Indispensable, it's indispensable. Life begins with that. Otherwise, you are in falsehood - in a hodgepodge of confusion and ignorance.... The mind! The mind! The mind!

Otherwise, to be conscious of your own consciousness, you must mentalize it. It's dreadful, dreadful! There you are.

This new life isn't the continuation of the old one, is it Mother, it has to spring up from within.

Yes! Yes!

There is no common ground between the two.... There is - there is, but you aren't conscious of it. You must... you must... it's the mind that prevents you from feeling it. One Must BE, you see. All you do is mentalize everything - everything. What you call “consciousness” is thinking things out; that's what you call consciousness. But that's not it at all! That's not consciousness. Consciousness... should be wholly lucid and WORDLESS.

(Mother closes her eyes)

Like that... everything becomes luminous and warm and... STRONG!

And peaceful... a true peace, which is not inertia or immobility.

Mother, can we give this as an objective to all children?

All... no! They are not all the same age, even when they are the same physical age. Some children are primitive. One should.... You see, if you yourself were fully conscious of your psychic being, you would know which children are psychically developed. Some children have only an embryonic psychic - the age of the psychic varies enormously. Normally, it takes several lives for the psychic to become completely formed, and it's the psychic that passes from one body to another; that's why we aren't conscious of our past lives - because we aren't conscious of our psychic being. But sometimes, at some MOMENT the psychic being participated in a particular event, it became conscious; and that creates a memory. Sometimes you may find you have a partial recollection of something, the fleeting memory of a circumstance or event or thought, or even of an action.... It's because the psychic was conscious of it.

(silence)

What would you, I am nearing my hundredth year - it's only five years away - and I started my effort to become conscious when I was five. It's a fact. That's telling you.... And I am going on, and it is going on. Now, of course, I have come to doing the work in the cells of the body, but the work started long ago.

I don't mean to discourage you, but only to tell you it isn't done in a wink!

The body... the body is made of a substance that is still very heavy. It is the substance itself that must change for the Supermind to manifest.

That's all I can say.

Mother’s Agenda, February 8, 1973 - MOTHER

The Mother - Works of the Mother, vol. 16, p.193
MONTHLY REPORT OF THE GREEN GROUP FOR APRIL 2019

1. HOUSING GRANT PROCESS: In response to concerns expressed by the Forest Group, the Green Group clarified the process of applications for housing grants. When an individual applies for a housing grant the Forest/Farm/Green will establish a) how the particular land/building asset is stewarded and b) whether the individual using the asset is involved in forest/farm work. Once done this will enable the Housing Board to discuss the financial situation with the individual concerned.

2. ENCROACHMENT AT RED EARTH RIDING SCHOOL (RENS): Since there has been no reply to a second letter, the Green Group has requested the Land Board to survey the land to determine the exact extent of the encroachment. A further letter will be sent suggesting that if the encroachment is not dealt with, a change of management may be necessary.

3. BUILDING APPLICATIONS AGREED: Osnat’s and Amos’s request to build a small extension to their house in Evergreen; a letter will be sent suggesting that if the encroachment is not handled, the ABRI support group has continued to meet regularly when much of the discussion has focused on setting up a management and contribution structure needed to sustain the campus. The group reported that it was good to see the new energy manifesting in ABRI. New workshops are being developed. In the courtyard a new sitting area is being built from recycled materials.

5. ENTRY/EXIT POLICY: There was a long discussion about the recent Auroville Foundation (Admission and Termination of persons in the register of residents) Regulations, 2019. Which states that Aurovilians can own land in the Greenbelt with the permission of the Auroville Foundation. A letter has been sent from the Green Group to all the relevant supporting any moves to either change the statement or render it impossible to implement.

6. BUILDING PLOTS IN THE GREENBELT: The Green Group reiterated its stand that individuals wishing to live in the Greenbelt must be actively doing farm or forest work. There are no building plots available for anyone who just wants to live there. Anyone wishing to do green work please approach either the Farm or Forest groups to see the best way of starting this work.

7. REQUEST FOR ACTION: An email was received from Evergreen about the land adjacent to Sustenance farm that Ramalingam has cleared. The Farm Group is taking the necessary action.

8. PROJECT COORDINATION GROUPS FOR GREEN BELT LAND PURCHASE: It was agreed that for the purchase of land in the Greenbelt to go more smoothly; there needed to be more coordination between all the groups involved. This would ensure that when land was purchased, allocation of stewardship could take place quickly and work could then start soon after purchase. It was decided to set up a project coordination group for 15 acres of rice land in Irumbai which is in view as a possible purchase. The group will consist of members of the Green Group, Land Board and those raising money for land purchase.

9. HOUSING ASSET REGISTER: The Green Group, in collaboration with the Housing Board and Farm and Forest groups are in the process of setting up a Housing Asset Register. The aim is to provide all the necessary information that the Housing Board/Service needs to better support housing in the Greenbelt.

Submitted by Priya for the Green Group.

AV Telephone Service ANNUAL REPORT - APRIL 2018 - MARCH 2019

Our efforts to get best services from BSNL have been going on. The general manager and divisional engineer are paying special attention on AV Exchange to maintain it well. Since BSNL is facing financial constraints, we are spending out of our income to maintain their cable network. After several attempts two 800 pair cable joints have been found and faults cleared besides three pillar 400 pair cable joints are repaired. The pillar near Bakery cable joints went under the tar road due to periodically widening the road by State high way department. Despite our efforts it became impossible to fix it.

After the above said work our community connection speed improved drastically from 4 Mbps to 8-12 Mbps speed. For transparent administration every user e-mail id and mobile number linked with their connection to receive monthly bill, alert message, special offer details, etc...

New Connections: In the past 12 months, 47 new land line connections, 21 shifting, 74 broadband connections and 371 changes in plans were facilitated.

In last Feb. and March with user participation BSNL fibre optic connection given to our forest communities - Fertile, Fertile East, Aurogreen, Nilathangam, Baraka and Dana at 50 Mbps speed to 200 Mbps speed.

To save our community resources we keep changing your broadband plan from high payment to low payment with more data, resulting the average payment to BSNL almost nearly 33% down.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Land Board - Selection Process

As three members of the Land Board resigned in June 2018, the Working Committee, FAMC, AVC and L’avenir d’Auroville/TDC have asked the previous Land Board Selection Committee (LBSC) to fill the vacancies. Due to unavailability of several previous members (Divya K, Min, Navroz), there was a slight modification in the membership of the LBSC.

This year, the LBSC members consisted of Daniel (FAMC), Divya L. (Community at large), Judith (Community at large), Mita DG (AVC), Ranjith (Working Committee), Sacha (Community at large) and Srimoyi (interim TDC).

The above-mentioned LBSC was asked to identify people in the community with the required skill to serve in the Land Board, especially in areas of negotiation, coordination, communication, and administration.

All members of the LBSC agreed that:
- One member of the RAS will be present as a silent observer, who will share their experience of this process with the community;
- We shall stand by the values of integrity, transparency and accountability to the community;
- The selection process will be facilitated by members of the LBSC;
- A report will be made and shared with the community upon arriving at a decision;
- Each member of the group will hold Auroville’s interest to the best of their ability.

The LBSC familiarized itself with the Land Board Mandate and agreed on the following criteria to select the Land Board members, which were under two categories: General and Specific to Land Board, as previously.

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<td>5) Team player, team work</td>
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The Process

- **Step 1:** Common agreement regarding above points.
- **Step 2:** Nomination
  The LBSC received interest in writing from some members of the community and names were put forward (either by LBSC members or by other community members).
- **Step 3:** Interviews
  The LBSC interviewed all the potential candidates individually, where they shared their time commitment, their aspiration to join the Land Board and what they thought they could bring to the Land Board.
- **Step 4:** Selection Process
  The Land Board selection process unfolded in 2 rounds, both witnessed by Sathish from the RAS for transparency and respect of proper protocol.

- **1st round:** The LSBC discussed the candidates with regard to the skills required by the current Land Board and created a short-list.
- **2nd round:** The LSBC met with the current members of the Land Board and listened to their recommendations. Then, the Land Board selection followed the process previously used by the LBSC for the current Land Board (described earlier). Collectively, with criteria and needs in mind, each candidate on the short-list was discussed.

The Outcome

The following members have been selected as new Land Board members:

**Step 5:** Communication
The names of the newly selected members have to be conveyed by email to the Working Committee, FAMC, L’avenir d’Auroville/TDC, Auroville Council and RAS with an explanation as to why four names were selected.

**Step 6:** The Land Board Selection Committee decision has to be published for community feedback.

Recommendation

For the Land Board selection, provision should be made in the mandate that at least one or two more member(s) can be selected as the Land Board often ends up understaffed. Our recommendations of the past year still stand.

All the members of the Land Selection Committee express their deep gratitude to be given this opportunity of learning and working for the community.

Best regards,

The Land Board Selection Committee
Daniel (FAMC), Divya L. (Community at large), Judith (Community at large), Mita DG (AVC), Ranjith (Working Committee), Sacha (Community at large), Srimoyi (interim TDC)

New members for Land Board

Dear Community,

The Land Board Selection Committee has completed its work to select new Land Board members. 3 new members were needed according to the Land Board mandate. However, after much deliberation, the Land Board Selection Committee recommended to select 4 new members. They have given the following reasons for their recommendation:

Only members who are motivated and fulfill the agreed criteria can be selected as Land Board members. However, as often happens, some people can only commit to half-time, which is the case for existing LB members and for most candidates. Therefore, the present members expressed their need for additional members to cope with the work at hand. Furthermore, in cases when members resign, there becomes an additional burden for the remaining members. The Land Board Selection Committee has therefore decided to put forward 4 new members. They believe that each has a role to play, and a unique set of skills to contribute to the team.

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A feedback period of 2 weeks is given to the community for feedback on the new members. If you have any serious objection to any of the new members chosen, please write to the Residents Assembly Service at raservice@auroville.org.in. The feedback received will be assessed against the criteria used for working group selection. The received feedback will be processed by the Auroville Council, FAMC, Working Committee and L’avenir, together with the Land Board Selection Committee.

**The feedback period is from 18th May until 1st June 2019.**

The remaining members are:
Banumathi - Helena - Padmanabhan - Yuval

Sincerely,

The Auroville Council, FAMC, Working Committee and L’avenir
Dear Aurovilians,

We are very grateful to all the residents who trusted us in becoming the new members of the Entry Board for a period of 3 years. We shall do our best to represent the collective and serve the community's best interests.

The Entry Service receives an average of 180 applications a year from aspiring Newcomers to Auroville. There is a lot of administrative work and follow up taken care of by the Entry Secretariat, and the Entry Board also takes care of meeting the applicants, guiding them through the process of integration in the community in accordance with the ideals and principles established by Mother and Sri Aurobindo and the Entry Policy ratified by the residents.

The Mentors also play a very important and integral role in guiding the Newcomers. Presently, each applicant has two Mentors who are taking the responsibility of guiding and supporting closely the applicants during their process and playing the role of reference persons with the Entry Board. For this, a large number of Aurovilians willing to serve as Mentors is required.

We are very thankful to all the Aurovilians who have come forward and take an active role in guiding and supporting the Newcomers’ integration into the Auroville community. Nevertheless, we are presently experiencing a shortage of Mentors and we do need more dedicated Mentors. We know being a Mentor may seem daunting and is not always an easy task and therefore we would like to offer a ‘Mentor Help Desk’ to support and guide Mentors facing difficulties with their mentees or for any other guidance when and if the need emerges.

If you would like to contribute in supporting the journey of joining our community by becoming a Mentor or if you have any questions related to being a Mentor, please contact the Mentor Help Desk by sending a mail to entryservice@auroville.org.in or entryboards@auroville.org.in and if it’s required we can set up an appointment to meet with you. Your participation and feedback are valuable to us and much appreciated.

We are looking forward to hear from you.

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From the Housing Service

Houses available for transfer:
1. Swayam (Yuva Block) - Devayani Apartment: Carpet area = 41 sqm. Second floor - Hall, bedroom, kitchen, toilet and bath. (Suitable for Single only). (Deadline to apply 21 May 2019).
2. Swayam (Yuva Block) - Gildo PIVETTA apartment: Carpet area (including 18 sqm. balconies) = 75 sqm. First floor - kitchen, living, bedroom, study, toilet and balcony. (Suitable for Couple only). (Deadline to apply 21 May 2019)
3. Arya - ex Oliver’s apartment: Plinth Area = 87.55 sqm RCC Framed Structure with semi open space, living hall cum kitchen, toilet/bathroom, 2 bedrooms. (Suitable for Couple only). (Deadline to apply 21 May 2019)
4. Petite Ferme - Henk House: Plinth area = 261.33 sqm. Double storied RCC framed structure residential building with brick walls plastered in cement mortar, RCC flat roofing consisting of front verandah, bedroom with attached toilet and a separate workshop (Store Room). (Suitable for family). (Deadline to apply 21 May 2019)

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

Visiting hours related to house transfer: FRIDAY Morning 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Afternoon - 2.30 to 4 pm only.

Youth Housing:
If you are Aurovilian, between 20 and 35 years old, working for Auroville full time for at least 9 months and have no/limited funds for housing, you are welcome to apply for Youth Housing. Places in Youth Housing (Kriya and 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. Sunship: Immediately available One office of 20 MZ(First Floor) is available for transfer Contact louis@auroville.org.in for visit and more information
2. Kalpana: The project is completed. The residents have moved in since 15th December 2018. Fully equipped apartments with cupboards, kitchen, bathroom, fridge, hobs light, fan, solar back up system. Covered terrace for each apartment. 2 Units available.

For Information and site visit contact: satyakam@auroville.org.in

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

The Housing Service

L’AVENIR OF AUROVILLE: APPLICATIONS - Monday 20th May 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 3rd June 2019.

In the Cultural Zone
- “Activity Space” - AHA Kindergarten - Arati Dutta - Center Field
Built up area: 19.61 Sq.m
Project Brief: The activity space is a semi-permanent extension to the existing building.

Warm regards,
L’avenir d’Auroville team (Anita, Jef, Sreevatsa, Tejaswini)

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 799
Dated: 20-05-2019

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

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:
- Soyoko AWAZU COLOMBET (Japanese)

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
- Liran OVED (Israeli)
- Saranraj VELAYUTHAM (Indian)
- Tracy SKOLES (Indian)

YOUTH TURNED 18 CONFIRMED:
- Alexandra LOKUTA RODRIGUEZ (Spanish)
- Amelia Hannah JACK (Slovenian)
- Auroshree MOHANTA (Indian)
- Daniel LEE (Korean)
- Sagarika BHATI (Indian)
- Selvi MURUGAN (Indian)
- Tenzin Choe-Ying Bruce VATTIER (French/Tibetian)
- Uttara JADEJA (Indian)
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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PETITION for a PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 5 OF FORM -1
Dear Friends,

News and notes 25 March 2019 (791) carried an Announcement by the Working Committee, “On Admission and Termination of people in the register of Residents”.

The clause 5 of form-1 as page 5 reads as follows:
“NO OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY IS A RESPECTED COLLECTIVE VALUE IN AUROVILLE. ALL IMMOVABLE ASSETS ARE OWNED BY THE AUROVILLE FOUNDATION WHICH HELD THEM IN TRUST FOR HUMANITY AS A WHOLE. RESIDENTS UNDERTAKE NOT TO OWN ANY IMMOVABLE ASSETS IN THE CITY AREA OF THE AUROVILLE MASTER PLAN. OWNERSHIP OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS IN THE GREEN BELT AREA OF THE AUROVILLE MASTER PLAN IS ONLY ALLOWED WITH WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE AUROVILLE FOUNDATION.”

This clause has caused serious concern amongst a large number of residents (Aurovilians) as it contradicts the spirit of charter of Auroville and the collective values of Auroville implying a new category of Aurovilians permitting ownership of immovable properties in the green belt area of the Auroville master plan that not only goes against the spirit of the charter but creates difficulties in proper land use is the planned area and will open up an entirely undesirable situation in the future with built-inheritance rights by the family of the owner besides sales and purchase of such lands.

The situation is bad enough with a number of Aurovilians already holding immovable assets in and around Bio-region, but further permission, even restricted, will create distortion of the objectives of Auroville.

Exploring prosperity team joins all Aurovilians concerned to propose that this particular clause should be amended without delay to avoid any compromises on the collective values.

The Proposed Amendment is as follows:

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In case you agree, Please sign the petition available in Auronet or on hard copies at the inquiry desk of Townhall for signing, to ensure prompt action as the working committee appears to be undecided on the issue.

In the service of Auroville,
Exploring Prosperity Team

WHAT DOES AVART SERVICE ACTUALLY DO?
About us: The Auroville Art Service is to support and network with artists. Amongst our service activities we include the website that features Auroville’s artists, projects and cultural venues; a calendar of cultural events; a FB and Instagram presence; a weekly newsletter; a photo journal; articles about artists and their work published in the News & Notes; assistance with writing grant proposals; assistance in the organization or design of events and festivals; a gateway for artists visiting Auroville; organization of trips to places of artistic interest; collection of funds for the development of arts in Auroville; collection of data regarding the cultural events in Auroville; support for any community action concerning art and culture; contracts for artists exhibiting or performing outside of Auroville; a cooperative to support artists in Auroville; and an accounting umbrella that legalizes sales and workshops within the Auroville framework.

Basic Information:
We are registered under the Auroville Service Trust. Our accounting service is Abacus Accounting. Our office is at the Tai Chi Hall in Shingly. Our website is artservice.auroville.org, our email address is avart@auroville.org.in and our phone number is 262-3187.

People:
We have three executives: Pushkar, Ramesh and Renu. (Marco decided to retire...)

Presently our day-to-day administration is run by Krishna, Prakash, Sandra and Valentina G.
We had lots and lots of other people who helped us complete our projects last year, including Aneeta, Aurelie (left), Avni (left), Catherine (left), Julien (left), Khushmita, Loki (left), Michael, Nadia, Olivier, Piero, Rashmi, Rohit (left), Saif, Thais (left), Valentina B. (We worked on this article for so long that many people left by the time it went to print!)

Valentina G: I have been working in AVArtS for more than a year, I started my service as a volunteer by giving help in the administrative and accounting part of the work. I am in charge of compiling a database on the cultural and artistic activities that take place in Auroville to obtain statistical data. Now I’m a newcomer and a few months ago I started also to dedicate part of my work to creating and producing content for our Instagram and our website in collaboration with the volunteers from AVArtS who deal with video making and photography (Catherine, Aurelie, Loki, Julien, Thais, Piero). I studied art and I worked for many years in Italy in the field of libraries. I paint and write; I published two books dedicated to the theme of transformation and inner change narrated through the subject of the Journey. The first in particular was dedicated to raising funds for Green Acres for Auroville, then the second to the experience I started to speak in public about Auroville 3 years ago and to collaborate then with AV International.

Julien (left): I am Julien, I’ve studied for almost 10 years beginning with Art History, Communication and Journalism and finishing with Cinematography and Directing. I’ve worked as a communication consultant for an association for 6 months then as a camera assistant and focus puller in the cinema industry for 3 years. But I still don’t know who I am, and what to do with myself with all those degrees. So I found it interesting to come to Auroville with Thais last September, and we started our volunteering journey with forest work and farming for 2 months, then we joined the AV Art Service in early December. Since then, we’ve done many different little things. We gave a hand to AVArtS for some video shooting and editing for artists on Instagram and so on. Through AVArtS we hoped to help CREEVA by conducting a Cinema Workshop we constructed on the intention and the meaning behind the pictures we take, to acknowledge the real power they may have and underline what’s at stake and what’s involved when we want to make a film, what do we want to say to whom. Through AVArtS we worked for Krishna from Solitude, and we teamed with Rakhal many times too, working on audiovisual recordings for the Study Group and the RAS about the selection process, and also for Santé, l’Avenir, and few more.

Thais (left): I studied film editing at INSA in Brussels for 4 years. I started volunteering for AVArts in December with Julien, by constructing a cinema workshop for CREEVA to help them raise funds to continue existing. Then we filmed the 1st December event at Unity Pavilion concerning the working groups for the Study Group. We filmed other events at the Unity Pavilion, for Santé and for L’Avenir (Oct and Dec) and again recently for the Study Group in March. I edited a lot of videos for the AVArtS Instagram page on the artists of Auroville, explaining in one minute their work and ideas. I also participated in the shooting of some of these videos. I recently accepted the project to edit a movie for the Fashion Week Revolution which is going to take place beginning of April.

Aurelie and Loki (left): We are photographers and filmmakers working together for Auroville Art Service. We have

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photographed events of all kinds for the ‘This Week in Auroville’ newsletter and have also shot short films. We shot movies on: the artistic installation of Golden Sunbeams in the Matrimandir, the New Year for Mandala meditation and short artist interviews for Instagram. Earlier in the year, we documented the works of different artists such as pottery and metal sculptures of Helgard.

Catherine (left): I’m Catherine, multi-media artist who came to Auroville as a long term volunteer. I worked in AVArtS for five months, producing content (mainly editing video/photography) for Instagram, in collaboration with other volunteers. I also helped with the design of the new website and the logo for Film Festival 2020, plus a couple of posters for events. In the meantime, I worked and lived at Udavi School, where I designed the floor of the new playground area for Kindergarten, as well as the walls, working with both clay and paint. I also taught grade 7 and 9, doing activities such as drawing and painting with the kids.

In January I completed a photography project at Solitude Farm, called “Act of Devotion”, a reflection of Mother Earth’s devotion to us and humanity, shown at Lively Up Your Earth festival - postcards are still available at the café. Additionally, I helped and assisted Auroson with the immersive installation Cloth. Light. Wind, shown at Town Hall for the Mother’s birthday.

Olivier N: Since I started volunteering with Art Service, photos have always been at the center of my activities. Be it for documenting the art installations which are dotting Auroville here and there, and covering most of the cultural events which are the backbone of our lively community, or putting together photos, and those from various other contributing photographers, into a Photo Journal known as ‘Last Week in Auroville’... Photos... Photos... and Photos... More recently I have been engaged with a group of ‘Aurovilian Photographers’ who are meeting every first Friday of the month, in order to show and tell about their own work as well as presenting or discussing other famous photographers. Here I have been representing Auroville Art Service, pitching in the idea of having our very own Auroville Photography Festival that would take place in the alternate years of the Film Festival (which is also organized by many of the same members of AVArtService).

Sandra has a background in art and culture and is interested in making contacts with galleries to help promote Auroville artists in India. She assists in writing contracts for film actors and is starting a portfolio for acting agencies. You can fill out the form to be included.

Marco has been engaged in the European Pavilion in the IZ with the idea to create a hub for cultural activities.

Renu keeps the overview of AVArtS. Recently she has been helping out with MAgzAV (an art and culture magazine) and assisting Krishna as needed. Her latest project involves working with various groups in Auroville on a grassroots approach with our immediate neighbors on the issue of water.

Krishna keeps an overview of the activities of the service and tries to ensure that projects are completed in line with the vision and mission of the service. She also co-ordinates the cooperative along with Prakash, Sandra and Valentina.

Piero I am from Rome, Italy, where I was a professional photographer for about 22 years. I have been coming to Auroville since 2011 ... newcomer confirmed from 15 June 2018. I worked as a volunteer for Probiotics House from September 2017 to March 2018, as a photographer, videographer and in the soap production. Then I moved to the Accessible Auroville service, where I still offer my advice in the field of images and video for scheduled events. Now I offer my skill also in AVArtService with great satisfaction, guaranteeing photo and video shootings for every required occasion.

Rashmi is from Bangalore and came to Auroville for her daughter’s education and started working in Future School. She designed a rural event for AVArtS, incorporating all the inputs from the many organisations (AVAG, Aurosamaram, Water Group) involved and ran it. She loves working with teenagers and rural groups.

Auroville Art Service team
instagram.com/aurovillearts/ - facebook.com/AVArtService/ artservice.auroville.org - aurovillearts@auroville.org.in

Extension of deadline for SAIER proposals
SAIER is once again extending its deadline for receiving project proposals, to May 31st. Please write to saier@auroville.org.in if you need a proposal form: 'Research', 'Activities' or 'Publications'.

Thank you, The SAIER Team

Read in Auroville Today May Issue No. 358

www.auroville.org/avtoday

- A severe water crisis is expected
- Conscious food choices at Pour Tous Distribution Centre
- Auroville youth and peer education
- The Auroville Archives enters a new phase
- Creating content that can be relied upon - The work of OutreachMedia
- The Anatomy of Emotion
- Views on the International Zone
- Luminous reaches and comfort zones
- Singing human unity
- Passings: Francesca Ivanov; Gildo Pivetta

For subscribing: https://www.auroville.org/avtoday/subscribe

SAIER Today is available for purchasing in most AV outlets.

Summer Program for Children Aged 4 to 7
Auroville Kindergartens at Center Field are offering four weeks of Summer Program (crafts, stories, games, swimming pool) to children aged 4 to 7 - but not Jallam and Yellow groups.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 am to 12 pm
At Nandanam:
from Monday 13 - Friday 24 May.

At Kindergarten:
from Monday 27 May - Friday 7 June.

No lunch, no school bus, so please pick up your child on time.
Teenagers and adults who want to help the teachers to run the program are welcome any day.

Thank you!

GREEN MATTERS

ROOTS next session: DIY BIO-ENZYME!
Make our own bio-enzyme from citrus/fruit wastes and get one step closer to zero waste lifestyle!

In this one-hour session, we will try a super easy way to make bio-enzyme, for all purpose cleaning, e.g. washing veggies and fruits, dishes, floor, walls, adding to plants, enriching soil, and as shampoo. Great for use at home, community kitchens and restaurants!

Wednesday 22 May - Time: 3:30-4:30pm
Venue: Life Education Centre (LEC)
Participants: 10
Please register with Anandi Zhang before 21 May, anandizhang@auroville.org.in; Whatsapp: +91 8940285201.

EMF Awareness meeting
There will be an EMF Awareness meeting:
- on Monday 20th May - 4 pm
- at the Auroville Language Lab.

Everyone is welcome to come and participate in our lively discussion on the rising levels of electro-smog in our township, and what we can do about it. (Please adhere to the NO MOBILE PHONES policy in the Language Lab Building if you attend, as some members of our group are electrosensitive). Many Thanks EMF Awareness, Auroville

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Green Column

A reply from Nandita about “Happy Cows Produce More Milk”

I really appreciated the article published last week in the News&Notes, titled “Happy Cows Produce More Milk”. Every day while going to work, I see cows and calves tied up on short ropes. If they are not tied up, they are foraging in the plastic heaps for waste.

Do we really want more milk which not only means more unhappy cows, but also means less forests, less water and more global warming?

I wonder if there are any happy cows around Auroville. A cow doesn’t produce milk because she is a cow, she produces milk because she is a mother! Every mother can understand this. When I see the calves every morning tied up and separated from their moms, I am reminded of this poem by Mary Lynn:

DID YOU KNOW MY MOTHER?

Did you know my mother?
I’m told her name was Belle.
I don’t know what she looked like
but I have memories of her smell.
Did you ever hear my mother?
Did her cries pull at your heart?
I remember them quite clearly
when the men pulled us apart.
Did you drink from my mother?
Did you ever taste her milk?
Did you feel her face against yours?
Was her skin as soft as cotton?
I’ve been told I had two brothers,
and my sister is numbered four,
Then my mother went to slaughter
of no value anymore.
Were you there with my mother?
Did you look into her eyes?
Did you see the fear within them?
Did you listen to her cries?
And now MY end is coming,
I am waiting with my friends,
We are huddled close together
In this place where all life ends.
Will you be there at our slaughter?
For the flesh you want to eat.
Will you ever think about us?
When you buy that piece of meat.
It’s my turn now, I’m moving,
I am going to my end.
I am urged with shouts and kicking
and with sticks that never bend.
I am thinking of my mother
and remembering her smell.
And I know we’ll meet in Heaven
and forget this life called Hell.
- Mary Lynn -

May we embrace all living beings in our compassion.
Say ‘no’ to dairy if you cannot bear to take the milk which belongs to another. There are lots of alternatives available in Auroville!

Nandita

Water Saving Tip of the Week!!

Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap, and then use that same water on your plants.

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

watergroup@auroville.org.in

Put WATER bowls out for thirsty Wildlife!

Friends! In the burning heat of summer season, WATER becomes the most important part of our life. But have we ever given a thought that we can arrange or access water easily whenever we need it but the poor animals and birds do not have such liberty or power? But if we take initiative and keep water for birds and stray animals outside our house or at the terrace, this will be a great helping cause towards the poor birds and animals. You can put water in a bowl, pot or water feeders that are easily available.

Thank you! Partha

One litre of good will can be Life-saving!

When the weather is hot, when the water becomes rare, yet we drink to satiety. The forest, its trees around us, which give so much shade and beauty are thirsty too. I see many young trees and sapling suffering to survive, some are even dying. They desperately need our attention and care.

If only we, individuals, while going to work or shopping, or jogging... could take a bottle of water and give it with comforting thoughts to the chosen tree near our community, alongside the road or on the cycle pass, I think, the whole Auroville atmosphere would change.

To the benefit of Life, including us all!

Claudine

APPEAL

1 Year Death Anniversary of André Tardeil, the father of New Creation and Granddad of so many Auroville’s Children

For the occasion, we would like to do something here in his memory. We have a pond which is the symbol of New Creation, and André loved it.

It’s the bridge, the bridge between the past and the future, it’s the symbol of André’s dedicated work and of New Creation. This pond is falling apart and lose a lot of water, we need to fix it and maybe we would like to do a small waterfall in André’s memory.

We would like to ask the help of everyone who knew him and would like to help us doing something in his memory.

To everyone who would like to contribute you can do your contribution to A/c 251349

From Mira, Auma, Marie Babu, Bertrand, And all New Creation
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 from 9:30am to 6pm.
How: call landline (best) 0413-262-2611 or 9487650991 (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 avvehicler@auroville.org.in or Phone: 0413-2623302, Mobile: 9443074825.

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

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

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

Auroville Accessible Bus Schedule
The current Accessible Auroville Public BUS schedule for Pondy is always available at www.auroville.org/contents/3988. NO Sunday SRIMA bus from 21.04.2019 onward

EATING OUT

Delicious-Bites closed: 27 May - 1 July
Delicious-Bites restaurant (at Aurovelo cycle shop) will be closed for the summer from the 27 May. We will reopen on 1 July! See you then. Delicious-Bites Team.

SUMMER timings - Reminders!
- Naturellement Garden Café Summer timings: OPEN through the summer: Tuesdays through Sundays 9am-5pm, Fridays and Saturdays up to 9 pm in the evenings, closed on Mondays.
- Tibetan Dinner (Tibetan Pavilion): closed, restarts in July
- Le Zéphy (at VC): closed until Mid-August
- Well Studio Café (Svedame): Summer break till June 9th
- Goyo silent restaurant (Luminosity): closed until end of June
- Le Morgan: re-open from Monday 20 May.
- Sakura Sushi: closed. restarts on 25 June.
- Delicious-Bites restaurant (at Aurovelo cycle shop): closed from 27 May - restarts 1 July.

HEALTH

Santé: Visit our Website sante.auroville.org.in. Therapists’ Monthly Schedule, follow this link. Phone: (0413) 2622 803

MATTRAM: Centre for Psychological Development and Support, mattramav.wordpress.com.

Integral Health (Prayatna): You are welcome to contact us: 2623669 or integralhealth@auroville.org.in.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher: Aikiyam School (one of the Auroville outreach schools) wants a teacher who can teach Social Science to Upper Primary classes. The medium of instruction is English. This is a full-time job. Please write to aikiyamschool@auroville.org.in or call 2622358. After office hours: 9840193339

Personal Assistant, cum Secretary: with excellent written English and computer knowledge. Should be able to render personal and secretarial assistance and take quick dictation. Please contact: Anand Kumar (Auroville Foundation Housing, Promesse) anandkumarreppbi@hotmail.com, Or Mobile: 9968284850

From HR Initiative

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:

Maintenance and Repair Management:
You have knowledge in electro mechanics 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.
We are also looking for: Social Media Team Members / Stitching Oversight and Quality Control / Receptionist / Administrative Work, Part Time / System Administrator / Guest House Management / Italian Cook / Website Management.
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. (if you are searching for work: fill in this form).

HR Initiative

SPORTS

Darkali Fitness Track welcomes you every day!
Dear Friends, in summer we extend our evening hours and we are open in the morning also.
We welcome you every evening from 4.30 p.m. to 6.40 p.m.
Please share with us the time that you would like to come in the morning at dft@auroville.org.in.
The track’s purpose is to provide to families, school groups and sadhakas that feel a little rusty, a peaceful, secure and green environment punctuated with structures and boards that offer guidance to simple yet rejuvenating exercises.
Please remember to come 30 minutes before closing time.
Way to the gate in Google Maps: goo.gl/dpdTgf
Darkali Team

POSTINGS

New Hemp products available
Due to the high Auroville demand for hemp-based nutrition, Hemplanet can now offer the community shelved hemp seeds, also known as hemp hearts. As part of our hemp awareness campaign we want to offer this superfood at the most competitive price as possible. We are not yet able to supply PTDC with our oil, flour or hearts, but we have donated some flour to the PTDC kitchen in the hope that hemp-based baking can offer the community an affordable taste of the wonder that is hemp.
If an appetite for hemp foods is present, we will happily continue to donate hemp flour to PTDC for the foreseeable future. Please email tom@hemplanet.in or sasi@hemplanet.in to make your orders for seeds, oil, flour or hearts.
Hempfully yours, Tom & Sasi - Hemplanet
**Mandala Practice and Bach Flower Sessions from Rosalba PAUSED**

Rosalba will suspend the activities for summer break, from the 20th May until further notice.

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**AUROVILLE RADIO / TV**

**NOTES**

**Road Security For All**

At 12:15pm on May 13th, I was passing by Solar Kitchen and witnessed a road accident at the narrow entrance where only one bike or cycle can pass. A girl, hit by another vehicle, fell down and was crying. Immediately her mom came over and held her in her arms...

In a later discussion, the mom turned out to be my colleague and she told us that her daughter had swollen head and legs, but no bleeding. Fortunately. The way she calmly dealt with it was a deep learning for me.

We also spoke about the need to have signs marking “Entrance”, “Exit” at the narrow passages of Solar Kitchen gate, to have security guards at the intersection linking Matrimandir, Visitor’s Centre and Solar Kitchen, and for youths of all ages to drive more slowly and consciously, especially at turns, corners, narrow passages.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Available 1:** Looking for a house sitter in Luminosity, nice apartment with air conditioning. Calm, clean person, only place for one, needs to take loving care of my cat. From **June 2nd till July 10th**. Please contact **Helena** +919786952918 or 04132622603.

**Available 2:** My house in Quiet (on the beach) is available for house-sitting from **24th May to July 8th**. The house is suitable for a single person and at the most a couple. There is a dog and cat to look after. Please note the location of Quiet, and if you feel you would like to stay, let’s talk. **Nandita** 9488483286.

**Needed 1:** I’m Mathilde (F), a 25 years old French Civic Service volunteer, currently working in YouthLink. I’m looking for a room to rent or to house sit from **July 15th** for a maximum rent of 3’500rp. I’m an organized and clean person. Please call me at +917639155277. **Mathilde**

**Needed 2:** My name is **Patricia**. I am looking for a furnished apartment for my newcomer period. A year would be ideal. Very discreet and respectful, I will take care of your interior and your plants. My phone: WhatsApp: +91 958 572 5867

**Needed 3:** My wife, **Monique**, (coming as SAVI volunteer) and our younger daughter, **Pema** (14y) are looking for a 2-bedroom house sit (contribution possible) from **4th-13th July**, ideally with A/C (they’re arriving from Canada) and not too far from Last School. Please contact me (Daniel Greenberg) at daniel@ic.org or +91783941711 (WhatsApp). Thanks so much!

**Needed 4:** We are family of 2 adults and 2 children (aged 12 and 9) interested in taking good care of your home for three to four months while you are away. We transplanted to Auroville region in July 2018 have been experiencing Auroville as volunteers. My husband volunteers at Auroville Consulting and I volunteer at STEMLAND division in UDAVI school. We are SAVI volunteers at the moment, going through the newcomer process. Contact **Anupama Jagadeesh** anupama.balaji@gmail.com

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

**Lovely female dog: Bamboo** is the lovely female middle size brown dog with an operated rear leg, she is staying at the moment at Town Hall. She is loving with people and children; and deserves to have a home. She is sterilized. She has got her rabies vaccination two weeks ago. Contact: **Ivana**, ivana@auroville.org.in, 7094344154.

**Bike:** Hero Honda Splendor +, 100 cc, color: black & blue, year: 2009, good condition. For further information and photos please contact **laraschneibach@gmail.com** or WhatsApp +491759717224, **Lara**.

**Diverse items:** Hello, I am Simon. I am leaving Auroville soon for 2 years and would like to sell my stuff before that. Following items are available.

1. Bose Soundtouch 30 White
2. Bike Kawasaki Ninja 300
3. Sigma 85mm 1.4 Art Nikon F-Mount
4. MT Snake Carbonfibre helmet
5. Steelbird helmet with scratches (fell on the floor) for free or small contribution (only the steelbird helmet).

Contact details: +91 7094 905857 (please leave a message if I don’t pick up) or simonzim123@gmail.com. Kind regards, **Simon**

**A copper pot:** We have 1 round copper pot, medium size: 8 litres, 1 month old, along with a copper glass. Contact **Mimansha mimansha@auroville.org.in**

**Household items:** 1/ Haier fridge 9 months old - 2/ Crompton cooler - 3/ Folding iron coat small size suitable for single person. If interested, please contact me 9886000826, ideally via whatsapp, **Harsha**.

**TVS XL Super:** available for auction: A TVS XL Super (Green) manufactured on 2006 with registration number (PY 01-AE 0804) is available on, as is where is, basis. Anyone interested may send their offer of the price and bid for the Moped by 24-05-2019. For any further details please contact **Shri. Angshuman Basu, Asst. Accounts Officer, Auroville Foundation.**

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**LOOKING FOR...**

**Work for an Amma:** Well trained and reliable amma known to me and cooking north Indian and south Indian food. She needs a job. Please call me 9886000820, thank you, **Harsha**.

**An Amma:** Permanent job available for 3 full days/ week for an amma in Aurorgen with Tine and Toby. Please call 989 3938 649 or 948398 4181. Thank you! **Tine**

**Work as watchman or cook:** I recommend Jawan, Nepali, 37 years old, qualified 10+2, looking for a watchman / guard job / cook. He is also experienced in cooking, has worked for a continental Chef, highly motivated and reliable personality. Please contact D.N. Sharma at 9047730573.

**Propolis:** Badly need it, propolis. Thanks for the help... anandfl@auroville.org.in, 2622547 Anandi, **Realization**

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**LOST & FOUND**

**Lost:** two envelopes containing cash on Monday, May 6 about 3:00 pm in front of Arati 3B or in a UTS Inova. If found please contact **Ffj** 8098796955 / info@medicclownacademy.org. Thanks so much!

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**TAXI SHARING**

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

**22nd May:** At 0:30 am a taxi will leave AV for a flight departing early morning from Chennai airport. If you want to share, both ways, please contact **Hedia** 94 89 85 23 75 / hhedia@gmail.com
24th May: I need to be in Mylapore Chennai at 3.30 pm on Friday 24th May. If anyone wants to share the taxi to Chennai or return, contact Nandita - nandita@sharan-india.org or SMS 9488483286

30th May: Leaving from Auroville to Chennai Airport at 4:30 am and coming back from the airport around 7:30 am.
Contact - karuna@auroville.org.in

9th June: taxi sharing to Chennai airport from Auroville on 9 June at night, around midnight. Serge 2622861 or 8940476978 or sukhinosergio@gmail.com

TRAVEL

YATRA NOVA CLOSED 22 May - 2 June
Dear community, please note that YATRA NOVA will be closed for 10 days for the summer from May 22nd till June 2nd. We will be happy to welcome you back on June 3rd! Happy holiday! Of course, you can always send us an email: contact@yatranova.com or a WhatsApp: international travel: sridhar@yatranova.com Sridhar tel:+919344615803 domestic travel: Valavan tel:+918220034034 - Swadha tel:+91486623279 Thank you, Yatra Nova team

Week’s Happenings

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

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.

EXHIBITIONS

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)

Watercolour Palette for Auroville
by Ivana Frousova

until Saturday 15 June 2019.
In the European House International Zone
(same entrance gate as International House)
Monday to Saturday
from 9:30 am-12 noon and from 2.30 - 5.00 pm.
Contact: ivana@auroville.org.in - tel: 7094344154.

Ivana’s activity “Roof studio” is registered at AV Art Service. There are about 200 paintings done by just four watercolors - lemon yellow, Prussian blue, carmine and burnt sienna. She will also present abstracts, portraits, still life and landscapes in different formats. Ivana will be present on the site and will show her work in the rooms and outside. Ivana will be happy to paint during the time at open space so that attendees will be able to see her painting techniques. Free entrance for everybody.
The European House Team - Financial Account: 251207

On the Road
Hitchhiking to India

50 years old photos from the time when I had travelled around the Mediterranean Sea on the road to India.
Franz
open from 8 am to 5 pm in May / June 2019

Before I came to Pondicherry in 1972, I had travelled the countries around the Mediterranean Sea and on the road to India. Many of the monuments, still seen in the photos, are no more existing or have changed.
Dear Friends, Sathya (Aurovilian, painter from Tamil Nadu) has given to Joy Guesthouse some of his watercolors drawings as a 'semi' permanent exhibition in our dining area as well in our rooms. If you wish to see them, you are most welcome to visit. (All of them are also available for a contribution) For more info, please contact Sathya on: sathyacolour@auroville.org.in. Joy Team :)
Summer School 2019 at Sacred Groves!

10-day intensive hands-on training in Natural building
21st - 31st May 2019,
right from foundation to walls, finishes and flooring followed by interactive sessions and site visits.
Open for all!
Register at www.sacredgroves.in
For queries, contact 7845362068 or write to us at sacredgroves@auroville.org.in

Regular Events

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

Regular Events

SUMMER SUMMARY of AV CENTERS

REMINDER: The monthly schedules and activities of the Auroville Centers can be found on the following websites:

- Joy Activities: www.joyaurowr.org
  - OPEN IN MAY AND JUNE

- Auromode Yoga Space: www.auromodeyogaspace.com
  - OPEN IN MAY AND JUNE

- Savitri Bhavan: www.savitribhavan.org
  - OPEN IN MAY AND JUNE

- Arka Wellness Centre: www.auroville.org/contents/2886
  - OPEN IN MAY AND JUNE

- CREEVA: https://www.creeva.org/
  - OPEN IN MAY AND JUNE

- Pitanga: www.auroville.org/contents/3185
  - OPEN IN MAY - will be closed in JUNE

- Cripa: http://artservice.auroville.org/cripa/
  - CLOSED because of building-activities

- Language Lab:
  www.aurovillelanguageblog.org/courses.php
  - CLOSED ONE WEEK FROM 13th to 19th of MAY

- Quiet: quiethealingcenter.info
  - OPEN UNTIL 28TH OF MAY. CLOSED IN JUNE.
  Restarts July 1st

- Holistic: www.auroville-holistic.com
  - CLOSED UNTIL JUNE 15th

- Vérité: www.verite.in
  - CLOSED UNTIL JULY1st

- Lilaloka: www.lilaloka.org
  - CLOSED in MAY & JUNE

- Youth Center:
  http://wiki.auroville.org.in/wiki/Youth_Centre
  - All activities PAUSED until the beginning of JULY

- African Pavilion:
  https://www.auroville.org/contents/710
  - All activities PAUSED until the end of JULY

Films

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

No Monday Film program due to SUMMER BREAK

CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 20 to 26 May, 2019

We run a four-day long film-series once a month from August to May each year. This year we bring closure with some wonderful music that made a lot of difference. Do enjoy!

Music Series - Monday 20 May, 8:00 pm:
• PINK FLOYD IN POMPEI
  UK, 1972, Dir. Adrian Maben w/ David Gilmour, Roger Waters, Richard Wright, Music-Doc, 90 min, English, Rated: G
  This is a film featuring the English rock group Pink Floyd performing at the ancient Roman amphitheater in Pompeii, Italy in 1972. Additional footage filmed in a Paris television studio the following December was added for the original 1972 release. The film was then re-released in 1974 with additional studio material of the band working on The Dark Side of the Moon, and interviews at Abbey Road Studios.

Music Series - Tuesday 21 May, 8:00 pm:
• THE U.S. VS JOHN LENNON
  USA, 2006, Dir. David Leaf & John Scheinfeld w/John Lennon, Yoko Ono and others, Music-Doc, 100 mins, English, Rated: G
  This is a 2006 film about English musician John Lennon’s transformation from a member of The Beatles to a rallying anti-war activist striving for world peace during the late 1960s and early 1970s. The film also details the attempts by the United States government under President Richard Nixon to silence him.

Music Series - Wednesday 22 May, 8:00 pm:
• THE CONCERT FOR BANGLADESH
  USA, 1972, Dir. Saul Swimmer w/ George Harrison, Bob Dylan, Ravi Shankar and many others, Music-Doc, 138 mins, English, Rated: G
  The title of this film was given to two benefit concerts organized by former Beatles George Harrison and Indian sitar master Ravi Shankar. The event was the first-ever benefit concert of such a magnitude and featured Harrison, Ringo Starr, Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton, Billy Preston, Leon Russell and the band Badfinger. Promotional materials stated that the film was "the band's special way of giving their millions of friends what they had been clamoring for - a personal and private tour of Led Zeppelin. For the first time the world has a front row seat on Led Zeppelin."

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International - Saturday 25 May, 8:00 pm:
• CAPHARNAÜM (Capernaum)
  Lebanon-France-USA, 2018, Writer-Dir. Nadine Labaki w/ Zain Al Rafeea, Yordanos Shiferaw, Boluwatife Treasure Bankole and others, Drama, 126mins, Arabic-Amharic w/English subtitles, Rated: R
  Capernaum or Chaos - tells the story of Zain, a Lebanese boy who sues his parents for the crime of giving him life. The film follows Zain as he journeys from gutsy, streetwise child to hardened 12yr old adult fleeing his negligent parents, surviving through his wits on the streets, where he meets Ethiopian migrant worker Rahil, who provides him with shelter and food, as Zein takes care of her baby son Yonas in return. Zein later gets jailed for a violent crime, and finally seeks justice in court.

Children’s Film - Sunday 26 May, 4:30pm
• BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED
  USA, 1987, Dir: Matthew Robbins w/ Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy, Frank McRae and others, Fantasy, 106mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
  Apartment block tenants seek the aid of alien mechanical life-forms to save their building from demolition.

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JOHN BOORMAN FILM FESTIVAL @CINE CLUB
Ciné-Club Sunday 26 May, 8pm
• HOPE AND GLORY
UK-USA, 1987, Dir. John Boorman w/Sarah Miles, David Hayman, and others, Drama-Comedy, 113 mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13
A semi-autobiographical project by John Boorman about a nine-year-old boy called Bill as he grows up in London during the Blitz of World War 2. For a young boy, this time in history was more of an adventure, a total upheaval of order, restrictions and discipline. The liberating effect of the war on the women left behind. And the joy when Hitler blows up your school.

Ratings 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 Paradiso” (account #105106) at the Financial Service or set up for a monthly contribution.

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AUROFILM
AUROFILM at MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM (MMC, Town Hall)
Friday 24 May - 8:00 pm
• VERTIGO
Directed by Alfred Hitchcock, 1958, USA.
With: James Stewart, Kim Novak, Barbara Bel Geddes, Tom Helmore Synopsis: Former police detective John Ferguson, “Scottie”, has been forced into early retirement because an incident in the line of duty has caused him to develop acrophobia (an extreme fear of heights) and vertigo (a false sense of rotational movement). Scottie is hired by an acquaintance, Gavin Elster, as a private investigator to follow Gavin’s young wife Madeleine, who is behaving strangely. Vertigo is a film noir psychological thriller film and its story was based on the 1954 novel Dentre les morts (From Among the Dead) by Boileau-Narcejac. The Washington Post praised the film as a “wonderful weirdie,” writing that “Hitchcock has even more fun than usual with trick angles, floor shots and striking use of color. More than once he gives us critical scenes in long shots establishing how he’s going to get away with a couple of story tricks.” Vertigo received mixed reviews upon initial release, but is now often cited as a classic Hitchcock film and one of the defining works of his career.

Original English version, with English subtitles, duration: 2h.08

NOTE: This is Aurofilm’s last “Friday movie”, as we take a break, to be back early July! AUROFILM team

THE ECO FILM CLUB
Sadhana Forest, May 24th, 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 :)

Tourism vs Extinction
51 Minutes / English / 2017 / Produced by PlanetDoc
A different kind of tourism is spreading around the entire world. These new travellers go in search of re-encounters with nature, feeling the ancestral pull of our origins, the irresistible call of virgin lands.

Front Cover: Pictures taken by Aurovenkatesh during the recent cashew harvest in Kriya Community

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in. Or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org and facebook.com/sadhanaforest.

The FRENCH PAVILION presents:
“Soulages”
Directed by Stéphane Berthomeix
Saturday 25 May at 5pm - Cinema Paradiso
Town Hall
A documentary-homage to the French artist Pierre Soulages
“the painter of black”, the explorer of the “Outrenoir” -
In French only, duration: 52 mins

Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm (FOR THE ISSUE OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK - PUBLICATION DATE IS MONDAY)

The contents of News & Notes are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the N&N email address (below).
Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever 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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