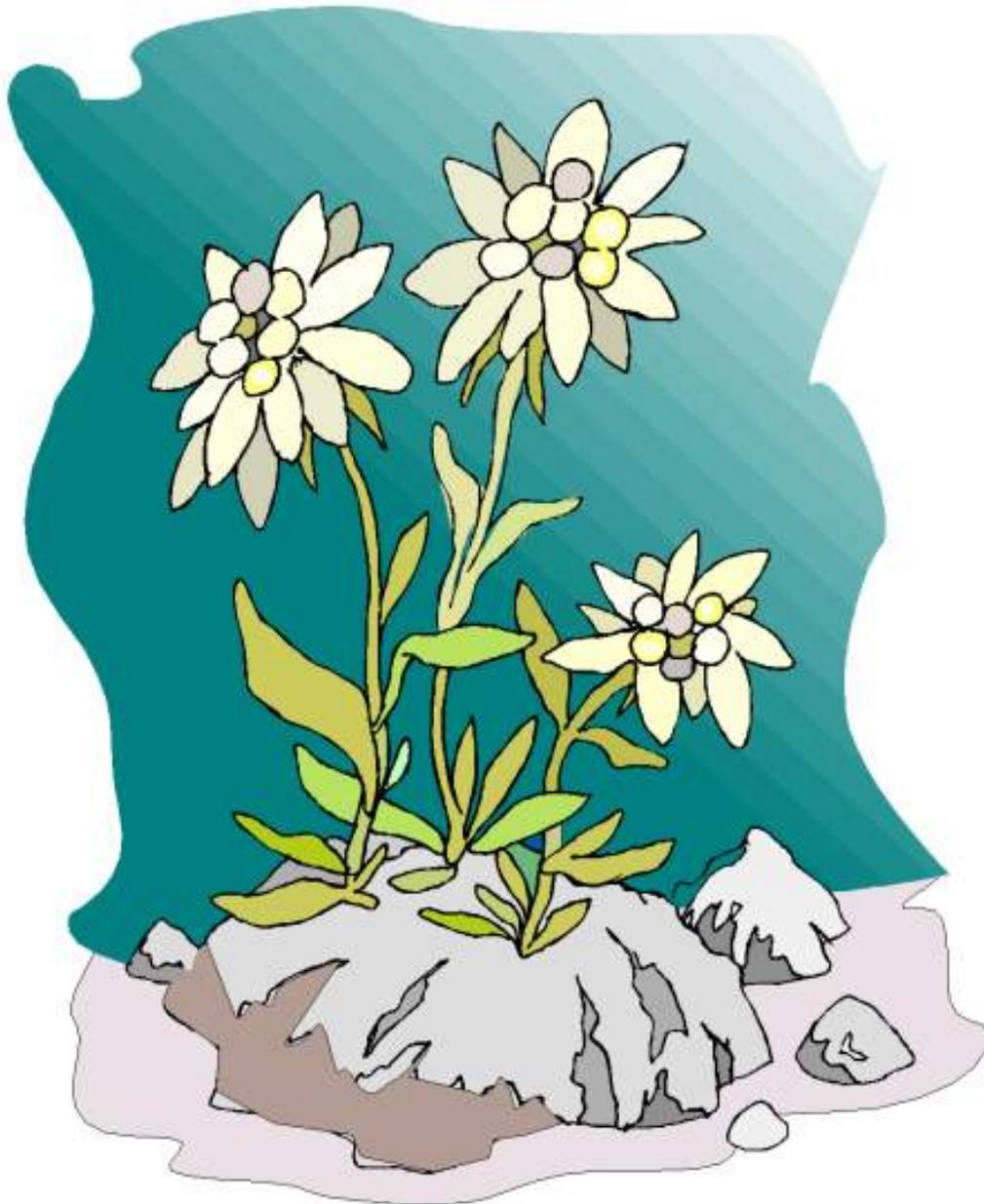


News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

A perfect equality not only of the self, but in the nature is a condition of the Yoga of self-perfection. The first obvious step to it will be the conquest of our emotional and vital being, for here are the sources of greatest trouble, the most rampant forces of inequality and subjection, the most insistent claim of our imperfection. The equality of these parts of our nature comes by purification and freedom. We might say that equality is the very sign of liberation. To be free from the domination of the urge of vital desire and the stormy mastery of the soul by the passions is to have a calm and equal heart and a life-principle governed by the large and even view of a universal spirit. Desire is the impurity of the Prana, the life-principle, and its chain of bondage. A free Prana means a content and satisfied life-soul which fronts the contact of outward things without desire and receives them with an equal response; delivered, uplifted above the servile duality of liking and disliking, indifferent to the urgings of pleasure and pain, not excited by the pleasant, not troubled and overpowered by the unpleasant, not clinging with attachment to the touches it prefers or violently repelling those for which it has an aversion, it will be opened to a greater system of values of experience. All that comes to it from the world with menace or with solicitation, it will refer to the higher principles, to a reason and heart in touch with or changed by the light and calm joy of the spirit. Thus quieted, mastered by the spirit and no longer trying to impose its own mastery on the deeper and finer soul in us, this life-soul will be itself spiritualised and work as a clear and noble instrument of the diviner dealings of the spirit with things. There is no question here of an ascetic killing of the life-impulse and its native utilities and functions; not its killing is demanded, but its transformation. The function of the Prana is enjoyment, but the real enjoyment of existence is an inward spiritual Ananda, not partial and troubled like that of our vital, emotional or mental pleasure, degraded as they are now by the predominance of the physical mind, but universal, profound, a massed concentration of spiritual bliss possessed in a calm ecstasy of self and all existence. Possession is its function, by possession comes the soul's enjoyment of things, but this is the real possession, a thing large and inward, not dependent on the outward seizing which makes us subject to what we seize. All outward possession and enjoyment will be only an occasion of a satisfied and equal play of the spiritual Ananda with the forms and phenomena of its own world-being. The egoistic possession, the making things our own in the sense of the ego's claim on God and beings and the world, *parigraha*, must be renounced in order that this greater thing, this large, universal and perfect life, may come. *Tyaktena bhunjithah*, by renouncing the egoistic sense of desire and possession, the soul enjoys divinely its self and the universe.

A free heart is similarly a heart delivered from the gusts and storms of the affections and the passions; the assailing touch of grief, wrath, hatred, fear, inequality of love, trouble of joy, pain of sorrow fall away from the equal heart, and leave it a thing large, calm, equal, luminous, divine. These things are not incumbent on the essential nature of our being, but the creations of the present make of our outward active mental and vital nature and its transactions with its surroundings. The ego-sense which induces us to act as separate beings who make their isolated claim and experience the test of the values of the universe, is responsible for these aberrations. When we live in unity with the Divine in ourselves and the spirit of the universe, these imperfections fall away from us and disappear in the calm and equal strength and delight of the inner spiritual existence. Always that is within us and transforms the outward touches before they reach it by a passage through a subliminal psychic soul in us which is the hidden instrument of its delight of being. By equality of the heart we get away from the troubled desire-soul on the surface, open the gates of this profounder being, bring out its responses and impose their true divine values on all that solicits our emotional being. A free, happy, equal and all-embracing heart of spiritual feeling is the outcome of this perfection.

THE SYNTHESIS OF YOGA, p. III: The Yoga of Self-Perfection, ch. XI: The perfection of equality - SRI AUROBINDO

*The
Ponder
Corner*

We must never forget that we are here
to serve the Supramental Truth and Light
and to prepare its manifestation
in ourselves and upon the earth.

The Mother {ref. Words Of The Mother, vol.15, p.100}

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Information Meeting

The Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) invites you to a follow-up General Information Meeting as preparation for a possible Residents' Assembly Decision-Making Process regarding Auroville's Entry Procedures:

Unity Pavilion, Tuesday 22 July, 2014 at 4.30 pm

The Community will be refreshed on the Proposal for Changes to the Entry Process as envisaged by the Entry Task Force (ETF), as well as hear a short update from the current Entry Group about the existing process.

The new proposal, brought forward by the ETF, has already been presented to the community several times. In the most recent meeting, on 6 May, 2014, concern was expressed regarding some details; it was agreed that the ETF would publish an impact statement that would be included with the RA Decision-Making Process question on the proposal. The 60 signatories required for such an event have been collected but the ETF had difficulties to prepare an impact statement. They are open to discuss it with the community during the meeting

This 21 July meeting is designed to prepare the community for an RA Decision-Making Process (planned for 9 August 2014) on whether to accept or reject the new proposal.

For More Information: For more information, please don't hesitate to email the Residents' Assembly Service at raservice@auroville.org.in, or call us on 88702 88502.

Kind regards, Your RAS Team

New Council

Dear Community,

We would like to inform you all that the new Council has started functioning and we have had our first meeting on the 2nd of July in order to organise ourselves.

The top priority for the new AVC is the formation of the Working Committee; we are in the process of calling resource persons.

We wish to be an interactive council with the community and we want to call regular GMs and the first one will be on Wednesday the 23rd of July, at 4.30 pm at Unity Pavilion.

The new Auroville Council [Matriprasad, Auroananda, Davaselvam, Rita, Renuka, Surya, Sindhuja]

BCC Announcement (with correction)

Dear Community: BCC seeks your reflections. We are re-posting this announcement because we had printed an incorrect email address for sending your reflections. The correct address is: avcouncil@auroville.org.in (and not avc@auroville). Here is the original announcement:

- For the last financial year (2013-14) BCC's budget to the Auroville Security has been Rs. 3,058,596 which is the second highest budget allocated by the City Services only after the Forest.
- In addition, for the last ~1year BCC has been paying Rs.17,000 per month towards refreshments for the patrolling police personnel in Auroville.

There is a currently a proposal to extend the police patrolling until 31 December 2014 and therefore the funding for refreshments. BCC has for the time being continued the funding but feels it needs to consult the community about its experience / opinion on having police patrolling in Auroville, and continue funding for the same.

BCC will appreciate your feedback and requests you to kindly send them to the AV Council at (avcouncil@auroville.org.in).

Thanking you, Sincerely, BCC

From the Entry Service - N&N NO- 555 Dated 12.07.2014

We would like to inform the community that our team decided to recommend the following persons as Aurovilians and Newcomers. We will wait two weeks for Newcomers and one month for Aurovilians from this publication for your feedback before making our final decision.

AUROVILIANS:

Kiran KAMAL (Indian from Kerala) - Living at Maitreye, working as designer at Auromode.

Francesca PAPALE (Italian) - Staying at Baraka, working as farmer in Baraka and also working as theatre teacher in Last school.

Damien NAVINEAU (French) - Staying at Brihaspati, working as Software engineer at Bluelight and as Acroyoga teacher at Arka.

Muthukumar MALAYALATHAN (Indian from Kulappalayam)- Living at Equality, working as Manager at Le Morgan Cafe.

Anitha (Lakshmi) KATHIRVELU (Indian from Edyanchavadi) - Living at Equality, working as administrator at Bamboo research Centre.

CHILD OF AN AUROVILIAN:

M.Tharun KUMARAN - born on 26/11/2009, studying at Nandanam.

We have identified a lack of clarity in the communication and confirmation of status, as the announcements done in the News and Notes are for FEEDBACK ONLY, and sometimes, after announcement, there can be either an extension of status, or a decision to stop the process overall. We are adding another section of confirmation to avoid further confusion.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT AUROVILLE ON THEIR OWN:

Patrick FERNANDEZ (French)

Fabienne VANVIERSSEN (French)

CHILD OF LEFT AUROVILIAN:

Youri FERNANDEZ (French)

Gael Tim FERNANDEZ (French)

In case the above person wishes to come back to live and work in Auroville, (s)he will need to restart his/her newcomer process.

TEAM MEMBERSHIP: The Entry Service is looking for new committed members.

Working towards a long term presence, prior experience in communication skills (relay with communication, human relation, interviews).

Fluent English, skill such as typing minutes, email follow up, listening, understanding and give information on entry at the desk and during interviews.

Information on Joining Auroville

Our office is open to general public on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 to 12 am and Thursday afternoon from 2 to 3 pm on appointment regarding B-Forms and Recommendation letters. Please notice that the last week of each month we are closed for public. We will use this time for studies, field visits and internal office work.

The Entry Service team (Chitra,Eva, Ishita, Kavitha,Kripa, Muthu, Umberto).

Update on Kottakarai Mangalam issue

The Working Committee has taken all necessary steps in everyone's interests. We are meeting the relevant village, police and revenue authorities to restore harmony as soon as possible. We will keep you updated on further developments.
The Working Committee

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Latest news from ACT

Dear Community

After a lengthy and patient process with the road authorities, ACT has now succeeded to transfer one of the buses from TN registration to Pondy registration. This hurdle being jumped ACT can now resume the early morning service to Pondy starting from Transport Service (Certitude Cnr.) at 7:45 AM. The return from Pondy Ashram Playground at 12.00 pm has also now resumed.

From 14th July 2014 ACT timetable resume as it was since January 2014 - please refer to the "Essential Services" section in this N&N issue.

ACT thank you and appreciate your support.

Taj, for ACT team

How do Aurovilians like their Houses?

Second Analysis of the Survey on House Satisfaction and Building Materials

By Nourredine Kebaili under the guidance of Satprem Maïni

We are happy to share these statistical results of the study with our readers:

Attitude on the houses

57% of respondents are slightly favorable to their houses, same as last week's results.

30% of respondents are quite favorable to their houses.

13% of respondents are neutral to their houses.

Origin of knowledge about CSEB (Compressed Stabilized Earth Block)

60% of respondents got their knowledge about CSEB from the Auroville Earth Institute.

20% of it from formal learning such as schools and training centers.

20% of respondents got it from personal reading of books, magazines and internet.

20% of respondents got it from acquaintances (family members, friends, neighbors...)

These percentages cannot be totalled because some people responded with multiple sources for their knowledge about CSEB. But, it is nice to see the Earth Institute important role in teaching people about CSEB technology.

PLEASE NOTE: When the survey was first launched, many people who would have liked to participate found it was a tedious job to do. This is why it has been revised to make it shorter so that people can complete it in a few minutes. The new form now looks clearer and easier to complete.

And once again we invite kindly more people to join in by using the following links: <http://www.auroville.org.in/article/42884> and <http://www.earth-auroville.com/survey.php>

Camp Auroville; Ecological Stewardship & Human Well-Being

Camp Auroville, an 8-day program on Ecological Stewardship and Human Well-Being for high school students and recent graduates has recently been completed. 10 participating students from various parts of the country actively engaged with various Auroville resource persons and tried to learn about organic farming, ecological stewardship principles, system thinking and human well-being. One highlight of the program was the design and installation of a small vegetable and fruit garden at Citadine community. About 36 bananas, 5 papayas, 80 pineapples, 5 fruit trees were planted. 10 raised vegetables

beds with drip irrigation have been installed and vegetable saplings were planted. Only recycled water will be used for irrigation. It's good to see that members of the Citadine community continue to nurture the garden after the students left.

Camp Auroville has been organized by Auroville Green Practices. It is the result of the dedicated work of Arjun Seth, Balu, Catherine, Martin, Shefali, Prakash, Vimal and Erika. A special thanks to Luigi for his goodwill and enthusiasm and making possible the edible landscaping project at Citadine Community. Another special thanks to Kalsang from the Pavilion for Tibetan Culture for her infinite hospitality that made all participants feel at home. Many thanks to the countless Aurovilians that contributed to the successful completion of this program with their valuable inputs and guidance. Students documented their learning and future aspirations in a publication. The publication and a video has been made available online. We hope you enjoy it!

Camp Auroville Publication:

<http://www.slideshare.net/AurovilleGreenPractices/camp-auroville-2014-documentation>

Camp Auroville Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsAESoGntl0&feature=youtu.be>

Submitted by Martin Scherfler

News from PTDC

Dearest all participants in PTDC,

Many of you are returning these days, refreshed and ready to continue your wonderful works for Auroville, and we are very happy to welcome you and enjoy again your lively daily presence in our shared atmosphere. For those who stayed in Auroville over the summer, thank you for keeping on and for sharing the intense summer heat!

Now that a new season starts, here is a small announcement regarding that delicious bread made freshly every morning in the Auroville Bakery: From this week onwards, we are again stocking regularly extra fresh bread for all. However, we still prefer that you order it weekly, so that neither the bread is wasted nor that you get frustrated if we don't have the bread you needed. You can see with Mahesh for bread orders from now onwards.

A last comment we feel like sharing with you: We are hearing far too often in PTDC expressions like 'my account' and 'doing my shopping'.

Although this sounds quite normal as compares to ordinary day-to-day life, we need to remind everyone that PTDC does not keep any individual accounts, even though we use your financial service account number to record your contributions. We could use any number, but that one is easiest for you to remember!

Your monthly contribution amounts all come together into our one PTDC collective account, from which we do the purchases for all. Monthly balances per participant are shown thrice a month for the purpose of tracking everybody's participation and responsibility towards the collective pot, to help us stay aware of our individual needs, share with others, and help to keep 'our family ship' afloat. PTDC works towards manifesting a practical example of active sharing in our collective life.

And about 'shopping'...well, you can do many things at PTDC, but it is not a place to 'shop'. PTDC does not sell anything, so you cannot 'buy' from us and, as a collective, nobody 'sells' to

you. Items are made available, selected according to various parameters (including your feedback), and as per your needs.

We are sorry if this seems too complicated...and many will already remember that these are the functioning and ideals on which PTDC is based, and which you joined when you became members.

So once again, thank you for being part of the sharing and learning, for all your understanding and support to PTDC over the joyful years together.

With aspiration and love,
Your PTDC Team

POSTINGS

Arranger: Children songs made in Auroville

We (2014 AVSF) need help to arrange the children songs for the Children Choir in the 2014 Singing Festival in October. We have great songs made in Auroville and hope some arrangement for it to be a nice choir on stage. If any aspiration, please contact us. We much welcome anyone! Email: avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in / Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/communityculturalcolors>
2014 AV SINGING FESTIVAL 'One community, One family'-
Community cultural colors(see see see)

Free store

Dear Community, our Free Store is opening on Wednesday 16th of July. Please come and join us for a cup of tea and snacks at 10.30.

The opening timings will continue as usual: Monday to Saturday from 9.00-12.30 and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 14.30-16.30.

Looking forward to seeing you in Free Store. And please remember to bring your items washed, cleaned and in good state.

Thank you, *Free Store Team* (2623680)

Nandini distribution

New timings: Tuesday and Thursday 9 am to 12,30 pm and 2,30 pm to 4,30 pm and Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 9 am to 12,30 pm

See you and thank you for your patience, *the Nandini Team*

AVAILABLE

For all students and teachers

We received from Sri Kireet Joshi, Mother's Institute of Research, Delhi, sixty books on different subjects for free, for instance: 'A Pilgrim's quest for the Highest and the Best': A journey to the theme of Manifestation of Supramental Consciousness in Matter.'These books are available for you with GangaLakshmi at Savitri Bhavan, every afternoon from Monday to Saturday. *In joyful service, GangaLakshmi.*

DVD pack

New DVD pack of 25 Moserbear 4.7GB DVDs - contact Darpan (09925387391)

Plumber

Dear friends,
WE are losing a lot of water through leaks and leaking taps which can be avoided. if your tap is leaking or your flush tank not working you can call our plumber Ramakrishna directly since we are TOS. Ramakrishna knows all repair works incl. sprinkler and irrigation, HDPE pipes etc. He does as well take up contract work for house/ apartment plumbing. He can be contacted: 975 1553 321 - Thank you, *Dirk N. / Aqua Engineers*

TVS Super XL

In very good condition, 10 months old, 6000 km, all extra fittings and Tamil Nadu licence plate. Marcus and Carol, Joy: 763 996 72 48 and treesforourfuture@gmail.com

LOOKING FOR ...

Work 1

Hi, I am Amala from Kottakarai. I did (M, C, A,) master degree course in the last few month so I am looking for work now in Auroville. If anybody is interested please call my cell number 9786807071 and 9751103148 (or) e-mail sbalu.av @gmail.com.
Submitted by Sbalu Veerappan

Work 2

Gopi, 25 years old from Vanur, is looking for a job. He worked at Ev Future with Sukrit for several years. He is capable and hard working. If you want to contact him or get info, contact Aurosylle 9486536584. Thank you

An amma

Looking for an Amma in the afternoon (Monday to Saturday). Contact No: 95855 13279. *Nikadass (Kumar)*

A German teacher

I am going to live in Germany late August and I need to learn German fast! I am looking for a teacher who can do private lessons with me for one month, ideally about 5-10 hours per week. I am pretty fast at learning languages. If you can help, please contact me at: 9488 373747 or leyleylora@yahoo.com - Thanks, Leyley

A room in Paris (Une chambre a Paris)

My name is Jiyeah (Gaya & Kireet's daughter in Gaia's Garden). I will go to Paris (France) to improve my language skills in French as I am a professional translator. I am looking for a room in Paris where I could stay for about 6 months {End of August to mid-February}.

Je m'appelle Jiyeah et je suis la fille de Gaya et Kireet, qui vivent à Gaia's Garden. Je viens de finir ma License en sciences politiques en Corée, et c'est ici que je commencerai mon Master en interprétation et traduction (anglais, coréen et français) à Hankuk University en mars 2015. Avant de commencer mon Master, j'aimerais passer quelques mois à Paris pour améliorer ma troisième langue, le français, que j'ai appris pendant les deux ans que j'ai passé à étudier au Lycée français de Pondichéry. Nous cherchons une chambre où je pourrais passer à peu près 6 mois, à partir de fin août jusqu'à mi-février. Ma mère et père pensent à un échange de maison. Ou si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui cherche une colocataire dans la région...Nous attendons votre réponse et vous remercions en avance,

Jiyeah Margaret Seong [Interpreter and Translator, Seoul (English A, Korean B, French C, Full member of the Korean Society of Translators
Mobile: +(82) 10 3436 0224 or contact Gaya/Kireet at: kireet@auroville.org.in

Ear candle

Dear friends, I am in urgent need of an ear candle to clear out a blockage in my ear. If any of you know what this is, where I could get it nearby, or are willing to sell me one, please let me know. Many thanks, G Vig (sattvig@gmail.com , 08407997970)

LOST & FOUND

TVS moped disappeared: On Tuesday 01.07.2014 night, a TVS moped disappeared from the Visitors Center's parking lot. Plate No. PY 01 AN 6845 - Color: Green. As there are often cases of exchanged TVS mopeds, can you kindly let us know if you have heard of a similar case recently? Thank you. Piero: 9443314617 (Voluntary Worker)

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sitting 1

We are a family of four:-Liron volunteering in Wellcafe, Yasmin volunteering in Wwellpaper, Inbar (7) studying in Deepanam school and Gali (2). We are looking for a house-sitting from July for a period of six months or more, for our Newcomer period. We are very responsible and reliable people and we would be happy to take on the house expenses. Please contact us at: yasminliron@gmail.com

House-sitting 2

Dear Aurovilians, Hello to all, this is Ruby, an Aurovilian having lived for 12 years in Auroville with an experience of house-sitting in many communities. Looking for a house-sitting from August onwards with my one year little boy. We are a very quiet family and love to take care of pets and house like home. Please contact me at: rubinansr@gmail.com - Enjoy!

TAXI SHARING

July 15th: If you would like to share a taxi leaving Chennai Airport 15th of July 9 am to Auroville, please contact me under ingridt@auroville.org.in

July 15th: Taxi sharing to and from Chennai Airport on 15th July. Juan Felipe (1 person) arrives at 7:15 am in Chennai. Anybody interested in sharing the taxi there and or back please contact me. rodriguez.juanfelipe@gmail.com - Ph: 34 636144067. Thank you

July 16th: taxi sharing 16th July, 4.30 am, Start from Av around 1 am / 2 am or before >> 3 places available. Come back from Chennai Airport (around 4.30 am) with 1 person >> 2

places available. Contact: Véronique 948 85 12 678 and 26 22 638 (veroniquejobard@yahoo.fr)

July 21st: On 21 July, Monday picking up one person from Chennai Railway station at 4:40 am. Sharing both ways possible. contact: mona@auroville.org.in, 2622 900, Yantra

July 26th: Saturday 26th, dropping one person to Chennai Railway station leaving around 5 am for train at 9:30 am. Sharing both ways possible. Contact: mona@auroville.org.in, 2622 900, Yantra

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Female office assistant

Female office assistant wanted with good written and communication skills in English. Knowledge of other languages like French, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese, and Russian etc..., will be an added advantage.

Send your resume to: contact@phoenixin.com / Cell No: 8547728550 - 9952592550

Submitted by *Nikadass (Kumar)*

"Buddy" volunteers

UnLtd Tamil Nadu is a social entrepreneurship incubator working from Auroville. We invite long term volunteers /

interns (for a period of 6 months or more) with a passion for social development to join us as a Buddy for the start-ups we support - both inside Auroville and in the rest of the state. Buddies are the point of contact between UnLtd Tamil Nadu and the social entrepreneurs participating in our 1 year incubation program. Your role will be to assist in networking, business model canvas design, strategy, finance and coaching. Buddies will be mentored and provided with training to carry out these roles.

Are you interested to learn about social entrepreneurship by being closely associated with a young venture? Please apply by contacting: hr@unltdtamilnadu.org

Submitted by *Gijs (Udumbu)*

TRAVEL

Latest News from the Travel-Shop - Inside India

Spice Jet offers starting from Rs999 for domestic travel.

Air Asia introduced offers for domestic travels

Air Asia announced special offers to Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.

Air Austral has promotional offers to Bangkok.

Oman Air offers special fares to London, Paris, Frankfurt, Munich, Milan and Zurich (Block-out period will apply).

Caution: Due to the security warnings issued by the USA, all passengers should inform themselves of what not to take. Customs and / or Airport Security will rip open any luggage without hesitation, and are not concerned by damages done, on even a slight suspicion. The only way is to not lock your luggage or have a special lock which can be opened with a specific master key which they have.

Kindly book early to avail of our special discounts. We strongly advise to always check the departure timings before heading to the airport, especially for return flights. Our office timing: Monday to Saturday 9:00 - 13:00 and 13:30 - 17:30.

travelshop@auroville.org.in, domestic@inside-india.com - KUILPALAYAM, Tel: 2622 604, 2623030, 2622 078



Auroville's Local Food movement - and the bigger picture

Dear friends,

There is a beautiful energy in this movement to get our locally and sustainably grown food more appreciated, and to grow more of it - not only on Auroville's farms but also in our gardens and public spaces, creating a healthy environment, and a natural way of connecting us to Mother Earth.

What may be less obvious is just how crucially important all this is - not just because eating local is great for our health, and reduces the carbon footprint of what we consume, but because it asserts a fundamental right that is increasingly being threatened the world over: the right to choose what we grow and eat, and the diversity of life on our planet.

It may sound like a nightmarish imagination cooked up from some weird conspiracy theories - but a little research confirms the facts: The multinational GMO industry is attempting to force legislation in many countries that makes it illegal for people to grow their own food, to trade it, or even share it freely with their neighbours! The world over, governments and research institutions alike have lost their sovereignty and integrity, even while the United Nations have recognised and promoted small-scale, sustainable farming as the only way to feed the world, and strongly support Urban Agriculture!

Fortunately there is an awakening 'at the grassroots level', and one can only hope that people all over the planet will stand up and take positive action before it's too late. It is in this perspective that Auroville's strong call towards growing and consuming 'localicious' food, freely and sustainably, comes not a minute too early, and feels like a crucial contribution to what is going on world-wide!

Concretely, what is happening in Auroville?

At present, there is a meeting every two weeks on a Saturday morning at Solitude, where updates are shared on various projects that have started up, participants exchange ideas and network together. It all feels joyful and dynamic, and everybody who has an interest in locally grown, organic food is very warmly invited to participate! There are plenty of opportunities to contribute in so many ways, with each one bringing his or her talents, inspirations, and skills.

- A WikiPage is being created as part of the AuroWikipedia, where all the different projects can be viewed and continuously updated. A google group has been set up for ease of communication, and 'Localicious Auroville' is now also on Facebook. All this is by and for all of us, it is up to us all to make it work!

- With space in N&N being too limited to share all the promising projects, we encourage everyone to visit the online spaces, to come to Solitude for meetings, or to get in touch directly with any of the initiatives.

- The Food Table in front of Solar Kitchen (Mon, Wed, Fri 11.30 - 1.30) is a great way of celebrating Auroville's fruit (and community); volunteers are needed to keep it going!

- Auroville's schools are very much part of this movement with a number of creative projects, setting up food gardens, cooking their own meals, and more. What is great to see is that some of the initiatives come from the students themselves!

- Cooking classes with local food (and knowledge) have started to happen, and will hopefully be extended to a variety of locations and timings.

- These are only a few of a whole gamut of initiatives bubbling up and starting to blossom in so many ways and places. Come and be part!

- And finally, even from home, there are things everyone can do: simply be a conscious consumer, eat wisely and well, and enjoy the tastes of what our Auroville soil has grown!

Noted by Jasmin



Eating mangoes with the mind

Mango season in India - what a treat! Really? In Europe the summer is showing off with apples, cherries and many berries which for many of us by now are childhood memories only. Coming back from Europe and seeing the mangos in PTDC my heart jumped. But the ecstasy didn't last that long. I was reminded on a very similar situation 25 years ago in Germany when I was active in the Green party and lived for the most part on organic food. The fruits and vegetables offered in the "Bioladen", the shops where one could buy organic food, were often rather a caricature of the food than the food itself. Apples were so small, sour and even with worms that I always asked myself why one would buy such an apple. The commercial fruits were much better in taste and quality. Yes, yes, many chemicals were used in growing an apple (in average 25 times spraying before the apple was in the shop) but the apple tasted like an apple and not like a lemon!

When I was in PTDC I was challenged again: Commercial mangoes full of I-don't-want-to-know-stuff or the good organic mangoes from AV. I tried both and I decided should I end my life in Auroville I would rather do it with a piece of juicy sweet commercial mango in my mouth than a sour organic one full of fibres and dry like a Oorani in May.

Something went wrong on the way but what? It took almost 2 decades in Germany till organic farming got professional enough to produce organic food of a certain quality. Organic alone was not enough. Not so long ago the European Community introduced some standards for organic food which are lower than the original German standards but good enough for large scale food production. By these standards tiny sour apples with worms were out of the question to be sold as organic food. For one reason: because they did damage the general image of the organic food industry. Apples became bigger and juicy and today, not only do they have a normal size, but the taste is way better than commercial ones. And they are free of chemicals and gen-technology.

India and Auroville might have to go a similar path. In terms of mangoes it means to plant good quality mango trees today so that in 10 years good quality organic mangoes can be produced. Just having a mango tree in the garden not being sprayed has little to do with organic food production.

Are there good organic mangoes in Auroville? Where? Why are they not in PTDC?

Roaming around half the day to get quality organic food from different places is not an option for many of us busy with daily work. But to enjoy the present organic mangoes one has to eat them with the mind - Ahhh, they are organic!

Juergen, Creativity [P.S: Maybe there are even commercial mangoes that are not that toxic...]

Our Justice System

For me, all the talk about the feedback relating to the proposed WC/AVC members is connected to a much larger issue - our Justice System. What does justice mean? What kind of a justice system do we want to have in Auroville?

I think that unless we look at these questions as a community, we will have no system at all or unconsciously inherit the default justice system - which means that some people have the power to decide what's right and wrong and these powerful people try to control other people who do "bad" things - control in the form of laws (to deter people from doing bad things), or control in the form of punishment (continue the cycle of violence - do violence to the one who did violence, hoping that he/she will change his/her ways!). This may have worked in the time of kings or the likes, when a few elite had a lot of perceived power and the general population needed to play the game in order to protect their chances of staying alive.

Today, I think we can prove over and over that this form of justice, although it's the norm in most of the world, is not actually fully serving. Why do we still have crime then? How is it that the news is filled with stories about people who manage to commit crime, despite our laws and control systems? Like someone who can board a plane with a fake passport and/or with explosives, despite our very developed security systems...?! As long as we use power, control, fear, threats, punishment, we will continue to attract those who can outsmart and defy the system - because these systems are in themselves neither infallible nor almighty.

For me, the only way forward is to develop a conscious justice system, one that is holistic and able to hold the full picture - the past, present and future (I mean, hold this intention - obviously we cannot predict the future), the complexities behind the act, the reasons for acting out, the impact the act has on others in the community, the consequences on all sides, taking responsibility - all of us, as we normally all have a role to play in the act (and the healing and reconciliation that comes from that), and a search for how to restore trust and willingness to co-exist...And if we don't do this last part, we are just hurting ourselves in the end...

If we can only devise a system that keeps the bad people out (even that's not do-able, because I might think you're the bad person, but you will probably think I'm the bad person!), we give those bad people only 2 choices - to submit or to rebel. And if they rebel, their act is likely to be even more harmful than the first time around. Because we have not heard them the first time, they will likely want to shout louder the next time. And who gets hurts? In the end, we all do...

The funny thing is that actually as human beings, I believe we are designed to collaborate and contribute to each other's well-being (therefore our social, interdependent nature). The only catch is that this formula is dependent on trust and connection - when we trust each other and feel connected, we're willing to go to extremes to help each other, and when we don't we're willing to exclude, spit on, and kill.

So how do we work on (re-)building trust amongst us...? I don't think this comes from putting expectations that we all be perfect (because that's not do-able and we all have different versions of what's acceptable/non-acceptable behaviour), but instead from growing in our ability to hear and understand each other, to develop some curiosity for how another views life, curiosity to understand what values might have been a stake and how a certain act may have actually been a desperate attempt to protect that value (even if, in hindsight, that act was a poor choice). As unbelievable as it may sound, I'm quite convinced that this is where our unity lies - in our shared common values - we all want to belong, to feel safe, to have meaning, to contribute, to be seen...And when we can see these reflections of our own selves in each other, I believe we soften and move closer together...When we're closer, there's less need to shout (verbally or with violence), even when if we disagree...

From this space, we might find ways to move forward that take a more holistic picture into account - where the one whose act is in question can agree to do certain things to rebuild the community's trust in him/her, where those impacted can take a more active and responsible role in creating a new level of safety, and where as a community we can focus on how to move towards reconciliation, re-integration and willingness to co-exist...

Submitted by L'aura Joy

Auroville in Quest of its Group-Soul

"19. (1) The Residents' Assembly shall perform such functions as are required by this Act and shall advise the Governing Board in respect of all activities relating to the residents of Auroville..."

20. (1) There shall be a Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly which shall assist the Residents' Assembly or, as the case may be, the Governing Board, in discharging its duties under this Act."

The Auroville Foundation Act

Until 1992, when the Auroville Foundation effectively took over, all issues were debated at well attended general meetings, in absolute transparency. Wrongdoings were exposed and rectified. The collective decisions were binding and implemented. This natural process, streaming from our common will, got hijacked by authoritarian Working Committees and groups taking unilateral decisions above our heads; discouraging the old timers' participation, while new Aurovilians have no clue on what basis we happily functioned. An increasingly dysfunctional 'political' body was the outcome. This autocratic as much as secretive strategy has undermined the truth of our collective being - brotherhood and sharing, one in the common goal - while engendering absenteeism and laissez-faire. Ethics, values, the very ideals of Auroville are dishevelled. A lawless no-man land is the produce.

Can we recover Auroville's raison d'être and lofty goals, and live our svadharma?

The Governing Board and the International Advisory Council came into existence as support of the Residents Assembly - the free, self-governing body of the community as a whole, and the third constituent of the Auroville Foundation Act, passed to foster the realization of the Charter and the ideals the Mother set for Auroville. This demands the evolution of the Residents Assembly, composed of a humanity still largely infrarational (Sri Aurobindo's language in *The Human Cycle*) into Auroville's group-soul, without which the true Auroville cannot manifest.

Our organization should be an emanation of Auroville's quest for the group-soul. In the Auroville Foundation Act, fathered by Kireet Joshi, there are explicit provisions for this endeavor, with the support from the other two bodies of the Foundation, namely the Governing Board and the International Advisory Council. In a self-governed community led by its group-soul there is no place for *ancient regimes*. Assuring, re-instating, that freedom of self-determination without which no group-soul is empowered, the time has come for the 'dominant minority' to abdicate.

We should pass guidelines for an organization conducive to the emergence of Auroville's group-soul, while the systemic misinterpretation of the Act is proof of inadequacy to fulfil our *dharma*. Performing as a group-unit (in Sri Aurobindo's language, the herd), instead of a group-soul? The ideal of direct/representative democracy, underlying the group-soul principle, is implicit in the Act, where the powers of the Residents' Assembly are supreme, even stating, "the Working Committee of the Residents Assembly". Henceforth, NO to the arbitrary, whimsical rule by a few! NO to machineries further fragmenting our political body, introducing even more divisive classifications!

Let's appoint for the WC trustworthy people at the service of the Residents Assembly, to which they are fully responsible, and of whose will they are the ambassadors and dedicated executors, in total surrender, integrity and transparency.

Is the gulf between this principle - sanctioned in the Act - versus the abusive power structures of the so-called working groups (starting from WCs, having no resemblance with the Act's frame) grown irreversible?

Those allergic to the word democracy should differentiate between today's parliamentary democracies (burdened by elitism, corruption and power games) and experimental models of direct participation. We should foster a system that guarantee the equal rights of individuals within the collective process, and guards against any infringement upon those rights. A system empowering the individual to partake in decisions concerning him/herself as one indispensable part of the collective body, and where every Aurovilian is responsible for trying to live by the Charter - aware of the necessity of functioning, collectively, through the group-soul (not subconsciously, but in its highest sense), as we should strive to function, individually, through the psychic being.

Then only the dispute on the Residents' Assembly subsides. Experimenting with new patterns, a worthy attempt would be a hybrid between general meetings reverting to free, human exchanges, study-groups open to all concerned, ad hoc seminars and workshops; utilizing the tools of cyberspace, at last freed from 'political' orientation and censorship, making participation readily available to each and all. Those of selfless ideals and ideas, the avant-gardes and forerunners, the simple minded yet sincere citizens, variously oriented groups would then be able to mobilize the larger community of individuals. The outcome should be a transparent, unbound system of decision-making, self-regulatory, where information could truly be impartially processed, proper decisions taken and implemented, wrongs swiftly corrected. Most importantly, where all interact, sharing in the process of learning decision-making, indispensable to the birth of Auroville's group-soul.

Paulette

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Welcome to the Thursday weekly meditation
Listening to Mother's reading of Savitri on Sunil's music

Timing still from 6 pm to 6.30 pm

Let's enjoy the beautiful open space under the vast sky, the special light of the setting sun
and heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

(Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card - please no photos there.
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm to 6.30 p.m. Thank you!)

Amphitheatre Team

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Saturday 12th July from 6.30 to 7.15 pm
Musical meditation for the full moonrise

Western classical music
Recorded music of W.A.MOZART
Access only from office gate. Dear guests, please carry your guest card.

INVITATIONS

Remembering Professor Arabinda Basu

Savitri Bhavan, Sunday July 20 2014, 3.30 to 5 pm

Professor Arabinda Basu (1918-2012), known to many in Auroville and the Ashram as 'Arindam-da', had contact with Sri Aurobindo and the Mother from his teens, and visited the Ashram regularly from 1941 onwards. Sri Aurobindo encouraged him in his academic career, and in 1952 he was invited to become Professor of Comparative Religion at Durham University in the UK where he taught for 15 years before returning to join the Ashram in January 1968. He was one of the best-loved exponents of the vision of Sri Aurobindo, who was invited to speak all over India and abroad. He was also one of those chosen by the Mother to give talks here in Auroville in the 1970s. He passed away in the Ashram Nursing Home after a short illness, a few days before his 94th birthday, in July 2012. We will be remembering him in the presence of his son Robert and his assistant in later years Mousumi. Dr. Aster Patel is the chief guest and speaker. There will be a slideshow on his life, refreshments, and an opportunity to share memories.

Everyone is welcome

Sat Sangh at Savitri Bhavan

Every Saturdays from 5 pm to 6 pm

Everyone is welcome

Regards, Shiv
Savitri Bhavan

Repos Beach reopens! Come join the party!

We are extremely happy to announce that Repos Beach is reopening its gate the 13th of July 2014 onwards.

To mark the day, there will be a number of events from 8h30 until 20h30: Photo exhibition, beach volleyball tournament and a small inauguration party in the evening.

As Repos Beach is a victim of natural and manmade disasters since years, we will profit from this occasion to raise the awareness about the protection of the beach. The main aim of the photo exhibition is to show the gradual degeneration of the beach, from its glorious past to its oblivion and the effort of reconstruction till date.

A nice Kitchen will be there to receive you and entertain with its finger licking food

Please do come, so that we all can work together and save our beloved place.

Repos Beach Management Team, in collaboration with MultiDimension

The last call for participation - AV SINGING FESTIVAL 2014 - One community, One family

Coming back from our summer vacation we will continue to organize our Auroville Singing Festival.

It will be on the 10th and the 11th of October (7-9 PM) in Bharat Nivas.

A new challenge, a new stage in a new form...it will bring a new colorful and joyous event.

We are still waiting for your participation to sing with your family and friends.

Family Concert

All families are welcome; relatives, units, groups, schools, etc...

X- Change Concert

Free exchange between countries like Korea & China, India & France etc...

- Only 1 song for each participant

- No duplication of songs

- Submit: avsingingfestival@auroville.org.in

- Deadline: 31st of July, 2014

- Further information: <https://www.facebook.com/communityculturalcolors>

Hip Hop presentation for children

Hi everyone! We are happy to announce that there will be a Hip Hop dance presentation in Cripa building on 12th July at 11:30 am, by Sathish and his group.

There will also be a demo class for those interested. This performance will be a motivation for those who are learning and for those who wish to join the classes. The new timings for the classes at NC (Savitri building) are:

Age 5-9: Tue- 6-7 pm and Sat- 10:15-11:15 am

Age 10-14: Wed- 7-8 pm and Sat- 11:30- 12:30

For more details please call Sathish 9751851293

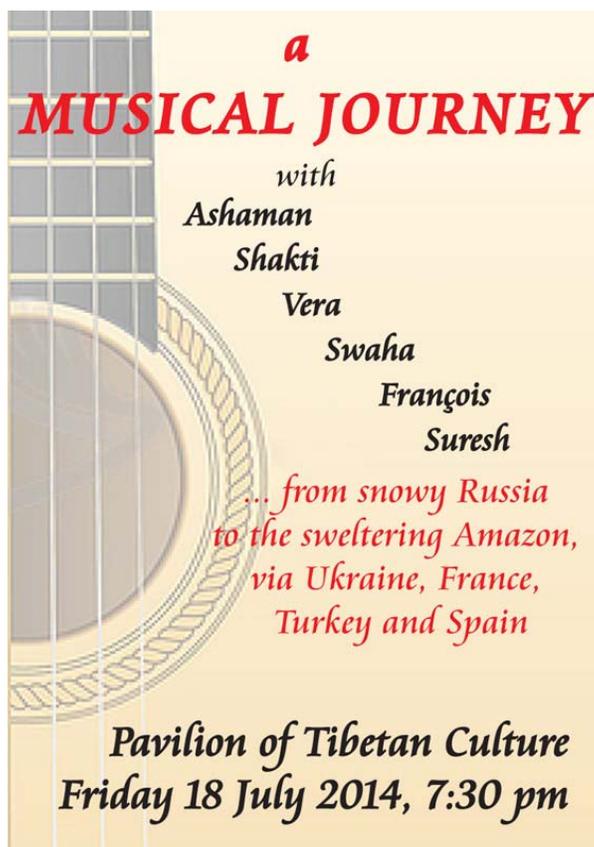
Thanks! Manju and Megan

African Pavilion

South Africa (African Pavilion) commemorates and celebrates MADIBA's (Nelson Mandela's) life on his birthday on Friday the 18th of July.

Come share a movie about MADIBA and a "Bunny Chow" dinner, authentic "South African Street Food" unassuming yet delectable, and true symbol of the historic bond between South Africa and India.

Unity Pavilion on Friday the 18th of July 2014 from 5 pm.



CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Hip Hop Classes

Hi everyone, if your child is interested in dance but not classical dance, here is an option. Sathish is a professional hip hop dancer who runs a dance studio in Pondy. He is willing to take classes for children from the age 5 and above in Auroville. Since We (Manju & Megan) know him personally and his potential we asked him to teach for the Auroville kids.

Hip Hop Class for Children at New Creation Studio
 Age - 5 to 9: Monday - 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm and Saturday - 10 am to 11 am
 Age - 10 to 14: Tuesday - 6 pm to 7 pm and Friday - 6 pm to 7 pm

So if you are interested and more details, plz call Sathish 9751851293

Schedule of classes @ Tai Chi Hall, Sharnga

July 1 - August 16 (no classes on Mondays and Fridays; no evening classes)
 Tuesday: 7.30am - 9.30am (chi & tai chi)
 Wednesday: 7.30am - 8.30am
 Thursday : 7.30am - 8.30am
 Saturday: 7.30am - 8.30am

Capoeira

Capoeira: Monday & Wednesday (Capoeira Regional / Contemporanea)- 5 pm at SAWCHU (Bharat Nivas) with S. da India. Tuesday & Thursday (Capoeira Angola) - 7.15 pm in Deepanam School with S. da India. Saturday (Free training /

roda) - 4 pm meeting point: Deepanam School. Classes start sharply at the indicated time.

Contact: Sam 9488328435 - capoeira@auroville.org.in

French classes at savitri bhavan, House of Mother's Agenda

We started French classes in May and June at House of Mother's Agenda, every Monday and Friday from 5 pm to 6 pm. All those who missed the classes are invited to join now! With Gratitude, in Service, GangaLakshmi (House of Mother's Agenda)

Well Being (Pranayama) Workshop of 5 Sessions

7:00 AM to 8:00 AM at Savitri Bhavan
 From 23rd July (Wednesday) to 27th July (Sunday)

"It is in good health that the way to transformation is found"
 The Mother

This workshop introduces you to:
 Easy-to-do exercises based on yoga for flexibility and toning
 Eight simple, but very powerful Pranayama practices
 Yoga Nidra (Deep Relaxation) to let go of stress and recharge yourself
 Dietary principles for Well Being

Outcome of the workshop: You enjoy a new level of wellbeing by practicing the exercises for thirty minutes per day. This workshop is open to all Aurovilians and Guests. No registration is required. To make the workshop beneficial to all, you are requested to: Please be at the venue by 6:45 am on the first day and at 6:55 on the other days.

Please note that the session on the last day would be ending at 8:20 AM

Please note that the sessions would be held as scheduled even if it rains.

Please have your breakfast only after the Pranayama sessions.

There is no fee for the workshop. However, donations to Savitri Bhavan are welcome.

About the Facilitator: Starting in early 2008, J.V. Avadhanulu (JV for short) has been facilitating various workshops and retreats in Auroville. For details, please see <http://www.joyofpersonalgrowth.com>

Integral Being Retreat

23rd (Wednesday), 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th (Sunday) July 2014 at Savitri Bhavan

"As yet, happiness and good health are not normal conditions in this world. We must protect them very carefully against the intrusion of their opposites." The Mother

The pursuit of happiness is quite common but seldom achieved. This retreat, inspired by the teachings of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, is focused on making your life healthier and happier.

Outline:

7:00 AM to 8:00 AM

23th-27th July - Pranayama

1:30 PM to 5:00 PM (with a short tea break around 3:00 PM)

23rd July Introduction

24th July Freedom from stress

25th July Emotional freedom

26th July Happiness

27th July How to be happier

8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

23rd-27th July Silence

Please be at the venue 10 minutes prior to the commencement of all sessions.

Registration: The retreat will be limited to a maximum of fifteen participants on a 'first-come-first-serve' basis. The

retreat is focused on inner work and those interested to participate are requested to set aside the days to get the best results. If you are committed to be present for all the sessions on all the five days, please call 2622 922 between 10 am and 5 pm on any weekday to register. This retreat is open to all - Aurovilians and Guests- with no fee. However, donations towards upkeep of Savitri Bhavan are welcome.

About the Facilitator: J.V. Avadhanulu (JV for short) was diagnosed with four incurable diseases at the age of 41. He was miraculously healed of these incurable conditions and systematically improved his wellbeing. He is passionate about sharing the practices that were beneficial to him in improving his health and wellbeing. He has been facilitating retreats and workshops since Jan 2008. The current retreat is based on 'Well Being' program and the weeklong retreats he offered at Van Nivas and Madhuban Ashrams. He is a Visiting Faculty member at IIM, Indore and IIM, Bangalore in the area of Personal Growth. For more, please see <http://www.joyofpersonalgrowth.com>

LEELA the game of the self-knowledge

Come discover the game of your life. The karmic dice will help you to understand your evolutionary path and will guide you to your divine being. With this universal tool, 3000 years old, you will play your role on the large board of dharma. Finally a game where everyone is a winner!

Every Sunday, 9.30 am, at Svedame, Butterfly Barn (please park outside of the community).

Bring a small object that represents yourself and a notebook (in English, German, Spanish, Russian and français)

Contact Véronique j. for information: 948 85 12 678

Salsa

Salsa intermediate class at Cripa

Day: Wednesday from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

Salsa beginner class at New Creation dance studio

Day: Thursday from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

SCHEDULES

Arka Wellness Center - July- 2014

Therapies

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Ayurvedic massage, Lomi Lomi massage & Cranio Sacral	SILVANA by appointment 9047654157	Monday to saturday
Acupuncture	Dr. MOHAMMED SAHEL ANSARI by appointment 9994208068	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage	PEPE by appointment 9943410987	
Yogic Healing Therapeutic Massage	BASU - by appointment 9443997568	Monday to Friday 8 to 9:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Saturday & Sunday Mornings
Reiki, Mind Therapy, Foot Reflexology, Courses of Reiki & Ayurvedic Massage. (Also Individual)	GIANNAKA by appointment 9487629648	
Foot Reflexology, Lomi Lomi & Vedic Astrology.	Vikram-by appointment 9843948288, 0413 2622952	By appointment
Psycho Spiritual Tarot, Deconditioning Self-Inquiry, Innervoice Dialogue, Graphology	ANTARJOTHI By appointment 0413-2623767 or Email : antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Also in French.
Siddha Treatment (Discover the traditional Medicine)	SHIVARAJ - 93454 54232	Monday, Wednesday and Friday From:10.00 am to 12:00 pm by appointment.

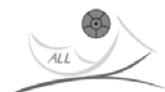
Beauty Parlor

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Holistic Reflexology, Face Massage, Cleaning, manicure, pedicure, threading, waxing, henna & hair coloring	MEHA by appointment 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Beauty care (Herbal facial). Dieting/Nutrition consultation. Hair cuttings for Indian hair only.	SEMANTINI by appointment 9943387428	Tuesday and Thursday mornings
Hair dressing	LADINA (Certified Hairdresser) appointment - 9787337465	Monday to Saturday
Hair dressing	YUVAL appointment 7639291546	Monday to Friday

Regular Classes In The Multipurpose Hall - 1st Floor

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Acro-yoga	DAMIEN - 9047722740	Sunday morning at 8:00 to 10:00 am
Vocal yoga vy®	CLARE FUNNING - 9442318775	Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 am to 9:00 am

Internet facility is available in Arka: Monday to Saturday - 9 am to 5 pm.



NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

NEW SCHEDULE OF CLASSES - July 2014

Coordinator : In preparation for the move to the new building in the International Zone, which will need a larger team, we had advertised for the post of Coordinator. We thank all of those who applied and are happy to welcome Anny from Petite Ferme as part of our team, bringing joy, fun, and Swiss organization to the Lab! The others who applied are welcome to contact us in a year's time when it would be time to move into the new building.

We are also very happy to welcome Sophie from Anusuya who has started teaching French with a big and welcome bang. The schedule of classes is below. There are two groups for beginners, one for intermediate and one for advanced students. Those who want to join need to call the Lab in advance.

It's nice to see Elvira back in the Lab teaching Spanish, and Rebecca continues English for Beginners. Premalatha continues Tamil. Chandrima remains available for Sanskrit, Hindi and Bengali, for smaller and one-on-one classes, by appointment on request. Anne is doing an intensive once a week 3 hours German Beginners class until the end of July.

We are looking for another English teacher, who could teach a new Beginners' class as well as the Intermediate and Advanced classes. Rebecca is quite taken up with her other activities and so we need another motivated person, whose mother tongue is English, to start new groups. We have very good materials and a syllabus to follow, so you don't necessarily need experience in teaching, but you should have a strong love of the language and a love of people, and you need to be a good listener and communicator. Please contact us immediately if you feel you fit the bill.

We are also happy to welcome Piero, an Italian volunteer who has been teaching Italian language and literature at Barcelona University for the last 15 years. There are quite a few Aurovilians who are partners with Italians and already speak excellent Italian: would you be interested in an Advanced Class in Italian literature, poetry, maybe writing? Incidentally, this can interest all the Italians of Auroville too. Why should we do only second language learning? Remember Mother answered the question: "What languages will be used for teaching," by saying, "All the spoken languages of the earth"... So, Italians and partners of Italians, please take advantage of this opportunity! Anny will coordinate this, so call her @ 944.36.19.754. You can also send an email to all@auroville.org.in. Piero is also willing to teach other Beginners and Intermediate students, of course.

The Language Lab is open Monday - Friday 9:00am - 6:00pm / Location: Shakti Community, next to the Pyramids, on Last School Campus / Phone: 2623 661, 9585207962 Email all@auroville.org.in

LANGUAGE	CLASS/LEVEL	TIMING	DAY	TEACHER
ENGLISH	Beginners	05.00 - 06.00pm	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	Rebecca
FRENCH	Intensive Beginners	05.00 - 06.00pm	Monday to Friday (Two Weeks)	Sophie
	Beginners	01.30 - 02.30pm	Monday Wednesday Friday	Sophie
	Intermediate	03.30 - 04.30pm 03.30 - 04.30pm 09.30 - 10.30am	Wednesday Thursday Saturday	Sophie
	Advanced	09.30 - 10.30am 10.00 - 11.30 am	Mon, Tues, Wed, and Fri Thursday	Sophie
GERMAN	Beginners	02.00 - 05.00pm	Friday	Anne
HINDI SANSKRIT	Beginners, Intermediate	By Appointment (Open)	Tuesday, Friday	Chandrima
ITALIAN	Beginners	05.00 - 06.00pm	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	Piero
TAMIL	Beginners	04.00 - 05.00pm	Tuesday Wednesday, Friday	Premalatha
SPANISH	Beginners	11.00 - 12.00pm	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	Elvira
	Intermediate	By Appointment (Open)	Monday Wednesday Friday	Elvira

Programme for July 2014

Yoga - Iyengar (starting from 14th of July only)

Āsanas	beginners (regular students)	Mon	07.30 - 09.00	Tatiana
Āsanas (*)	intermediate (regular students)	Mon	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	drop in all levels	Tues	11.00 - 12.00	Angela
Āsanas	beginners(regular students)	Tues	15.30 - 17.00	Angela
Pranayama	regular students	Tues	17.00 - 18.30	Tatiana
Āsanas	All levels in Russian(start in Sep.14)Tues	18.30 - 20.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women	drop in all levels	Wed	07.30 - 09.00	Angela
Āsanas(*)	advanced (regular students)	Wed	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women (*)	intermediate (regular students)	Thurs	07.30 - 09.15	Tatiana
Āsanas	Restorative all levels	Thurs	15.30 - 16.30	Angela
Āsanas	beginners(regular students)	Thurs	17.00 - 18.30	Tatiana
Āsanas for the spine	all levels	Fri	07.30 - 09.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	intermediate (regular students)	Fri	17.00 - 18.45	Angela
Āsana- open practice (*)	intermediate (regular students)	Sat	07.00 - 09.30	Tatiana
Āsana	drop in all levels	Sat	10.30 - 12.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for the spine	drop in all levels	Sat	16.30 - 18.00	Angela

(*) = Open to Aurovilian & Newcomers only

Yoga - Ashtanga - Vinyasa

Ashtanga - Vinyasa (*)	regular practitioners	Tues, Fri	06.30 - 08.15	Alain
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(*) = Open to regular practitioners only

Yoga - mixed styles

Āsanas (*)	for teenagers	Mon, Wed	16.00 - 17.00	Natascha
Yoga Therapy	all levels	Mon, Wed, Fri	08.30 - 10.00	Gala
Āsanas	for children 7-9 yrs.	Sat	10.00 - 11.00	Gala
Yoga in Tamil (*)	all levels	Sat	16.00 - 17.00	Muthu

Other Exercises

Pilates all levels	Tues	07.45 - 08.45	Teresa	
Pilates all levels	Wed/Fri	17.30 - 18.30	Teresa	
Discover energy body	children, 7-9 yrs.	Sat	11.00 - 12.00	Gala

Dance

Odissa Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Tue	16.00 - 17.30pm	Kanchana
Odissa Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Fri	15.30 - 16.30pm	Rekha

(*) = Open to regular practitioners only

Martial Arts

Aikido	all levels	Tue/Thurs	06.00 - 07.30	Surya
Aikido	beginners	Tue	18.00 - 19.00	Surya
Aikido	beginners	Sat	06.00 - 07.30	Surya/Cristo

The timings of Children classes are not mentioned here. Contact Cristo 2622356, email: cristo@gmx.fr

Workshop

IYENGAR YOGA intensive workshop with Tatiana, open to all levels from July 3rd to 7th - 7-9am and 5-7pm.
Registration at reception.

Health Care at Pitanga

Homeopathy & Bach Flower Remedy, Marika Mon, Fri: 09.00 - 12.00 Tue, Thurs: 15.00 - 17.00

For the following therapies & treatments please book your appointment on phone, 2622403/2622994

Ayurvedic Oil Massage with Teresa, Cranio Sacral Therapy with Elena, Facial Treatment with Svetlana, Lomi Lomi oil massage with Ann, Reiki with Betty, Reflexology with Pircilla, Releasing through Awareness - with Rosa, Thai Yoga Massage - with Juan and Teresa

Pitanga - Cultural Centre, Samasti Community.
Open Monday - Saturday 8.00 - 12.30 and 14.00 - 18.00
(0413) 262 2403 - pitanga@auroville.org.in



PITANGA

Rosa re-starts from this week offering: "Individual ATB sessions" in Pitanga

A work on listening the Being through your body, allowing old patterns to dissolve effortlessly by your conscious presence. Using tools as the breath, movement, deep relaxation, sensory awareness, touch... and practicing the positioning in the witness attitude.

The purpose and intention is to accompany those interested to keep increasing awareness and embodying more fully their bodies. Even if these sessions are not intended to be therapeutic, a release of certain tensions and a sense of an increased well-being may be a clear effect for the person.

If you have any doubt do not hesitate to phone and get some clarifications: Rosa 2623885

For an appointment call Pitanga.

CREATIVITY HALL OF LIGHT - JULY - 2014 ACTIVITIES

CLASS	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Kriya Yoga	DHARA Mobile No. +91-7639869108	Monday to Thursday, 6.30 to 7.45 am
Hatha Yoga	OLESYA	Friday from 4-5 pm
Space available for quiet activities. If you are interested, please contact margarita@auroville.org.in		

F I L M S

♥CINEMA

C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

Friday 11 "Shorts and Docs" The Italian Selection!

FRIDAY 18 JULY - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

"THE LUNCH BOX"

Directed by Ritesh BATRA - India, 2013 / With: Irrfan Khan, Nimrat Kaur, Nawazuddin Siddiqui

Synopsis: Saajan, a Mumbai office worker nearing retirement, is delivered the wrong lunch by a dabbawala. Young housewife Ila had intended it for her emotionally indifferent husband. To Saajan's surprise, the food is a vast improvement on his usual meal. When he finds a note from Ila enclosed with another meal, he decides to write back...The Indian movie that won hearts all over the world!

Original Hindi version with English subtitles - Duration: 1h.44'



"THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, July 18th, Friday at 7 pm

African Safari

Documentary - 85 minutes, 2013

Filmmaker Ben Stassen and cinematographer Sean MacLeod Phillips return to southern Africa for a whole new adventure. Animal behaviorist Kevin Richardson - "The Lion Whisperer" - guides audiences on an extraordinary journey across the most spectacular sceneries on earth: from the picturesque coastal desert dunes of Namibia, through the natural wonder of the Ngorongoro crater and then on to the breathtaking Victoria Falls. The film delivers startlingly close encounters with lions, cheetahs, leopards, black rhinoceros and elephants. This is the trek of a lifetime, so get ready to be immersed in the real wild Africa - where there are no fences for your protection.

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!! Free bus service to the TOUR OF SADHANA FOREST and the ECO FILM CLUB - DEPARTURE SOLAR KITCHEN: 16:00 and RETURN FROM SADHANA FOREST: 21:30 - Free bus service to the ECO FILM CLUB - DEPARTURE SOLAR KITCHEN: 18:00 and RETURN FROM SADHANA FOREST: 21:30

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Sri Aurobindo: 'The world is not an unhappy accident; it is a marvel moving towards its expression.'

Monday, 14th of July 2014, at 6:15 pm

"Towards a Sustainable Future - Auroville, 36 years of Research"

This documentary film shows the efforts and the research work for reforestation and the development of environmental awareness and knowledge for plants and species in Auroville, it shows the efforts for water harvesting, research in architecture, agriculture, seed collection and the support of projects in the bio-region to help the people to plan the future, as for the outreach project in Nadukuppam, a Government High School & Environment Education Centre.

The banyan tree close to the Matrimandir and Amphitheatre is telling the story of how Auroville's life developed beautifully from the early beginnings until 2004. Duration: 51:54min.

AFRICA HOUSE, PAVILION OF AFRICAN CULTURE IN INTERNATIONAL ZONE

Invites everyone at the occasion of Nelson Mandela Day

On July 18th at 5 pm at Unity Pavilion

To screening of "A Long Walk to Freedom"

Followed by "Bunny Chow" dinner, authentic "South African Street Food" unassuming yet delectable, and true symbol of the historic bond between South Africa and India

The film which celebrates Nelson Mandela's extraordinary life journey from his childhood in a rural village through to his election as President of South Africa, is an inspirational film which will motivate people to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Having the first show on 18 July as a free screening will hopefully enable the public to watch the film and be inspired by its message and then go into their communities and make an effort to live up to the motto of Mandela Day - "Take Action. Inspire Change. Make every day a Mandela Day".

*In South Africa [Videovision Entertainment](#), [The Nelson Mandela Foundation](#) and [Ster Kinekor](#) have teamed up to celebrate Madiba by making available the film, *Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom*, to the public at no cost. The screenings will take place on 18 July 2014 at 09h45 at selected Ster Kinekor cinemas across South Africa.*

"Love comes more naturally to the human heart... (Nelson Mandela)"



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film programme 14 July 2014 to 20 July 2014

Kindly do not bringing food, drinks, snacks, munchies or your pets into the auditorium.

Indian - Monday 14 July, 8.00 pm:

- Ashchorjyo prodeep (The Magic Lantern)

India, 2013, Writer-Dir. Anik Dutta w/ Saswata Chatterjee, Rajatabha Dutta, Sreelekha Mitra, and others, Drama, 120mins, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13(U/A)

The story of a modern day Aladdin set against the backdrop of contemporary consumer society. The film deals with the unfulfilled aspirations of an everyday couple whose dreams never become reality and as they try hard to excel in life. Anilabha discovers a magic lamp from which a genie emerges and is able to take him to unseen heights in life that he never reached before and also a life of extreme luxury and fortunes. How they adjust and cope up with their new-found lives forms the rest of the story.

Italian - Tuesday 15 July, 8:00 pm:

- POSTI IN PIEDI IN PARADISO (A Flat for Three)

Italy, 2012, Dir. Carlo Verdone w/ Carlo Verdone, Pierfrancesco Favino, Marco Giallini, and others, Comedy, 119 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Divorce has plunged Domenico, Ulisse and Fulvio into serious economic problems. The three men meet for the first time when looking for a place to stay. They converge on a flat that none of them can afford on a single budget. The instant proposal of sharing space and expenses brings them together under the same roof. But under the same roof land also every possible problem each of them has with ex-wives, young or grown-up children and capricious new partners.

Cultural - Wednesday 16 July, 8.00 pm:

- OPERA GALA FROM BADEN BADEN

Germany, 2007, Dir. Manfred Seipt w/ Anna Netrebko soprano, Elina Garanca mezzo, Ramon Vargas, Ludovic Tezier, and others, Live concert, 138 mins, Italian-French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

The complete concert that brought together four of the world's most exciting singers, performing beloved arias, duets, and quartets. It includes work by Verdi, Puccini Bellini, Bizet, and Delibes. 'Bel Canto at its most beautiful and most ravishing' (*Badische Neueste Nachrichten*).

Spanish - Thursday 17 July, 8.00 pm:

- MAR ADENTRO (The Sea Inside)

Spain, 2004, Dir. Alejandro Amenábar w/ Javier Bardem, Belén Rueda, Lola Dueñas, and others, Drama, 125 mins, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

It is the real-life story of Spaniard Ramon Sampedro, who fought a 30-year campaign in favor of euthanasia and his own right to die.

International - Saturday 19 July, 8:00 pm:

- hunting elephants

Israel-USA, 2013, Writer-Dir. Reshef Levi w/ Sasson Gabai, Moni Moshonov, Patrick Stewart, and others, Comedy-Crime, 107mins, Hebrew-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Three elderly men and grandson Yonatan find themselves stuck together in a Jerusalem nursing home. The kid is a genius, but stammers and is bullied at school. Yonatan's grandfather, Eliahu, whom he had never met, is a former member of the Lehi (pre-State Jewish underground), and a cold person. Eliahu's best friend from Lehi, Nick, is full of ambition and passion that will never materialize; and Eliahu's English brother-in-law, has-been a third-rate actor with massive debts. There's one thing keeping them together - they all want to rob the bank that employed Yonatan's deceased father to avenge it for not paying the Yonatan's mother compensation.

Children's Film - Sunday 20 July, 4:30 pm:

- RANGO

USA, 2011, Dir. Gore Verbinski w/ Johnny Depp, Isla Fisher, Timothy Olyphant, and others, 107mins, Animation-Adventure-Comedy, English, Rated: G

Rango is a pet chameleon always on the lookout for action and adventure, except the fake kind, where he directs it and acts in it. After a car accident, he winds up in an old western town called Dirt. What this town needs the most is water, but they also need a hero and a sheriff. The thirsty Rango instantly takes on the role of both and selfishly agrees to take on the case of their missing water.

Satyajit Ray Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 20 July, 8:00 pm:

- MAHANAGAR (The Metro City)

India, 1963, Dir. Satyajit Ray w/ Anil Chatterjee, Madhabi Mukherjee and others, 122mins, Drama, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

The struggle between traditional and modern values in Indian life is the centerpiece of this movie. Unlike Ray's earlier works, this film deals with the life of an ordinary middle class Bengali family and spotlights the changing role of women in India during the 1960s. Based on a short story by Narendranath Mitra and set in Calcutta, is another example of Ray's indelible craftsmanship, of his superb storytelling and his exceptional ability to tell a universal story which is both moving and educative in a simple yet very effective way.

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

As a courtesy to the other viewers please be sweet and stop chatting after the film starts.

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in / We appreciate your continued support. Thanking You, MMC/CP Group - Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Some Auroville Acronyms: ABC Auroville Board of Commerce; ABS Auroville Board of Services; AVC Auroville Council; BCC Budget Coordination Committee; FAMC Funds and Assets Management Committee; FS Financial Service; HRT Human Resource Team; LCC Land Consolidation Committee; LMTF Land Management Task Force; LRM Land and Resources Management; PTDC Pour Tous Distribution Centre; WC Working Committee

[Kindly let us know of any changes in opening/closing hours for the service. Eds]

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680

Auroville Library, Crown Road: May and June opening hours:

Monday - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30

Tuesday; Wednesday; Thursday; Friday and Saturday - 9:00 to 12:30.

AvHC: This is to inform you that due to popular demand, from 3rd June onwards, we are extending our Doctors' consultation hours from 8.30 to 1pm and 2 to 5.30 pm daily except Saturday which remains a half day. The Pharmacy will maintain its present timings (8 am to 5 pm). *Av HC*

City Transport: Pick up and Drop Shuttle Service, per passenger fares. Phone Visitors Centre 262-2611 or 9487650951 daily 9.30am-6.00pm and Fri-Sat-Sun evenings up to 9.30pm (10.00pm for return trips).

Day/Night Guard: Auroville Security: Please call Ramesh.V at 9443090107/9443362691 in case of emergency or if you need an escort (for people with bikes/cycles only) or assistance. You can also contact us at avsecurity@auroville.org.in

Eco Service, Kottakarai: Jayamurthy - 904 701 5812 / Gillian - 9442067481, email: ecoservice@auroville.org.in / Auralice - 989 461 9928

Entry Service, Multimedia Center: 1st floor, Town hall Complex: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 10.00am to 12.00pm for enquiries/applications. Thursdays: 2:00 to 3:30pm. B Form filling for newly resident Aurovilians and youth turning 18.

Financial Service, Town Hall and Aspiration: Mon to Sat, 9 to 12.30 and 3 to 4.30pm

Free allopathic medical treatment by Dr. Amarnath in Arati One. Tel.: 262 24 92; email: amarnath@auroville.org.in

Free Store: We will be open every morning except for Thursdays. We will not be open in the afternoons. Mon-Sat 9am - 12.30pm (closed Thurs)

Free Store Tailoring Service: Repair work will be received only from 1st to 15th of every month. Timings will be same as Free Store.

Auroville Gas Service, Service Area: Near Tele Service" and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm

Guest Service Solar Kitchen: 1st floor. Open every morning (including Sunday) from 9.30 to 12.30. Afternoon from 1pm to 4pm (except Sunday)

Housing Service, Town Hall: Public hours are Monday & Friday 2:30 to 4:30pm, and Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00 to 11:30am. No public hours on Wednesday.

Integral Health: Classical homeopathy, hypnotherapy, midwifery, counselling, Shiatsu, energy work / integralhealth@auroville.org.in - 2623669 / Mon-Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.

Kailash Clinic, Kailash: Call 2622803 for an appointment during morning hours from 8.30am to 12.30pm

LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas: Mon to Sat 9am-12 noon.

Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily

06.00am to 08.45am. 11.30 am to 12.30pm (02.00 pm on Sunday)- 04.30 pm to 08.00pm

Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you.

To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.45am on the day of the visit. Please remain with your guests throughout the visit.

Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday.

Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 am and 11.15am.

Midwifery care in Auroville: 24/7 for emergencies and birth. pregnancy consultations and preparing for natural gentle birth, consultations for breastfeeding and post-natal care. by appointment phone 8098900471. Manuela

Music library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9 to 12.30 and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2 to 5:30pm.

Nandini Tailor section: (Auroshilpam): Open to public on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday full day. No new order taken last week of the month.

OutreachMedia Services: The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904 Or Robert at 8940 568 305. Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment.

Puncture service, service area: next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4 30pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891235.

Auroville Residents Service timings: Please note that the Auroville Residents Service office will be open from Monday to Friday morning's from 9:00 am to 12.00 pm and afternoon Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30.

Thank you, Residents Service Team

Savi: facilitates voluntary services and internships in Units & activities of Auroville; clarifying your needs of long term volunteers, helping with visa, and following-up these external resources to make their stay mutually beneficial. Opening hours in Unity Pavilion for visits, waiver forms signing and welcome Monday to Friday 10 12am. Phone 262 2121 - email study@auroville.org.in

Skyworks: Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, power line cleaning. SatYaaji 958 516 58 82

Vehicle Service, Town Hall: Monday - Friday : 09.00am - 12.30 pm, 02.00pm - 4.30pm. Saturday: 09.00am - 12.30pm

Video library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 10 am to 1 pm and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 3 to 6pm.

Women's Helpline - For women needing assistance after an incident of violence on Auroville roads. Please call 262 2425 (mornings) or email avhs@auroville.org.in

ACT overview of services

EARLY TRIP (*daily except Tuesday*) - *This service is conditional to MM being open to visitors. Usually not running on rainy days (enquiries: 2622235)*

7:45 AM from Transport Service near Certitude Corner, opposite the Gas Service

12:00 Noon from Pondy rue St Louis (beach end of J.N. Street) opposite the Ashram playground

MORNING TRIP

Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday

9:00 AM from Matrimandir Office Gate Parking

12:00 Noon from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

AFTERNOON TRIP

Monday - Wednesday

3:00 PM from Matrimandir Office Gate Parking

6:00 PM from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

Friday

4:00 PM from Matrimandir Office Gate Parking

8:30 PM from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

Please note: In case the ACT bus is not available as per the timetable please be on the lookout for a replacement by an Auroville Jeep or Van, we will ensure that a small white and orange sign is visible on the replacement vehicle.

All trips are paying trips and ACT welcomes your contribution everyday on every trip. ACT maintains its voluntary contribution policy aligned with Auroville's utopia, ideals and aims. At present it is YOUR contribution ALONE which keeps the service afloat. Travel passes are available from Financial Service (Town Hall & Aspiration) and Guest Service (above the Solar Kitchen). For more information contact ACT (0413) 2622962 or act@auroville.org.in

Important information about News & Notes

(Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Wednesday 11 am)

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

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

NB: Messages with large attachments (more than 1 MB) will not reach our inbox.

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

The Wednesday deadline (11am) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.

Any modifications of the submitted *News* items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday.

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

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

Work groups please note: Long reports (more than one page) or reports that contain graphs or have specific requirements, need to reach the N&N desk latest by Tuesday noon. If such a report comes on Wednesday morning without prior notice, the editors cannot guarantee placement the same week.

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