Failures must be originally numerous in everything great and difficult, but the time comes when the experience of past failures can be profitably used and the gate that so long resisted opens. In this as in all great human aspirations and endeavours, an a priori declaration of impossibility is a sign of ignorance and weakness, and the motto of the aspirant’s endeavour must be the solvitur ambulando of the discoverer. For by the doing the difficulty will be solved. A true beginning has to be made; the rest is a work for Time in its sudden achievements or its long patient labour.

The thing to be done is as large as human life, and therefore the individuals who lead the way will take all human life for their province. These pioneers will consider nothing as alien to them, nothing as outside their scope. For every part of human life has to be taken up by the spiritual, — not only the intellectual, the aesthetic, the ethical, but the dynamic, the vital, the physical; therefore for none of these things or the activities that spring from them will they have contempt or aversion, however they may insist on a change of the spirit and a transmutation of the form. In each power of our nature they will seek for its own proper means of conversion; knowing that the Divine is concealed in all, they will hold that all can be made the spirit’s means of self-finding and all can be converted into its instruments of divine living. And they will see that the great necessity is the conversion of the normal into the spiritual mind and the opening of that mind again into its own higher reaches and more and more integral movement. For before the decisive change can be made, the stumbling intellectual reason has to be converted into the precise and luminous intuitive, until that again can rise into higher ranges to overmind and supermind or gnostic. The uncertain and stumbling will has to rise towards the sure intuitive and into a higher divine and gnostic will, the psychic sweetness, fire and light of the soul behind the heart, hrdaye guhāyam, has to alchemise our crude emotions and the hard egoisms and clamant desires of our vital nature. All our other members have to pass through a similar conversion under the compelling force and light from above. The leaders of the spiritual march will start from and use the knowledge and the means that past effort has developed in this direction, but they will not take them as they are without any deep necessary change or limit themselves by what is now known or cleave only to fixed and stereotyped systems or given groupings of results, but will follow the method of the Spirit in Nature. A constant rediscovery and new formulation and larger synthesis in the mind, a mighty remoulding in its deeper parts because of a greater enlarging Truth not discovered or not well fixed before, is that Spirit’s way with our past achievement when he moves to the greatnesses of the future.

This endeavour will be a supreme and difficult labour even for the individual, but much more for the race. It may well be that, once started, it may not advance rapidly even to its first decisive stage; it may be that it will take long centuries of effort to come into some kind of permanent birth. But that is not altogether inevitable, for the principle of such changes in Nature seems to be a long obscure preparation followed by a swift gathering up and precipitation of the elements into the new birth, a rapid conversion, a transformation that in its luminous moment figures like a miracle. Even when the first decisive change is reached, it is certain that all humanity will not be able to rise to that level. There cannot fail to be a division into those who are able to live on the spiritual level and those who are only able to live in the light that descends from it into the mental level. And below these too there might still be a great mass influenced from above but not yet ready for the light. But even that would be a transformation and a beginning far beyond anything yet attained. This hierarchy would not mean as in our present vital living an egotic domination of the undeveloped by the more developed, but a guidance of the younger by the elder brothers of the race and a constant working to lift them up to a greater spiritual level and wider horizons. And for the leaders too this ascent to the first spiritual levels would not be the end of the divine march, a culmination that left nothing more to be achieved on earth. For there would be still yet higher levels within the supramental realm, as the old Vedic poets knew when they spoke of the spiritual life as a constant ascent, —

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\begin{align*}
\text{brahmāṇas tvā śaṭakrato} \\
\text{ud vanśam iva yemire;} \\
\text{yat sānoḥ sānum āruhat,} \\
\text{bhūri aspaśta kartvam},
\end{align*}
\]

The priests of the word climb thee like a ladder, O hundred-powered.

As one ascends from peak to peak, there is made clear the much that has still to be done.

But once the foundation has been secured, the rest develops by a progressive self-unfolding and the soul is sure of its way. As it is phrased by the ancient Vedic singers, —

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\begin{align*}
\text{abhyavasthāḥ pra jāyante,} \\
\text{pra vavrer vavriś ciketa;} \\
\text{upasthe mātur vi caṣṭe,}
\end{align*}
\]

State is born upon state; covering after covering becomes conscious of knowledge; in the lap of the Mother the soul sees.

This at least is the highest hope, the possible destiny that opens out before the human view, and it is a possibility which the progress of the human mind seems on the way to redevelop. If the light that is being born increases, if the number of individuals who seek to realise the possibility in themselves and in the world grows large and they get nearer the right way, then the Spirit who is here in man, now a concealed divinity, a developing light and power, will descend more fully as the Avatar of a yet unseen and unguessed Godhead from above into the soul of mankind and into the great individualities in whom the light and power are the strongest. There will then be fulfilled the changes that will prepare the transition of human life from its present limits into those larger and purer horizons; the earthly evolution will have taken its grand imperium upward and accomplished the revealing step in a divine progression of which the birth of thinking and aspiring man from the animal nature was only an obscure preparation and a far-off promise."

— Sri Aurobindo . The Human Cycle . Chapter XXIV . The Advent and Progress of the Spiritual Age . Paragraphs 6-10
Report of the Working Committee for the month of December 2019

1) Composition Working Committee Mandakini’s term of office expired on December 15th. We would like to express our deep appreciation for her five years of dedicated service. It was great to work with her. The Working Committee now consists of Carel, Chali, Parthasarathy, Ranjith and Sauro. As the community has approved the proposed interim selection method for new members of the four working groups, we hope soon to have 2 new members. It has been difficult to manage the workload with five members only.

2) New Delhi visit Carel and Sauro visited New Delhi on December 18 and 19. They met with Chairman of the Governing Board Dr. Karan Singh, Governing Board member Dr. Anirban Ganguly, Ms. Neeta Prasad, the new JS at the HRD Ministry in charge with Auroville and ex-officio Board member, and with Mr. S.K. Siljo, Director UNESCO, HRD Ministry. Topics discussed with all: a) The upcoming visit of the President of India. b) The general meeting of December 2nd in which the Enquiry Report was discussed and the formation of the Task Force. c) GOI grant 2018-2019 and the release of the 3rd installment. d) The appointment of IAC members. The file is pending with the Minister, HRD. e) New Sec. AVF. We were informed that the discussions are in an advanced state, and that a decision is expected by Jan 10. Topics also discussed with Dr. Karan Singh and Shri Anirban Ganguly: f) IT order and assessment. (see below) g) Pending visa issues. (see below) h) Shraddhalu Ranade: The information sent by Savitri Bhavan to the Secretary that his classes would stop, as requested by the Board, is incorrect as his classes have continued.

3) Visit of the President of India The Honorable President of India visited Auroville on December 23rd. Three members of the Working Committee, Ranjith, Partha and Sauro, were given passes to welcome the President. A report of the visit has been posted on the Auronet. We would like to thank all those who helped make the visit a success and also those who were preparing to participate in the event, such as the Bande Mataram singers, but whose participation was not possible due to last minute changes in the program.

4) Preparation of the next meeting of the Governing Board The next meeting of the Governing Board has been scheduled for January 23-25 (3 days instead of 2). We will send all reports to the Board members in the first week of January. All reports will also be posted on the Auronet for general information. The Working Committee is hoping to have a general meeting before the GB meetings to give further information as may be requested and answer other questions about its work. This will depend on availability of a suitable venue. An announcement and invitation will be circulated by the usual channels once the details have been finalized.

5) Income tax issues We received the following information from the FAMC a) On December 11th 2019, the Auroville Foundation received an Income Tax order for the for the assessment year 2017-18 (financial year 2016-17) of Rs 14.5 crores, computed on the consolidated balance sheet. b) The FAMC was also made aware that there is another notice from the Income Tax Department for the assessment year 2018-19 (financial year 2017-2018) dated 27th September 2019 which leans on the verdict of the previous order for the tax collection of assessment year 2018-19. c) The order and notice challenge the validity of the income tax exemption that has been enjoyed by the Auroville Foundation for the last years. d) The Income Tax department has had 4 hearings dated 11/09/2018, 09/10/2018, 11/02/2019, and 27/11/2019 as highlighted in the order. However, the FAMC was not informed about these interactions [and neither was the Working Committee]. e) After discussion with the FAMC, the Auroville Foundation has engaged Chartered Accountant Prabakaran to appeal the order and to ensure that the notice for the assessment year 2018-2019 will be modified. f) For now, the FAMC has agreed to advance the needed deposit for this appeal from the Unity Fund. g) The FAMC has informed all Trustees as there may be a follow-up required with the Trusts for further details or financial support.

6) Sexual harassment of Women at Workplace Act The Working Committee has written to the HRD Ministry requesting it to consider issuing an order on the applicability of the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act to the Auroville Foundation, including an internal appeal provision.

7) Visa issues a) Three cases of residents who committed minor visa violations have been resolved. Two persons are awaiting their Stay Visa, one person is still abroad and awaits information on how to return to India. b) Two other cases of residents who are accused of having committed visa violations are pending. c) The requests for leniency for three Aurovilians who have been refused re-entry into India more than 15 years ago have been submitted to the Hon’ble Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs.

8) TDC incident a) A report on this incident has been posted on the Auronet. The accused person has informed the Working Committee of his disagreement with the content of the report. b) The Acting Secretary has sent an email to the Working Committee asking for an unconditional apology by the accused person, failing which measures will be taken. This email has been forwarded to the accused person, who meanwhile has written to the Acting Secretary expressing his views and his response to the report. c) Members of the Working Committee and Auroville Council have spent an inordinate amount of time trying to harmonize viewpoints, however to no avail. A reflection on the work of the Working Committee in this regard will happen soon, as questions have arisen to what extent conflict resolution is part of the Working Committee’s mandate.

9) Employment information We have posted information on the employment of ammas and gardeners on the Auronet. An update will be posted soon.

10) Certitude road problem The road in front of Dinesh teashop is still in a bad shape, notwithstanding last minute improvements made because of the visit of the President of India. We are in conversation with the owner of the teashop to allow better repair work to happen. An earlier attempt by the Road Service team led to altercations and police complaints being filed.

11) Registration of guests staying in private homes The Guest Facilities Coordination Group drew our attention to the fact that sometimes foreigners who are staying as an Aurovillian’s guest in his/her private home are not registered. We urge all Auroville residents to ask those guests to register themselves at the Town Hall reception desk immediately.

12) Another RTI request Mr. Vikram Ram has filed another RTI request, this time about the receipt and allocation of funds to resolve the disasters caused by the tsunami of 2004.
Report and Reflections of the Water Group:  
Oct-Dec 2019

Current water situation
Recalling that rainfall is not consistent throughout Auroville, our average rainfall is about 1300mm. Our 2019 rainfall was about 1200mm, which still falls within the range of a “normal monsoon”. That said, has consumption from our underground aquifers reduced? Perhaps temporarily during the rains, when gardens and fields don’t need to be watered. But in the long-term, our sole dependence on groundwater puts us in the same situation each year: dwindling water resources in the summer months. Even if there is a normal monsoon, how much of that surface water have we captured? We can’t make predictions about next summer, but we can report the trend that our aquifers aren’t replenishing at the same rate. So what are we going to do about it? We hope that 2020 is a year of action in positive water works.

Meeting with WC and Publication of Report
The Water Group was invited on Nov 6 to present to the Working Committee on the current water situation. This arose out of a request from the Governing Board for the same. Although several working groups were invited, only representatives from AV Council, Land Board, and Working Committee were present. We thank them for attending. After the meeting, the WC requested a report on our presentation, which we sent and then published for the public. It can be found here: https://auroville.org.in/article/76762

Visit of Slava and Azha about their metering devices
Slava and Azha (Azha of Talam) met with the Water Group to share their parallel but related work on remotely reading water meters and sending consumption data to a central database for it to be stored and processed. The Water Group was inspired by their work and encouraged them to collaborate moving forward.

Visit of Dr. Rajendra Singh
On Dec 29-30 Dr. Rajendra Singh, “Waterman of India”, visited Auroville. You can view a full report on Auronet: https://auroville.org.in/article/77254 Overall, the feedback from both the community and Dr. Singh has been extremely positive, and we are hopeful that his visit has inspired positive water actions in the coming year. We also hope to continue to maintain the relationship between Dr. Singh and Auroville and look forward to future visits.

-Water Group
(Tom, Tency, Satprem, Ing-Marie, Giulio, Evgenia, Eric Chacra)

Website: www.aurovillewater.in
Facebook: www.facebook.com/aurovillewatergroup

ANNOUNCEMENTS
FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 025
Dated: 18-01-2020

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, Associates and Friends of Auroville two weeks and for Aurovillians and Returning Aurovilians one month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to
entryservice@auroville.org.in.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:
Angelica BERNAL MALDONALDO (Colombian) staying in Coin de Terre and working at PTDC, Pebbles garden & AEI

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Anshul AGGARWAL (Indian)
Pavneet KAUR (Indian)

Shankar BALAKRISHNAN (Indian)
AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
Nikthana VENKATESAN (Indian) staying at Kriya and working at Joy of Impermanence
Selvi BAROT (Indian) staying at Revelation and working at AV Papers
Sengeni BALAKRISHNAN (aka Parthippan) (Indian) Staying in Kriya and working at PTDC
Sivagami GANESH (Indian) Staying in Aspiration and working at Guest Registration & Accommodation Service
Valentina KALINICHENKO (Russian) staying in Creativity and working at Aurodent Dental Clinic

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
Daxa ACHARYA (Indian)
Prakash AZHAGAMUTHU (Indian)
Sarah WINKLER (German)

YOUTH TURNED 18 ANNOUNCED:
K.S. Aravindh (Indian) staying in Maitreyee I studying at IFET college
Aatman BOS (Indian) staying in Certitude and working at BlueLight
Kilan BASCARA (French) staying in Kailash and studying at Future School
Swarnapuri PONNUSAMY (Indian) staying in Grace and studying at Achariya School

NOTE:
• The Newcomer probation year becomes effective only after the NC kit has been completed and returned. Be aware that the duration of the process cannot exceed 18 months from the date of confirmation.
• An Aurovilian is a resident of Auroville, aged 18 and above, whose name has been entered in the Register of Resident (RoR) as maintained by the Auroville Foundation (AVF) Office.
• The change of status from Newcomer to Aurovillian is official only once the individual has filled in and signed the B-Form. An Aurovillian’s name is entered into the RoR after he/she has met with the Secretary of the AVF with an appointment arranged by the Entry Secretariat. These appointments are fixed by the Entry Secretariat according to the availability of the Secretary, but not at any personal request of an individual.
• The Auroville Foundation processes issuing of ID cards only to the Aurovilians who are registered in the RoR.

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

Nandini Distribution
Timings
Happy happy new year! :-)
Nandini Distribution's new timings: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9.30 - 12.30 and Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2.30 - 4.30.

We look forward to serving you!
Love & Light,
The Nandini Team

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OBITUARIES

Ingo

This is to inform the community that on 7th January, our good friend and brother Ingo H.W. Torp left his body at the age of 77 in Santé, after staying two days in the ICU in PIMS. Some of his friends were with him during the time of transition.

Born in Riga, Latvia, Ingo grew up in Germany, and came first to Auroville in 1976, staying and working in Forecomers and Success. During the turmoil that plagued AV those days, Ingo moved to New Community in Certitude to eventually leave in 1984. He then got married and worked in Hamburg as a school teacher. After a divorce, he changed course and qualified in homeopathy, starting a school for homeopathy where he practiced and taught for years. In 2009 he returned to Auroville.

Aurovilians got to know him as a concerned and apt homeopath, as member of the Residents’ Service team, as a mouth organ player ready to jive with groups in concerts, and as an actor in various theatre plays. Last month, already in weakened condition, he insisted on still playing the burglar role in ‘Noises off’.

Farewell, Ingo. Thank you for having come back after your earlier disappointments here and for again sharing your energies with Mother’s city. May you rest in peace.

Jay MA-

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Future School Applications

Students who wish to enter the 9th or 11th grade of Future School this upcoming school year, i.e., from July 2020 to April 2021, are requested to apply through our website: http://www.futureschool.org.in/ where in the ‘Admission’ section you will find the relevant links for the student application.

All applications have to be submitted before the 28th of February 2020.

Best Regards, Future School

Road Service is available for all kinds of work, please see the non-exhaustive list below:

- trench digging and other excavations (manual and/or mechanical)
- fencing work
- laying of pipes, electrical cable and optical fibre
- renovation and/or creation of pathways, paved or stabilized earth
- removal and transportation of rubble
- transport with our 407, Lorry and tractor.
- JCB
- all kind of earth movements
- cleaning and /or clearing of green spaces/bushes including grass cutting
- local stormwater management transport with our 407
- Small painting job with spray Gun.
- Small welding Job, etc...

For any other specific job please consult us. Road Service equipment and our well trained and qualified workers enable us to provide you with quality work in a smooth and quick interaction.

Contact: Office 0413-262-2844; Manickam 944-300-1761;
Jacques R. 958-576-1677
email: roadserviced@auroville.org.in

Laundry Pulito is open for all. We do washing, drying, folding and ironing. Located at the Tanto parking Kuilapalayam. You can also reach us at: 8531986286. Thank you.

THANK YOU

To EVERYBODY WHO HELPED OUT TO MAKE OUR UNITY PAVILION CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SUCH A HAPPY AND FUN EVENT!

In spite of postponements and pouring rain we had a full house of kids and adults cutting stars, dancing circle dances and singing together. Special Thanks to Fif, Hamish and their group of singers, Marie’s folk music group include Marie who played Guitar, Gabriel who played violin, Sylvie who sung and danced along with Lucile and Anna who held in children dances for Christmas songs. Gerhard and Ingo played duets of mouth harp and trumpet and Sandrine on Accordion. To Auroville Bakery and Pour Tous Aspiration for cookies and sweets. And a Big Thank You to our individual Unity Pavilion Team members, who always stretches to make things possible.

With lots of goodwill and happiness we had a great afternoon together! –Unity Pavilion Team

APPEALS

Cello - I recently started playing the cello after years of wanting to try it, but having a hard time finding a teacher or instrument. Since a few months, thanks to Gundolf and Holger, I have been able to learn and practice on a borrowed cello, which was a wonderful experience that has given me the opportunity to understand the instrument and decide whether or not I want to pursue it further. I have found that playing the cello brings me a lot of joy and energy. The next step was to get an instrument of my own so I could be able to practice at home. Although I will be leaving Auroville around May 2020 in order to go to university, I decided to buy a cello for this time and then leave it in Holger’s care as a student cello for Aurovilians. This way, anyone interested in playing the cello in future will have the opportunity to try it out or practice without having to buy a cello of their own immediately. My teachers and family advanced me the money to purchase a beginners’ cello from Bangalore that was on offer. I now need to raise the amount of Rs. 25,000 to repay them. I have opened an account “Cello” (251807) and would greatly appreciate any contribution towards the future “Auroville Cello”. Thank you! Tara Rex tararex@auroville.org.in

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

New work opportunities for Aurovilians & Newcomers

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.

Dental Assistant
You have medical training, speak English well, are responsible, have a serious work attitude and are dedicated to medicine. Full time preferred, part time possible, maintenance provided.
Administration and production supervision position
You will work with the villages of the Auroville bioregion, taking care of report and proposal writing, promotion and fundraising. A second area of work is production supervisions and customer generation. You have fluency in both written and spoken English and computer literacy. You have the necessary skills and the ability to be self-motivated with the flexibility to be a sensitive and engaged team player. Tamil is desirable but not essential. Maintenance is available.

Other positions (please inquire about details):
- Maintenance and Repair Management (part-time)
- System Administrator
- Project Manager
- Customer Care / Graphic Design
- Graphic Designer (volunteer)
- Social Media Manager (part time)
- Production Management / Tech Support
- Volunteer for Women Empowerment Project
- Work with Children (volunteer)
- Farm Development and Support
- Administrative Position (part time)
- Teacher (Mechanical Engineering)
- Secretary (Part-time administration)
- Teacher (Kids 1-3)
- Chief Operating Officer
- Stylist for Retail
- Sales Shop and Production assistant
- Volunteer for film scanning
- Experienced Gardener
- Educational facilitator and program co-ordinator with Eco Femme

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

GREEN MATTERS

The Green Column has been off the radar since the end of April 2019 for the Summer and during the hibernation of the News and Notes. We are missing some of our members but are welcoming Gijs and Lara with fresh energy and inputs. Thus we revive the Green Column, now in its 10th year in this auspicious harvesting month of Pongal!

As we look around us at the state of India’s environment there is ample cause for concern. Worldwide, governments are declaring a climate emergency and Extinction Rebellion India is calling for us to do the same. In Auroville response included a public event in September on World Cleanup Day and the introduction of a new technology. In April 2019, it recorded 69,523 forest fires -9.5 times more than seen by the earlier technology. The Indian government has pledged to increase forest cover from 24% to 33% by 2022. This would require an increase by 2% every year till 2022, but cover increased only by 1% over two years to 2017, and that too based on a very optimistic and controversial definition of what constitutes as “forest”. In North Eastern States cover decreased by nearly 18% between 2011 and 2019.

Solid Waste is becoming unmanageable. 79 major protests against unsanitary landfills have been recorded in 22 states in the past three years. Over 377 million people live in cities and generate 62 million tons (MT) of municipal solid waste per year. Only 43 MT of the waste is collected, 12 MT is treated and 31 MT is dumped in landfills. The number of hazardous-waste generating industries increased by 56% between 2009 and 2017.

Energy switch to renewables has been slow. In wind and solar, India met respectively 6.3 % and 5.86% of its targets last year.

Climate saw a 22% increase in greenhouse gas emissions between 2010 and 2014, fueled by the energy sector, which is responsible for 73% of emissions. India continues to suffer from extreme weather events, causing 1500 deaths in 2019. Flooding is enhanced due to melting of ice in the Himalayas while droughts are expected to increase due to destabilized monsoons.

The Auroville Green Center publishes the Green Column bi-weekly in the News & Notes and on Auronet and organizes the Sunday walks to Farms & Forests. We invite you to share with us our green issues for a healthy Auroville, Bioregion and beyond. email: avgreencenter@auroville.org.in.

Thank you! Lisbeth, Gijs and Lara for AVGreenCenter

BUDDHA GARDEN COMMUNITY FARM
We have recently updated our audio guide and you are welcome to come and look around the farm and learn about our sustainable farming practice. Please come 10.00 - 11.30am Monday to Saturday. We are closed on Sunday.

If you would like to participate in our daily farming activities these happen 6.15 - 9.00am Monday to Friday and 7.00 - 9.00am on Saturday. Just turn up when we start on any activity day that you would like to join in and then have breakfast with us when we finish at 9.00am.

For further info: buddhagardenav@auroville.org.in https://www.youtube.com/c/BuddhaGardenAuroville5 https://www.buddhagarden.org
Sunday 19th of January ANNAPURNA with Tomas (tel 94896-93801)

Auroville’s largest farm and one of the oldest ones, supplies our community with rice, millets, milk, dairy products, amazing cheeses, compotes and jams. Tomas and the Annapurna team will offer an introduction with a tasting of their products followed by a tour of the farm’s main facilities and share from their rich experience in cultivating, processing and storing Auroville’s staple foods, as well as having built up South India’s first organically certified dairy farm.

Directions: Follow the road from Solar Kitchen to Certitude. Turn right into the tarred Auroville Main Road past Reve, Udavi, Edyanchavadi village, Hope and Auro orchard till you meet the Pondy-Tindivanam highway. Cross the highway follow the busy road to Kootroad (Trichittambalam), past Aurobrindavan to your left. At the center of Kootroad you will come to a Y-crossing; take the left towards Mallam, follow the road for about 2 km and you will get to Sederapet with its numerous bars and a petrol bunk on your left. Continue and pass another petrol bunk on your right (Indian Oil), still continue for another 1 km till you get to yet another petrol bunk on your left (BP). The green marked Annapurna gate is directly opposite this BP petrol bunk. Enter and follow the path for about 1 km and you will see the Farm buildings. In case you get lost phone Tomas at 94896 93801.

Departure: 2:15 pm From Solar Kitchen bring your own transport and this route description!

Annapurna is about 10 km away in a keyhole area of Auroville.

For this walk we will organize a bus for those who need common transport, however there will be limited seats (send a mail to avgreencenter@auroville.org.in) to register. We will ask a contribution, if there’s no place you can follow the bus with your own transport. If you cycle leave earlier.

There is no Sunday Nature Walk on January 26th due to Republic Day! We will publish a full schedule of February walks next week.
Cycle Kiosk at Solar Kitchen area
Several inexpensive and restored cycles available. Repair and maintenance of all types of bicycles.
Where: Opposite PTDC/Foodlink/Solar Kitchen
When: Monday to Saturday: 9.30am to 4pm.
How: drop in

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

SPORTS
Ultimate Frisbee
We will be hosting our annual Auroville Hat tournament on the 1st and 2nd of February. It will be the 10th year we are organising and hosting this tournament and we expect approximately 250 players from all over India. The ultimate frisbee community has always been very enthusiastic and eager to participate in this tournament as the emphasis is on learning, team bonding with people you do not know and having a fun weekend of ultimate frisbee. Matches will take place from 6 AM to 6 PM on both days at the Gaia sports field. Please pass by and watch some games if you have the time. Happy New Year from our frisbee team!

AUROVILLE RADIO / TV
Greetings Auroville...
We are so happy to share everything we have managed to capture this past week as the team of AurovilleRadio/TV. We are always looking for more content and you can help us out! Please do collaborate with us in sharing event details and video clips of events happening in the community of Auroville. We would love to hear from you, and also for you to use our services and keep Auroville’s content creation machine purring like a well-oiled media machine.

From our volunteers for the past week we have:
Maryliz and Andrea - Integral Health and Healing , Part 1
Integral Health and Healing , Part 2
Nelson - Welcome to Diwali by Aurosanagamam Team
Karthick - PKPK Live at Le Morgan
Gabriel - Post-Lecture Dialogue with Dr. Tamdin
Dr. Tsewan Tamdin on Tibetan Medicine and Astro Science
Aurelio on Prospects of Sound and Listening
Tanja - Okis Hertz
rtm - We Need Arts by Sue Jennings & Sunday Morning Blues
Out of regular programs we have:
GangaLakshmi continues with her Selections of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo in French. Loretta reads Savitri, B.VI, C.I, Part 5 and Mother’s Q and A - 5/12/56, Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga 79 and Synthesis of Yoga 80
Here are also The News of Thursday and Monday
Your AurovilleRadioTV team

ACCOMMODATIONS
Needed 1 House Sitting
I have completed 1 year newcomer period. Looking for housesitting for Aurovilian, single person, over 65 years, working in Mohanam KG - Rajan Daniel Mobile: 8281197760
e-mail: danielrajan@gmail.com

AVAILABLE
1.5 year old gaming pc. i5 8 gen,1050ti oc and slot of cooling.
I am not into gaming any more so would like to find someone who will use it to its best potential. If interested let me know.
~Eden Uriel email: edxnuriel@gmail.com phone: 7598394821

TRAVEL
Latest new flight offers
Emirates has special offers to selected destinations in Europe and USA
Oman Airways has special offers to Europe
Qatar, Etihad and British Airways have special fares to Europe and USA
ANA Airline introduced new direct flight from Chennai to Tokyo with good opening offers
Insurance: We highly recommend to avail of a Travel Insurance for all foreign travels.
Please check with us in advance regarding flight schedules & baggage policies of airlines. Air India has made several changes of their flights timings from Delhi to Europe destinations.

International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - 0413 -2622078, travelshop@auroville.org.in,
Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 - 2623030, domestic@inside-india.com,
Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622047, insideindia@auroville.org.in

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 Autonet login page: www.auroville.org.in
- Auroville Art Service: artservice.auroville.org/calendar/

AT THE MATRIMANDIR
Matrimandir on Pongal Karinal Day
Friday 17.1.2020
This is to inform all that Matrimandir will remain open from 6 - 8 am and from 4.30 - 9 pm only for Aurovilians and Newcomers. There will be no visitors hour on this day. The Park of Unity remains closed from 8 am to 4.30 pm, Visitors Centre remains closed for the day. We regret any inconvenience caused. Happy Pongal!
- The Matrimandir Team.

Collective Offering
Aurovilians and Newcomers are invited to participate in the collective offering of our work under the Banyan tree on 19th January from 3.30 to 4.30 pm.
We will gather under the Banyan and work in silence. Please note that this is an invitation to work only. Children above 7 are welcome if they come to help along. The tasks range from collecting leaves to other simple tasks that the gardens need to get done.

~The Matrimandir Team

WORKSHOPS/CLASSES

Indian Rhythms - Rashmi Bhatt will offer lessons of Percussions, Indian Rhythms, a brief History of Indian Music, the Art of Improvisation, how to listen to Indian Classical Music, and World Music from the 14th January to 10th February 2020.

Contact: 6385923689; rashmibhattmusic@gmail.com

We offer workshops, therapy sessions, classes and retreats.

Upcoming Workshops:

What is trauma? - How to identify trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder? How to recover a person’s full potential, energy and zest for life - and even integrate the wisdom of it all?

This is a 2 day workshop with theory and interactive exercises, that offers a toolbox of techniques to apply in your therapeutic work. The workshop is designed for therapists of body and mind, psychologists, and all who are concerned with trauma.

Facilitator Sigrid Lindemann offers trauma therapy, integral regression therapy, advanced homeopathy. She has lived in Auroville for 20 years and taught internationally.

For more info and registration: www.auroville-jiva.com, contact@auroville-jiva.com WhatsApp 9626006961 Venue: Sharnga Guesthouse www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Explore your mind - 2.5 day workshop in hypnotherapy, 31 Jan, 1st & 2nd Feb

What is hypnosis? How do right and left brain function practically? How do conscious and subconscious interact? Explore the depths of your mind and relax! Meditate with ease!

Expand your therapeutic toolbox! Apply Self-hypnosis!

Workshop combining experiential learning and “Theory of the Mind”*. Certified course from EKAA www.ekaa.co.in

31 Jan. 4 - 7 pm, 1 & 2 Feb 9- 5.30 pm at Sharnga Guesthouse Yoga hall.

Info meeting 29 Jan 5- 5.30 pm. at Sharnga Guesthouse Terrace

Trainer: Sigrid Lindemann: transpersonal regression therapy, trauma therapy, Sensation Method homeopathy. She has lived in Auroville for 20 years and taught internationally.

All info and registration: www.auroville-jiva.com contact@auroville-jiva.com Whatsapp 9626006961

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother - 21st January (Tuesday)

• Overview with multimedia presentation
• Questions and Answers
• Practice in Daily Life
• Complimentary Concentration Exercises
• Creative Arts, Interactive Games
• Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
• Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: ”The Vision of Sri Aurobindo”

These sessions are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creative recreation go hand in hand with various inner exercises.

Place: Savitri Bhavan Time: 9 am to 12 Noon

(For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.)

Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922)

Life by Choice Intensive with Sirish

Timing: Saturday January 25th, 9 am to 4 pm
Venue: Joy Community (Opposite Center Guest House)

This workshop is for men. Participants will reflect on some examples from their lives to investigate the feminine and masculine traits and how each one of us finds the balance. It will become clearer whether our decisions and actions are based on choice or obligation. It is proposed that when we act from our conscious choices, we are naturally aligned to our higher purpose.

• Define feminine or yin and apply it for your masculine.
• Introspect on your own life’s example to learn importance of living from Choice vs. obligation.
• Find how your inner yin or feminine aligns with your core values.
• Apply inner yin to your higher purpose and life’s mission.

This intensive requires advance registration (at least 1 day in advance) and it is suitable for any man. The cost is Rs. 1200 for guests, Rs. 600 for Auroville volunteers, and on donation for Aurovilians & Auroville Newcomers. If you need more information and to register for this intensive, you can contact Sirish by phone or Whatsapp (+91 8127524550) or write to joycommunity@auroville.org.in. For more information about activities, therapies and events in Joy Community, you can visit joy.auroville.org or Facebook.com/joyauroville.

SVARAM Sound Healing Programs

After having beautifully and successfully completed our 2019 Integral Sound Healing Program, with the beginning of the new decade, you now have the opportunity to be part of the next learning journey.

If you are interested in learning about music, sound and healing, broadening your horizon and earning a Sound Healing certificate with a project of your own choice, don't miss out on our Integral Sound Healing Training (ISHT) 2020 program, which consists of three modules taken in two parts in March and October in Auroville, India. Please find details on what you will get to do and learn here:


We are looking forward to welcoming you on this unique adventure in 2020!
The Art for Land Exhibition and Land Fundraiser is back for its 2020 edition, ongoing at Auroville’s Unity Pavilion till February 21st. Now a recognized and highly-anticipated annual event, this year’s ART FOR LAND promises a rich and gratifying experience! All Art for Land proceeds & donations will go for purchase of Auroville’s missing Master Plan plots via the Acres for Auroville campaign. We invite you to come, participate, enjoy, and donate – it’s all for the land!

Dates: ongoing from now to February 21st
Times: open Mondays – Saturdays, 10 AM to 4PM
Venue: Auroville’s Unity Pavilion
No Registration required (except for groups)
Fees: Voluntary Contribution All are welcome!

The Exhibition & its Artists
The artworks are a rich, ever-growing collection in various media, donated by over 90 artists from Auroville, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, India and abroad. Many of the artists enjoy wide recognition in India, such as Aurovilians Adil Writer, Pierre Legrand, Robert L’Heureux, Priya Sundaravalli, Prabhat Biswas, Marie-Claire Barsotti, Lalit Varma, Kratu, Ange, and Hufreesh Chopra. They are joined by Priti Ghosh, the well-known artist from the Sri Aurobindo Ashram. Some of the creations are from an earlier time and have been blessed by The Mother. Recognized Indian artists such as Ankon Mitra, Silky Arora, Shatraudhan Gupta, Rahul Solanki, Sameedha Paliwal, and Harshil Patel have added their magnificent works to this year’s collection. The works are also viewable and can be reserved on the website’s online galleries www.artforland.in. Prints and cards of some of the artworks are available. The exhibition will be complemented by a parallel fundraiser of donated rare photographs of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

Special events of many types will be held during the exhibition period with a wide variety of concerts, sacred song recitals, mantra chanting, several dance performances, Indian dance workshops (contemporary & Bollywood), presentations on Ayurveda, four inspiring talks on the Integral Yoga, “Creativity day” with tee-shirt painting, and several film evenings. “Auroville’s Land – the Need & the Challenge” will be presented by the Land Board on February 8th at 4 PM. There will also be a Fundraising Dinner (Jan. 26th at 5 PM), the Generosity Fair & Afternoon Tea (Feb 16th at 3 PM), and the exhibition’s Closing Ceremony with music & a special meditation around the Peace Table in the Hall of Peace. (Feb. 21st at 3 PM). You can access the PDF of the complete schedule by clicking here.

Associated Exhibitions
This year’s exhibition has expanded its reach with allied exhibitions at Pondicherry gallery sites by Art for Land artists: “Sangam” at La Promenade Hotel (14 January to 1 March); “Gifts of Generosity” at Auradhan Gallery (1 – 14 February); and “Abhipsa” at Tasmai Gallery with works by the late Ashram artist Usha Patel (19 – 25 January).

Associated exhibitions in Auroville will be held at the Centre d’Art at Citadines with “Notes on the Way” by Pierre Legrand (1 – 18 February); and “Searching for the Golden Light by Crystal Michielsen at the Tibetan Pavilion (11- 26 January).

Here’s the rich schedule of events for this coming week:
18/1 from 7 – 8 PM: Glorious chants from Savitri & Hildegard de Bingen by soprano Heather Lee
19/1 from 7:30 – 9 PM: Concert with Nadaka, Gopika & Keshava
21/1 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM: Raga Mantra, sound & chanting circle with Nadaka
23/1 from 7:30 – 9:30 PM: World Café with documentary films on Auroville
24/1 from 8 – 9 PM: Carnatic Flute Concert by Gordon & Friends
25/1 from 5 – 6PM: Talk & Interaction on Ayurveda with Dr. Berangère

AND NOT TO BE MISSED: 26/1 from 5 PM - 8:30 PM, the Art for Land Fundraising Dinner with Live Music!

Contact info:
www.artforland.in artforland@auroville.org.in unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

In solidarity for Auroville’s harmonious manifestation, Art for Land – AV Arts - Acres for Auroville – LFAU

MILANO’S FUTURISTIC ARCHITECTURE
Regeneration of the Porta Nuova District
(Town Hall 20th January – 1st March 2020)

My ninth exhibition, in Auroville, on contemporary architecture is dedicated to the grand themes explored, and realized, in my home town, Milano, known as the capital of fashion, but also for its increasingly futuristic skyline and bold town planning restructuration. May this text, by a leading Italian architect, return architecture where it belongs: the realm of grand ideals and lofty realizations, paving the way to the ideal society that is humanity’s age long dream.

~Paulette
THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARCHITECT

What is the social responsibility of the architect? How does this fit into the delicate relationship between public and private, between complex urban processes and the community? The architect has an increasingly important role. Any private building necessarily generates a public space: if it exists, everyone can see it... Of course there has to be a very precise intention: here, for example, in the COIMA headquarters, we decided a priori that the volume of the offices would also generate a public space that could be used and enjoyed by all. So we might say that my studio has always thought about projects where public spaces have to play a role: I have always been convinced that buildings not only have to communicate, to reflect experimentation, but also have to give something back...

In short, a commitment to making architecture more generous? Yes, more empathy and generosity. Only in this way can there be an important, real, constructive return from the viewpoint of urban planning and sustainable growth of our cities. The idea is to generate spaces on a human scale, places that are easy to live in, with a strong relationship with the surrounding landscape, constructed or natural. In the end, the Porta Nuova operation tries to recoup this basic idea: to experiment with forms of public/private collaboration, because when private initiative fails to generate public space it is destined to fail. This is why mediation becomes important, and in this perspective the role of the architect, as a third party who tries to put needs of investment together with themes of public interest, becomes central. But there’s more. Because the designer is also the first one to see what the results will be like: so he is a figure of mediation, but also of vision. A tough job, then...

Sometimes. Let’s say the mission of the architect is to transform an economic action into a cultural action. An architecture studio, in my view, is a cultural enterprise in every sense. Of course the designer can simply respond to the requests of the client, but he can also help the client to refine the questions, putting certain themes into focus, like energy and public interest, which have been overlooked for all too long. Does this engagement also extend to the community? Naturally. Every new building has to become a concrete opportunity to demonstrate how we can build things in a new way. Every time an urban project comes up, a committee of opposition takes form. This is a sign of the fact that people fear the future. In Italy, too, this phenomenon is becoming chronic, and I see it as a positive signal, something that generates dialogue. To accompany, to explain, to mediate... these are important actions. The architect simply has to become responsible, and architecture has to become human.

Mario Cucinella - architect and founder of MCA - Mario Cucinella Architects

Open call to collective exhibition

By Centre d’Art - Citadines

Open call for artists for a group exhibition in September 2020 at Centre d’Art, Auroville on the theme of transparency

SUBMISSIONS

Centre D’art is pleased to accept submissions on the theme transparency. Artist explores the idea of transparency and how it manifests and shapes individuals, societies, religions, and politics. The exhibition hopes to challenge our notions of how we perceive transparency, what we accept as transparency. Any media is accepted. However, we hope you understand that due to a high number of applications, we cannot unfortunately reply in person to each submission. If we are interested in your work for exhibition, we will be sure to contact you via the details provided with your submission. Submissions may be made to centredart@auroville.org.in If making a submission, please note the following guidelines:

- The subject line of any submission email must begin with the subject ‘theme transparency’
- All images should be sent as jpeg files, at screen resolution, not more than twenty-five images.
- Attach a short artist statement for the project being submitted, that will help us understand your work better.
- Provide contact details – email address.

Deadline for submission IST 5.00pm on 20 July 2020.
Connect with us: centredart@auroville.org.in

TALKS

You are cordially invited to a presentation on the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory of Auroville on Friday, January 24th, 2020, at 2 PM at the Auroville Consulting conference room in Kalpana.

The greenhouse gas inventory covers the following three emission categories: 1) transport, 2) energy and 3) waste. This was put together with the help of many individuals and units through surveys and discussions. While we implement climate-friendly solutions within our community, our ability to take effective action rests on our access to good quality data. It is with that spirit that Auroville Consulting with the help of some students from Jindal Global University put together this inventory. We hope that we can conduct this exercise every year with your help and map the road ahead for us as a community.

The presentation will be made by the students to the community and will form part of their two-week exposure to Auroville to learn about some of its sustainable practices. For more information please contact info@agworkshops.com

Satsang By Narad

We are very happy to inform that there is a Satsang by Mr. Narad on his early days in Auroville & experiences with The Mother. We are happy to invite each one of you to join in the sharing on Tuesday evenings from 7.35 - 8.15PM. Venue: Kalpana Community, E1-2B (East Block, 1st Floor below the parking area)

CULTURAL EVENTS

Book Launch! Crabs on the Chappal Saturday Jan 18th, 3 to 5 PM @ Botanical Garden

All are welcome, children small and big, to the book launch of Crabs on a Chappal. The author will do the storytelling of the adventure of the three crabs, sailors at sea on top of a chappal. After the story telling there will be handcraft work with Manoj: Palm-weaving and Sakura: Origami. Juice and biscuits will be served...all this in the beautiful atmosphere of the Botanical Garden, where you can enjoy the Orchid show that is happening on the same day too :) Come, bring a friend, good humor and curiosity! Love.

Sara :)
Nicholas Roerich’s Vision of the Great Spiritual Leaders of Humanity

Slide-show with Explanations by Dr. Alexander Pereverzev
Date: 5:30 pm, January 22, 2020
Venue: Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan

The slide-show explores the series of paintings by the famous Russian artist, thinker, explorer and public figure Nicholas Roerich dedicated to the founders of world religions and great philosophical and spiritual traditions: The Buddha, Jesus Christ, Moses, Zoroaster, Confucius, Tibetan yogis, and Christian saints.

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OTHER EVENTS

World Cafe
series of movies...

This will take us on a journey through many years of Auroville’s unfolding

We will begin by watching a film about the first years of Auroville (about 40 mins). After a little tea break, Ulli (Roper) will introduce the basic principles of the world cafe format, ends with sharing our insights, conclusions and inspirations.

at Unity Pavilion
on Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 20, 27
7.00 pm to 9.30 pm

Contact: unitypavilion@auroville.org.in
Ph: 0413-2623576
Art for Land Fundraiser
All contribution goes towards securing the missing lands of Auroville

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SOUND BATH WITH THE RUSSIAN SINGING BELLS

January-March on Mondays, 3.00-4.15 pm at CRIPA (Kalabhumi)
Experience of deep interiorization, tranquility and self-healing with harmonious resonating sounds of this unique instrument from Russia played by Vera Joshi.
Please come on time. Registration required for groups ph./What’sApp +919486247202
An activity of Aurobelle (Auroville Arts)

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“IN MEMORIAM”
CONCERT SACRED MUSIC AV RENAISSANCE CAPPELLA

Saturday Jan 25th 2020 8 p.m.

works for chamber choir a cappella by
Victoria, Calvi, Mouton, Tschinkowsky, Rachmaninov, Fauré, Tavener, Bortiniansky, Greg chant

Paris American Centre, Panimai, Auroville, TN 605 123, India. 0413-2623576; 9486247202

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FILMS

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN
Monday, January 20, 2020 at 6:30pm. Duration: 55min.

THE LIVING UNIVERSE – A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT CONSCIOUSNESS AND REALITY AND WAKING COSMOS

Since the time of Plato, the human understanding of the universe has moved through two epoch-defining paradigms. These are the view of the universe as a great mind, and the view of the universe as a great machine.

Today there are signs that modern mind is moving towards an organismic view of the universe as an evolving, self-generating, and ultimately living process. Cosmos more and more appears as a developing and evolving system of fantastic forces and energies and a dynamic interplay of order and chaos. The organismic view of the universe gravitates towards creationist perspective and opens up the spiritual dimension within us. In this view, we are no longer isolated fragments of a dead world. Rather we are conscious participants in an ongoing evolution in a deep and living cosmos.
SPECIAL PROGRAM!

FRIDAY 24 JANUARY - 8:00 PM -
“SHIVARANJANI AND TWO OTHER WOMEN” – “SIVARANJINIYUM INNUM SILA PENGALUM” (Original title)

Directed by Vasanth S SAI - INDIA, 2018
With: Parvathy Thiruvothu, Kalieswari, Sreenivasan, Lakshmi Priyaa, Chandramouli, Arunakaran, Sunder Ramu, Karthick Krishna

Synopsis: The film is a cinematic journey into the inner lives and minds of three married women of different class and caste background, set in Chennai that was Madras, living in three different decades, but fighting the same enemy within the confines of their homes... The film is a tribute to the innate strength and courage of these women to face the consequences of their choices. Sivaranjani and Two Other Women has won the Best Film Award at the Fukuoka International Film Festival. Vasanth Sai, the brilliant director who presented the film in the PIFF 19 (Pondicherry International Film Festival) in Auroville last September, will be with us again, with Q&A at the end. Please do not miss this program!

Original Tamil version with English subtitles - Duration: 2h.03'

VENDREDI 24 JANVIER à 20h !
« SHIVARANJANI AND TWO OTHER WOMEN »- SIVARANJINIYUM INNUM SILA PENGALUM (original title)

Réalisé par Vasanth S. SAI - India, 2018
Avec : Parvathy Thiruvothu, Kalieswari, Sreenivasan, Lakshmi Priyaa, Chandramouli, Karunakaran, Sunder Ramu, Karthick Krishna

Synopsis : Le film est un voyage cinématographique dans la vie intérieure et l'esprit de trois femmes mariées, de classes et de castes différentes, se déroulant à Chennai qui était Madras, durant trois décennies différentes, mais faisant face au même ennemi au sein de leurs maisons. Le film est un hommage à la force et au courage inébranlable de ces femmes envers les conséquences de leurs choix. Sivaranjani et Two Other Women a remporté le prix du Meilleur Film au Festival International du Film de Fukuoka.
Vasanth Sai, le brillant réalisateur qui a présenté le film au PIFF 19 (Pondichery International Film Festival) à Auroville en septembre dernier, sera à nouveau avec nous et répondra à nos questions à la fin. Ne manquez pas ce programme !

Original Tamil version en Tamil, avec sous-titres en Anglais, Durée : 2h.03'

CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

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 contributions.

MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM (MMC, Town Hall)

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group

THE ECO FILM CLUB

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 2677682 or 267-7683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in. Or visit us online:

The French Pavilion presents:
« Le Grand Bal »
directed par Laetitia Carton
Tuesday, January 21st 2020 at 5.30 pm
Venue : Visitors Center Video room
in French subtitles in English ; duration : 100 min

This catchy film is much more than an invitation to dance, it goes far beyond the framework of dance and talks only about it. It shows us how partying is a unifying act. At the “Grand Ball”, we don't keep the seniors away from the young people; we mingle cheerfully, floating above preconceived ideas. Between two rounds, we even ask ourselves questions about the relationship between men and women, about feminism. After all, where is it written that these gentlemen must always lead the waltz, wouldn't they be a little tired of it?

During the seven days and eight nights of this great annual mass that brings together two thousand people from all over Europe, the world is remade in the image of a welcoming humanity, curious about each other.

The screening of the film will be followed by a real folk ball.

Cinema Paradiso organized the 6th Auroville Film Festival 2020 from January 7th-12th. 136 films were screened over 50 hours at S.A.I.I.E.R, MMC/CP and on an outdoor screen. The festival and its joyful ambience was made possible with the partnership, collaboration, and sponsorship of a number of Auroville services and units and these are announced on our website. Over a hundred Aurovilians and volunteers gave of their skill, time and energy, some of them over a two year period. We are extremely grateful!

These are the films that the jury of the Auroville Film Festival 2020 chose to honor with awards. More details about them are available on our website. All of them will be screened again at Cinema Paradiso soon. aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in; filmfestival.auroville.org; 2623187
Films made by residents of Auroville and the bioregion

Jury Award: FROM MY LITTLE HUT IN THE FOREST by Yorit Rozin

Jury Award: WALKING MEDITATION by Rena Kleinberger

Wisdom Award: EVER SLOW GREEN by Christoph Pohl

Cinema Paradiso Award: ASHVAMITHRA by Earthling Koushalya

Mongbra Award: HOTTER THAN HELL by Marco Saroldi

Films made about Auroville and the bioregion

Jury Award: SAINTS OF PONDICHERY by Ogynyan Enev

Cinema Paradiso Award: TWO FLAGS by Pankaj Rishi Kumar

Films made by students of Auroville and the bioregion

Jury Award: UNAVE MARUNTHU by R Harish

Wisdom Award: TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED by Raghu

Cinema Paradiso Award: DISLIKE & UNSUBSCRIBE by Yam

Creativity Award: STEVE’S DISASTER by Erhel, Chandni, Malik, Joshua, Sijmen, Ayan

Films that develop the theme of human unity

Jury Award: ABU by Arshad Khan

Jury Award: #FEMALE PLEASURE by Barbara Miller

Wisdom Award: EARTH CRUSADER by Shabnam Sukhdev

Cinema Paradiso Award: TURUP by Ekta Collective

Cinema Paradiso Award: UP DOWN & SIDEWAYS by Anushka Meenakshi, Iswar Srikumar

sadhanaforest.org and facebook.com/sadhanaforest.

MONTHLY SCHEDULES of AV CENTERS

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

- Joy Activities: www.joyauroville.org/
- Holistic: www.auroville-holistic.com/
- Pitanga: www.auroville.org/contents/3185
- Savitri Bhavan: www.savitribhavan.org
- Language Lab: www.aurovilletangualgualab.org/courses.php
- Auromode Yoga Space: www.auromodeyoga.space
- Vérité: www.verity.in/
- Arka Wellness Centre: www.auroville.org/contents/2886
- Quiet: http://quiethealingcenter.info/
- Lilaloka: www.lilaloka.org

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: www.auroville.org/contents/4187

AUROVILLE BUS SCHEDULE

The current AAP BUS schedule (for Pondy trips) is always available at: www.auroville.org/contents/3988. Contact: avbus@auromodeyoga.space
Activities & Therapies 2020
Email: joycommunity@aurville.org.in
Web: joy.auroville.org - www.facebook.com/joyauroville
Landline: (0413) 2623993

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