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HOUSE OF MOTHER’S AGENDA

10 July 1963  (continued from last week)

Mother: Ultimately, it’s simply a question of consciousness: people (ordinary people) have a consciousness that reaches up to a certain point (a point not very far away generally), and what’s beyond it, to them, is the “unconscious” (although it’s full of consciousness!), but it’s unconscious to them because they can’t make contact. It’s the same as when at night you wake up in another state of being, become conscious and have a “dream” (what people call a dream, meaning an experience), then you return to your ordinary consciousness, and as there is no contact between the two consciousnesses, you don’t even remember your dream. But you can, through methodical development, extend your consciousness and make a connection between the two; and the minute the connection is made, it takes very little to remember everything. But what’s difficult is to extend your consciousness.

Basically, the guru’s real power is to fill up the gaps! To bring you into contact: when you are in the higher planes, to bring you into contact with the Highest. Or to bring you into contact with your soul, your psychic being within, or to bring you into contact with the Supreme - but that not many can do.

That’s what I saw when I spoke to you the other day about what I called a “bath of the Lord.” The atmosphere was full, really chockfull of a Presence (you can’t even call it a “vibration,” it’s much more than a vibration: it’s a Presence), but when people enter it, they don’t feel anything! Or if they do, they don’t even understand, it doesn’t correspond to anything in their consciousness. But if I concentrate a particular vibration on their consciousness, I bring them into contact with it. And all of a sudden they feel something, with the impression that it’s a new thing - it’s nothing new! What’s new is their capacity to perceive the thing.

In a general way, that’s how it works: the Lord is everywhere, His vibration is everywhere, but what’s new is the capacity to feel Him or be conscious of Him. From all eternity He has been there, for all eternity He shall be there.

And the experience I have constantly - constantly - isn’t that I go in search of something that’s not there and bring it where it wasn’t! When I tell the Lord, “Manifest Yourself,” I don’t mean He hasn’t manifested! I mean: “Give us the power to feel Your manifestation.” We should say: “Become manifest…. Grant that we may grow conscious of Your Presence.”

And that gives a clear sense of Unreality and Unconsciousness - and of all the consequent disorder. Because there is a CONSTANT Reality, a CONSTANT divine Order, and it’s only the incapacity to perceive it that makes the present Disorder and Falsehood.

The experiences go on multiplying. But then, outwardly, everyone seems to start squabbling and quarreling with each other (laughing) much more than before, even (!), over the most futile things in the world and most unnecessarily, without any ground, just like that. And then, to me the two sides become visible at once: the true thing and its deformation; the event as it should occur and its deformation. Yet the event REMAINS THE SAME - the deformation is merely a sort of excrescence added on to it, which is absolutely unnecessary and complicates things atrociously, for no reason. And also which gives a strong impression of Falsehood (in the English sense of falsehood, not lie in French the same word, mensonge, has both senses) something without meaning or purpose, absolutely unnecessary and perfectly idiotic - then why is it there?!… Seized and twisted - everything is seized and twisted. Where does that habit of twisting things come from? I don’t know.

Ultimately one wonders who finds it amusing?! People complain, they say they’re wretched - but it’s their own fault! They’re the first to twist things! If they didn’t have that habit, everything would be perfectly simple. And events would NOT be changed.

(to be continued next week)

P.S. There’s a new HOMA page on the Auroville website: https://www.auroville.org/contents/1085

The Ponder Corner

Everything one does with care necessarily becomes interesting.

~The Mother
Words of The Mother, vol.12, p.133

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SELECTION PROCESS MARCH 14th &15th

On Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th the simplified Selection Process to fill vacancies in the Auroville Council, Working Committee, FAMC and Entry Board will take place in the Unity Pavilion. The following Aurovilians have either nominated themselves or been nominated by others, and have also submitted their profiles.

Participants & Nominees: [Link]

For the Auroville Council, 7 vacancies:
- Anbu V. (Windarra), Balaji (Kotakarai Farm), Dan (Petite Ferme), Enrica (Ami), Jayamoothri M (La Ferme), Moutou (Prarthana), N. Raja (Celebration), Riju (Courage), Siv (Prarthana), Yachala Saravana (Aranya)

For the Working Committee, 2 vacancies:
- Juergen Aixer (Sunship), Selvaraj (Aspiration)

For the FAMC, 4 vacancies:
- Aneetha Pathak (Sailam), Elumalai (Fraternity), Kathiravan (Mango Garden), Lorenzo (Horizon), Lyle (Fraternity), Nina Sengupta (Adventure), M. Palani (Auromodele), Raju James (Aspiration), Sundar K. (Aspiration), Venkatesh Kanakarajan (Maitreye-2)

For Entry Board, 3 vacancies:
- Alain Sigrist (Invocation), Boobalan M. (Djaima), K. Lakshmanan (Kuilaplayam), Palma (Aspirationa), N. Rajendran (Elements, passed Sapney Farm)

The selection process will be according to the proposal submitted in January and accepted by an RAD. Amended interim proposal: [Link]

Outline of the 2 days

Saturday 14th March

Morning session
- 8:00 - 9:00 am Registration
- 9:00 am Welcome and short concentration
- 9.15 am Presentation by the Auroville Council on the scope of their work, responsibilities, mandate, and skill sets required to efficiently accomplish the work, followed by self-presentations of all candidates.
  - Tea break
- 10.30 am. Selection session
  Each participant, candidate and member of the Working Groups, other than the Working Group for which new member needs to be selected, will be given 10 tokens. For each candidate there will be a box in which tokens can be placed. The tokens are expressing the amount of trust and confidence we have in that particular candidate in terms of sincerity and capacity to do the job.
  Each voter can give a maximum of 5 tokens to a candidate; he/she can spread the tokens among different candidates. There is no obligation to use all the tokens. The unused tokens will be collected in a separate box and will not be counted as votes for any candidate.
  The tokens for each candidate are counted, and the results announced. A replacement in case of someone stepping back will be selected.
- Around noon, close of the morning session.
- Announcement of the voting results.

Sunday 15th March

Morning Session
- 8.30 - 9:00 am Registration
- 9:00 am - Short concentration
- 9.15 am - Presentation by the FAMC followed by presentations of candidates
  - Tea break
- 10:45 am Selection Session.

Afternoon
- 2:00 pm Resuming the Selection process
- 2.15 pm Presentation by the Entry Board
- 2.45 pm Presentation of candidates
  - Tea break

Selection session
- 4 pm Closure of the session and the day

The voting results will be announced right after each Working Group selection process.

Please note that participation is mandatory for all 4 half days for the selection process participants, candidates and ongoing Working Group members.

In Community - The Auroville Council

GOOD NEWS re: land purchase - We are happy to announce that some 21 acres are in the pipeline for purchase and following the due diligence process. We are grateful for the efforts by the LFAU team, Unity Pavilion and all the artists for their generous contributions to the Art for lands events. The entire month of February has hosted multiple events with the land as a focus - a big thank you! And thank you to the generosity of the donors that help us to fulfill the task of purchasing land for Auroville.

We continue to work to improve our efficiency to procure and protect the lands for Auroville and we pray for the Mother’s Grace to assist us in this increasingly complex task. In that light we request the support and confidence of the community for us to do our work- Gossip and misinterpretations and half-baked allegations that are shared surreptitiously have taken over in Auroville. This contributes to an ugly and unhelpful atmosphere, and makes an already difficult work, much harder to carry out on the community’s behalf. Aurovilians are requested to have the decency to share their concerns directly with the team/group concerned.

ON-GOING WORK:
- The Cashew Lease successfully took place on March 4th. We were glad that the ARKA company made a presentation and provided information on an affordable alternative remedy that is produced locally. Note: All lessee’s sign agreements preventing the use pesticides on Auroville lands.
- The Land Board has been experiencing an increasing number of contested ownership and/or encroachment and boundary issues due to development by private parties. This is part of the day to day work.
- Red Earth eviction of a shack built on AV land, civil case filed.
- Acceptance fence (by the road) was repaired by Land Board, AVF has filed a case and got an injunction against the opposite party however the fence was broken by the same - an online police complaint has been filed.
Discipline Farm some people broke through the fence claiming ownership, this is an on-going criminal case.

Forecomers-Newlands area a person came with a vaguely written court order to measure the land but the land is in Auroville’s possession since its purchase a long time ago, we have objected to this via the Tahsildar.

Land between Abri and Newlands has been taken up by a private party, the access on AV land was cleared without permission by the party, we are presently objecting to access, as we are concerned about the nature of the development located in the forest area (Greenbelt). Due to a constant night nuisance on the neighboring temple land by Newlands a gate has been erected that will be closed at night.

Several boundary clarifications are being dealt with in the Greenbelt as the Swami or private parties are fencing the temple land (Samridhi, Two Banyans, Nilatangam). Auroshilpam area was surveyed near Alok’s place and 3 meters of land will be gained and fenced by Alok.

Mantra (opposite Eco-Service) a private party wanted to make a fence on his land adjacent to AV land so Land Board is erecting a fence on our boundary.

Stones were surveyed behind the Elephant tank (opposite - Invocation) to ensure the private party boundaries are correct.

International zone an area has been fenced by a private party to collect the Tamarind harvest, the situation will be managed by Land Board by building a wall.

Sangha community has had the fence broken numerous times by parties who want to access their lands, however AV has provided access to one farmer but he refuses to share it with the others. We suggest making an agreement with all parties to use the access given by AV in the presence of the AVF.

AuroOrchard - long term illegal squatters have been using social media to increase tensions and discredit Auroville by circulating false and disturbing video content.

A civil suit has been filed for eviction of a party that has erected a small structure on Auroville land near Center Field (opposite Sacred Groves).

Quiet case pending since 1996 has come up in high court for a closure.

I.M. Segar has encroached Auroville land near Udavi. AV Foundation is fighting the matter in court, however the lack of judges available is delaying the procedure.

Patta Transfer in Kottakuppan, Mathur, Tirichitambalam and Bonmappillayam and Irumbai are on-going and we hope these will be confirmed soon.

We have also followed up on paying the land tax in 9 Panchayats. And accompanied Guilio to find the boundary stones to register their location on GIS this was done in Evergreen, Service Area and Prarthana areas.

Land Board encourages the AV Foundation to initiate the process for eviction under the estate officer powers empowered by the GOI. The previous secretary has filed a case to make the authorities act. Once the AVF effectively implements the powers under the estate management we expect a large number of litigations will come to closure and future ones will be avoided.

RESPONSES TO RECENT ALLEGATIONS - A few responses to the recent allegations published by Vikram Ram:

- Price hiked by members - False. Negotiations are witnessed by at least four members. We are aware that prices are too high, however we are responding to the prices caused by speculation and outside developers and the need to consolidate the Auroville lands.

- Only land deals brought by members, their friends, and personal brokers are considered for purchase without considering the lands that are really required for AV: Incorrect. Land purchases are predominantly made via interested landowners that contact the Land Board. At times people are accompanied by certain brokers who assist the seller with paperwork. However further outreach efforts are needed to meet those that have not approached the Land Board. As was done in the past we welcome stedwars with good relations to connect with the private landowners in their area wishing to sell to contact the Land Board.

- Only the Tamil members of the Land Board deal with the extra boundary/land claims with AV land borders and always decides in favor of the village claimant, thus easily giving up AV land. Incorrect. On the contrary, these situations may be harder for the local Tamil Aurovilians to face, therefore they are dealt with by a mixed team.

- One Land Board member’s brother has grabbed around 3 acres of land opposite Dinesh Restaurant in the City Area, after she became a Board member. Still no action has been taken against her by the group themselves or the oversight working groups. She is believed to have stolen the details from the Land Board and given them to her brother to facilitate the land grab. Incorrect. The member in question was not part of the Land Board when this party wrongly purchased the land that belongs to Auroville. This member is excused from any meetings or dealings in this matter. The case is on-going and we await the final report from the Tahsildar and head surveyor who have recently visited the site at the request of the Land Board.

NB Many documents from the over 50 years require being brought up to date, and the Land Board is also undertaking this backlog of work. The members are rushing into personally bringing purchase deals to exhaust this fund before the GB (Governing Board) sets up a land task force. False: The Land Board is carrying on as usual but needs to speed up purchases. Whereas the due diligence process assures us that there are no errors with documentation, etc. Its drawback is that it is a drawn out process that is frustrating the sellers (ie documents going back to 1924 must be sought, lawyers advice is sought, publication in newspaper, and coordination with FAMC, WC and AVF must give their approval. Suggested Remedy: To monitor the time of each step to see where to speed up collaboration. All contributions to land are made by private donations. Missing or passing on documentation: In order to address the issue the land board has installed security and cameras. Concerning caste discrimination by members: This allegation has no basis. - The Land Board

Report of the Auroville International Meeting 2020
13th – 20th February in Auroville

Participants:

AVI Argentina Anandi E. Fernandez
AVI Australia Kavithanjali Ramachandran, Kathy Christoffelsz
AVI Belgium Jean-Francois Pinet, Bernard Vanden Driessche
AVI Canada André & Christian Feuillette
AVI Croatia Irena Ateljevic
AVI Denmark Max Sohrbeck
AVI France Francine Finck, Evelyne Guinouard
AVI Germany Friederike Mühlhans, Franziska Vömel
AVI Hong Kong Peter Lloyd
AVI Hungary Andrea Kovács
AVI Ireland Jürgen Faulstich
AVI Netherlands Marianne Hilarius, Jannet Klingenberg, Josee Lamers, Roos van Triet, Johan van den Bor
AVI Russia Sergei Kornienko, Oksana Kroxmal (Ukraine)
AVI Spain Alfonso Galiana, Francine Schneider
AVI UK John Mulrey
AVI USA - Mary & Jack Alexander, Maggie Greer, Fanou & Bryan Walton

Auroville Van Poirier, Martin Littlewood

Minutes: Friederike and Vani
Full Meeting Agenda:
1. Presentations of Auroville working groups, projects and initiatives (13th & 14th)
2. Update on International Zone and European House development (15th)
3. Meeting of the old AVI Board (17th & 18th)
4. General Assembly and voting (19th)
5. Meeting of the new AVI Board (20th)

1. Presentations of Auroville working groups, projects and initiatives

During the first two days of the meeting the following groups gave a presentation/update on their work, which was very much appreciated by the participants:
- L’Avenir
- Entry Service
- Housing Service
- Water Group
- Aura platform for a Circular Basic Income
- Auroville Institute of Applied Technologies (AIAT)
- Auroville Learning Exchange program
- Child Protection and Safeguarding in Auroville
- Craft Mela
- Geomatics at CSR
- La Navette
- MeDI Clown Academy
- Mohanam Cultural Center
- Suryamayi presenting her PhD thesis and the new research platform
- SVARAM
- WasteLess
- Youth Link

2. Update on International Zone (IZ) and European area development

A full day was reserved for IZ topics. The morning session began with a short presentation of the International Space in Bharat Nivas and its new office room. Then plans to organize guided tours for visitors through the IZ were presented, which would offer a good chance to make more people aware about the importance of IZ development and also to present what is already there and what is planned with regard to pavilion development. Then the Auroville senior architect Helmut presented a development proposal for the European area and its aim “to provide an anchoring framework for development as flexible as possible...while maintaining a certain order and harmony.” Its central idea is to consider “specific features of European urbanity” - the Agora, Forum, Piazza or marketplace - and create a similar central space around which further development can happen in a harmonious way. The realization of these plans may take some time but landscaping activities to beautify the area around the already existing European House (EH) are happening since its inauguration two years ago, thanks to Michael Roberts from Scotland, who has come again for several months to volunteer at the EH. He presented his very much appreciated ideas and plans for further landscaping of the area.

After the tea-break we received updates on the development of the African pavilion, the Brotherhood pavilion, the French pavilion and the plans to create a common space for the Americas.

In the afternoon the EH group gave a presentation about the last developments. The EH and its open platform is now being used for meetings and exhibitions, one of the buildings is used as an office space (a good fiber optic internet connection is there) and generates a little income from that. The other module is temporarily used for lodging by Michael Roberts, the landscaper. The originally planned third module of the EH is nicely substituted at this stage by the colorful Hungarian caravan. It is discussed whether this third module could rather be a small amphitheater than a building.

Next topic was the presently unclear situation with the International House (IH) and Martin had just started to give a little historical background to the situation, when our discussion was interrupted by Manu, one of the caretakers of the IH. Unfortunately no exchange and discussion with him was possible and it became obvious that a mediation/clearing process is urgently needed there.

3. Meetings of the old AVI Board

We had reserved the first day of our Board meeting for an introspection and reflection on our past two years of collaboration, which had their challenges. Then we concentrated on defining “Values, vision and aspirations” for our future AVI work:
- Serving the Mother, being guided and inspired by Her
- Serving Human Unity
- Celebrating Diversity
- Supporting universal values
- Manifesting love, friendship and brother-/sisterhood
- Manifesting integrity, generosity, respect for differences
- Respect deep listening and sharing
- Joyfully accepting impermanence, fluidity and flexibility
- Accepting to be on an evolutionary path

During the second day we concentrated on bringing these values down to practical steps and proposals for the new Board. They focused on the following topics:

Liaisons - We discussed again the question of how to broaden the base for our AVI work and how to strengthen the communication between the Board and the Liaisons. We want to find out what kind of support the Liaisons are expecting from the Board. This is what AVI can offer to them:
- AVI offers a platform/window to present Auroville in their countries
- The Liaisons can be found on the AVI Website
- A page in their own language can be linked with the Website
- Liaisons can join AVI events, contact other AVI members in the area, use the network, meet like-minded people and learn more about Auroville.

We very much appreciate that many of our recently joined Liaisons are younger people but we have to keep in mind that some of them have young families and are busy earning their living, so we cannot expect too much from them.

Mary, supported by Martin, will have a look at our Liaison guidelines with the questions to be answered and see whether they need a rewording to make them more inviting. A team of Vani, Jurgen and Alfonso (for Spanish speaking countries) are responsible for the lively contact with the Liaisons. Telephone calls proved to be a much better means of communication than mail or email.

We decided to remove the Liaison Bulgaria from the list since Lyubomir is no longer active as the Liaison and has expressed his wish to leave. Jossee and Friederike will write a letter of thanks to him. For the Liaisons Italy and Israel we are looking for support or transition to a new person. Alfonso will follow up with Sauro and Vani with Yuval.

AVI Statutes - At our meeting in Ethnomir the question was raised whether we need to change our statutes. Advised by Martin, who has been involved in the previous two statutes updates, it was agreed that the existing ones offer enough possibility to be flexible and expand our work in a way we aspire to. The statutes say, for example, that the General Assembly decides on the venue of the next meeting, and also elects the Chairperson and Secretary but it has not been generally practiced like that, both decisions were regularly taken by the Board. We will ask the General Assembly to give the mandate to the Board for these decisions.

Structure of representation on the Board - We would like to have more people joining the Board from outside Europe and North America. One way could be to co-opt Liaison people from other countries to the Board in future. This could bring
in different cultural perspectives. It has to be acknowledged, however, that it is the task of each Board member to work for all countries, not only to represent their own country or continent.

Financial Support for Auroville

- Grants from the Government of India are on the decline, therefore it is becoming more and more important that AVI makes efforts to raise funds for Auroville and support income generating projects. Young people wanting to join Auroville should be made aware of the necessity to engage in income generating projects, not only in service-oriented ones.
- The fundraising calls sent out during the Auroville presentations have to be communicated to the Centers so that they can propagate them in their newsletters, websites, mailing lists.
- Starting crowdfunding campaigns could also be an option, as well as to support the sales of Auroville products in our countries.

Next meetings - We decided to stick to the pattern of having our biennial meetings in Auroville and hold the General Assembly with elections then. The next one will be in Auroville in 2022. It was proposed to have the meeting in August because of Sri Aurobindo’s 150th anniversary celebrations.
Every other year we will see if there is an invitation by an AVI Center or Liaison. If there is none we will hold a smaller meeting in Auroville (without General Assembly, Auroville presentations etc.) since many AVI people go there each year anyway.

For 2023 Kavithanjali, member of our Liaison Australia, offered to organize a meeting in Perth, which we welcomed a lot. For 2024 we have no invitation yet, perhaps a smaller meeting could be organized in Europe. Vani will feel out with Gunnu/Turkey and Friederike with Bogi/Hungary.

Despite our common concern to reduce our carbon footprint we consider it extremely important to have physical meetings. Our recent meetings in Spain and Moscow, which for instance helped to establish closer contacts with the respective Sri Aurobindo Centers, thereby broadening the base of AVI work, were proof of this importance.

Contributions to our common AVI account: We agreed to maintain our present practice that the AVI Centers pay an annual contribution of € 600 if they are able to, if not they will give as much as they can by their own free estimation. The AVI Liaisons pay an annual fee of € 30.

To cover the costs for our AVI representative (travel costs, office expenses etc.) is a major part of our expenses. It was agreed that costs for “business” lunches of our AVI representative, for instance during the planning phase of the meetings in Auroville, can be taken from the AVI account. [ ]

Focus of AVI involvement - We agreed to propose to the new Board the following focus of AVI involvement (in brackets the names of those who volunteered to follow up):
- Participation in International Zone visioning and planning and in Pavilion development (Evelyne, Martin, Vani, Friederike)
- Participation in the development of the “Universe-City” idea (Josee, Friederike)
- Strengthening of relations with Liaisons (Vani, Jürgen, Alfonso)
- Support of Auroville groups and initiatives - follow-up on presentations by Auroville groups (Friederike)
- Media: Regular website updating, AVI brochure, AVI leaflet, linking with Auroville Outreach (Mary, Vani, Alfonso, Paul)
- Volunteer programs (Friederike)

4. General Assembly (GA) and voting

The Chairperson Josee welcomed the participants and expressed her good wishes for a fruitful meeting. The Secretary, Friederike, gave a report on the Board discussions of the previous two days (see above). She then explained the voting procedure and also a proposal from the Board: we had 11 nominations for 11 seats on the Board (Vani as the Auroville representative and 12th member on the Board is not part of the voting process). The Board gratefully saw this as a good sign for Mother’s guidance and agreed to suggest to the GA that the 11 nominees are elected as a group and not by single vote. All members present at the GA with voting rights agreed to this. Vani added that on the voting sheets she received from Liaisons which could not be represented at the GA (Brazil, Luxemburg, Mexico, Switzerland, Uganda, plus Board members with voting rights Camille, Isa, Mandakini and Sonny) only two did not tick off all 11 nominees on the sheet. So the composition of the new board is as follows:

- Vani Poirier (Auroville)
- Christian Feuillet (AVI Canada)
- Evelyne Guinouard (AVI France)
- Friederike Mühlhans (AVI Germany)
- Isa Wagner (AVI Germany)
- Jürgen Faulstich (AVI Ireland)
- Josee Lammers (AVI Netherlands)
- Francine Schneider (AVI Spain)
- John Mulrey (AVI UK)
- Mary Alexander (AVI USA)
- Maggie Greer (AVI USA)

The GA agreed to appoint Bryan Walton (AVI USA) as our new honorary Board member. Bryan will be there to assist us whenever needed with his longstanding experience in Auroville and AVI. The GA also agreed to give the mandate to the newly elected Board to choose the next AVI Chairperson and Secretary and also to decide on the next meeting venue.

We then heard the activities reports of the Centers and Liaisons represented at the GA. It was very encouraging to see the wide range of activities of the different AVI groups, each having their own focus and character. Two members of the “auroville.com” team were present and expressed their amazement about all the different fields of AVI activities. They offered to collaborate with us since they have a vast address database of people who want to stay in contact with Auroville. Friederike and Jack offered to follow up with them.

After the lunch break our treasurer, Sonny, was connected via Skype and gave the financial report. We thanked her for the meticulous preparation of the report and her efforts in managing our accounts so well.

Then Friederike presented on behalf of the A4A team the most recent update on the fundraising campaign for land which is now already in its 6th year. Approximately 2800 donations were received from which 52 new plots could be bought, equaling 99 acres of the Master Plan area. A big bravo was expressed for the uninteringly active A4A team!

The following open exchange between the representatives of the Centers and Liaisons mainly focused on the question of how the smaller Liaisons could be supported. Kavithanjali shared that AVI Australia would welcome support in the process of registering as a Center in order to be eligible for tax-exempt status and also to possibly register for youth and students exchange programs. Jean-François shared that AVI Belgium is considering the same. The Board members offered their support to both of them. AVI Netherlands has offered support to AVI Belgium, with regard to the use of their newsletter, workshops and tax-exemption possibilities. Proper research is needed in the respective countries since rules can differ considerably.

A second topic of discussion was how to reach out to younger people who are used to gathering information and being in touch via Facebook and similar platforms. Those AVI Centers
which already have a Facebook page are encouraged to share their experience.

5. Meeting of the new AVI Board

The new Board started its first meeting by concentrating and sharing on the question “Which qualities do we want to bring to the Board?” (see further down). This was followed by a little exercise – each new Board member paired up with one or two old Board members in order to get “burning” questions answered about tasks and functions of the Board.

After lunch three members of the Working Committee, Chali, Carel and Sauro, joined to update us and answer to our questions. The following topics were discussed:

- **International Advisory Council (IAC):** The Governing Board (GB) has been requested several times, also from us, to call for the appointment of a new IAC. We will see how we can support this call also in future.
- We mentioned the idea to create an Advisory Council for AVI. It was questioned why people of a higher profile would want to join such a council. They would request to have travel and other expenses covered, which AVI could not meet.
- **L’Avenir/TDC:** A new interim team will start its work in a few days with the specific task to ensure communication between the different technical TDC teams. It has been appointed by WC and Auroville Council, not by a selection process. Asked how a new team will be able to do its work successfully when there is still no agreement in the community about the overall direction of town development it was explained that it is possible to work along the lines of the present Development Plan. David Stein, a town-planner from New York who has already advised Auroville on regional planning in earlier years, is now back in Auroville, supported by AVI USA, to further work with TDC on a regional plan.
- Government of India (GOI) grants for TDC are on hold, so new funding sources have to be found. AVI may be approached for specific projects.
- Asked how else AVI could support TDC, the WC members asked us to bring experts into contact with Auroville. We mentioned AVI’s substantial support for the 2019 “Way Forward” workshop with international experts, which showed that experts’ advice is not always welcome.
- **Housing and economic crisis:** While GOI has given substantial grants for housing in the past, especially for youth, no grants are given any longer. Presently there are no new housing projects which could meet the urgent needs, 253 people are on the waiting list. It would be very much appreciated if we could develop ideas for fundraising, especially for youth accommodation. But it is equally important to create work opportunities and income generating enterprises for young people, it would be good to attract more people with an entrepreneurial spirit. AVI could help by sending out this message and by bringing Auroville into contact with social enterprises, new economic experiments, interesting start-ups and such. It should be mentioned, however, that the GOI grants are only a small portion of Auroville’s annual budget. The biggest income is from the Auroville enterprises.
- **NTDA (New Town Development Authority):** At present the authorities of Tamil Nadu do not pursue anymore the NTDA option, they plan to constitute a District Planning Authority that can incorporate the plan for Auroville and the bioregion. This is a long process, meanwhile there is not much legal protection. Land purchase is still the best protection, especially to complete the city area and critical areas in the green belt.
- **Vikram Ram files:** Auroville has created its own task force to go into all the allegations of Vikram Ram and presented the first outcome of its investigations to the Governing Board, which was quite impressed by the quality of the work. This investigation report was also sent to the GOI. The GB nevertheless recommends an official criminal investigation.

We thanked the WC members for their visit and promised to keep on supporting Auroville in all its major challenges. We then concentrated on the point “Focus of AVI involvement” as suggested by the previous Board. The basic structure was accepted, one group added and the new Board members joined the groups as follows:

- Participation in International Zone visioning and planning and in Pavilion development (Evelyne, Martin, Vani, Friederike [later also Isa joined])
- Participation in the development of the „Universe-City“ idea (Josee, Friederike, Mary, Maggie, Evelyne)
- Strengthening of relations with Liaisons (Vani, Jürgen, Alfonso)
- Support of different Auroville groups and initiatives - follow-up on presentations by Auroville groups (Friederike, Christian)
- Media: Regular website updating, AVI brochure, AVI leaflet, linking with Auroville Outreach (Mary, Vani, Alfonso, Evelyne, Maggie)
- Volunteer programs (Friederike, Christian, Francine [later also Isa joined])
- Mobility in Auroville (Christian, Jean-François)

Our final point on the agenda was the nomination of chairperson, secretary and treasurer. Martin opened the discussion by recommending, from his experience, to give more room in group discussions to the quality of silence. He then described the role of chairperson as someone who rather facilitates than steers discussions and group processes, and also enables and fosters individual initiatives. Thus encouraged, the Board decided unanimously to support the following nominations:

Christian Feuillette, Chairman
Friederike Mühlhans, Secretary
John Mulrey, Treasurer

Mandakini Lucien-Brun was co-opted for A4A activities
Alfonso Galiana, was co-opted for the contact with Spanish speaking Liaisons

There was also a proposal to co-opt our new Liaison person for Uruguay, Rafael Duran. This was seen as a little premature since he joined AVI only two weeks ago. But it is an interesting option to be discussed again at the next Board meeting.

We closed our meeting with a minute of silence, full of gratitude for the inner and outer guidance we encountered during the meeting. We had expressed before our special thanks to Vani for preparing and organizing the meeting so well and to Martin for his great support in our collective process.

Addendum: A few days after the meeting the following was agreed by email communication: Mary Alexander will serve on the Board as Vice-Chairperson

Christian summed up our sharing on the question “Which qualities do we want to bring to the Board?” like this:

**Our aim is Human Unity.**

The foundation of our Teamwork is Sincerity and Integrity, Integrity in Serving.

Let’s keep always aware that we are acting for the Mother, for Mother’s Dream to be realized on earth.

For this we should keep our Trust in the Divine, remain open to the Presence and seek the Guidance from the Mother, in all her four Powers or aspects:

- Concentration, Focus (MAHESHWARI)
- Expression of our Intention (MAHAKALI)
- Mother’s Energy and Clarity in the details (MAHASARASVATI)
- Respect, Good Will and Love (MAHALAKSMI)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Housing Service: Houses for transfer

Two housing assets are available for transfer:
- Prarthna Community (Family and Couple occupancy)
- Sanjana community (Single and Couple occupancy)

To apply, please click on the new “Houses Available” button in the very right column of the Auronet main page. You will be directed to our new Housing Transfer App at https://housing.auroville.org.in All you need to do is:
- click on the transfer you are interested in,
- view all the details and pictures of the asset for transfer, and if you wish to apply,
- click on the “Apply” button and fill in the online application form.

Once the indicated deadline for applying has passed, you will receive an email from Housing Transfer with the date for the group site visit. For any questions, please feel free to come and see Svenja at Housing Service Office.

Thank you, -The Housing Service

Matrimandir Information Meeting

Monday, 16th March, 4-6 PM @ Unity Pavilion

Matrimandir executives and coordinators invite you to an Information Meeting which will cover information on all the work done here in the past year via slide presentation and talk. We hope to receive as many people as possible, especially the silent majority, to answer as many questions as possible.

Savi is happy to invite volunteers and guests to discover Auroville through the:

VIP (Volunteer Introduction Program)
A 4 day discovery journey in Auroville for long term volunteers and interns
March 19th-20th and 23rd – 24th
8.30 am - 4:30 pm

We’ll explore Auroville history, bioregion, spiritual insights, environmental projects, educational activities and much more. We’ll visit projects on site and meet dedicated Aurovillians. We have a few places available for guests. Information and registration at study@auroville.org.in

Peer-to-Peer Learning Workshop for AV Facilitators

Saturday, 21st March, 2-6 PM @ SAILER

ACI in collaboration with the Teachers’ Center is organizing a half-day facilitators’ peer-to-peer learning session. The theme for this first workshop is concentration. At the workshop, facilitators/teachers demonstrate how they help their students/participants develop the practice of concentration.

Would you like to demonstrate an activity/practice you do with your students? Or would you simply like to participate? If yes to either of the questions, please register using the following link: https://forms.gle/KBkYDScWuDcEaow57

The Joy of Impermanence project aims to be a “community of communities” within Auroville, helping people here to start up new sustainable communities where they can grow together in consciousness, protect and nourish the land, and explore the joys of building together in the ethos of impermanence. Anitya is the first community of JOI, whose members have been dreaming and working together since 2017. We invite you all to come explore what we have been doing in the past two years and to dream with us for what is to come next.

To understand more of what we have been up to:
- You can watch short videos on the project
- You can read an article about our progress
- You can follow us on facebook or visit our website
- Write to us at joyofimpermanence@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you soon.
Love and Light, JOI Anitya team
(Andres, Nikethana, Serena, Mira, Ion, Mathilde and Michael)

Open Day - Joy of Impermanence Anitya
Saturday 21st March, 9AM onwards
- 9 AM - noon - Hands on work, experience the adventure!
- 4:30 - 6:30 PM - Tour and visioning session for the future
- 6:30 PM onwards - Potluck dinner with live music.

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FareWELL Café!
Saturday, 28th Mar, 4 - 8:30 PM

Dear friends,
A few months ago, a decision to close Well Café was made. After over 13 years of hard work, dedication, and love, the Well Café team wishes the community farewell. Thank you all for the support and appreciation throughout the years. We welcome the community to join us on Saturday the 28/3 starting from 4 pm till 8.30 pm, to celebrate the success that it was and the strength of working together. Let’s continue our journey towards human unity. Love, –the Well Café Team

Documentary Film-Making Workshop in Ladakh

as part of Bi-annual Exchange Program
18th May to 21st June 2020

Auroville Film Institute is thrilled to announce the very first of its kind Bi-annual Student Exchange Program between Auroville Film Institute and Himalayan Institute of Alternatives, Ladakh, facilitating cinema-centric learning journeys that can emerge from and lead to a more comprehensive cultural confluence and knowledge sharing. As part of this Bi-annual student exchange program, we are beginning with a Documentary Filmmaking Workshop in Ladakh in May-June.

In the spirit of Student Exchange, we will have 6 seats reserved for participants from Ladakh; 4 seats reserved for participants from Auroville and bioregion; and 10 seats open for participants from all over India and abroad. This is a call for youth of Auroville and Bioregion - if interested, please apply. If you know anyone you might be suitable for such an exposure/ education/ cultural exchange, please share. We will be happy to grant limited scholarships / fee waivers to Auroville youth based on their application form and personal interview. Here is the application form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKmMnRbUJ1Nz90KKhHw2zQjka6STtwxTRNQJUP0vUeVQ/viewform
Link to the Website for more information: www.hial.edu.in/documentary-film-making-workshop/ www.filminstitute.auroville.org.in/.../documentary-film-making/-/
FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 032 - 14-03-2020

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 Aurovilians and Returning Aurovilians one month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to entryservice@auropville.org.in.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:
- Babu VEERASAKTHIVEL (Indian) staying in Siddhartha Forest; working at Siddhartha Forest & Dehashakti Gym

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
- Chitra PALAKODETI (Indian)
- Pablo CUESTA (Spanish)
- Sony CHIM (aka Surya) (Cambodian)
- Veronese ROBIN (Canadian)
- Zinab Beygom TAHERI (aka Marjan) (Iranian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:
- Gandharva KUMAR REDDY (Indian) staying in Humanscapes and working at Imago

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

Ulaganathan RAMASAMY (aka Logu) (Indian)
Veronique DESIMPEL (Belgian)

FRIEND OF AUROVILLE ANNOUNCED:
- David Gary DECATUR (USA) - Gary has been associated with Auroville since the 70’s through Matagiri and Sri Aurobindo centers in New York. When in Auroville, he facilitates Tai Chi classes in Mahalakshmi Home, as well as tango classes, Gurdjieff movement etc.

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE CONFIRMED:
- Annamma Maduvamakkal Abraham (aka Anita) (Belgian)
- Ken Vanosky (USA)
- Madhavi RAVELA (USA)
- Narendra GEHLAUT (Indian)

YOUTH TURNED 18 CONFIRMED:
- Arun RASCHIDY (Austrian)
- Janani MURUGESAN (Indian)
- Priyanga GOVINDARAJA (Indian)
- Subhapradha JAYAMOORTHI (Indian)
- Xinpeng LIAO (Chinese)

LEFT ON HIS/HER OWN:
- Jorge LOPEZ SANCHO (Spanish)

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 Aurovillian 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 and you may take it for contribution. Make your reservation at +91 9486145072

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

From the Working Committee: Regarding Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and travel restrictions

This is to inform the community that from 11th March onwards, France, Germany and Spain have been added to the list of countries (Italy, South Korea, Japan and Iran), for which visa are suspended if the holder has not yet entered India. Visas of all foreigners already in India remain valid. Please see at the link below for more detailed information from the Bureau of Immigration: https://boi.gov.in/content/advisory-travel-and-visa-restrictions-related-covid-19-0 . Please click here to see the latest travel advisory issued by the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, which we have posted on the Auronet.

Under the circumstances we again recommend everyone to avoid travelling abroad or travelling only for compelling reasons.

Please be aware that travel advice and health protocols are evolving and subject to change. We will do our best to keep the community updated.

Best regards, -The Working Committee

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FYI - Apple has recalled certain older MacBook Pros due to a battery defect. This applies to 15-inch devices sold between 2015 and 2017. These may not be taken on board an aircraft without first having a new battery installed, which is a service offered free by the manufacturer. In this context, Lufthansa refers to the safety directive of the European Aviation Safety Authority (EASA), which came into effect in February 2017. This prohibits the transport of defective or recalled lithium batteries. Our (Lufthansa) flight attendants receive appropriate training in how to deal with lithium batteries.

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Silent Presence Keepers - Here is an update on activity as it has developed over the last 3 years: We are a group of 10 - 15 Aurovilians and Newcomers who attend working group meetings when invited and general meetings. We are present with our attention turned inward throughout the meeting, open to the highest possible inspiration for the work or situation on hand. Once a week we meditate together in silence for the same purpose. If you are interested to learn more or join us, please contact silentpresencekeepers@auropville.org.in

Introducing: The Auroville Research Platform

We would like to introduce you to the Auroville Research Platform, an initiative that developed and established itself over the past year and a half. The research platform acts as a centralized point of contact and resource center for visiting academic researchers. Our aim is to ensure that their research undertaken in Auroville is mutually relevant and beneficial, of good quality and ethically sound, and does not repeat earlier
We are starting a project for women and girls in Auroville. Please call the Lab to make an appointment for the following timings: Mon 1-4pm, Tues 9am-1pm, Wed 1-5pm, Thurs 1-4pm, Fri 9am-1pm.

We are discussing the possibility of using a digital platform for all course providers in Auroville. As the first step for this research, we would like to know more about the course providers in and outside of Auroville. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to fill out the form here or share your thoughts on the same.

Digital Learning in Auroville - A Call for Collaboration

As we all know, the revolution of online learning systems around the world not only helps us connect with each other, but brings access to learning through digital mediums to/from wherever we are. We at Sangili would like to connect Auroville and resources working on digital learning systems. For that purpose, we are starting research to know more about Auroville units and services who offer Digital Learning Programs. We will explore the possibility of using a common platform for all course providers in Auroville.

Sangili is an up-and-coming activity of Auroville whose mission is to connect Auroville and the world. As the first step for this research, we would like to know more about the course providers in and/or outside of Auroville. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to fill out the form here or share your thoughts on the same.

Green Silk Road needs some help! Hello AV friends. As you might have known a group from Auroville called “The Green Silk Road was planning to travel overland to Europe via Iran. Because of the corona virus breakout (oops!), we cannot take that route anymore. We are exploring a different route now through Azerbaijan and Armenia. Unfortunately, we as of now do not have any contacts there. If any of you know someone from these countries please reach out to us. We need some local help in planning our travel. You can reach us on +91 9943820241 (gjjs) or thegreensilkroad@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

Special Announcements:
- New content for self-learning English & French in the Mediatheque has been carefully gathered by University Professor Monique Schlick. She will create a personalized program of study for each student. All students, present past and future, please take advantage of this unique opportunity. Please call the Lab to make an appointment for the following timings: Mon 1-4pm, Tues 9am-1pm, Wed 1-5pm, Thurs 1-4pm, Fri 9am-1pm.
- Tomatis Listening Training Session Taster every Saturday 10-11am, or 11-noon. Available to anyone and everyone! If you are feeling stressed or upset, come and have a rest, relax, and experience it for yourself!
- Our building is ecological, healthy and a model of construction to combat climate change, but – we need help to finish it! Help us by spreading this link: https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/construction-to-combat-climate-change/
- Advance notice: The Lab will be closed May 16th to 24th.

Visit our Website for more info: www.aurovilleguagealab.org. A huge and special “Thank You” to all our wonderful volunteers and teachers.

New Classes (please call the Lab beforehand to sign up):
- Milko’s 5 day intensive Esperanto starting on March 16th.
- Anadeline’s 5 hour Intensive Basics of International Sign Language (ISL) Mon to Fri 10-11am, or 5-6pm. Or Saturday 9am - 1pm.
- Saravanan’s next 10 day intensive Beginner Tamil starts March 23rd.
**LOST & FOUND**

LOST on SAT 8th - White pouch w/ Medusa in the center - It contained money, all of my cards, as well as the book, *The Mother*. If anybody finds it, please contact Bondeepa Patar @ 787-128-6893 or bondeepa1111@gmail.com.

**LOOKING FOR**

Housesitting for March & April - Hi all. My name is Nena and I work at Eco Femme. Me and my partner, Karim (gives welding classes at AIAT) are looking for a house sitting opportunity for March and April. In May we leave for the Green Silk Road with the group from AV and hope to find something affordable for the last 2 months. To get in touch, email nena@ecofemme.org or leave a message on 960-004-9250.

A housesitting gig - Namaste! My name is ‘G’ and I’ve previously been a volunteer in AV with FoodLink and now with the Sanskrit Institute. You may have read some pieces I’ve shared on N&N in the past years. I’m interested in re-starting my newcomer process to join and contribute to the Auroville community and am looking for a place to housesit for the summer, or even longer, until a home somewhere in AV becomes available for investment and permanent residence. I am interested in conscious, healthy, and meditative living. Available to move in as soon as possible. Financial and caretaking help is being offered. A large home in a quiet place would be ideal. Contact me and I’ll explain :)Love and light, -G

Photographer - I’m looking for a photographer to take a series of pictures of my zero waste lifestyle at home, to use during my talks and on social media. It’d be a small and short work. Contact: sattvig@gmail.com; 840-799-7970

**AVAILABLE**

Office space 36m2 available at Rêve Compound. Call 944-336-2291

Hero electric bicycle - only 1 month old and very reliable. If interested, praveen@auroville.org.in or 9843582182

A brand new cooktop - 4 burners, 60cm, low gas consumption.

Aqua Dyn Water filter, export model, 2 years old, serviced regularly, water tested regularly. Very good condition. Also a single size mattress. Both available for contribution.

FMi: contact: cjani4@gmail.com

1.5 Year Old Gaming PC - 15 gen, 1050ti OC - I am not into gaming anymore so would like to find someone who will use it to its best potential. Make me a reasonable offer. Phone: 7598394821 email: ednuxuriel@gmail.com, Eden Ureil

Good amma - I have a very good amma, Kumari. She has a nice personality and is looking for work on Wed & Sat afternoons. She lives in Alankuppam and currently works in Vikas & Sanjana. Contact: Helene 262-3011, 96558-57735.

Amma available - every afternoon except Wed and Mon/Wed AM. Excellent English. Amudha, 948-775-9067. You can contact Swaha US or Jean-Louis in Maitreye for a reference.

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

HR Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers who are looking for suitable work to find it, and to help Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions to find the right individuals to step in.

Customer Care / Graphic Design (AV Online Shop)

You are a graphic designer with fluent English who has good communication skills and will take care of our customers. You update our website and have an interest in the technical aspects of this work. Full-time, maintenance provided.

System administrator

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

**And other positions (please inquire about details):**

- System Administrator
- Project Management
- Customer Care / Graphic Design
- Graphic Designer (volunteer)
- Social Media Manager (part time)
- Volunteer for Women Empowerment Project
- Farm Development and Support
- Teacher (Mechanical Engineering)
- Chief Operating Officer
- Sales Shop and Production Assistant
- Volunteer for Film Scanning
- Experienced Gardener
- Educational Facilitator and Program Coordinator with Eco Femme
- Dental Assistant
- Administration and production Supervision

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. If you are searching for work: fill in this form. Thank you. – HR Initiative

hr_hub@auroville.org.in

Violin for children, size 3/4, almost new. 984-319-1370, niva@auroville.org.in

Well maintained bicycle for an 8-9 year old. BTWIN poppy-300. Used only 1 year. 9843191370, niva@auroville.org.in

Lovely Ampere E-scooter (2012), currently without battery (one for 20,000,00 INR battery can last up to 3 yrs with daily use: approx 550,00 INR per month). We plan to give it away and request a once to twice weekly use, thus: resource sharing, yeah! Be the first to contact: Ulrike Urvasi, ulirikrishna@gmail.com, 944-206-9249 (sms or calls, NO WA!)

Big Single Wooden BED - with back and foot rest. It is waiting for you in Sanjana. Thank you for contacting Ulrike Urvasi and Druid 9442069249 (sms) 9626561256 (whats app).

Royal Enfield Classic 350 Bullet, black. 1 year old, in very good condition with 5 year insurance. Single user, only 2000 kms. Please contact Naveen - 9786268939.

Portable Air Conditioner - 12000BTU, Model: KY-328; Voltage, frequency phase: 220-240VAC, 50Hz; Cooling input current: 5.4 A; Heating input: 4.2A; Sound Pressure Level: <49dB(A), Net Weight: 32Kg. Contact us @dynamis@auroville.org.in

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Note: All text is in English.
These are the latest programs published by Auroville Radio:

- Ela Re concert at Yc - On the fifth day of Endangered Craft Mela week a nice concert was held by Shalini, Lisa, Marius & company on the main stage of Youth Center.
- Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi (en Français) - 319 - Chaque semaine Gangalakshmi sélectionne un extrait des œuvres de Sri Aurobindo et de Mère en accord avec les vibrations qui correspondent à l’histoire d’Auroville. Weekly selections of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother by Gangalakshmi in French.
- AVI Presentation: The Bridge and Suryamayi’s thesis summary - During Auroville International General Meeting in Unity pavilion Suryamayi presented The Bridge project and a summary of her University thesis.
- Loretta journey 1 talk Unity pav - Today we start our inner journeys to the soul and to the soul of the world. Our soul is the center of our subtle being, in the heart chakra. [...] The journey to the soul of the world is the story of Sri Aurobindo’s yogic experiences and realizations.
- Rare mystical verses by Shruthi Vishwanath
- On 26th February during the Endangered Craft Mela week in Youth center a beautiful concert was held by Shruti Vishwanath. The concert celebrates rare works of mystic poetry from across the Indian subcontinent.
- Integral water on air - an introduction to this new radio program - Let’s discover water in Auroville and Auroville through the water!
- Auroville Choir 2020 - The Auroville Choir concerts were held in Cripa last 8th and 9th February. In this Programme you can listen to the full song list of the second concert

You can listen to all of the programs and more on www.aurovilleradio.org

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A Happy Tale: Hailing Honesty and Integrity

On 29th February evening, A Vasanthi (working full time at Shradhanjali and doing evening work at Dreamers Café, since her family needs the extra income), found a leather wallet in the parking area of Visitors Center as she was leaving work. The wallet contained some cash and all the identity papers of the owner, including his credit card. Even though an onlooker told her they should just keep the cash and throw away the wallet, she disagreed and brought the wallet to Shradhanjali on Monday, so that we could trace the owner and return the wallet. The wallet was couriered to the home address of the owner, since no phone # could be found despite all efforts. But finally, thanks to an announcement in the Auroville News, the relieved and grateful owner was contacted and he could thank Vasanthi in person.

In these times of general degradation, when such behavior is a shining exception rather than the norm, we wanted to publicly pay tribute to the actions of this lady (and her husband and children who supported her action at home), who maintained a high standard of integrity despite her difficult situation.

- Abha, Shradhanjali

This AND That -

"At last a place where nothing will have the right to impose itself as the exclusive truth", wrote Mother in February 1968 about Auroville. And already in December 1966, she wrote: "As long as you are FOR some and AGAINST others, you are necessarily OUTSIDE THE TRUTH. You should constantly keep good will and love in your heart and let them pour out on all with tranquility and equality."

The only Truth we are here to serve is the Supramental one, that is, the Total Truth, out of which from the lower, Mental level, each of us can see only this or that fragment, partial truths having each its validity, but to a certain extent only. In the Total Truth each one must be completed and balanced by the opposite truth, otherwise, if imposed as an exclusive truth, it becomes on the contrary a dangerous falsehood, because too rigid and extreme.

Auroville is there to live and show to the world all the DIVERSITY of options that must be there, all of them available FOR ALL to choose freely from, according to their real needs and preferences as individuals. I like and respect and use both TP5S and PTDc, each for their specific way of providing, in the best way they can, the other Aurovillans and ourselves with the kind of “FOR ALL” they believe the Mother wanted in Auroville. I do see the mistakes and positive points in each, but that doesn’t justify that one of them should attack the other one, believing itself to be the only true solution. Not just one of the two legal options, each of them extreme, presented by the FAMC, should be possible in a place like Auroville, but many different intermediate arrangements allowing for maximum covering of the very diverse needs of all. This is what the FAMC, it seems to me, should create legal ways to do. Auroville must be able to show that the Mental Truth says "this, OR that", but the Supramental Truth says "this, AND that", so that the diversity of results makes them truly “FOR ALL".

- Submitted by Bhaga

An Appeal

I write this letter with some urgency because in five days I return to the U.S. for a stay of four months.

Yesterday Selvam took me to an area where a very large experimental lake is planned and I saw beautiful trees such as Guaicacum officinale and Peltophorum that are “in the way” of the lake and it is planned to remove them or ‘transplant’ them. It has dealt a serious blow to me and to all who love and have a sensitivity towards plants and flowers and the beauty of the earth. These trees were planted by us nearly 45 years ago and are now expressing in delight their prime beauty. Last year two (or more) suffered transplanting and died and no one even wrote to me asking how to properly transplant a tree! Now someone has even exposed the feeder roots of one of the trees. These roots that supply the water and nutrients to the entire tree can die in one minute when exposed to the air. It is tantamount to holding a fish out of water.

Do not allow these trees to be sacrificed by uncaring souls. One does not transplant trees and hope that they will survive. Do not allow these trees to be sacrificed by uncaring souls.

An ancient wood

Small warm wind
Brings them close
Summer’s preasage.

~Anandi-a

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Morning birds
New birds
An ancient wood
Small warm wind
Brings them close
Summer’s preasage.

~Anandi-a
continue to grow and shed their beauty and joy upon us. Transplanting will certainly kill them and since Mother gave me the work of building the Matrimandir Gardens I personally cannot allow this. I ask all Aurovilians to protest this violence, to prevent this from happening, to gather in peace and silence and prohibit this destruction.

Here are some words of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother:

“The movement of love is not limited to human beings and it is perhaps less distorted in other worlds than in the human.

Look at the flowers and trees. When the sun sets and all becomes silent, sit down for a moment and put yourself into communion with Nature: you will feel rising from the earth, from below the roots of the trees and mounting upward and coursing through their fibres up to the highest outstretching branches, the aspiration of an intense love and longing,—a longing for something that brings light and gives happiness, for the light that is gone and they wish to have back again. There is a yearning so pure and intense that if you can feel the movement in the trees, your own being too will go up in an ardent prayer for the peace and light and love that are unmanifested here.”

“The trees rise towards the sky, beautiful symbol of Nature’s aspiration towards the light.”

Why do plants fall ill and what can we do to help them?

“When man does not meddle, the illness of plants seems to be accidental. But man's action has upset the life of plants, even as that of animals, of course.”

One time a few small the branches of the Service Tree that shades the Samadhi were hanging a bit low and the gardeners wanted to cut them. I appealed and Mother wrote, "They must learn to bow". The branches were cut anyway.

“The only thing I insist upon is care, gentleness, consideration as you would have for a living being—for plants are living and they feel and suffer.”

“The plants are very psychic, but they can express it only by silence and beauty.

I could continue with much more but hopefully this will be enough to awaken all to the sacredness of earth and the beauty of its trees and flowers.

At the Service of Truth, and with my love and prayers, At Their Feet, ~ Narad

MATRIMANDIR

The 12 Gardens and the 800 Flowers

- Pavel Bogdanovich.

The Wealth Garden

Along with powers, there are a multitude of objects and formations of various kinds with their abundant potentials in the Universe. They can be called Wealth: “...in all domains and all activities, intellectual, psychological, material, in feeling and action”.

As all kinds of wealth initially come from the Divine, the true way of its moving is returning to its true possessor, the Divine, by being offered or placed at the service of the Divine:

Wealth

“True wealth is the wealth that one offers to the Divine”

Wealth is overall an integral part, an aspect of the universal environment. Particularly, wealth can concentrate - in this case, it is called riches.
Abundance sub-garden

Values sub-garden (4 flowers)

Marvels sub-garden (2 flowers)

Generosity sub-garden (7 flowers)

Relations with other gardens - Wealth garden has a few links, for example, with “Conversion” sub-garden of Light garden (as “First movement of riches towards the Divine” flower is “The sure sign of conversion”); and with “Joy” sub-garden of Bliss garden (as “Psychic generosity” flower “Gives for the joy of giving”).

Flowers’ geometry - “Wealth” petals are long and spread far into the surrounding wealth, above abundant water environment. “Riches” petals are shorter, flowers are concentrated close to each other and protected by thorns, as they are surrounded by lack of wealth - desert environment.

For “Abundance”, it seems, is hard to contain so much of abundance, and so it looks a bit shapeless: “All at once Nature gives much to us and we have the joy of abundance”.

“Prosperity” flower shape reflects sufficiency: “Remains only with him who offers it to the Divine”.

“Multitude” (coconut palm) is numerous: “Gives itself freely and satisfies innumerable needs”.

“Gold” has quite simple curve of its shape, reminding some of jewelry items. “Should only be used in the service of the Divine”.

The shape of “Order” is straight, exact and clear: “To put a thing in its place gives its true value”, “An apparently insignificant thing takes on its full value when put in its true place”.

The petals of “Generosity” show us, how much it gives: “Gives and gives itself without bargaining”.

Analysis of the garden’s geometry - Although “Wealth” and “Riches” are both the main flowers of the garden and it is technically possible to place them next to each other, it would be more organically - in many senses - to place them separately. As usual, the true garden’s geometry reflects the relations between sub-gardens and so can be revealed by their observation.

“Wealth” is the main sub-garden; however, it is not a center, but an environment. Therefore, it can fully or at least partly encircle all other sub-gardens. Another option is to place it closer to the Matrimandir globe, as the lilies are the shortest plants of the garden.
March 16, International Zone, 4:00pm
“Rainwater Catchment in the International Zone”
Have you ever wondered about why there is water in the pond just opposite the Visitor Center parking, when all other ponds seem to have dried up? Have you ever visited the Bharat Nivas campus on a rainy day and considered where all that water was flowing? Join Kireet on a walk through the International Zone to learn about his rainwater catchment work there. Talk given by: Gerard Jak (Kireet, Gaia’s Garden) has been involved in rainwater harvesting since 1998 by building check dams, bunds and landscaping in Auroville and its bioregion. (Please meet at big pond near VC parking.)

March 23, Pitchandikulam Ecodorm, 3:30-6:00pm
“Envisioning a Blue-Green Auroville” - On the occasion of World Water Day (March 22), join us for an afternoon of presentations on envisioning a blue (water) and green (vegetation) Auroville, from bioregional, peri-urban forest and farm perspectives. Listen to an array of Aurovilians with extensive experience working in these areas share their visions, followed by a panel discussion that will explore next steps/actions to move toward actualizing a blue-green Auroville.

March 30th, Darkali, 3:00pm -
“Exploring Water Works at Darkali”

Get Ready for Auroville Earth Day 2020!
The Earth Day team is preparing an event for April 22, 2020. The plan is to designate a zone (between Town Hall, Gaia and Transition), and encourage residents and visitors to enter without petrol vehicles. There will be an exhibition space in that zone for services, units and individuals who wish to present their work and projects around environmental and mobility issues. And of course there will be lots of space to play safely on the road! Get in touch with Matt or Gijs to know more: matthieu@auroville.org.in; gijs@auroville.org.in

Water Words: Do you harvest rainwater from your building? - While not yet ubiquitous in Auroville architecture, there are a few examples of rainwater harvesting techniques scattered throughout Auroville. To the best of our knowledge, no one has assembled a list of them, but we’re going to try. If you harvest rainwater from rooftops or other built surfaces, please tell us about it. Write an email to watergroup@auroville.org.in and share details, such as the storage capacity and potentially the cost per cubic meter of storage. Also let us know if we can share this information with the community or if you prefer to keep it quiet. Even if you only have a small water catchment system from your courtyard, please let us know it’s happening! - Water Group (Tom, Tency, Satprem, Ing-Marie, Giulio, Evgenia, Eric, Chacra) watergroup@auroville.org.in, www.aurovillewater.in

Water Talks: March 2020
Let’s talk about water! Each Monday in the month of March, a member of the Auroville community will dive into one aspect of water in an engaging presentation or site visit. This year’s theme is “Celebrating Those In the Field,” and focuses on people who work with water on a daily basis. Please see the schedule below and join us! All talks/walks are free of cost, but if you would like to support the on-going work of the Water Group, our FS# is 252000. Thank you! Water Group (www.aurovillewater.in)

P.S. Hope you have learned something interesting about Power!

Green column
Can the virus make Green go viral? - Besides health impact the Covid19 epidemic has economic consequences which in turn affect ecology. At the same time it can be seen as a symptom of our unnatural way of life. This virus is zoonotic. meaning it jumps from animals to humans. All pandemics the world has seen so far were zoonotic. Spanish Flu (1918) had as host animal a waterfowl and caused 50 million deaths. The host of the Asian flu (1957, 1.5 million deaths) was the pig as that of the Swine Flu (2009, 575.000 deaths).

Virus transference is happening because of our dystopian relationship with the natural world. We are growing our food in ways that favor disease growth. Industrial farms, vertically integrated, are fast becoming the sources of contagion. This breaking of the boundaries between animal and human habitats will lead to more such outbreaks.

Researchers recently found 33 viruses trapped in a Tibetan Glacier, out of these 28 were completely new to science and all of them had the potential to cause an outbreak, as ice melts viruses are being released in the air. A rapidly urbanizing world is destroying natural habitat, which further exposes us to a host of viruses for which we have no immunity.

The closing of factories and reduction in travel has slowed down economic activity, which means less carbon emissions and pollution. Experts say that greenhouse gas emissions in China, the world’s largest current contributor to climate change, are down 25 percent in recent weeks.

“The only time we see emissions significantly reduce is when countries – or the globe – goes into recession,” says Jon Erickson, an ecological economist at the University of Vermont in an interview with DW". “These moments really point to how intimately greenhouse gas emissions are tied to economic growth”. While recessions are good for the climate, they’re terrible for people — particularly those who already benefit least from our fossil-fuel economies. Among the hardest hit by China’s coronavirus response are low-wage migrant workers already living precarious lives. “If we truly treat climate as an emergency, as we are treating this pandemic as an emergency, we have to have a similar level of international coordination,” Erickson says, starting with rapid scaling-back of fossil fuel investments. Last time a big disease hit China the...
dip was quickly compensated by higher production and state investment in construction and heavy industry. But what would be long term shifts that could be sustained after the crisis and help green the economy? Here are a few:

- **Reshoring**/localization: depend less on far flung places for manufacturing and services. This trend often coincides with intense mechanization, replacing labor with technology - which leaves questions about social costs of unemployment. Many say this would require a Universal Basic Income.

- **Dematerialization**: shifting from use of virgin materials to upcycled materials.

- **Clean energy**: switch from fossil to wind, solar and geothermal power.

- **Travel less**: International organizations are using the crisis to learn about teleconference tools and move large events online.

- And if we are interested in avoiding the next zoonotic pandemic, this would require an end to factory farming and to trade in wildlife.

**Sources:** Deutsche Welle/ Down to Earth/ Sunita Narain/medRxiv/ WHO

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**Sunday walk**

15th of March, 8:30 AM - Buddha Garden w/ Priya  
Contact 94432 22633

Buddha s garden’s concept is to welcome volunteers and teach them hands-on know-how in organic gardening, while also to host research students studying sustainable farm practices. Buddha Garden produces organic food for Auroville and offers weekly work visits. You will visit the **Garden of the Unseen**. To get a taste of Buddha Garden see their website [www.buddhagarden.org](http://www.buddhagarden.org) and watch their videos.

**How to get there:**

From Visitor’s Center, 10 minutes cycling. Follow the outbound road, take a left on the T-junction; follow the tar road toward Edyanchavadi village. After a large pond, turn right and follow the signs on the path that runs in front of a small temple and through the gate, continue down the path till you can’t go any further and voila there’s Buddha Garden! Do bring sun protection and drinking water.

**Sunday, 22nd March, 10AM - Siddhartha Farm**  
/w Herbert - contact 948 886 6332

Siddhartha Farm is located in the traditional rice growing area surrounding the Irumbai Tank, an important ancient eiry. i.e. water storage body that normally gets filled with the monsoon rains and provides water for farming during the dry season. Siddhartha Farm grows mostly rice, sugar cane and black gram, in rotation with other crops such as green gram, groundnut, sesame, millets and dhal. The Farm makes use of renewable energies (solar, biogas) and processes some of its crops, such as sugarcane into jaggery as well as cashews and groundnuts for use in Auroville.

**Directions:** From Visitors Center, 25 minutes cycling. Follow the outbound road, take a right on the T-junction; follow the tar road till you reach Kottakarai village. Then take a sharp left and follow the road in the direction of Edyanchavadi village. You will pass a small temple on your left; continue until you see the large Irumbai Ishwaran temple on your right. In front of the temple is the meeting point with Herbert and the start of your walk.

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**Back to Roots - Edible Weeds Exploration**  
/w the Coloring Book  
Friday, 20th March  
7:30 AM @ the Botanical Gardens (Second gate - please enter, park, and wait)  
Duration: 1 to 1.5hrs

It is important that as a basic skill for climate change adaptation, we start recognizing the naturally growing weedy herbs around us and their usage.

Come and join Nina to discover and learn to recognize the fresh, edible weedy herbs that are featured in the coloring book “Edible Weeds and Naturally Growing Plants in Auroville”

**What to Bring:** - Essentials: Each carry your copy of the Edible Weeds coloring book. You can take notes in them. The book is available at Auroville bookstores (@the Visitors’ Center or Freeland Bookstore) and for Aurovilians/ Newcomers from Arun at the SAIER office. **Recommended:** Pen/Pencil, comfortable clothing and footwear, drinking water, hat, and mosquito repellent if needed.

**Contact / Registration:** Archana Saraf  
[backtoroots@auroville.org.in](mailto:backtoroots@auroville.org.in) +91 862-895-5394 (WA)

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**Going Zero Waste**

**5 PM | Friday, March 20th**  
**At Pavilion of Tibetan Culture**

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**MOBILITY IN AUROVILLE**

**GO GREEN WITH KINISI**

If you want to enjoy silent, emission-less and dust-free independent mobility while in Auroville, you can rent very good electric bicycles at KINISI. They have reasonable prices, degressive according to the length of your rental period. Please reserve well in advance to make sure you have one for your entire stay. You can book online at [http://kinisi.in](http://kinisi.in) or call +91 8300460679 / +91 8300460680 / +91 4132622277.

They are located inside the CSR gate, a 10 minute-walk from Town Hall. Open from Monday to Saturday from 9:30 to 12:30 and from 2:00-4:30pm. Thank you for choosing sustainable mobility while in Auroville!
City Transport Shuttle Service
Quick "Pick up and Drop" Shuttle Service within the city area or nearby, free of charge, operating with 2 EV vehicles - quiet electric 7 passenger vans.
Where: from Visitors Centre Main Gate or on call.
When: daily 9.30am to 6.00pm.
How: call landline (best) 0413-262-2611 or 9487650951 (driver).

Bicycle Rental @ Visitors Centre
9.00am - 5.30pm; Available from the Kiosk, near Dreamer’s Café.
Daily/Weekly/Monthly rates - ph: 0413-262-3034

Cycle Kiosk, Solar Kitchen area - Mon-Sat, 9AM-4:30 PM
Where: Opposite PTDC/Foodlink/Solar Kitchen
How: drop in
We are happy to help you with puncture repairs, part replacements, minor fine-tuning, as well as full refurbishments - even repainting! Free air! too
We are also happy to receive any donation of unwanted or underused cycles, which we can fix up and find new homes for. If you have a cycle that you would like serviced, or one to donate, but you find it difficult to get it to the Cycle Kiosk then call me and we will arrange to pick it up. Happy Cycling!
- Chris, +91 89401 15240

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We are open from 9AM to 5PM. You can also write to us - its@auroville.org.in or call us on any of these numbers: +91 8098776644 | +91 9442566256 | 0413 403 6913

eRickshaw for Community Transport
ITS has recently added an eRickshaw to our collective mobility fleet. It is currently being used for pickup/drop services, delivery services and packing and moving services. To know more please visit us at our office.

What we can do for you at ITS
➢ Electric scooter rentals
➢ Scooter purchase services
➢ Local pick up/drop services
➢ Shared taxi services
➢ Vehicle repairs & maintenance
➢ Courier/delivery services
➢ Charge your EVs

To donate, but you find it difficult to get it to the Cycle Kiosk then call me and we will arrange to pick it up. Happy Cycling!

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Explorations with Sun Cooked Food!
Saturday, 14th March, 2020
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Travel
Latest News from the Inside India -
We are located at Kalpana office 2 (Opposite to Library)
Our New Whatsapp indiaindia: 892-495-3783
Please every one check with us in advance regarding changed flight schedules of airlines. Now many airlines have or will change their flight schedules and offer re-booking under various conditions. If you require assistance please bring your flight ticket, passport and, if you booked online using your credit card, bring that also.

Information you can also find at: https://pandemic.internationalos.com/2019-ncov/ncov-travel-restrictions-flight-operations-and-screening
Insurance: We highly recommend to carry Travel Insurance for all foreign travels.

Visa: We assist to obtain Visa’s for all individuals who require one for their foreign travel.
International Flight Ticket and Hotel bookings:
2622078, travelshop@auroville.org.in
Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Visa / Travel Insurance - 2623030, domestic@inside-india.com
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Electric scooter rentals: Try out our exciting new electric scooters that promote quiet and sustainable mobility in Auroville
Scooter purchase services: ITS can help you with access to the best electric scooters in the market for your long term needs.
Local pick up/drop services: Need a ride to ECR, Kuyilapalayam, Pondy or anywhere in Auroville? ITS has the sustainable solution through our range of electric Rickshaws and scooters.
Shared taxi services: Shared Transport Service (STS) is now ITS. Share a taxi, save money and the environment.
Vehicle repairs & maintenance: Tired of travelling all the way to Pondy to get your electric vehicle fixed? Now bring your e-vehicle to the ITS workshop opposite Solar Kitchen.
Courier/delivery services: Need something to be picked up or dropped off? A parcel, groceries, a cheque…? Let ITS do it for you.
Courier drops from Amazon and other e-tailers: If you are tired of giving directions to delivery guys, you can get your couriers dropped off at ITS and pick it up from here or we can drop off if at your house.
Charge your EVs: We have plenty of charging points so please feel free to charge your electric vehicles at ITS main office (opposite Solar Kitchen), the Town Hall, Ganesh Bakery, the Tibetan Pavilion and Tanto’s near Kuyilapalayam.

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Saturday, 21st March, 10am - 1pm
Edible weeds & locally grown veggies
Come, experience, and get inspired to include edible wild greens or weeds growing abundantly around us in Auroville in your everyday meal with Archana, Sangeetha, and Nina. All food will be vegan and made out of local organic ingredients from Auroville, without any addition of refined flour or white sugar.

Both events at Evergreen Forest Kitchen
Registration: Compulsory  Participants: Maximum 10
Contribution: Voluntary (Contribution helps us to cover the costs and also host similar workshops in future). Register soon, and come on time. Registration: Archana Saraf; email: backtrootots@auroville.org.in, WhatsApp +91 8628 955 394

TALKS

The restoration of the Caledonian Forest in the Highlands of Scotland
Monday, 16th March, 7PM in the Unity Pavilion
By the late 20th century, the Caledonian Forest had been reduced to 1% of its former area and the remaining isolated fragments consisted only of old trees, dying without being replaced because of overgrazing by deer. Gone with the trees were most of the large mammals and urgent action was required to return the forest remnants to ecological health. Superbly illustrated, this presentation will tell the exciting story of how the regeneration of the forest is now well underway.

Alan is an inspirational speaker, eco-gist and ure photographer, and in 1986 he founded the award-winning Scottish charity, Trees for Life, which he led for 30 years and which has planted over 1.5 million trees to restore the Caledonian Forest in Scotland. He has lived in the Findhorn community since 1978, and was a Trustee of the community for 8 years. He’s currently working on a photographic book about the endangered Araucaria (monkey puzzle tree) forests of the Andes in South America.

FMI: Peter Lloyd ptllloyd65@gmail.com; 91 7598911669

Flu Prevention
Demonstration using local herbs.
Tuesday March 24th, 10 to 11am
Martuvam Healing Forest
Annainagar, Next to Ritam.
Open to Aurovillians, Newcomers, Volunteers and Guests.

Even if the Corona virus is not a major threat for Auroville, there are other seasonal flues in Tamil Nadu. Since prevention is the best medicine, you are invited to a free demonstration on how to make your own remedies using locally available herbs to strengthen your immune system. Contact: 9345454232 or martuvam@auroville.org.in.

GOING ZERO WASTE - 20th March 5pm (See poster in Green Matters section)
CULTURAL EVENTS

Program of the Auroville Art Camp 2020

The art camp will take place from March 21st till March 27th at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. On the 28th, there will be an exhibition at Centre d’Art to display the artworks done during the week on the theme “The city of Dawn”. There will be a talk by Deepti, open to public, for the opening of the art camp, on the 21st at the Pavilion of Tibetan culture. For those who wish to see the artists at work, we have planned open doors during 3 afternoons. As last year, Schools of Auroville have been invited to bring their students on specific days and timings. Please find below the dates and times for the public events. Thank you to all of those who contribute to make this art camp a dream come true.

With Gratitude, The Auroville Art Camp team.

OPENING:
Sat. March 21st, 9 AM @ Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, 9:30 - 10:30 Talk by Deepti
“The pathways of the morning star” - an exploration. Art as a search for the mystic fire.

Sun. March 22nd, 14:00 to 17:00
COLLECTIVE ART @ Visitors Centre - Collective art installation by the artists of the art camp on the path from Visitors Centre towards the Matrimandir view point.

Open Doors: Tue. March 24th, Wed. 25th and Thu. 26th 15:00 to 17:00 @ the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture
Artists at work

CLOSING: Sat. March 28th @ Centre d’Art
16:30 Opening of the exhibition “THE CITY OF DAWN”
16:30 to 19:00 Live Music with Éla Re! and Choir with Auroville Harmonies, conducted by Antoine

The Miracle
Auroville’s new coloring book by Nathalie
Saturday 14th March
3:30 to 4:30 PM
@ the Botanical Garden

Come and join us for story reading, coloring, juice and biscuits and adventures in the gardens.
All are welcome

The Auroville Harmonies - Women’s Choir & Friends
“Singing the World”
Conducted by Antoine
20 March (Friday) 8pm
22 March (Sunday) 6pm
@ cripa studio, Kalabhumj

Day of Mindfulness w/ Jass
Saturday, March 14th, 10 to 4pm
(opposite Center Guest House)

Mindfulness is the art of opening up to the present moment, embracing all that is alive within us and around us. It enables us to enjoy life deeply and cope with life's challenges in a skillful way. It helps us to stop and slow down, understand the deeper meaning of things and align ourselves with our true aspirations. We will do different mindfulness practices inspired by the style of Vietnamese monk Thich Nhat Hanh. During this afternoon we will explore some basic mindfulness exercises together and connect as a group. The program will be as follows:

10.00: Welcoming & Tea
10.30: Sitting meditation
11.30: Tea break
12.00: Walking Meditation
12.30: Mindful Vietnamese lunch (Offered by Emiko)
13.30: Rest
14.00: Sharing circle (‘Dharma sharing’)
15.00: Tea meditation and festive ending
(‘Be-in’, opportunity to share songs, poems, music etc.)
Chinese Tea Meditation w/ Jass
Saturday, March 21st, 10 - 11 am
Tea is an ancient drink that has been hailed for its beneficial effects for ages. The story goes that centuries ago some monks threw these leaves in a pot of hot water and discovered that after drinking the infusion they could meditate much better! And so tea and meditation have always been intertwined. In this session you will explore the traditional Chinese way of serving tea, 'Gong Fu Cha', drinking quality Chinese tea in a silent and mindful manner. We will drink a few rounds of cups together, meanwhile opening all our senses to the subtle fragrances of the tea and feeling our body and mind change cup after cup. After about 45 minutes of silence, there will be space for a short sharing and questions. Do not miss this unique opportunity to discover ‘Cha Dao’, the way of tea. This activity does not require advance registration (yet it is better to let us know), it is on donation basis and it is suitable for both complete beginners and tea connoisseurs. If you need more information and register, you can contact directly Jass by phone or Whatsapp (+91 73394594252) 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 www.facebook.com/joyauroville.

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TAMIL FOR EVERYONE
- Ten Hour Intensive Class
17 March to 21 April (Tuesday & Friday, 4.30-5.30)
SAIER (1st floor meeting room)

Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers Welcome!
Tamil is the language of the Bioregion and it is one of the languages of Auroville specified by The Mother. It is important that we all should have familiarity with Tamil as much as possible. Please contact: chitrab@auroville.org.in Thank you.

Note: If you are ready to attend all the classes please apply otherwise please give the space who are really interested.

“Dance Auroville Dance” w/ Bala & Martha
Sunday, 15th March 3 - 6 pm
After a successful full house session last time, we bring you one more chance to explore some playful Bollywood dance moves & enjoy a belly dance session. We will provide belly dance belt & scarf to bring in the fun to the session. Bala & Martha were learning Bollywood dancing in Chennai and now they are joining hands to bring this intensive to Auroville. Registration required. 50% discount volunteers. To register - balaganesh.siva@gmail.com

200 hr yoga alliance -international certified TTC intensive
22nd March (Sunday) to 12 April (Sunday) - 6:30 am to 6:30 pm (every day except Sundays)

3 weeks intensive to learn the basic tools about various asanas, pranayama, meditation, yoga philosophy, anatomy and more. We will help you to learn about sequencing, corrections in asanas which gives you confidence to work towards your own unique expression of yoga as you evolve in your practice. ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED balaganesh.siva@gmail.com or contact@auromodeyogaspace.com. Website - auromodeyogaspace.com, www.balayoga.in

FAMILY CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP w/ Moghan
SAT 21st March, 9 am - 6 pm @ CREATIVITY Hall of Light
Contact: moghan@auroville.org.in; ph 975-111-0486

Create your Vision Board (2 day workshop)
Thursday, 19th March, 9.30 - 12.30
& Friday, 20th March, 9 - 11
@ the Butterfly Barn in Sve-dame

Creating Visual presentation of your deeper longings, your intentions and commitments.

Like a Mantra, a vision board serves as a reminder to keep us focused on our true north - why we are here, what is our unique contribution into this tapestry of life... The topic is unique to each individual. This can be clear before you arrive, or it will emerge in self-inquiry at the beginning of the process. It can be as wide as life I commit/long to be part of, or more specific like health, work, relationships, community, justice, celebrations. Dariya has been working as teacher /therapist /facilitator of groups and individuals for about 20 years, providing spaces where deeper balance and connections occur. Creative expression is one of the tools explored. To register: +91 978-665-8967

Hormonal Yoga for Women (4 classes)
Mon -Thurs, 16th -19th March, 8.30 -9.45 AM
@ Arka Multipurpose Hall - 1st floor

For those who don’t know about Hormonal yoga, it is a natural treatment, combining postures, movements and breathing techniques from different yoga styles, which reactivate hormone production in a natural way and eliminates most symptoms of hormone problems (menopause and others). As it increases estradiol level, it also helps in the prevention of cardiovascular diseases and osteoporosis. With energetic exercises of dynamic yoga, specific pranayamas and Tibetan energy techniques, Hormonal Yoga Therapy acts directly on the hypothysis, thyroid, ovaries and adrenal glands.

Please contact Brigitte by email Brigitte@auroville.org.in or by cellphone:9443283980. All are welcome. For more info about the technique: https://www.dinahrodrigues.com.br

www.quiethealingcenter.info / quiet@auroville.org.in
+91 413 2622329 / +91 9488084966 (mobile)

Somatic Movement - 16th & 17th March, 9.30 am - 5.00 pm
w/ Maggie. Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements. It is a gentle, easy and effective way to help you manage chronic and acute pain. Other benefits include more ease in the body, better posture and deep relaxation. It teaches you to recognize, release and reverse chronic pain patterns resulting from injury, stress, or habituated postures.

We will begin with a short introduction - what Somatics is, why it’s unique and how it works, and then experience a variety of fun, easy and gentle movements designed to help you create a deeper sense of awareness as to the places where you hold tension in your body. At the end of the course there will be time for questions and a review of specific movements which can be practiced at home. Handouts of the home practice will be given. No previous experience required!

Open Heart-Space Meditation Workshop
21 - 22 March (9.30 am - 12.30 pm), w/ Samrat

Open Heart-Space Meditation is a simple practice of becoming aware of the reality as it is without judgment, interpretation or reaction, and settling into its vast, luminous expanse. We learn to embrace and let go of each experience as it arises and
subsides. Eventually, the mind falls silent and sinks into the open heart-space, a doorway to oneness, where the inner and outer worlds meet and merge. We use practices from insight meditation and various spiritual traditions to help dissolve habitual patterns of closing ourselves from the reality that is ever-present in each moment. The key pointers during this workshop will be dropping our identities and opening to an embrace of awareness and love. No previous experience required!

Niramaya Ayurvedic Massage Course w/ Dr. Shankar
23rd-28th March, 9.00 AM - 4.00 PM

Dr. Shankar developed this unique “Niramaya” Ayurvedic therapeutic massage technique, using the traditional concepts of Ayurvedic massage and marma (vital points) therapy in combination with modern anatomy and physiology. A hands-on approach is used to learn this innovative massage, which rejuvenates the client and, at the same time, takes care of the well-being of the therapist. You will also learn to control your breathing before, during and after the massage, to protect yourself from negative energies, and to become a receptive channel for transferring positive healing energies to your client. In addition, you will be introduced to the basic principles of Ayurveda as well as anatomy, physiology, yoga, meditation, and breathing.

Hailing from a traditional Ayurvedic doctors family, Dr. Shankar is a gifted 5th-generation doctor, who has been teaching in Asia and Europe. He also heads “Ayurtoday”, an Ayurvedic therapy centre in Guruvayur, Kerala.

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Water & Dance - 24 & 25 March (9 am - 6 pm)
w/Dariya and Daniel

A 2-day celebration for ALL lovers of movement and flow. We will playfully explore and express ourselves through movement and dance on land and in warm water, on our own, with partners and in group. From self-connection to allowing movements to emerge, no one deciding where to go, the doors open for non-verbal communication and deep sharing...

Connecting on land to our deeper longings, we give the body permission to find its own way of expression and possibly contacting others. Warm water with its sense of weightlessness and fluidity invites us to let go and experiment with our own organic and fluid way of movement. Let’s celebrate this journey together! No previous experience required!

Registration required for the following intensives. Please contact Verite @ 0413 2622045, 2622606, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in

Pranayama and Chakras Harmonization
Friday, 20th March, 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
w/Lakshmi

Pranayama is the conscious awareness of the breath, the “life force” that will help to improve concentration, perception, health, peace and self-confidence. Experiencing Pranayama breathing techniques you will discover the potential of your breath. Combined with vibrational sound we will restore and harmonize the natural flow of energy across the chakras system.

YOGA NIDRA & BREATHWORK - w/ NIKHIL
Saturday 21st March, 2 to 4.30 PM

A simple but profound guided meditation technique for Deep Relaxation. A “scan” of the entire body, with suggestions to relax the muscles and naturally release any pent-up emotion. This helps you to feel replenished and refreshed, as if hitting that “restart button” within!

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We offer healing and transformation for all body - mind - soul connects, from the most physical, to psychiatric issues, to questions about the spiritual path. Our Therapists are Aurovilians sharing their journey in integral yoga in their healing modality. JIVA is growing to a team of 8 therapists, teachers and workshop facilitators: www.auroville-jiva.com, contact@aurovile-jiva.com Whatsapp 9626006961

“The Sufi Way” - 20-24 March at Unity Pavilion - a 4 day workshop in Sufi whirling, Zikr, Gurdjieff movements, active meditation and more with Nirupam Sufi Gyan, sharing the Sufi Way since more than a decade, Sufi techniques, Zikr & whirling, Gurdjieff movements, active meditation, breathing exercises... all to bring you closer to an open heart and a fresh and still mind. Experience stillness in motion with Sufi Whirling. Nirupam Gyan is a highly experienced facilitator, and friend of Auroville, sharing the best of his decades of work in bringing the Sufi Way to people in India and abroad.

YogaNidra for conscious evolution - 22nd March, 9-5pm
w/Egle, venue in Auroville TBA

Yoga Nidra, the Yoga of Conscious Sleep, is said to be the deepest meditation possible. It is an ancient tool to enter deep states of relaxation (even to Delta brain waves state), while keeping awareness. In this altered state of consciousness it is possible to have deep experiences, learn, explore, heal, transform and use the subtle-inner senses, leaving aside the limitations of physical and mental perception. Yoga Nidra is a technique to experience our energy body and the energy centres, developing the subtle-physical body & subtle inner senses, out of body experience, as well as a preparation for the moment of physical death, conscious sleep and more. Trainer Egle Borchardt has been working with Yoganidra for 20 years.

www.contact@aurovile-jiva.com; Whatsapp 9626006961

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Registration: tara@auroville.org.in or 975-179-8408

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Integral Studies Online Programme
Foundations of Integral Yoga, Psychology & Education
4th May - 28th June 2020 (*Apply by April 6*)

Whether you are interested in working on yourself, carrying burning questions in your heart about fundamentals of life, intrigued by what integrity is or willing to explore your emotions, thoughts, energy & habits deeply, we invite you to follow the call. https://svadhyaya.auroville.org

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2013 INTERVIEW W/ SHRI KIREET JOSHI
Monday, March 16th, 6:30 PM
Duration: 43min.
Kireet Joshi (1931-2014) dedicated his life to introducing the theory and practice of the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother into the Indian educational system. In this task he closely collaborated with The Mother. Kireet Joshi envisaged a luminous future for Auroville. He established the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Educational Research (SAIER) at Auroville and supported and coordinated research projects as The Aim of Life; The Good Teacher; The Good Puppet and Mystery and Excellence of Human Body. From 1999-2004, Kireet Joshi was the Chairman of the Auroville Foundation. In this special interview, Kireet Joshi shares his experience of regular meetings with The Mother and talks about her way of action and Grace.

Screening of the BBC Documentary “Shock of the New - Episode 6: The View from the Edge [Sublime and Anxious Eye]”
Tuesday, 17th March, 6-7 PM
@ CREEVA Studio, Creativity Community

The Shock of the New is a 1980 documentary television series written and presented by Robert Hughes; its combination of insight, wit and accessibility are still widely praised. The series consists of 8 episodes each an hour long and addresses the development of modern art since the Impressionists. Episode 6: The View from the Edge [Sublime and Anxious Eye] looks at those who made visual art from the crags and vistas of their internal world. Expressionism. The remaining 2 episodes will be screened over the next weeks.

Aurofilm is happy to invite you to watch some of Aurofilm’s favorite Indian movies! 5 films - Original version with English Subtitles (EST) except for Tiger documentary in English.

Friday 20 March, 17:30 THE WORLD’S MOST FAMOUS TIGER
Directed by S. Nalla Muthu, India, 2018 - Machli, the legendary Tiger Queen of Ranthambhore National Park in Western India was known for her fierce determination, bravery and confidence. A wonderful documentary shot over a period of nine years... English 44'

20:00 ELIPATTAYAM (RAT TRAP): Directed by Adoor Gopala-krishnan, Kerala, 1982. Set in rural Kerala, the story of Rat-Trap concerns Unni, the last male heir of a decaying feudal family. His inability to accept the socioeconomic changes of a new society result in his gradual withdrawal into isolation and paranoia. A landmark film of the New Indian Cinema movement. w/ Karamani, Sharada, Jalaja, Rajam K. Nair. Malayalam/EST 2h10’

Sat, 21 March, 16.00 CLASH OF TIGERS Directed by S. Nalla Muthu. A tiger mother called Krishna faces unusual challenges while raising her 4 cubs in the Ranthambhore National Park of W. India. Even though Krishna loses one of her young cubs while shifting them to a safer den, she raises the remaining 3. But her troubles are far from over as the greatest danger comes from within: her own dominant daughter Lightning…

17:00 WHEN THE FOREST BLOOMS (KAADU POOKKNNA NERAM) Directed by Dr. Biju, Kerala
A policeman arrests a suspected Maoist woman while in operation in the forest. But he loses the way in the vast forest
he is unfamiliar with. Thus, both are stranded in the jungle! Power, rebellion, man, woman, the hunter and the hunted ... all equations utterly change the protagonists and are no more what they used to be. With: Indrajit sukumaran, Rima Kallingal, Indrans &amp; Prakash Bare Malayalam/EST 1h46' 

20:00 MEMORIES IN MARCH Directed by Sanjoy Nag West Bengal 
A bereaved mother, dumbstruck by the news of an accidental death of her 28-year old son, comes to Kolkata to carry the last rituals, pack and carry his belongings back to Delhi. Her three-day stay in Kolkata makes her realize that the ownership of her son’s belongings, tangible or otherwise, is actually ubiquitous, distributed among all his friends and acquaintances that she will meet... The script has been written by Rituparno Ghosh and he had agreed to act in it. A very sensible story and film. With: Deepti Naval, Rituparno Ghosh and Raima Sen Bengali-English/EST 1h44' Very welcome! aurofilm@auroville.org.in; Tel. 0413-262-2037; 9-655-4854 

THE ECO FILM CLUB 
Sadhana Forest, Friday, March 20th 
Schedule of Events: 
16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour 
16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest 
18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club 
18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films 
20:00 Dinner is served 
21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 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 19:00 :)**

Our Cashew Story - 41 Minutes / 2020 / Directed by Serena Aurora 
This documentary takes a detailed look at the cashew industry right here in Auroville. An overview of practices and ideas behind the producers of cashews in Auroville accompanied by a variety of questions to be considered when consumers go out to buy these products are raised through the film. It certainly will leave the viewer with much to contemplate.

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 267-7682 or 267-7683

Upcoming confirmed screenings of Our Cashew Story: 
- Monday 16th March in Future School 
- Friday 27th March at French Institute of Pondicherry 
Yatra Arts will also hold a screening in March (TBA)

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Program Calendar for Events at Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas: 

*There are also regular sessions for learning Sanskrit Conversation planned every day from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. For more details, please write to devabhasha@auroville.org.in*

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Regular Class Schedule (please call the Lab beforehand to sign up)

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**Hours:** Monday to Friday 9am - 12pm and 2pm - 6pm, and Saturday 9am - 12pm.

**Location:** International Zone, beyond the Unity Pavilion  Phone:2623661, 6380042388  Email: info@aurovillet languagelab.org
Indian - Monday 16 March, 8:00 pm:
- **THE PARCEL**
India, 2020, Dir. Indrasis Acharya w/Rituparna Sengupta, Saswata Chatterjee, and others, Thriller-Drama, 126mins, Bengali w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)
The film begins with a doctor couple, Nandini, Souvik and their teenage daughter leading their usual routine of life with a balance of happiness and duties until it abruptly leads to its cinematic crisis when Nandini, receives a parcel one morning from an anonymous person. She feels that someone from her past might be blackmailing her. This leads to the beginning of the entire fear psychosis - that the director chooses to explore with an multi layered approach. *This award winning and acclaimed film had its theatrical release on the 13th March 2020. The film is shared with us by the director.*

European - Tuesday 17 March, 8:00 pm:
- **SYNONYMEs (Synonyms)**
France-Israel, 2019, Nadav Lapid, w/Tom Mercier, Quentin Dolmaire, Louise Chevillotte and others, Commedy-Drama, 123mins, French-Hebrew-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR A young Israeli man, aided by his trusty Franco-Israeli dictionary, travels to Paris to flee his nationality and the madness of his country. He develops a particularly strong bond with his privileged neighbor who symbolizes the French promise of Fraternité. He’s explores the conflicted realm of fervent Nationalism and the challenges of putting down roots in a foreign land.

Interesting - Wednesday 18 March, 8:00 pm:
- **THE BLACK GODFATHER**
USA, 2019, Dir. Reginald Hudlin, Documentary, 118 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
An expansive look at the exceptional life and legacy of Clarence Avant, one of the most influential dealmakers in music, entertainment, and politics over the last 60 years.

Selection - Thursday 19 March, 8:00 pm:
- **LIGHT FOR SIGHT**
- **AT FIRST SIGHT**
   - **Light for Sight - India**, 2019, Dir. Anangajit Chatterjee, Documentary, 12mins, Bengali w/English subtitles, Rated: NR(G): Posthumous eye donation is the need of the hour. With such a pair of corneas from a single person we can give light and sight two living persons. This film is about the stories of how the characters came together to lead this movement and in turn making an appeal to the general mass to do their bit. *The director will be with be present with us. An informal interaction is possible outside the hall at the end of both films.*
   - **At First Sight- USA**, 1999, Dir. Irwin Winkler w/Val Kilmer, Mira Sorvino, Kelly McGillis, and others, Drama-Romance, 128mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13 : In the story, a visually impaired masseur, Virgil, falls in love with Amy, an architect from New York City. She convinces him to undergo a risky eye surgery. However, the procedure has unexpected consequences. *It is based on the essay 'To See and Not See' in Oliver Sacks' book 'An Anthropologist on Mars' and inspired by the true-life story of Shirl Jennings. Do watch!*

International - Saturday 21 March, 8:00 pm:
- **1917**
UK-USA, 2017, Dir. Sam Mendes w/ Dean-Charles Chapman, George MacKay, Daniel Mays and others, Drama-War, 119mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R April 1917, the Western Front. Two British soldiers are sent to deliver an urgent message to an isolated regiment. If the message is not received in time the regiment will walk into a trap and be massacred. To get to the regiment they will need to cross through enemy territory. Time is of the essence and the journey will be fraught with danger.

Children’s Film - Sunday 22nd March, 4:30pm
- **A SHAUN THE SHEEP MOVIE: FARMAGEDDON**
UK, 2019, Dir. Will Becher, w/ Justin Fletcher, John Sparkes, Chris Morrell and others, Animation, 86mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G When an alien with amazing powers crash-lands near Mossy Bottom Farm, Shaun the Sheep goes on a mission to shepherd the intergalactic visitor home before a sinister organization can capture her. *Rescheduled from the 8th due to an inadvertent cancellation. Please come!*

JOSPH LOSEY FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club Sunday 22 March, 8:00 pm:
- **KING & COUNTRY**
USA, 1964, Dir. Joseph Losey w/Dirk Bogarde, Tom Courtenay, Leo McKern others, Drama-War, 86 mins, English w/English Subtitles, Rated: NR. During World War I, the British troops are entrenched at Passchendaele, Belgium. Amongst the volunteers, there is a young British soldier, Private Arthur James Hamp, who is the sole survivor of his original company having spent three years in the trenches he simply decides to leave the war behind him and walk all the way home to Britain.

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in.

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

We appreciate your continued support. Please make a one time or monthly donation to “Cinema Paradiso” (account #105106) at the Financial Service.

Thanking You,
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