathroom, Kitchen, Living room and Terrace. (Suitable for Single or Couple) (Deadline to apply 23 April 2019).

2. Invocation - Mira 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)

For more information e-mail to housing-transfer@auroville.
Write Separate e-mail for each house/apartment mentioning the house/apartment name in the subject line.

NOTE - Visiting hours related to house transfer:

Fridays Morning 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoon 2.30 to 4pm only.

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 Sunship:

   Immediately available, one office of 20 M2(First Floor) is available for transfer (Contact louis@auroville.org.in for visit and more information)

2. Kalpana Housing Project:

   The Kalpana project is completed. The residents have moved in since 15th December 2018. Fully equipped apartments with cupboards, equipped kitchen, bath room, fridge, hob, light, fan, solar back up system. Covered terrace for each apartment.

Information on grants allotted for Aurovilians by Housing Board:

Housing Board informs that there is no more grant available for housing extension. Financial assistance is available only for repairs.

Reminder: SAIIER Call for Proposals

Dear friends,

please don't forget to submit your project proposals to SAIIER by April 30th in order to be considered in the first round of review. If you need a proposal form, please write to saier@auroville.org.in specifying which type of project: ‘Research’, ‘Activities’ or ‘Publications’.

Thank you,
The SAIIER team

Reminder: Call for Grant Proposals - SDZ Funding in 2019

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will be meeting to review grant proposals for funding by Stichting De Zaaijer in 2019. All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in the prescribed forms as attachments emailed to pcg@auroville.org.in latest by 30 April 2019. (In case your
Residents Service Summer Opening

Dear Residents,

The Residents Service summer opening in May and June months is from Monday to Friday from 9 am till 12.30 pm (mornings only).

Still we would like to remind every resident who is going abroad to consider the passport and visa validity date before booking the ticket. A minimum visa extension process from the beginning to end takes a one month. During the process you cannot leave the country.

We would like to bring to everyone’s attention that we are only 3 members working in the Residents Service office to deal with 3050 Residents with all kinds of matters which include 1690 visa holders.

Please consider these facts and be on time for your visa renewal. Thank you for your understanding.

The Auroville Residents Service Team

2019 KAVUNJI - 3rd GROUP

Leaves Auroville on May 14th in the evening (Transport Service). Leaves Kavunji on May 22nd in the afternoon.

The children will be back in Auroville on May 23rd early morning.

MEETING WILL HAPPEN IN CERTITUDE PLAYGROUND
ON MAY 11th at 4:30 pm

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Puncture Service goes on annual tour

Puncture Service will be closed for annual tour on Saturday, 27th; Monday & Tuesday 29th & 30th April. We are open again on 2nd May, usual timings.

D. Arumugam for AV Puncture Service

Auroville Today: April Issue 357 is out

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Auroville Library Summer Opening Hours
In May and June, the Auroville Library will be opened every morning (Monday to Saturday) as usual from 9 am to 12:30 pm but closed in the afternoon. It will be opened in the evening from 4 to 6:30 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
Email: avlb@auroville.org.in; Phone: 0413-2622894.
Thank you very much,
Auroville Library

Kaleidoscope
School year is nearing its end. For some, it means the end of the Deepanam adventure and the advent of some new ones... This might be why for this issue 7, the penultimate of the year 2018-19, we have decided to reflect...

It has been a tremendous journey and we are happy to present our latest baby to you. We hope you will love it as much as we do. You can also see it on our website: https://issuu.com/home/published/magazine_7

And here is a sample:

EDITORIAL

The theme for this issue of the magazine was “Reflections and Music”. In the beginning, the theme “reflections” actually stumped us but, we later on, found ideas. To reflect is to look back at how you were in the past, it could be that you reflected on yourself after a year or maybe just reflected on yourself of how you were yesterday. Many of us have reflected on how this year went by and realized how we have changed from the beginning of the year. To reflect back is to also look back at your actions. If we had done something differently at some point of time, would we have been like we are now or different? That’s an unanswered question. Music, who does not like music? May a song or a phrase, or a particular note trigger a reflex action. If we had done something differently at some point of time, would we have been like we are now or different? That’s an unanswered question. Music, who does not like music? May a song or a phrase, or a particular note trigger a reflex action. Music, who does not like music? May a song or a phrase, or a particular note trigger a reflex action. Music, who does not like music? May a song or a phrase, or a particular note trigger a reflex action. May a song or a phrase, or a particular note trigger a reflex action.

You shall stay with us, dear readers!
UNTIL NEXT ISSUE!

GREEN MATTERS

Water Saving Tip of the Week!!
Leaky faucets that drip at the rate of one drop per second can waste up to 10,000 litres of water each year. Be sure that there are no leaky taps in your house or your community.

With love from the Water Group, helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city.
watergroup@auroville.org.in

Earth Day is Mother’s Day
Celebrating Mother Earth whom we know as the living Gaia, now becomes a world-wide awareness especially on April 22 since the media reminds us. In Auroville, this has traditionally been a big day. Let’s not forget what the Mother who founded Auroville expects our relationship with her Earth to be.

Talkin’Trash

Let’s keep up the good work of cleaning up the trash and going for zero waste. As we keep saying “everyday is Earth day,” our goals will be achieved.
As “every litter bit hurts, every clean up heals.”
WasteFree Auroville

Summer Blossoms (1): Neem flowers, scented Spiritual Atmosphere
In this early summer, we are exposed not only to increasing heat and pesticide spraying, but also to Nature’s counter act of balance — the cooling neem blossoms whose fragrance creates what Mother calls a “Spiritual Atmosphere”.

“A spiritual atmosphere is more important than outer conditions; if one can get that and also create one’s own spiritual air to breathe in and live in, that is the true condition of progress.” ~ Sri Aurobindo, CWSA 29: 140

There are countless ways to be saturated in this atmosphere — deep inhalations; a nap under a neem tree; a slowed down walk or cycle trip along a path lined with neem trees; a dry shower of white neem “snowflakes”; neem oil, juice, brush, beauty & detox paste; neem flower tea, pancake, rasam — or marvel at why the Vedas called neem Sarva roga nivarini (One That Cures All Ailments), and how neem, the Divine Tree, the Life-Giving Tree, thrives in hot summer without us watering it?

**Summer Blossoms series is an invitation for each of us to discover the beauty of Auroville in summer, to experience, experiment, and research into what Nature has to offer us. By Anandi Z.**

POSTINGS

Invitation to join reading circle
Some of us Aurovilians are meeting at SAWCHU (the circular space located on the right side as soon as one enters Bharat Nivas) every alternative Thursday at 6 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 Aurovilian. The next reading is on 25th April 2019, 6 pm.
Celebrate summer with Auroville papayas!

Dear community, summer is here and with it an abundance of delicious, sweet papayas! As every year in this season, our farms are harvesting plenty of papaya, but FoodLink is at capacity with its distribution channels (especially with many community members being away on summer break). As a result, beautiful fruit gets often returned or rejected simply because ‘it could not be not sold’.

So, this is just to encourage everybody to indulge in the abundance of Auroville-grown papayas. You’ll do a favour to your taste-buds and to your health, and our farms will thank you! Look out for papaya recipes soon to be posted on Auroonet and if you have any favourites, please share them from your side!

With love and gratitude for the abundance,
Jasmin (AuroOrchard)

The Human Library

After a successful pilot event of The Human Library Auroville this March 2019, we are planning the next one! We are grateful to all the Human books as well as the readers for manifesting this positive framework of conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue. Auroville is an excellent library of diverse stories! We have received wonderful reviews and requests to have another event.

We are happy to announce that we will hold another Human Library Event in Auroville on Friday 26th of April, 5:00-8:00 pm at Humancapes Hall. If you are curious about being a human book for the coming event, you can contact youthlink@auroville.org.in or Malcolm at summintels@gmail.com, or you can make an appointment to pass by Humancapes and know more about the Human Library event. We are also looking for sponsors and are open to collaborations as our event roughly costs around Rs. 2500 (FS #251048). Any additional donations for t-shirt printing would also be welcome.

Thanking you for your participation, encouragement and support!
The Human Library Team

About Transformation swimming pool

Dear Community, please take note that our swimming pool is NOT a public space to hang out, scream around, break things, not contribute (or never have money on accounts, not even Rs. 50 for contribution) etc. So, please do not just show up unannounced or you will be asked to leave. With SAIIER construction site next door, we already have enough noise disturbance for years to come.

Thank you for your understanding.
Submitted by Aurore M.

Revised Summer Rates for Volunteers!

In an effort to promote sustainable mobility for all, we at KINISI e-mobility offer special long-term e-cycle rental rates to SAVI and other full-time volunteers of Auroville. We have both Sporty and Step-Through models available.

- Models with 30 km autonomy
  - 31-90 days rental period: Rs.110/day
  - 91-365 days: Rs. 90/day

- Models with 20 km autonomy
  - 31-90 days rental period: Rs. 90/day
  - 91-365 days: Rs. 60/day only

To qualify for this special offer, please come to KINISI with your SAVI volunteer card or a note from the unit you are volunteering in. Thank you for your interest in sustainable mobility!

Marylise (for KINISI)

Walking Toward the Dawn of Sustainability

All Aurovillians 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.

Use this link to find the form: https://bit.ly/2XfJnCo.
Please answer honestly and only for yourself.
Malcolm (in association with Aurostats)

MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE

MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE: Essentials

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

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

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

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

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

- **Integrated Transport Services (ITS)**
  Electric vehicle rental, shared taxi services, local pick up & drop services, delivery services and vehicle repairs. NEW! Evening Electric Shuttle Service & Shuttle Service to Chennai.
  **Where:** opposite Solar Kitchen.
  **When:** Monday-Saturday from 9am-5pm.
  **How:** Phone: 8098776644 | 9442566256 | 9840938080.
  **Visitors’ Center - Bicycle Rental**
  Daily/Weekly/Monthly rates.
  **Where:** Available from the Kiosk, Near DOSI Container/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.in/contents/3988.

APPEAL

SUMMER CAMP AT OUR KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE (KCC)

During summer holidays, our Kuilai Creative Centre organizes a SUMMER CAMP usually every year. At the beginning of May 2019, for 5 days from the 3rd May to 7th May, the village children will be participating in several educational and fun activities, such as Games, Crafts, Art, Quiz, Painting, Awareness programme, Event, One day trip, Cultural Events, etc.

To provide these valuable activities, we are in need of your kind help and support again to complete our programme successfully. We hope that you will show your generous support as usual through kind or money. Please visit us directly when you have time during our SUMMER CAMP!

Your donations are mostly valuable, but also appreciated by not only our KCC Team and also the village children of the nearby villages of Auroville.

Our Auroville account number is 102609.
For contact: 9843952907/ kuilaicreativcentre@auroville.org.in
KCC Team

HEALTH

Auroville Health Centre closed on 4th May
Dear Community, the Auroville Health Centre will be closed on Saturday, 4th May 2019, for our annual staff tour.

Santé Schedule 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.
How to Respond for a Medical Emergency - Gratitude to the AV Ambulance Service!

On Saturday, 13th April, a diverse group of 13 young adults got to learn about “How to Respond in a Medical Emergency” in the Auroville context. This awareness program was really valuable to learn the basics regarding what happens in the Auroville area, and how as a concerned resident we can react in the best way possible to support the existing first responders, ambulance service and security service. We extend our gratitude especially to Alok, Srijita, Giacomo and Meghna for their time and insight. If there is interest from youth groups or others to be trained in such life skills, please don’t hesitate to contact us and we can try coordinate another program.

The YouthLink Team
youthlink@auroville.org.in

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Social Media Team Members:
You will be part of our social media team. You can work part-time or full-time, and you have hands-on experience with some or all of the following:
- Imaging and video editing tools.
- Google Analytics for SEO, keyword, search phrases and meta data management.
- Google Adwords for online awareness campaigns and promotions.
- Google Tag Manager for event management, reporting and performance analysis.
- Handling product feeds for Google merchant for an e-commerce platform and mobile app.
- Facebook Pixels and carousel-based product promotion.
- Instagram and YouTube videos for craft and awareness.
- Blogging and connecting with media houses for regular columns and publications.

There is a minimum commitment of three months. If you have some experience in the above-mentioned skills, you can be trained in the others. Maintenance is available.

Stitching Oversight and Quality Control:
You will work in an Auroville textile unit overseeing handicraft work. You should speak and write in excellent English and be well organized. Experience in an international work setting would be helpful. Part-time work with potential to become full-time. Maintenance provided.

Receptionist:
You are a multitasker, fast, a team player and good at working with sometimes difficult people, you have basic computer skills and you are very precise, your schedule is flexible and you are very reliable, your English communication skills are good and you understand different accents (even on the phone), 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. Maintenance available.

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 35 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.

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.

EATING OUT

Dinners at Naturellement!
For those of you who are looking for new alternatives for dinner we have good news! Naturellement Garden Café be will open on Fridays and Saturdays up to 9pm, from 26th of April onwards. Come and enjoy the chilled ambience, or even cool off in our ac lounge! Take away is also available :) Remember that there is a 25% discount for Aurovilians, newcomers and volunteers.

Well Studio Café Summer Break!
Dear all, Well Studio Café will be closed for the Summer from 28 April to 09 June. And the Cafe will be reopened on 10 June. Please join us for breakfast and lunch; Monday to Saturday from 8.30am till 4.30pm. Vegetarian and vegan Mediterranean food in our beautiful garden.

Tamil Corner
Riddles - Vidukathai (விடுகதை)
Continuing our tradition, we submit the riddle for this month.

See below:
You can uproot it
But you can’t plant it
It doesn’t need water
Still grows...
Changes its colour
Over time.
What is it?

Crack you brains, pull your hair or simply subscribe to Vaasal at tamil@auroville.org.in for the answers! Happy ridding!

NOTES
Wings of Poesy

♦ The New Child
The new child
on the ancient beach
awakes
his blue shadow
suddenly unveils
a whole Eternity
of light.
- Anandi

♦ Drop of life - (Rain)
Let the nature speak to the nature ...
Smiling flowers to harsh sun ...
Pale trees to passing clouds ...
Chirping birds to the God of rain ...
Drops of life, let’s fall again ...
Though thousands greedy with empty hands ...
drying rivers underneath,
like squeezed breast of Mother Earth,
Let the life fall again ...
Come with blessings each drop ...
Let the greedy wet their soul ...
Let the nature play with nature ...
Let the miracle flowers pray to passing clouds ...
-Vivek Singh,
Needam, Certitude community

♦ Impressions
I’m the distant stare in a philosopher’s eyes
I’m the cold blood in a murderer’s heart
I’m the throne of a beheaded king
I’m the worm of a banished widow
and yet
I’m also the tear of a golden mermaid
I’m also the octave of ‘comfortably numb’
I’m also the bullet in Matilde’s gun
I’m also the deciphered script of great Harappa:
impressions on a child are like meteor craters,
they are like frozen lava that destroy
but also, perfectly preserve
deep embedded inclinations and fears,
they are like dried up oases
whose sand still remains moist
no matter the years,
they are like currencies of a bygone era whose metal never rust;
i was once of age six
and was beaten up so bad by mother
that i couldn’t cry
any more than i already did,
and why,
because i had shared sweets
with a young boy
who i later found out
had been diagnosed with cancer,
and had died later that year;
that was the first time i had lost a friend,
that was the first time i got a glimpse of death:
back then,
home was a two six-by-eight roomed space
including kitchen
and a mini spinach garden infront of it,
school was just a jump away,
celebrations meant chicken meals
that lasted till the following afternoon,
and sunday mornings were father and i
filling up buckets of water from the neighbourhood water tank
because we didn’t have supply pipes like our landlords;
and yet,
there was abundance
and mother sported beautiful old-school salwars
and gave me repeated tours of laby hydri park,
and father worked his two jobs
and came home to a happy wife and a silly child
who could be stupid enough to swallow fish bones
and then run into walls in his frenzy;
until one winter
when our house was broken into and robbed,
and our black-and-white television was no more there
and our walls had been damaged
and our blankets were torn down,
and my prized collection of
cheetos tazoos and wrestling cards
was also missing;
that was the coldest winter night
of our lives:
dust clouds of time always leave glacial erratic
on their way to tomorrow,
and frowned eyebrows grow wisdom in them,
yet impressions never fade,
but nevertheless existent:
father has since then
grown a moustache
and also, his trademark long and deep smoke drags,
which also has left its impressions on me,
for, i’ve always wanted to smoke like father;
and mother protects her territories
more than ever before,
like the bull that she is,
even if it means the ending of
extended familial ties,
and never lets go of her mind;
but i, well,
i’m a different story,
i’m that attached fruit to a dead tree
who fears falling and hurting,
i’m that old bicycle
who fears being corroded and abandoned,
and yet,
i’m that wild forest fire
that grows more and more insatiable,
i’m that lust between newly weds
that never fades away
provided they are meant to be,
and i’m that same old couple’s melancholy
who have made a lifetime of love
and whose bodies are
too crooked to fit into one another anymore:
true story!
-Amal

AUROVILLE RADIO / TV

AV Radio and TV: Summer break
Website: aurovilleradio.org,
FB: facebook.com/auroville.radio,
Twitter: AurovilleRadioTV

ACCOMMODATIONS

Available 1: A discounted room is available at Kipaak Homestay
for the summers. If interested, you can contact me at
mawite@auroville.org.in or 8523915031. Mawite

AVAILABLE

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

Various items: The following items are available:
• Guitar: Left handed Juarez beginner guitar with accessories
• HDMI monitor: LG LED Monitor (47cm)
Please contact: Shruti, 9766126866 (WhatsApp)

Aloe Vera seedlings: Dear Community, I have a number of Aloe
Vera seedlings. Anyone wishing to have some can please contact me
at francis@auroville.org.in, or call at 9486536586. Thanking
you, Francis.

Fridge and table: We have a fridge and a wooden foldable table
to give away against contribution. For more information
details, contact: elkej@auroville.org.in. Thanks. Elke Jost
**LOOKING FOR...**

**Home for a... puppy:** Hello dear community, I’m a cute male puppy looking for a family which would like to share some love with me. I need vaccinations and some food. I’m a bit skinny. Would you like to adopt me? Please contact Lakshmi at 849764602.

**A small cupboard:** Hello, I am looking for a small cupboard. Please contact me if you have one. Thanks. 2622547, anandi7@auroville.org.in. Anandi

**An amma:** Permanent job available for 3 full days/week for an amma in Aurogreen with Tina and Toby. Please call 9093986849 or 9843984181. Thank you! Tina

**Unused desktop computers or laptops:** Dear friends of community, we are an educational institution functioning under SAIER. If you have any unused desktop computers or laptop in working condition, we request you humbly to donate it to us. These would be used by economically underprivileged children of the bio region, interested to learn basic computing and applications. Please contact: 0413 2623773 or email us: tamil@auroville.org.in.

**Work for amma:** Karpagam amma, from Kullapalayam is looking for full time work. Experienced, honest, respecting the time. If you are interested, call or WhatsApp: +919489805493. Christine Pauchard

**E-Bike/E-scooter:** Hello everyone, your e-cycle needs care and love! I’m looking for a e-bike or an electric scooter for this summer, to ride greener. So, if you go on vacation, I can take care of yours, take him for a ride, feed him, pet and pamper him. I’m a e-cycle lover :-) Don’t leave him alone, he will be depressed and loose his air!! Thank a lot, Veronique J. +9199488512678 (WhatsApp too)

**LOST & FOUND**

**Green shade net (lost):** Who picked up my bundle of green shade cloth? A bundle of green shade net fell from my bike on the road somewhere between K.John tailor and Certitude corner. At 11am Monday morning. If found, please contact: Suzie at 9843036527 or suzie@auroville.org.in

**TAXI SHARING**


**23rd April:** I propose a taxi sharing from Creativity to Chennai international airport on the 23rd of April at 3 am. Please contact at +919585938059 or isabel.marconnet@gmail.com. Warmly, Isabelle M.

**24th April:** I would share a taxi to Chennai airport, departure at 11.30 pm from Auroville. Sharing possible for both ways. Sigrid, sigrid@auroville.org.in.

**25th April:** Taxi from Auroville (around 2 pm) to Chennai airport. If interested please contact: moeglelison@gmail.com / 709465190. Warmly, Lison Moeglé

**29th April:** Leaving Auroville at 11 pm; only one person is going. Please contact me at 9443843976. Ingrid

**2nd May:** A taxi will be leaving Auroville to be at Chennai international airport on the 2nd of May at 3 am. For sharing it both ways, please contact 9384460576 or michielsenchris@gmail.com. Christel

**Week’s Happenings**

There are 2 useful online calendars of events in Auroville:

- [Online Auroville Events Calendar](http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/) - (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](http://www.auroville.org.in).

- [Auroville Art Service: artservice.auroville.org/calendar/](http://artservice.auroville.org/calendar/)

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**AT THE MATRIMANDIR**

**AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR**

**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.

**MEDITATION UNDER THE BANYAN TREE**

**Wednesday 24th April from 6 - 6.45 am**

A special meditation for Aurovilians to come together in silence and concentration on the occasion of the Mother coming to Pondicherry for good on 24.4.1920.

Entrance from the Office Gate at 5.45 am. Guests are requested to carry their Aurocard.

**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

**Savitri**

**B H A V A N**

**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.
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

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)

INVITATIONS

MOHANAM KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE
Dear Friends,
We are happy to invite you all for the
16th year of Mohanam Kindergarten
Open House and Annual Day on
27th of April between 5 to 6:30 pm
at Mohanam Kindergarten
in Sanjeevinagar village

We end the academic year every time with a cultural
programme and certificate distribution. This year,
we also have some pleasant surprises in cultural programme
with songs, drama and dance with the kids.
We assure you that the cultural activities by
our little groups will fulfill your heart with happiness.

For More information & Directions:
Phone: 0413-2622667 / 9360035457
Email: Mohanam@auroville.org.in
Link Google map: https://goo.gl/maps/QGrCL4vpCxs
Thank you,
Mohanam Kindergarten Team

TALKS

Water in Auroville? Time to Act!
Presentation by Gilles B.
4:30pm, Tuesday April 23rd,
Unity Pavilion
Since its inauguration, Auroville has been dependent upon
one water resource alone: groundwater. While a fantastic
effort has been made to optimize its recharge, the water
table continues to deplete year after year. Auroville and
the bioregion share the same groundwater. Over-extraction
of this common resource by the neighborhood exceeds by
far what Auroville is recharging. While we must reduce our
water consumption through water saving, reuse, recycling,
opitization, etc, even by reducing our water usage, we
cannot anymore ensure water security through groundwater
alone. It’s time to change our strategy. Today’s reality is
that Auroville wells are getting dry, sea water intrusion is
building up and we have no alternative in place. We are
facing a water crisis! There are other sources of water
which, combined, can guarantee Auroville’s water security.
It’s time to leap forward!
watergroup@auroville.org.in

CULTURAL EVENTS

**late announcement, check the date**
JAZZ - CAFÉ
Presents a concert with:
“Shakti-Vera & Friends”
“Father and Sons”
“NoiseGate”
at the Visitors Centre
on Sunday 21 April at 7:30 pm

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY
Saturday, April 27 at 8 pm,
Kalabhumi Amphitheatre

AUROVILLE CLEAN-UP GROUP
MONDAY
APRIL 22, 2019
STARTS AT 6 AM
MEETING POINT:
TOWNHALL PARKING

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SCHEDULES

VERITE
0413 - 2622045, 2622606, 0794104329 or programming@verite.in, treatments@verite.in

NOTE: Verité programming activities will be closed from 21st April and resume on 1st July 2019. The office remains open and we welcome new submissions for classes, workshops and therapies. Wishing you all a happy summer break. Verité Team.

YOUTH CENTER
Activities for the upcoming week:

- Youth Center welcomes Auroville Restorative once again, on 25 April at NCL to give us a presentation on “Restorative Circles - Bringing Restorative Justice to Auroville” from 6:30 - 8 pm. All are welcome!
- On 27th April, Saturday Youth Center’s Pizza Night will be shifted to Kalabhumi. All those who are willing to volunteer please join us. Pizza’s will be served from 6-8 pm.
- Our last “Night Conscious Learning” evening would be held on 30th April. It would restart at the end of July.
- Our last Pizza Night before we close for summer would be held on 4th May 2019.
- No Farmer’s Market until July.

Day | Time | Activity
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Monday 22 | 9 am - 12 pm | Gardening/ Tree House Roof Repairing
Tuesday 23 | 9 am - 12 pm | Infinity Farm Work
Wednesday 24 | 09 am - 12 pm | Gardening/ Tree House Roof Repairing
Thursday 25 | 9 am - 12 pm | Infinity Farm Work
| 6:30 - 8 pm | Night School (Auroville Restorative)
Friday 26 | 9 am - 12 pm | Gardening
Saturday 27 | 9 am - 12 pm | Pizza Night Preparation
| 7 pm - 9 pm | Pizza Night (Kalabhumi)

CREEVA
Center for Research Education
Experience Visual Arts
Art Experience with CREEVA
in the Kalakendra Studio in Bharat Nivas

THE BODY DRAWS
BY AUDREY 9786411419 or audrey@auroville.org.in
April 27-28 - Sat.-Sun. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 2 pm - 5 pm. Come see what your body will draw when you let it!

FILMS

Call for Filmmakers
“Beyond-the-Step Film Fest 2020” with Accessible Auroville

“If you plan with accessibility in mind, you will create a welcoming environment and avoid creating new barriers”

Accessible Auroville with PCG support and with the collaboration of WeCare Film Fest from Delhi and MMC-Cinema Paradiso Team, is happy to announce the “Beyond the Step Film Fest”, first time ever in Auroville, on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th February 2020. Mark your calendar! This is a call for action to get started on working on your films and videos.

Our goals are to promote awareness about lives of people with different, either temporary or permanent, disabilities to create and sustain an environment where disabled individuals can engage and enjoy social and cultural activities just like anyone else.

In addition to films from different countries, we want to screen films made on the theme by the residents as well. We, therefore, warmly invite all Aurovilians, Newcomers, school students, volunteers and guests to make videos, documentaries and films about the topics with English subtitles and send them to us. Please contact us: accessibleauroville@auroville.org.in

With Gratitude, Susmita and Piero Cefalonì

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, April 22 at 6:30 pm.

- **JOURNEY TO THE LIFE DIVINE, Part 1**

This film from the Sri Aurobindo Ashram covers the lives and work of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother from their childhood up to November 24, 1926. It shows the spiritual development and work of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother and the work they did for the new evolutionary step towards a Life-Divine for mankind and earth. They felt their mission from childhood onwards. We learn about Sri Aurobindo’s earlier spiritual experiences, his involvement in politics and the time in jail as well as his call to Pondicherry. We see The Mother’s specific spiritual development, her knowledge of occultism and her training, her time in Japan and The Mother’s final arrival in Pondicherry on April 24, 1920.

24th November, 1926 is an important date in their work, the day of Victory, when the Overmind, Krishna descended into the physical body of Sri Aurobindo. After this, Sri Aurobindo withdrew to devote himself to further more concentrated spiritual research, putting The Mother in charge of the Ashram. The film closes with a view of the united symbol of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo and some impressions of the growth of the Ashram. Duration: 100min.

There will be no film on Monday, April 29 and during the month of May. We will resume showing films again from end of June.

French Pavilion Presents
Fasting, a new therapy/
Le Jeune, une nouvelle thérapie?
Documentary directed by Thierry de Lestrade and Sylvie Gilman
Saturday, 27th April 2019 at 5pm

Town Hall - Cinema Paradiso / in French only

“What if there is an alternative to any medicine? In Russia, Germany and the United States, doctors and researchers are studying the amazing effects of fasting on patients. An investigation as rigorous as disturbing.”

In Western countries, cases of diabetes, hypertension, obesity, cancers are multiplying and the consumption of drugs is exploding. And what if there was another therapeutic way? For half a century, in Russia, Germany and the United States, doctors and biologists have been exploring another track: fasting. Renowned for its hot spring, the sanatorium of Goritschina, in the Siberian plain, is also known for its fasting center, created in 1995. With asthma, diabetes, rheumatism, allergy etc., patients, highly supervised, do not irrigate anything except water for twelve days on average, but the cure sometimes extends three weeks. After the painful onset of acidosis, they feel better and two-thirds see their symptoms disappear after one or more cures. Reimbursed, this treatment is based on forty years of scientific studies, unfortunately untranslated, which started under the Soviet era. Although they are unknown outside of Russia, Western doctors and researchers are also digging this furrow, even though, in the countries of the drug-king, they benefit from few subsidies. Duration: 56 min.

CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 23 to 28 April, 2019

The announcement for the Eco-Film Fest from 16 to 22 April 2019 was published last week. Hence, exceptionally we have covered the film schedules from Tuesday to Sunday.

German - Tuesday, 23 April, 8:00 pm:

- **HAPPY**

Germany-Thailand, 2016, Dir. Carolin Genreith w/Dieter Genreith, Tukta Pimsoda-Genreith, and others, Documentary, 86 mins, German-Thai w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Dieter, 60yrs old, regularly flies to Thailand to enjoy the company of women who are his daughter’s (film director Carolin’s) age. Are her father’s trips solely for sex tourism? Things are getting serious. Dieter has been in a stable relationship with Tukta for three years. The wedding is looming. In her light Dieter, 60yrs old, regularly flies to Thailand to enjoy the company of women who are his daughter’s (film director Carolin’s) age. Are her father’s trips solely for sex tourism? Things are getting serious. Dieter has been in a stable relationship with Tukta for three years. The wedding is looming. In her light
Interesting - Wednesday, 24 April, 8:00 pm:
• NOWHERE TO CALL HOME: A TIBETAN IN BENLING
USA-Cina, 2014, Dir. Jocelyn Ford, Documentary, 76 mins, Mandarin w/ English subtitles, Rated: Non Rated
A rare glimpse into the world of a Tibetan farmer, torn between her traditional way of life and her desire for her son to have a better future in the city. Shot in the slums of Beijing and a remote village near the epicentre of Tibetan self-immolations, this gripping story of a woman determined to beat the odds puts a human face on the political strife that fractures China and Tibet. Along the way it challenges common western stereotypes about Tibetans, and reveals a dark side of life in a traditional village, where, as the saying goes, ‘women aren't worth a penny.’

French - Thursday, 25 April, 8:00 pm:
• LE SENS DE LA FÊTE (THE SENS OF FEAST)
France, 2017, Dir. Eric Toledano & Olivier Nakache, w/ Jean-Pierre Bacri, Gilles Lellouche, Eye Haidara and others, comedy, 116 min, French w/ English subtitles, rated G
Max is a caterer since 30 years. At the end of his career, he accepts to organize a mind-blowing feast in a French 17th century château. The all party comes together with the help of the behind-the-scenes staff.

International - Saturday, 27 April, 8:00 pm:
• THE MEN WHO KILLED DON QUIXOTE
Spain-Belgium, 2018, Dir. Terry Gilliam w/ Adam Driver, José Louis Ferrer, Ismael, Franch and others, Adventure-Comedy, 132mins, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: Non Rated

Children’s Film - Sunday, 28 April, 4:30 pm
• THE LEGEND OF SECRET PASS
USA, 2019, Dir. Steve Trenbirth w/ Zoe Axelrod, Shelley Berman, Michael Chiklis and others, Animation, 92mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G
The film takes place in the mountains of the South West and involves Thunderbirds of Indian mythology and an animal refuge of mystical proportions. An unlikely troop of animals and humans are caught up in a clash of ageless magic. In this moment of crisis, the blameless creature to avoid cataclysm falls into the hands of an Indian boy, Manu.

JOHN BOORMAN FILM FESTIVAL/CINE CLUB
One of Britain’s most acclaimed directors, John Boorman is known for making films resplendent with great visual flair and taut narrative. Boorman is also known as one of the commercial mainstream’s more independently-minded directors; his high-risk approach to filmmaking has ensured that his films are as economically unpredictable as they are unique.

Cine-Club Sunday, 28 April, 8 pm
• POINT BLANK
USA, 1967, Dir. John Boorman w/ Lee Marvin, Angie Dickinson, and others, Crime-Thriller, 92 mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR
Based on the theme of the individual pitted against the large, impersonal organization, in this film, the central character is an old-fashioned loner of a gunman. He is embroiled with a large impersonal operation behind their respectable-looking front. Without delving into psychology or motivation, the film places emphasis on action and surface appearances, deftly capturing the glossy, depersonalized feels of a 1967 Los Angeles.

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FRIDAY, 26 APRIL - 8:00 PM
• “Meru”
Director: Jimmy Chin/ Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi, USA, 2015
Synopsis: Meru is a documentary film chronicling the first ascent of the “Shark's Fin” route on Meru Peak in the Indian Himalayas. After attempting but failing to summit Meru in 2008, Conrad Anker, Jimmy Chin, and Renan Ozturk return to the mountain in order to conquer its peak - a 4,000-foot wall known as the “Shark's Fin”... Sitting 21,000 feet (6,400 m) above the sacred Ganges River in Northern India, the mountains perversely stacked obstacles make it both a nightmare and an irresistible calling for some of the world’s toughest climbers. The film was selected as one of 15 shortlisted for the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature and won the U.S. Audience Documentary Award at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival.

THANKING You, MMC/CP Group

50 Minutes / English / 2018 / Directed by Sigurd Tesche
Every year, in the middle of Croatia, it’s the same story: after the annual snowmelt, a huge flood wave spills out of the Alps toward Zagreb and Belgrade. The annual floods not only create a natural retention reservoir for flood control, alongside the Sava lies a nature paradise, unique in Central Europe.

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, April 26, Friday
Schedule of Events:
4 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 :)**

The Sava Floodplains - Croatia's secret paradise

Audience Documentary Award at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival. The Sava Floodplains, a 700,000 ha natural reserve covering the Sava River, one of Europe's largest remaining floodplains, is home to an extraordinary array of flora and fauna, providing habitat for over 1500 species of plants and 150 species of birds.

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How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the media editor email address below.

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

The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute
Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Tuesday 5pm.

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

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

Visiting hours: On appointment only.

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