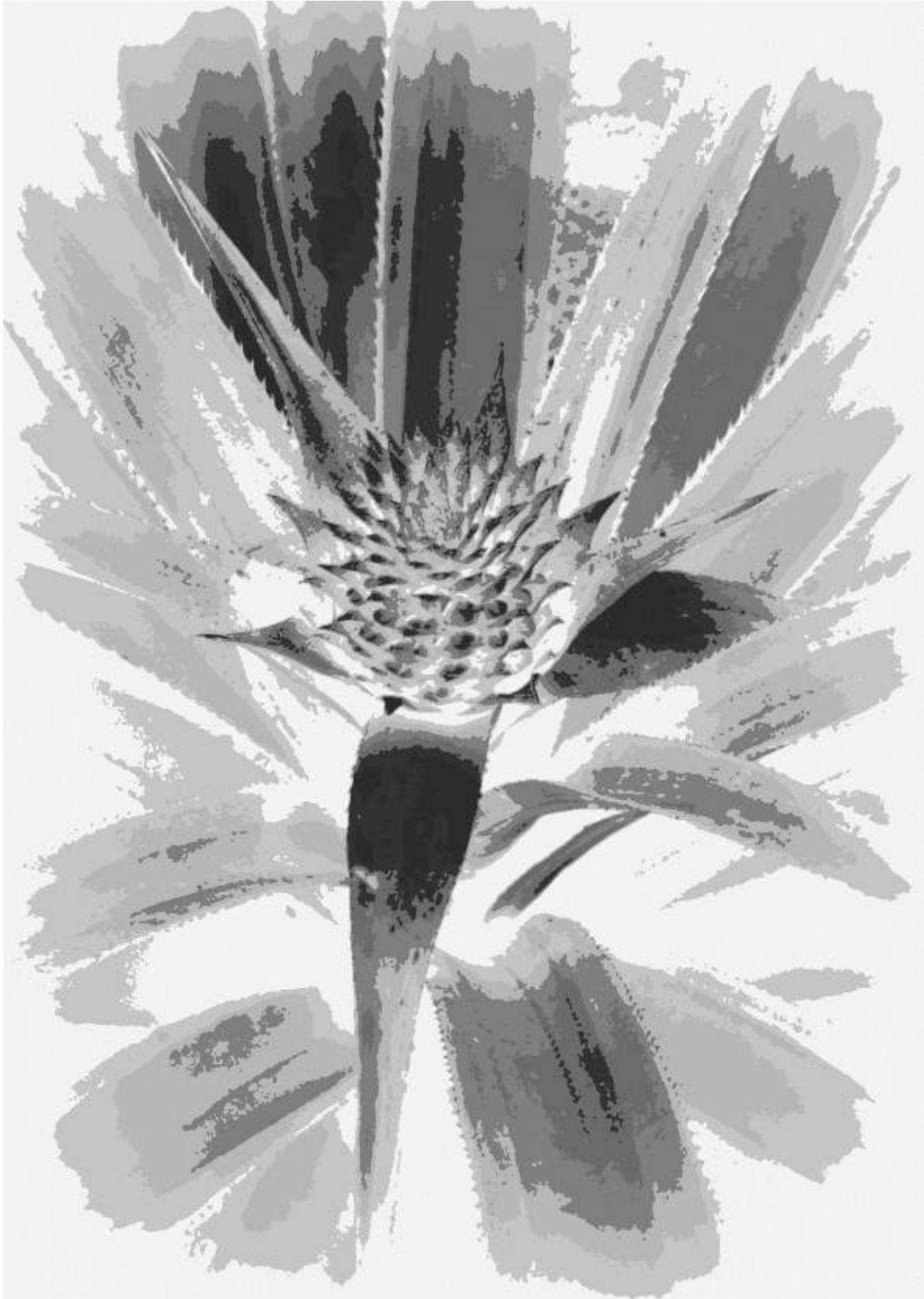


News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

What made Sri Aurobindo stop?

He hasn't stopped.

Stopped him physically, you mean?

Yes. *What made him stop?*

He decided he had to go.

We tried, oh - myself in particular! I concentrated all my power to prevent him from going, and it made him suffer greatly, because... he WANTED to go, he had decided - "he" - the Supreme Lord had decided that he would go.

Yes, but *why exactly was there this halt? He had come for that.*

But nothing has stopped! That's precisely the point - he refuses to acknowledge that anything has stopped. Nothing has stopped. He came for that, and he arranged things to... to give a maximum number of chances ("chance" is one way of putting it), of possibilities - to put all the winning cards on our side.

(long silence)

Obviously, were I to leave now I can say there would be a halt, because I don't see anyone at the moment who could continue. But there's a good chance that.... We will see....

Yes, we will see.

Everything depends upon the balance (not the equilibrium, the proportion) between the amount of resistance in physical substance, and the Power.

But are these merely material resistances or are they rather hostile forces?

No; outside Matter, the hostile forces don't have even a BIT of power: NONE.

Their power is in Matter?

In Matter; practically inconscient Matter.

They are in inconscient Matter?

More accurately, they represent the unconsciousness of Matter. Hostile - we say "hostile," but of course this is just a manner of speaking.

You see... *(Mother is about to say something, then decides not to)*. Now is not the time to speak of these things.

We will see.

(silence)

For example, as I was saying at the beginning, the body's formation has a very minimal, a quite subordinate importance for a saint or a sage. But for this supramental work, the way the body is formed has an almost crucial importance, and not at all in relation to spiritual elements nor even to mental power: these aspects have no importance AT ALL. The capacity to endure, to last is the important thing.

Well, in that respect, it is absolutely undeniable that my body has an infinitely greater capacity than Sri Aurobindo's had.

That was the basic problem - because the identification of the two [*Sri Aurobindo and Mother*] was almost child's play, it was nothing: for me to merge into him or him to merge into me was no problem, it wasn't difficult. We had some conversations on precisely this subject, because we saw that... (there were many other things, too, but this isn't the time to speak of them) the prevailing conditions were such that I told him I would leave this body and melt into him with no regret or difficulty; I told him this in words, not just in thought. And he also replied to me in words: Your body is indispensable for the Work. Without your body the Work cannot be done. After that, I said no more. It was no longer my concern, and that was the end of it.

This was said in... 1949, just a little more than a year before he left.

(silence)

And that's really how it is.

But now I am set face-to-face with the fact... the immensity, or the... something.... This work is so formidable!

In the final analysis, everything obviously depends upon the Supreme's Will because, if one looks deeply enough into the question, even physical laws and resistances are nothing for Him. But this kind of direct intervention takes place only at the extreme limit; if His Will is to be expressed in opposition, as it were, to the whole set of laws governing the Manifestation - well, that only comes... at the very last second. Sri Aurobindo has expressed this so well in *Savitri*, so well! At least three times in the book he has expressed this Will that abolishes all established laws, all of them, and all the consequences of these laws, the whole formidable colossus of the Manifestation, so that in the face of it all, That can express itself - and this takes place at the very last "second," so to speak, at the extreme limit of possibility.

I must say that there was a time when, as Sri Aurobindo had entrusted his work to me, there was a kind of tension to do it (it can't be called an anxiety); a tension in the will. This too has now ended (*Mother stretches her arms into the Infinite*). It's finished. But there MAY still be something tense lurking somewhere in the subconscious or the inconscient - I don't know, it's possible. Why? I don't know. I mean I have never been told, at any time, neither through Sri Aurobindo nor directly, whether or not I would go right to the end. I have never been told the contrary, either. I have been told nothing at all. And if at times I turn towards That - not to question, but simply to know - the answer is always the same: "Carry on, it's not your problem; don't worry about it." So now I have learned not to worry about it; I am consciously not worried about it.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 15 July 1961

MOTHER

*The
Ponder
Corner*

We must ... we must take a leap upward.

All those who seek to restore order pull back towards all the old ideas -- that's why they are unsuccessful. But that's all over now. It's over. We are going upward. Only those who can go upward are able to accomplish something.

Mother's Agenda, May 1, 1971

TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville

TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville has decided to bring the following Site Application & Building Application to the News & Notes for feedback.

1. Industrial Zone Water User Association, Industrial Zone, Re-digging a new bore well next to the old bore well of Silence.
2. Housing Service, Pony Farm, Temporary moveable structures

Project Description given by the project holder.

Project Title: Pony Farm Movable Houses Project

Proposed Site Location: Pony Farm

Project Holder: Housing Service (Sonja)

Architect: Arlet, Johnny and Alok

Contact Persons: Housing Service (Sonja)

Description: Providing 11 movable housing units.

Target Group: Newcomers, Fresh Aurovillians waiting for the new housing projects to complete and volunteers, on a low budget

Background: The present situation of 47 Newcomer units of which more than 20 are taken by Aurovillians who cannot move forward. This leads to stagnation and limits new members to join Auroville. Especially families have difficulties to find a place for their first years.

Triggers: A Chronic shortage of houses for Newcomers and fresh Aurovillians just after their Newcomer time and waiting for new housing projects to be completed. This normally is between 2.5 to 3 years.

Goals/Objectives: Providing low budget temporary houses.

TDC asks for feedback from the residents of Auroville within two weeks from the date of publication. If anyone wishes to have detailed information, feel free to contact TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville office: 262-3568 or come personally to the Building Application section.

Update from Gas Bottle Service

The Government of India has introduced the Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG scheme in Puducherry starting from 15th of November 2014, LPG bottles will be sold at the market price i.e. non-subsidized price (approximately Rs.1000) and the subsidy will be transferred to the beneficiary's bank account. Under this scheme, Non-Indians/OCIs/NRIs/PIOs are not eligible to receive the LPG subsidy.

From Housing Service

Apartment for Transfer at Surya Nivas, Auromodel. 86.5 Sq Meters on the first floor. Suitable for Couple or Single person. Kindly contact the Housing service to give your names and obtain more information.

There will be 2 weeks for the collection of names and a list of the candidates will be presented to the community for their choice of new resident.

Feedback process on selection WC and AVC

Dear Community,

As we are all aware, representing Auroville and its community is a very important and responsible role. We invite you to give feedback on the names that have been proposed for nomination to the Working Committee and the Auroville Council in a conscious and respectful way.

In particular, we would suggest that this is done with sincerity and deep introspection. If it is negative, it should focus upon the needs of the larger community but giving the individual in question an opportunity for growth and reflection. We would suggest that facts and concerns are focused on rather than stories and interpretations and, wherever possible, that evidence is provided to substantiate any statements made. However, it is acknowledged that deeply-held intuitions about somebody can also constitute valid feedback.

Also we would like to remind that if you have given feedback previously regarding any of the proposed nominees, and if you still feel it is relevant, you should resend it in the format below.

Feedback containing valid/ factual reservations against any nominee(s) will normally be communicated to the concerned nominee(s). In the absence of valid clarifications to dissolve such reservations/ objections, the concerned nominee(s) will be considered ineligible.

All feedback received by the Review Committee must be signed. It will not automatically be confidential. However if there is a strong valid concern combined with fear for repercussions, this feedback should be brought, in writing, to a member of the Feedback Review committee and the committee will adhere to confidentiality.

----- Feedback on nominee(s) for Working Committee and Auroville Council

Today's date (DD/MM/YY): _____

Name of nominee: _____

Community: _____

1) Do you believe that this person is suitable for membership in the Working Committee?

YES/NO

If no, please explain why:

2) Do you believe that this person is suitable for membership in the Auroville Council?

YES/NO

If no, please explain why:

Name of person who gave feedback:

Community:

For paper feedback- Signature:

Please use a new form for each nominee you want to offer feedback on. Extra forms can be picked up at the Solar Kitchen and should be submitted to AV Council Office.

How to submit your form/s

By Email: Please either send this form by email to: feedback_review_list@auroville.org.in or deliver it on paper to the AV Council office (1st Floor, Town Hall). (9.30 am to 4 pm)

On Paper: Paper forms are available and when completed should be dropped in the box in AV Council Office, Town Hall. If you submit your form on paper, you must have your name checked off the Register of Residents to ensure that you have not accidentally submitted multiple feedback forms on a single nominee.

All feedback received by the Review Committee must be signed. It will not automatically be confidential. However if there is a strong valid concern combined with fear for repercussions, this feedback should be brought, in writing, to a member of the Feedback Review committee and the committee will adhere to confidentiality.

With thanks,

The Temporary Feedback Review Committee (*Alan, Bridget, Margarita, Meenakshi, Partha, Raman, Vinodhini and Shankar*)

Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) has registered that:

391 Aurovilians were nominated by 250 Aurovilians. 94 nominees agreed to take part in the three-day Selection Process.

49 Aurovilians offered to be an active member and 45 offered to support the Selection Process.

List of nominees is given below.

We have not mentioned proposed roles for each nominee because during the three days process everybody is free to change it. The idea is to give everybody time and space to find their place.

Name	Community	Email	Name	Community	Email
7	Gokulam	only7auroville@yahoo.com	Maggie	Courage	purplemaggie@hotmail.com
Amudha	Kottakarai	babu@auroville.org.in	Mandakini	Maitreye	mandakini@auroville.org.in
Amy	International House	amy@auroville.org.in	Manickam	Acceptance	manickam@auroville.org.in
Anan	Eternity	anan@auroville.org.in	Manikandan	Grace	manikandan@auroville.org.in
Anand	Shakti	rvanand@auroville.org.in	Manohar	Realization	manohar@auroville.org.in
Ananda	Fraternity	ananda@auroville.org.in	Manoj	Bliss	manoj@auroville.org.in
Anbu	Celebration	aravind@auroville.org.in	Marco	Sharnga	marcoavc@auroville.org.in
Anbu	Windarra	anbooav@gmail.com	Muthu	Kuilalalayam	paramdeva@auroville.org.in
Andre T.	New Creation	andre@auroville.org.in	Padmanabhan	Fraternity	padmanabhan@auroville.org.in
Angela	Alchemy	angela@auroville.org.in	Patrick	Fertile East	patrick.dubos@gmail.com
Antonio	Grace	antonio@auroville.org.in	Paul Vincent	Courage	paulvincent.baptiste@gmail.com
Arumugam	Kalabhumi		Perumal	Celebration	perumalvidjea@auroville.org.in
Ashoke	Auromodele	ashoke@auroville.org.in	Pino	Creativity	auropino@yahoo.it
Aurelio	Verite	aurelio@auroville.org.in	Prabhu	Aspiration	prabhu_aspiration@yahoo.com
Auroprem	Shakti	auroprem@auroville.org.in	Praveen-Kumar	Sangha	praveen@auroville.org.in
Auroshe	Acceptance	auroshe@gmail.com	Pushpa	Fraternity	pushpa@auroville.org.in
Ayyanar	Brihaspathi Farm	ayyanar@yahoo.com	Rajavelu	Shakti	rajavel@auroville.org.in
Balaji	Kottakarai	balaji@auroville.org.in	Ramalingam	Gokulam	gokulamguesthouse@yahoo.com
Balu	Svaram	balubamboo@gmail.com	Ranjith Kumar	Aurobrindavan	ranjithauroville@gmail.com
Banumathi	Mango Garden	banu@auroville.org.in	Rosa	Grace	rosa@auroville.org.in
Biggie	Samriddhi	biggie@auroville.org.in	Sacha	Ami	sacha@auroville.org.in
Boomi	Auromodele	bhoomi@auroville.org.in	Sandyra	Windarra	sandyra@auroville.org.in
Boomi	Aspiration	boomsav@gmail.com	Sarasu	Fraternity	esarasu@auroville.org.in
Carel	Samasti	carel@auroville.org.in	Selvaraj	Aspiration	selva@auroville.org.in
Chandresh	Certitude	chandresh@auroville.org.in	Shama	Arati	info@shamadalvi.com
Danny	Sve Dame	danny@auroville.org.in	Shanmugam	Horizon	
Dominique	Simplicity	dominique@auroville.org.in	Shanti Ananad	Creativity	shanti@auroville.org.in
Don	Prarthna	madona@auroville.org.in	Shiva	Mm Nursery	shiva@auroville.org.in
Elisa	Auromodele	elisa@auroville.org.in	Sigrid	Sve Dame	sigrid@auroville.org.in
Fabian	Pitchandikulam	fabian-ostner@auroville.org.in	Silvia	Swayam	silviaratna@yahoo.it
Francois	Auromodele	fgautier@auroville.org.in	Sonja	Aurodam	sonjaumberto@auroville.org.in
Gnanavel	Mm Nursery		Subramanian	Prayatna	
Grace	Pump House	grace@auroville.org.in	Suryan	Isaiambalam	suryan@auroville.org.in
Gunasekaran	Pony Farm	gunasekaran@auroville.org.in	Swadha	Courage	swadha@auroville.org.in
Guy	Aurodam	guydinet@gmail.com	Taj	Swayam	taj@auroville.org.in
Haridass	Hc Staff Quarter	harihealth@gmail.com	Thiru	Siddhartha Forest	thirugi@gmail.com
Hedia	Maitreye	hhedia@gmail.com	Thulasingam	Solar Kitchen	athulasingam@yahoo.com
Iyyappan	Felicity	iyyappan@auroville.org.in	Tony	Felicity	tonyilona@auroville.org.in
Jayavel	Acceptance	jayavel@auroville.org.in	Torkil	Luminosity	torkil.dantzer@gmail.com
Jurgen	Aurobrindavan	palmyra@auroville.org.in	Udhayan	Celebration	udhay@auroville.org.in
K.V.	Ilagnarkal	kvbabu@auroville.org.in	Ulli	Fraternity	ublass@auroville.org.in
Kalya	Shakti	kalya@auroville.org.in	Umberto	Aurodam	umberto@auroville.org.in
Kaniapan	Shanti		Ursula	Gratitude	ursulaloose16@yahoo.de

Kathir	Mango Garden	kathir@auroville.org.in	Venkateswaran	Repos	venkateshauroville@yahoo.co.in
Krishan	Inspiration	anukrish2003@yahoo.co.in	Veronique	Sve Dame	veroniquejobard@yahoo.fr
Krishna	Anusuya	krishnadevanandan@auroville...	Vijaya	Prayatna	vijayad@auroville.org.in
Lyle	Fraternity	lyle@auroville.org.in	Vinothini	Prarthna	vinodhini@auroville.org.in

Update on Current tasks from AVC

Dear community members,

This is an update of the Auroville Council's activities: Surya and Rena have finished their term as members of the Council at the end of October; the Auroville Council thanks them for staying on as long as they did and would like to wish them well in their next endeavours!

Sara (Facilitator) has resigned; Veronique Jobard (Silent Listener) will now be a Resource Person/Facilitator for several tasks of the Council.

The Study Group is actively planning the 3 day selection process for the Working Committee and the new members of the Auroville Council.

We hope to have new, active & skilled members through this selection process to join the team!

The Auroville Council is currently working on these topics:

- Sludge disposal in Auroville
- Several issues of Natural Justice with Koodam
- Working Committee selection process
- Facilitating Land Board formation

We are about to start looking into:

- Entry Service mandate and policy
- Housing Service mandate and policy
- FAMC mandate
- Long-term vision for Security in Auroville

We are always on the lookout for skilled Facilitators to help us with one or more of these topics. If you feel you have the time and skill, please contact us at avcoffice@auroville.org.in.

We would like to have our interactive General Meeting soon to discuss these topics in more detail and to listen to the community for feedback and other burning issues. We will announce the date of this meeting soon.

We thank the community for their patience and support,

Sincerely, *Auroville Council*

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 573 dated 15.11.2014

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 Returning Aurovilians and also one month for Aurovilians from this publication for your feedback before making our final decision.

AUROVILIANS:

Gianna (Giannaka/Janaka) DE ROSA (Italian) - Staying at Luminosity, working as Reiki and reflexology therapist at Arka wellness centre and also working as a therapist at Health Services.

Dhanasu KARUNACARAN (Indian from Sanjivinar) - Staying at Kottakarai, working as a Carpenter and manager at New Dawn Carpentry.

Ramesh TULYANI (Indian from Gujarat) - Living at Arati 3, working as a Physics teacher at Future school.

CHILD OF AN AUROVILIAN:

Mitesh (Indian from Sanjivinar) - born on 15/03/2014.

NEWCOMERS:

Chitra BALAGURU (Indian from Chennai) - Staying at Promesse, working as Hygienic inspector at Health Services and also working as an Assistant supervisor at Aurocreation.

Balaguru RAMASAMY (Indian from Madurai) - Staying at Promesse, working as a fitter at AUREKA.

Gerald VON (Jerry) BRANDENSTEIN (South African) - Staying at Vikas, working as a coach and consultant at Unlimited Tamil Nadu and also working as an English teacher at Language Lab.

Sathiamuthu ARUNACHALAM (Indian from Alankuppam) - Staying at Solitude Farm, working as a farmer at Solitude Farm.

Beatrice BALDACCHINO (French) - Staying at Savitri hostel in Savitri Bhavan, working as petal duty at Matrimandir and also working on a compilation from the Mother's Conversations at Savitri Bhavan.

Jasmin MAHESWARI (South African) - Staying at Aurogreen, working as part of the Sustainable Livelihood Institute team at Pitchandikulam and also working as part of the team of Green Centre and Farewell.

Aravinda MAHESWARI (Indian from UP) - Staying at Aurogreen, working in Pitchandikulam as team member of Sustainable Livelihood, at Future school as part-time maths teacher and in a project with Wisdom Splendour realising audio-books of poems by Sri Aurobindo.

CHILD OF A NEWCOMER:

Praveena BALAGURU (Indian from Madurai) - born on 21/06/2014, studying at Aikiyam school.

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.

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Genevieve HIRSCHLER (French)
 Jeremy Wakefield ROSKE (USA)
 Sarah Aline KUNDIG (Switzerland)
 Olivier (Olae) LOYER (Canadian)
 Martin John LITTLEWOOD (British)
 Dany LITTLEWOOD (French)
 Chloe BENNET (Canadian)

CONFIRMATION OF RETURNING AUROVILIAN STATUS:

Divya LIESER (French)

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMERS TO AUROVILIANS AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT IN N&N AND DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE FEED BACKS RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS:

Margareta Titia GONLAG (Dutch)
 Bhuvanawari DURAIKANNU (Indian from Kottakarai)
 Saravanan MANNANKATTI (Indian from Bommayarpalayam)
 We are ready to soon invite you to fill in the B-Form request for meeting with the AV Foundation Secretary for interview and inclusion of your names in the Register of Residents.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT AUROVILLE ON THEIR OWN:

Ravindra DAMA (Indian from AP) - Ravindra DAMA has requested to stop his process but he will be in and around Auroville for a while.

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.

NOTES:

- Dear Community, we would like to remind Aurovilians of their responsibility, as extended members of the Entry Service,

to send valid feedback which is signed by name in order for us to be able to take it into consideration. Signing in the name of a Community, or remaining anonymous does not verify your status as Aurovilian and cannot be taken into account. Only named feedback can be considered, and although names will not be mentioned, the content of the feedback will be shared in a clarification interview before continuing with any individual's process of joining Auroville. Thank you for your continuous input and support by providing feedback regarding those aspiring to join the community - *The Entry Service Team*.

- Dear Newcomers, the Entry Service team would like to inform you of the new timings designated specifically for you to either collect or submit the Newcomer kit. Please pass by our office in the Town hall during these hours only: Wednesday & Friday at 2 pm to 4 pm. We look forward to seeing you - *The Entry Service Team*

INFORMATION ON JOINING AUROVILLE

Our office is open to general public on Monday, Wednesday, 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, Kripa, Muthu, Umberto).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Lilaloka, Self-Learning and Resource Center for the Child: a team of 8 educators



We are often asked: who is part of Lilaloka? So, here we go!

We are professionals, in the field of education for many years, and work with children of all ages (even with adults), various nationalities, with and without specific needs.

Each one of us has developed her own specialty: Aikya for the Sandbox, Anna for Nature's theatre, Claire for Play of Painting, Marianne for Recreational Horse riding for differently-abled children, Persian Sky racehorse reconverted in helping children, Sandrine for Play of Painting and Creative Radio, Stacy for Occupational Therapy, Veronique for Evolving Games, and Yvelise for Individual Play sessions. Some other experienced educators already approached us to be part of Lilaloka team!

Lilaloka will also offer trainings, consultancy, a computer room for Self-Learning, a library and carries out pedagogical researches.

Let's also introduce Rajan, our caretaker, who is creating a nursery in preparation for the magical garden of Lilaloka and helping with all administrative works.

You are invited to read about each one profile at <http://lilalokaproject.blogspot.in/p/team-members.html>

Update about our fundraising appeal: We still need 8.85 Lakhs Rupees (11000 Euros / 13615 Dollars) to complete the raw structure of Lilaloka first phase building. Let us all contribute to this great project!

Our account at Financial Service: 252023, or the Auroville gateway: <http://www.auroville.com/donations/> (specify "Lilaloka").

Bisous et merci!

lilaloka@auroville.org.in

Security Advice:

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that during the month of October, 2014, 4 thefts (Progress, Nilathangam, Humility), 2 attempt thefts (Arati, Creativity), 2 bag snatching cases (Kuilapalayam near Tanto, near Vikas), 3 harassment incidents (near New Creation,

The Entry Service is looking for new committed members NOW!!!!!!

3 of the core group members are finishing their term of service in February, and the team needs to be completed with people willing to be full time committed members. A proper relay is essential for the fluidity of this service. We are happy to take the time to answer any of your questions or doubts, and we are happy to share our work experience with anybody interested or considering joining.

Ideally, you need to have prior experience of office work or of conducting interviews. Communication skills as well as human relations skills. Fluent English, able to type up minutes, undertake email follow up. Listening skills and ability to give clear information on entry process at the desk and during interviews.

Auromodele, near Solarkitchen), 3 vandalism incidents (Acceptance, New Creation, Bamboo centre) and 1 physical violence (Youth Center) occurred in different areas of Auroville.

We request all Aurovilians/Newcomers/Guests to be more conscious of their valuable belongings and use additional locks for their vehicles and houses to lower the risk of thefts. We recommend that women avoid travelling alone at night, and to store our security numbers in their phones to report any incidents as soon as possible.

Women of all ages and modest dress codes have reported harassment, so be on your guard at all times. Be wary of three boys on a bike and do not stop for local men asking for directions. For post-incident support and counseling you may call the Women's help line (open in the morning) at 262-2425 or email AV health services avhs@auroville.org.in.

For escort (for people with bikes/cycles only), call Ramesh.V at 9443090107 / 9443362691. Please note that the guards cannot leave their posts without prior permission from Security management. If you are leaving town, please inform your neighbours to keep watch over your houses/apartments. Kindly inform your watchman /gurkhas or house sitters to contact us immediately when there are any people / incidents to be reported.

We recommend all residents and guests to travel in and around Auroville:

- 1) *With only Xerox copies of your documents. Leave the originals in your guest house's safe.*
- 2) *Not to carry large amounts of cash or valuables on your person unless absolutely necessary.*
- 3) *To secure/ tie up your bags properly or to keep bags on your person instead of in cycle baskets.*

AV Security Service (Day & Night Security: 9443090107, 9443362691)

Talkin' Trash: Good news for women who menstruate

A little reminder for those who know, and great news for those who never heard of moon cups, she cups and Eco-femme pads. The miraculous ovarian cycle (menstruation) happens every month to most of the women on our planet, and all the men who live with them, share some of the consequences.

Corporates profusely profit from disposable menstrual tampons and pads. Disposing of these pads is a huge waste issue because used pads attract all manner of animals and insects, offend the nose and other sensitivities, contaminate other waste, and end up in landfill (or clog toilets and wreck septic systems).

The mess can be solved with a simple solution that also tackles the whole waste problem. More cost-effective, more hygienic, easy to use moon / she cups and Eco-femme pads (all available locally) are reusable and the obvious answer to our problem in Auroville and in the rest of the world.

We encourage you to contact us with any feedback including your own tips: somawaste@auroville.org.in or 763-976-5954. Please call for any waste resources like signs for your bins, info, etc. Please visit Eco Service website: <http://www.eco-service.in/>

The Solid Waste Management Task Force

Annual Christmas Fair preparations at the Youth Center

The time of the year has arrived for the Youth Center's Christmas Fair organisation and preparation. This year we plan to have more activities, more games, more music and more food to celebrate a special time of the year and to acknowledge that we are all one big family in Auroville. So if you are reading this and have any first, second, third, fourth or fifth hand things lying around in your home which you think we could use or sell at the Christmas Fair, please drop them off at YC anytime, or call us if you need help transporting it. From clothes to cookware to furniture to lamps, and from jewellery to umbrellas to boxes to hairbands, we can use it all!

If you are feeling like you need to do some physical activity and/or get off your bum you are more than welcome to join us at the Youth Center every Sunday afternoon from 12:30 (a tasty lunch will be provided) to sunset to help in building the game room walls using recycled material, and to help in clearing and preparing areas for the fair.

Thanks! YC team 2622857

POSTINGS

ID CARDS are READY

Please come and collect your ID Card at the Auroville Foundation and for some please remember to bring your pending ID proof.

You have to come in person since you need to sign your card before we can laminate it at the same time.

Timings: 10:30 - 12:30 pm, Monday through Friday
2:00 - 04:00 pm, Mon - Wed - Fri

Phone: 2622-222 (Aurora)

Auroville Foundation

Unity Transport Service shifted

We are pleased to inform the community that Unity Transport Service (UTS) has shifted its office to the Service Area. The new office in the Service Area is next to the Telephone Service! It will offer 24 X 7 service to the community!

You can reach us in our old office also from 9 am to 4:30 pm!

Please contact: Phone: 0413 - 2623586/0413 - 2623587. Cell: 9047015801 / Email: uts@auroville.org.in

Aquagym Class at La Piscine is suspended

Monsoon time! Aquagym Class at La Piscine is suspended. The class will resume December, 18th at 4 pm. *Elisa*

Post Office in Bharat Nivas

There is a basket out of the post-office, with a lot of mails for Aurovilians and guests. Please go and check if you are waiting for mails.

Good luck, *Veronique J*

A Note from Insight Seminars Team

In anticipation of a good monsoon in Auroville, we have discontinued the Free Interactive Seminars for the month of November.

The Seminars will once again begin from the 15th of December for the rest of the season. An announcement though will be made in advance when restarting these seminars.

We would also like to inform one and all that The Travel Shop has shifted to Auroshilpam, Inside India office.

Enjoy the rains!

Information for the BSNL's BBG CNT 500 broadband plan

Were you shocked to see your recent Internet bill because you had not been notified that the "night unlimited" feature was cancelled? The amount in your bill can be refunded to your account. For more information, email vladimiravi@gmail.com or send an SMS to 9751416428 *Vladimir* <mailto:vladimiravi@gmail.com>

Nandini reminder

We have many requests for raincoats and as you know Nandini Service cannot provide them any more for adults. We remind you that your individual contribution is nominative, so not for your family or friends. Thank you for your comprehension - Enjoy the rain, *Nandini team*

Art Chakra - Call for entries

Inviting entries for Art Chakra's 6th session scheduled for Sunday the 30th of November. This non-judgmental, non-competitive open art event organised by Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas is open to all forms of art, be it photography, painting, poetry, music, singing, storytelling, short films etc. Each participant gets around 10 minutes to present their art works in a friendly and intimate gathering at our multimedia room.

For more details check: www.Facebook.com/AurovilleArtChakra or Get in touch: Gaurav, 9787897947, medimedia@gmail.com

For relaxing facial care

Please contact or send sms to *Simamtini*. 8940564034

AVAILABLE

AVTS has a brand new original packing printer cartridge

[Q2612A HP 12A Black Toner Compatible for HP LaserJet 1010, 1012, 1015, 1018, 1020, 1022, 1022n, 3020, 3030, 3050, 3052,](#)

[3055, M1005, M1319f](#) - It may or may not cost you a minor contribution :-). Original Price Rs 587 / 2622298 or telephoneservice@auroville.org.in

Babysitter

Sudhakar is looking for opportunities to babysit in the evening. He is 24, speaks English, loves to be with children and has some experience and references. Please call him at 9786368488 after 5.00 pm. Thank you

Naturellement discounted products

Dear customers, as everybody still don't know, we repeat the following: All Naturellement's products are available at our reception outlet in Udyogam at a 25% discount for Aurovilians and Newcomers. Sometimes we have too much stock for our limited storage space and we need to move it. This is regular good quality only. Right now we have some products at 35-60% discount: Apple butter, Rosella jam and jelly, Plum jam and syrup as well as also some 100% organic products; Mango jam, Papaya jam and Orange marmalade.

The Naturellement team

Gardener

Kandan from Kottakarai, has been working as a gardener in Angiras Garden since 2002, and was at the Pony Farm before that. As we cannot afford a full time gardener anymore, we have had to let him go. We can recommend him as a regular worker, to do all kind of garden work. Regarding SEWA and other details please contact: kathrin@auroville.org.in

Kaya Senegalis trees

We have several Kaya Senegalis trees available. They are in the ground and have to be taken during the rain. Contact no. 2622231 - *Samata*

50 litres Solar Fridge

12 V, please contact *Georgerika* @ 9655654370

Hero Honda

Hero Honda super splendour 2006 model with self-start and Tamil Nadu registration and valid insurance until next year. If you are interested plz call me: Praveenauro@gmail.com
Contact: *Praveen* 9025153069

Baby Pram

Baby pram with large wheels for sale. "Inglesina" brand from Italy. Used, in working condition. Contact: *Marta* 9442032130 / 2622800

Two Bikes

Black pulsar (old model).PY registration 48.766kms done & Red Pulsar 220 TN registration 25.450kms done. If interested you can reach me at 9786236608. *Chandra*

Woman Bicycle

Aluminium. Nearly new. *Hema*: 2622830 or 9486308690

LOOKING FOR ...

Single mattress

Looking for a single mattress in good conditions at a reasonable price. Please call *Laura* 9486366721 or email at lauranam@hotmail.com. Grateful, *Laura*

Scooter Activa or Pleasure,

I am looking to buy a second hand scooter Activa or Pleasure, 100 or 150 cc. Please contact *Yasmin* 9943311619 or email Yasmin@auroville.org.in

Massage table

Arka Wellness Center looking for a massage table, even a second-hand one in good condition or if anybody know where to get one. Please contact us at: 0413 2623799 or 2622443 / Email: arka@auroville.org.in

Second hand TVS

Aurore from Transformation is looking for a second hand TVS. Contact no. 2622231. *Samata*

Foodsafe

Does anybody has a small food-safe to give away or to sell?
Contact: *Samata*, 2622231

Two used Steel / Godrej cupboards

We are looking for two used Steel / Godrej cupboards - Pl call me at *Mandala* pottery 04132622685 or email adil@auroville.org.in. *Adil*

Furniture

I'm back after 4 years in Auroville and my house is empty. I'm looking for some help. If you have any furniture: mattress, table, desk, chair, armchair, shelves, in wood, bamboo... or any cooking material that you would like to give.

Let me know. Thanks *Christine* 9489805493 or christinep67@gmail.com

Second hand gas oven

We are looking for a second hand gas oven. Please contact *Nicolas*: 7639226236, link.nico@gmail.com / Thanks, *Nicolas Lagarrigue*

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting 1

Erica and *Roberto*, long term volunteers, Italian couple, are looking for an accommodation until April 2015, we're happy for house sitting too. Speaking Italian, English and Spanish. Contact: *Erica* 89 40 244052 .*Roberto* 89 40 243784

House sitting 2

I am a Portuguese architect, *Ana*, and had the opportunity to be in Auroville, during August and September 2014. Just loved it.

I'm going to visit and work in Auroville again during the second half of January and February 2015. I'm looking for a place to stay during that time. I'm happy to look after someone's house. Love pets...Please contact *Ana* - anaperdigao.arg@gmail.com

House sitting 3

Anna and *Alberto* in the stretch!! We are looking for a place to stay for 3 weeks, from the 10th of January - can be little earlier, but until 1st of February. We are very careful, responsive, we like animals and garden, we can help with the

expenses of the house, long experience Thank you very much,
Anna and Alberto - +91 8098679032 / adealegre@gmail.com

House sitting 4

Silvia Gozzetti, young Italian lady with a Deepanam age son, is looking for accommodation (house-sitting, sharing...) for 3 months, starting early January 2015. Please contact *Manohar*, by email. manohar@auroville.org.in

House sitting 5

We are 2 friends currently house sitting at Naradi's house at Arati-1. I'm working with Gundolf at Surrender and looking for a house for 3-4 months. We're good at handling pets, gardening, keeping the house healthy and can make contribution for expenses. Contact *Dhruvi* (0898-024-2075)

TAXI SHARING

November 14/15th: 2 Taxi shares Chennai Airport (either way): 14 Nov. flight departing at 13.25/18 Nov. flight arriving at 18.55

Contact: *Monica*, 9443085323, 0413.2623332, marinonimonica@gmail.com

November 16th: leaving Auroville at 8.30 / 9 am for Chennai airport. If you want to share a taxi please contact *Katharina* 9787945198, sarahkatharina_s@gmx.de / Thank you! *Katharina*

November 17th: I arrive at Chennai at 10.20 am on 17th Nov. If anyone would like to share the taxi from Auroville to the airport that morning or anyone is arriving at the airport at approximately the same time, please email me, nandita@sharan-india.org or SMS 9488483286 - *Nandita, Quiet*

November 19th/20th: To/ from Chennai, arriving just before midnight on the Lufthansa flight. If you know of anyone going up that evening/night, or of someone else flying in to Chennai that would like to come immediately to Auroville, please let me know. I hope I'll be ready to leave the airport by around 1 am. *Swaha* (Kathryn when I lived there) SvahaUS@gmail.com or Skype id: kvnnow10 Thanks!

November 19th/20th: To/from Chennai airport. My flight leaves on the 20th 7.10 am. Anyone also arriving or leaving in the night 19th/20th November? Please contact me 7639 7639 25 or alba@mail.de

November 19th/20th: To/from Chennai? I'm arriving just before midnight on the Lufthansa flight and would love to share a taxi (and the fare!) to Auroville. If you know of anyone going up that evening/night, or of someone else flying in to Chennai that would like to come immediately to Auroville, please let me know. I don't know how long the whole immigration/baggage thing takes these days, but I would hope I'd be ready to leave the airport by around 1am. *Swaha* (Kathryn when I lived there) SvahaUS@gmail.com or Skype id: kvnnow10 Thanks much!

November 24th: Taxi to Chennai Airport the 24th around 8 30 pm. anandi7@auroville.org.in - 2622547. *Anandi Realization*

November 25th: Leaving Auroville (Aspiration G.H.) around 7 am for Chennai airport. Whoever wants to share a taxi please contact *Fernando* +91 78 688 25 953. Thank you

November 26th: Landing Chennai Airport at 3.15 pm with Indian Airlines. Ready to share the taxi coming back to Auroville. Please call or leave a sms 9043825703. *Jean Louis*

November 29th: Leaving Auroville around 6 pm for Chennai airport. Who want to share contact *Symeon* 2622987. Thank you

November 30th: If someone want to share, on the 30/11 a taxi will go the airport to pickup someone at 4.30pm arrival time.
Contact: *Guy* 9626722945.

HEALTH

Auroville Health Center: On snake bites

Dear Community,
All snake bite cases should go immediately to Jipmer casualty for testing and for anti-snake venom.
Please report directly to the Jipmer Hospital instead of wasting some precious time elsewhere."
Thank you and warm regards,
Dr Uma

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners, Auroville Radio Team has been meeting with the idea to build a general media survey to better understand the information requirements (primarily) within the community. We will also focus on the radio and expand this to our listeners here and from all over so we can fulfill our communication goals and improve our service. Our team; Andrea, Miriam, Renu Fernando, and Roland and have been creating content by recording interviews, meetings, events and units as well as creating programs and following their particular interests. These are the latest programs published by AurovilleRadio this week. All the recordings are available in CD or ready to be copied on your memory stick at the AurovilleRadio premises in Town Hall, opposite the Financial Service.

Selections by Gangalakshmi-13 (Integral Yoga 05/11/2014)
Selections by Gangalakshmi-13. This is a weekly series (In French) of selected works by the Mother or Sri Aurobindo. - [French, 19 Minutes]

Sandrine and Anna on *Lilaloka* (Educational Centers 05/11/2014)

Lilaloka a project for children of all ages is close to completion.. -[English, 30 Minutes]

Harp and Voice Italian Arias (Music 05/11/2014)
The Italian Pavilion presented a Medieval & Renaissance Concert of Italian Arias with Enrico Euron & Anna Gaëlle Cuif. - [Music, 48 Minutes]

Aspiration Talks (Social Development 05/11/2014)
Two talks with Aspiration residents Raju James and D.N. -
[English, 10 Minutes]

Claude et Julien Pavillon France (Culture 03/11/2014)
Une presentation des activites et des projets du Pavillon de
France -[French, 26 Minutes]

About Tango with Aurevan & Jorge (Performing Arts
03/11/2014)

You can listen to all of the programs and more on www.aurovilleradio.org. For more info call 0413-2623331 or email a@aurovilleradio.org

Argentine Tango has been growing for the past six years
through out India and Auroville. -[English, 33 Minutes]

Selections by Gangalakshmi-12 (Integral Yoga 03/11/2014)
Selections by Gangalakshmi-12. This is a weekly series (In
French) of selected works by the Mother or Sri Aurobindo. -
[English, 16 Minutes]

Land Board and Waste (News from Auroville 03/11/2014)
Today from 4.30pm to 7. -[English, 9 Minutes]

S P O R T S

Greetings from Dehashakti

Aurolympics (for Athletics) will be held next week at Dehashakti Sports Complex, Dana for the older batch of kids coming between 16.00 - 17.10 hrs (17 Nov, Monday onwards). The events include: 100m, 800m & 1500m races; Shot-put & cricket ball throws; Long jumps & Triple jumps.

We welcome volunteers willing to help with timings & distance-measurements to facilitate the event or even simply to cheer on.
Looking forward to seeing you,

The Dehashakti Team

E A T I N G O U T

World dance at Well Cafe

Dear all,
World dance is back every Friday from 5 to 7 pm. Dinner will
be served at the cafe.
Please come to dance with us.
With love, *Well cafe team*

Pizza Night at the Youth Center

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is to inform you that every
Saturday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 the Youth Center is
preparing the tastiest, most scrumptious and explosive pizzas
known to mankind! Everybody is welcome to come and
experience this extraordinary community eating event, where
families, friends, and all kinds of people can sit down and have
pizza together. See you soon!
YC Team

G R E E N M A T T E R S



We need not drown in plastic waste

*Why it is more important than
ever to avoid plastic bags,*

and how we can help.

Plastic has some wonderful qualities, and is so omnipresent that today, 65 years after it began to conquer the world, we cannot imagine living without it. How was human civilisation possible at all without the handy, flexible, and cheap material? But is it *really* inexpensive? Plastic waste has turned into a problem of dimensions that defy our imagination. The figures are staggering. What does it mean to think of several *trillions* of plastic bags are produced yearly, with production still increasing... and most of that waste still with us on the planet? Can anyone really imagine the 'great Pacific garbage patch', one of several giant swirling masses of garbage mostly made of plastic, floating off the Californian coast, the size of the Indian peninsula?! Or the million sea birds and 100'000 marine mammals, along with innumerable fish and sea turtles that die every year due to eating or getting entangled in plastic bags? How many people know that the plastic bags swallowed by cows across India not only harden in their stomachs into life-threatening lumps - they can accumulate 30 kilos and more!! - But that the toxicity of the plastic leaks through their bloodstream into the milk? That we end up drinking with our chai some of the same dangerous substances (dioxin and others) that we inhale when plastic is burnt on the roadside?

We could go on, but the purpose of this article is not to provoke shock and despair. The great thing is that *this is one problem where we're not powerless: as consumers we have in our hand to bring about change*, through simple actions, and our daily choices!

We take a look at different efforts to deal with the issue...

Plastic bag bans - do they work?

The first country to strictly ban lightweight plastic bags was Bangladesh, after devastating floods (in 1989 and '98) had submerged two-thirds of the country, largely due to littered plastic bags blocking the drains! Results were good, until the ban stopped being enforced, and today the polluting bags are back... Traditional jute bags, at 4 rupees a piece, cannot compete with the cheap plastic, even though they would create much-needed livelihoods.

In **India**, lightweight bags have been banned across several states including Himachal Pradesh, UP, Rajasthan, Tripura, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Kerala and Puducherry, in some cities (e.g. Delhi), hill stations (Kodaikanal, Ooty, Dehradun etc), and increasingly around temples. Many of these bans were delayed by the plastic industry fighting to hold them up through court cases. As we know, they vary vastly in effectiveness and details. Some also prohibit plastic-wrapped junk food, plastic cups & plates, and prescribe that soft drinks and oils be sold in cans or glass bottles.

Across the world, some countries have reduced plastic bags by 90% (Denmark, Ireland, Hong Kong), often through levies and fines. China, Taiwan, Rwanda have complete bans, whereas especially in countries with strong plastic lobbies, progress is

painfully slow. In Italy only bags from biodegradable sources are allowed.

Eco-friendly plastics?

Biodegradable, compostable, bioplastic, ecoplastic (recycled), what do they all mean? *Biodegradable* bags are neat in principle: Microorganisms can convert them into water, CO₂, and biomass—with no nasty chemical leftovers. However, a lot of confusion surrounds these ecofriendlier plastics—some of it intentional. Some companies make ordinary plastic that *degrades* quickly and then call it biodegradable. Instead, when petrol-based plastic breaks down into tiny, invisible parts, it becomes more harmful, as the toxic particles enter the soil, water, and thus the food chain! - As for biodegradables, most of them end up in a landfill; if they do break down in that anaerobic environment, they emit methane, a far more potent greenhouse gas than CO₂. Only centralised composting facilities can handle such bags (the same applies to the world's first 'compostable' water bottles developed in the UK). Preferable are 'compostable' plastic bags which by definition can be home-composted without harmful residues. These must *not* be sent to the landfill or mixed into recycling, as they can spoil a whole batch of recyclable plastic. As for *bioplastics*, usually made from corn starch - great idea, but as with bio-fuels, how responsible is the use of farmland for such commodities rather than for growing food?

Recycling, and plastic-to-fuel?

Plastic recycling is good business in India. Recycled plastic chips or pellets have many uses, including as additives to concrete, and in road construction (widely used in Tamil Nadu). The problem with the thin bags is their low recycling value. "We collected many bags full, but the dealers refuse to buy them, so we were stuck with them, eventually the rats came to nest in them..." is not an uncommon story in villages around us. Even worldwide, only an estimated 1-3% of plastic

bags get recycled!!

A technology that raised much interest is '*plastic-to-fuel*', which converts any petroleum-based plastics into a synthetic diesel-equivalent. 200 villages in Karnataka are collaborating on a plant that is expected to turn 500kg of plastic waste into 250 liters of cost-effective fuel in 2 hours. Asked for their views, our Dr. Lucas (EcoPro), as well as Ribhu (Wasteless) who has researched the technology in detail, both express reservations. For many reasons which go beyond the space available here, they have concluded that as it stands, the technology is not appropriate for our conditions. Besides, as Lucas reminds us, well-intended as they are, these approaches 'all reflect the some basic rottenness of our life, which may be summarized as bad management of resources'.

What each of us can do

All considered, this brings us back to the proven motto **REDUCE - REPAIR - RE-USE - RECYCLE...** Here some suggestions:

- Carry re-usable bags for shopping (Small Steps)
- Refuse plastic bags, and explain why
- Buy bulk wherever possible (thank you FoodLink!); ask for bulk options in our shops
- Choose, and insist on, simple eco-friendly packaging
- Buy simple, basic, healthy, rather than lavishly packaged foods
- Use tiffin-carriers
- Avoid milk in sachets and plastic bottles (also for your health!)
- Avoid bottled water (carry *LifeStraw*, and your own mug for tea)

Please do share your own ideas about how we can contribute to change!

For AV Green Center - Jasmin, Lisbeth & Bridget
avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

Notes

For Her

I'm not a name
I'm not a document number
I'm not a nationality
I'm not a degree
I'm not an account number
I'm not a registration in a Master List.
I'm just a fragile flake of Her amazing Dream.

Anandi, Realisation [17th November 2014]

"Who will come with me?..."

After almost 40 years of my coming from Paris, a jump into a New World!...Today, and not in my 30s anymore, She is pushing me again, this time back to Latin America to go on with the work there. I have to go to Argentina, anyhow for my 5 years visa. And the money I have kept aside for that, when I came, I can use it for going to the North and then gong to Argentina. I can go to places where people interested in Auroville are willing to do some activities.

I am leaving on the 25th (on my birthday!) to Mexico, Guadalajara first for the Book Fery ("Monoso"- our kid's book and "The Eternity Game", both to be translated in Spanish over there) Also I will be going to three more places. After Colombia (working with kids, teachers and parents) I will proceed to Venezuela, Chile, Uruguay and Argentina. Then coming back to Guadalajara (Mexico) in May, invited to an Universal Encounter. After that I will go to Miami to finish with the AVI Meeting to report about my journey and to accomplish a second dream: America One, North to South and South to North - This unique enormous Island!

I have a little pension that in most countries is not going to be sufficient. Anyway, I'm going to work there but, as always, most of this money goes for my food and expenses for the people who invite me.

Although I count on the "Best Secretary on Earth", who for the last 39 years took care of me beautifully, I am inviting you to come with me in this adventure. I am taking some extra luggage for the books and materials, and you could be there. The contribution for that could be from 10 Rupees up to a Crore - in any currency of the Planet - I'm not going to look at the amount. Please, just send me a mail to reserve your place. We are going to enjoy the trip through this amazing Continent that was called the New World.

My Account Number is 251314C: *Anandi* .Fernandez Elba. Thanks a lot for the company, get ready! Gracias, muchas gracias.

Loe-Chu Research:

'The Hobbit', #2 ('the Desolation of Smaug'), Extended Edition

Thank you, Suresh, for showing at the Vs' Centre last Thursday 'The Hobbit 2' ('The Desolation of Smaug') in its Extended Edition (EE). It was as always much better than the Theatrical Version, because in the EE the movie is made complete again, the scenes previously cut out having been reinserted, and the whole thing regaining at once its full coherence and meaning.

This 'Hobbit' trilogy has been for me from the start an especially wonderful surprise as it gives us the enlarged story as Tolkien himself later actually wrote parts of in various Appendices to 'The Lord of the Rings', and in some unfinished other texts as well. The people who knew only the little bedtime story as told in the small children's book may have thought Peter Jackson and team had 'bloomed' the little tale with just invented stuff so as to make a full trilogy out of it. But most of what is in those films is very simply the more comprehensive, full scale presentation of it, with all the aspects that Tolkien mentioned in passing, but didn't elaborate on in the bedtime tale: all of that too needed to be shown and narrated in full detail for a rendition on the big screen...

With the Dwarves themselves being given back also their more impressive looks and actions as real warriors, instead of the ridiculous and often downright cowardly behavior they had in the book, the great result is that it all became then interesting for adults as well as for children. All the connections being clearly made with everything else that was happening at that same time in Middle-earth, this specific part of the History of Middle-earth is now, thanks to these films, taking at last its well-deserved place as the worthy missing link between the earlier times described by Tolkien in 'The Silmarillion', and the later times described by him in 'The Lord of the Rings'. It is only normal to find already at the time of 'The Hobbit' the Elves (including Legolas, son of Elvish King Thranduil in Mirkwood) that are still there later in 'The Lord of the Rings': some of those Elves, like Galadriel, were actually born even much longer before, at the time of 'The Silmarillion', and are thousands of years old...

Only a few additional characters have been altogether invented, and always in a way that was 1) totally plausible in the context of the places and events mentioned by Tolkien, and 2) useful for the overall plot, showing the mutual appreciation and collaboration that gradually grows between all the species involved, originally despising or even hating each other. In the last film of this 'Hobbit' trilogy, due mid-December, the ultimate test will force them all to finally unite or be exterminated...

The same great lesson of Unity and Harmony that Tolkien has woven also in the still vaster conflagration of 'The Lord of the Rings.' A lot for us to learn in all that, among many other reasons that made me since many years include Tolkien in my research work. (See on my Research Blog (<http://labofevolution.wordpress.com/>). The posts under the Category 'TOLKIEN & HIS EVOLUTIVE VISION').

Bhaga

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Amphitheatre Team

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music

Every THURSDAY at Sunset - 5.30 to 6.00 pm (*weather permitting*)

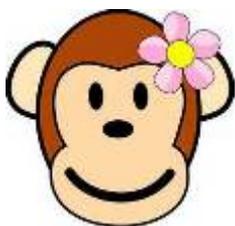
Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset
and heavenly music in the very Center!

Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone not to use cameras, cell phones, etc.

Dear Guests, please carry your guest cards and note that access is only for the Amphitheatre, from 4.45 to 6.00 pm. Thank you!

INVITATIONS

SILENT MEDITATION FOR THE EVOLUTION OF AUROVILLE



Dear hundredth monkey,

Yes, we found a time to meet us and collaborate together on the evolution of Auroville. The 100th monkey theory is used to change old habits exceeded (discover this secret on the Internet). But we must be at least 100 people to focus together. The best is to be together at the same time on the same sentence. If each one of you brings 2 or 3 friends with us, we'll reach the good number of monkeys. This week, we'll use and repeat this phrase: "Please Mother, bring more consciousness in Auroville, right now. Thank you" Also throughout the day would be a great benefit also.

So let us meet on Thursdays from 5.30 to 6 pm, at Unity Pavilion during the months of November and December. We will observe and activate the changes together.

See you soon and all together for the unity of Auroville

Mother said: "Work in Auroville, it's to speed the advent of one future"

Veronique J

EXHIBITIONS



WOODSCAPES

Furniture by Tejaswini

November 15th to 29th Centre D'Art Citadines
Daily 2.30 to 5.30pm (except Sundays)
Opening on 15th November 4.30 to 7pm

TALKS, SEMINARS

AUROVILLE - TAMILNADU SEMINAR, NOVEMBER, 2014

Under the auspices of the Tamil Heritage Centre and the Arulvazhi Training Centre a Seminar will be held on

Date: 23rd November, 2014

Day: Sunday / Time: 10am to 1 pm and 2:30 pm onwards

Place: SAWCHU circle, Bharat Nivas

Subject: "Prayers and Meditations"

Kavingnar R. Meenakshi will preside over the function. Thiru RM. Murugappan will deliver the keynote address. Delegates from Tamilnadu, Puducherry and Auroville will participate.
(Proceedings mostly in Tamil/partly in English).

All are welcome.

Rajagopalan(9176600308), Varadharajan(9443934306)
Coordinators for the Seminar

CULTURAL EVENTS



S.PRIYADHARSHINI'S BharatnatyamArangetram

A STUDENT OF
THIRU. KRISHNAKUMAR MRS. GEETHA KRISHNAKUMAR

November 15th 8:00 pm

PLACE: Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas, Auroville

MOONFOOL' MUSICAL THEATRE

22nd Nov. Saturday, '14. At 8 pm
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium - Bharat Nivas

SYNOPSIS

Moonfool is a new devised performance which celebrates the moon and all things lunar. It is, at the outset, a love story - the kind of tale which we vicariously feed on - of difficult love, of impossible love, of a love that cannot be - and it is this that gives it its supernatural beauty, strength and truth. It is the love story between a human being and the moon.

This cycle of love, longing and loss is juxtaposed with explorations of ideas connected with the moon - myths, legends, folk-tales & poems; rituals & practices; astronomical & scientific phenomena...from eclipses to tides, from werewolves to *karvachauth*, from the man in the moon to the man on the moon.

Moonfool is the second project by ShapeShift, and continues the rigorous search for a hybrid visual-physical performance language.

Devised and Performed by Arpit Singh, Dipna Daryanani, Himanshu Singh, Maithily Bhupatkar.

Direction and Light Design by Sujay Saple.

Produced by ShapeShift.

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

UNLOCK YOUR FULL POTENTIAL

Life Coaching Workshop with Julie
Dates: 28-30 November 2014
Friday dinner: 7.00 - 9.00 PM
Sat. & Sunday: 9.30 AM - 5.30 PM
Venue: Quiet Healing Center

Do you want to feel:

- * refreshed and energised to live your life fully?
- * clear-minded when your life is at a crossroad?
- * empowered to set your own conventions?
- * confident in your ability to listen to yourself and others at a deeper level?
- * aware of how you access your intuition and how you can use it?

During this workshop, starting on Friday with a dinner, you will not only get to know yourself and your next step in life better; you will also learn basic coaching skills.

Julie Mosmuller is a Certified Relationship and Career Coach from the acclaimed Coaches Training Institute in London. She has been coaching a wide range of clients and will facilitate your journey to realise your full potential.

For more info and bookings, please contact *Quiet Healing Center* (2622329/9488084966).

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

19th November (Wednesday)

• Overview with multimedia presentation • Questions and Answers • Practice in Daily Life • Complimentary Concentration Exercises

• Creative Arts, Interactive Games • Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother • Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: 'The Vision and The Way'

These Workshops are conducted every Wednesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises.

Place: Savitri Bhavan. Time: 9 am to 12.00 Noon (pl be present by 8.55 am)

Led by Ashesh Joshi. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922

No Registration required (except for groups) / Fees: Voluntary Contribution

All are welcome

For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit www.integralyoga-auroville.com

HEALING BY BREATHING

Respiration Workshops at Svedame

4 afternoons: Nov. 19, 20, 21, 22th...14.00 - 17.00

Breathing is not just about gas exchanges, it deals as well with subtle energies as Prana but it is also the royal way to relaxation (by consciously directing the Sympathetic nervous system) The control of the breath is also a main tool to release and go above your limits, your blockages, at the physical, emotional and mental levels.

Whatever are our issues, breathing blockages are always present.

Efficient breath centers you within your body, enlarges consciousness in your life and brings you «Here and Now»

Stress is the main reason for diseases, by learning to develop and control your breath, you acquire a new performant skill to dissolve stress layer after layer, best way to recover or prolong health.

As everyone has different issues, a large part of the workshop will be to deal separately with each participant. Open to every age.

Marie Noelle: French doctor MBBS, Yoga, Pranayama, Vipassana, Chi Kong.

Please register soon to get places, thanks. Individual sessions possible also. frametim@yahoo.fr, 2622 989 evening time, or try 7 639 128 435 or sms

QI CHONG AT ARKA

Vijan Emilio Lampis, Italian, offer regular classes of Qi Chong at Arka

Graduated to CONI (Italian National Olympic Confederation), 3rd Dan Black Belt. Graduated in China at the Institute of Physical Education in Beijing (Peking) in Chinese Medicine. Graduated in Osho Divine Healing Shiatsu and Harmonic Movements with Breath Awareness in Siena -Toscany at O.D.A. Shiatsu Therapy. In 2000, he created a Meditation Centre in Lecco - Italy - where he has been teaching various Techniques of Meditation and body awareness for 12 years.

Osho Divine Healing - Qi Chong: it is a teaching on: Movements of body awareness with the breath.

Do- In: it is the self massage of all meridians of the body.

The 5 Sounds: it is related to the organs of the body: A: Lungs;

O : Spleen Pancreas; U : Kidneys; I : Liver; E : Heart

These techniques strengthen the immune system, helps to develop greater flexibility in the joints, also helps to dissolve old tensions by creating relaxation.

Venue ARKA Starting classes from Monday 6 January 2014.

Every Monday and Friday from 4 pm to 5.30 pm.

A contribution is required from Auroville guests and a contribution from Aurovilians and Newcomers is welcome if it is possible.

E-mail contact: devanavyo@yahoo.it / Cell phone: 9787390182

Starting From: 11th November 2014 - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning from 7:00 to 8:15 am.

HATHA YOGA MIXED WITH PRANAYAMA AND MEDITATION

Shri Ankur Kumar, an experienced Yoga teacher from the Sivananda Divine life Society Rishikesh - India and who has been teaching in Fanling Yoga Centre, Shanghai - China, is in ARKA, Auroville.

He has some expertise in Hatha, Pranayama, Mudra, Bandha, Kriyas Chakra, Raja, Kundalini, Ashtanga Yoga, Spiritual Chanting, that are capable to cure Asthma, Diabetes, High Blood pressure, Low Blood pressure, Obesity & Navel displacement.

Monday to Saturday at 5:00 to 6:15 pm / Also Special classes with appointment

Contact: ARKA, Auroville, Ph: 0413-2622443, cell: 9159834055

BASIC NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION

"Exploring a Path of Nonviolence"

With L'aura Joy, Aurovilian and Certified NVC Trainer

"The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them." ~ Albert Einstein

Our usual mode of communicating can include judgments, blame and criticism, which alienates us from others. NVC helps us to transform our habitual thinking and to focus instead on the feelings and needs that are alive in any given situation. We are invited to take responsibility for what we are experiencing, to express what is essential in our message, and to hear what is alive in the other. As we move towards a respectful dialogue, the quality of connection transforms potential conflict into situations of harmony and good-will, thereby increasing our chances of living and acting in alignment with our deeper values.

Fri, Nov 21 - Sat, Nov 22, 2014 / 9.30 am-12.30 pm 2.00-5.00 pm/ L'aura's House, Centre Field

Registration Required! Seats are limited, so please register as soon as possible!

To register and for more information, contact Ninni: 894 056 8612, ninnisol1@gmail.com

NVC-FREESTYLE - CONNECTION AS LIFE ENERGY

Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth in your connection with yourself and others?

Do you wonder what gets in the way of you experiencing your relationships in the way you truly want?

A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply-rooted consciousness of oneness, as well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We'll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to hear others' true (and harmless) message, which in turn leads to more connection between us. When we're connected as

human beings, we're in our natural state of wanting to give and collaborate with others.

Everyone welcome, all levels of NVC! Limited seats!

Pre-Registration and contribution required.

Sunday, Nov 30 9.30am - 12.30 pm & 2-5 pm

With L'aura Joy, CNVC Certified Trainer/ L'aura's house, Joy Guest House, Centre Field

For more info and to register, contact Ninni (1-year intern): 894 056 8612, ninnisol1@gmail.com

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY ATB1

A two-day introductory workshop with Amir
22nd & 23rd (Saturday & Sunday) November at the ATB hall in Transition school. From 09:00 to 17:00 daily.

For more information visit the ATB website: awarenessthroughthebody.com to sign up for this introductory workshop: mail me at atbwithamir@gmail.com or feel free to contact Amir or Tamar at 9751257709/96.

SCHEDULES

VERITE

Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshops:

0413 2622045 or programming@verite.in

Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

(FAMILY) CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP with YUVAL

Friday 21 November - from 9 am to 4.45 pm

Fate or Choice?

An episode in an unremembered tale

Its beginning lost, its motive and plot concealed

a once living story has prepared and made

our present fate, child of past energies

-Sri Aurobindo, Savitri

In our lives Hidden Dynamics can cause results we never intended. Unconsciously these Dynamics create our Fate. To become aware of them, can bring back Choice. Applying (family) constellation techniques we can, in an intuitive way, find the insights and energy to choose consciously for the changes we want.

YUVAL is a life & business coach.

INTEGRAL HEALTH & HEALING with Dr. Geeta Auropremi

Friday 21 November - from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (24 hour advanced registration required)

A holistic approach to understanding the self and maintaining health, including yoga, ayurveda, diet, pranayama, meditation and naturopathy. Lifestyle guidance is also available for managing specific health issues such as diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, obesity and any type of pain.

DR. GEETA AUROPREMI has 30 years of experience in Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy. She has an MD in Gynecology and Paediatrics, a YTTC certificate and diploma in Yoga, and Post-Graduate degrees in Yoga & Naturopathy. She specialized in prenatal and couple education in the government of Gujarat, has offered seminars all over India and in Brazil including the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, massages, meditations, purification methods and more.

SOUTH INDIAN ORGANIC COOKING with Rajaveni & Suba

Friday 21 November - from 9.30 am to 12:30 pm (by Advance Registration)

Participants will pick some fresh organic vegetables from the garden with a local team, and then learn how to cook them with traditional recipes, and enjoy eating the results!

RAJAVENI is an Aurovilian who has been coordinating the Vérité kitchen for 20 years, and SUBA has been working there for the last 10 years. Both are Tamil women from the neighboring villages, happy to share the local culture with all.

CONSCIOUSNESS AS MEDICINE with Dr. Yogesh Mohan

Saturday 22 November - from 9 am to 12:30 pm (by Advance Registration)

A consciousness approach to deal with stress, common health problems and diseases. Recent research and experiential knowledge of my patients' healing journeys have shown that a higher consciousness heals beyond what is written in medical texts. Join to learn my practitioner's perspective on inner healing, developed over more than 20 years of inner work.

DR YOGESH MOHAN, MD (JIPMER), PGPM (ISB). Founder, Consciousness as Medicine, Professor and Head Medical Education, Saveetha Medical College, Ex Head Integrative Medicine Apollo Chennai, Ex WHO Consultant, Visiting Faculty Sri Aurobindo International Institute for Integral Health and Research.

PITANGA NEWS

ABDOMINAL EXERCISE CLASS IN FRENCH - Saturdays 5 pm-6

pm with Jean Luc, starts Nov 15th. Abdominal Muscle Exercises

are known to increase the strength and endurance of the abdominal muscles which is useful for improving posture, back pain, sports performance and withstanding abdominal impacts. Jean Luc, a newcomer to Auroville, has been a body building practitioner for over 25 years



YOGA FOR PREGNANCY - change of time to 11.00 am -12.30

pm with Grace

KAYA BODHA WORKSHOP - Tue, Nov 18th, Wed 19th & Thur

20th - 10.00-12.00 am with Hans. Gentle movements of

contraction and loosening that release tension and improve agility, relaxation and mental calm.

ANIRVEDA POSTURE AND CONFIDENCE IN SELF DEFENSE

WORKSHOP - Tues, Nov 18th, Wed 19th & Thur 20th - 16.00-

18.00 with Hans. In Anirveda we interact on psychological

aspects and learn basic reflexes that help to gain confidence

and also efficiency in defending oneself should the need arise.

There is no sparring, and it is open to all.

Registration for workshops: Pitanga (0413) 2622403 or

pitanga@auroville.org.in



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

There will be no film show from Aurofilm on Friday 21 and 28 November as the Aurofilm team is going to attend the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. Next film show on December 5th!



The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, November 21st, Friday at 7.00pm

YEARS OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY - EPISODE 4: ICE AND BRIMSTONE

2014 - 57 minutes. Produced by Showtime (HBO)
 Lesley Stahl of '60 Minutes' travels to Greenland to investigate the effects of global warming in the Arctic. Down south, Ian Somerhalder travels to North Carolina to listen in on both sides of the evangelical community's debate over climate change and finds himself caught in the middle of not only a religious debate, but a familial one: the father is a megachurch preacher who doesn't believe in climate change; the daughter is an activist trying to shut down the local coal-fired power plant.

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 SADHANAFORREST: 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



The French Pavilion

Presents
 « *Le siècle de Cartier Bresson* »
 A documentary in French by Pierre Assouline
 ARTE France 2012 - Duration: 53 mn
 Saturday, 15th November 2014 /
 Cinema Paradiso at 5 pm.

A crosscut of the 20th century in images, with the voiceover of Henri Cartier-Bresson himself.

Visitor Center Movie show

20th Thursday November 8 pm
GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY (2014) MARVEL FLICK
 Genre: Sci-Fi/Action/Comedy/Rated: PG13/Dur:2hrs/Language: English
 Dir: [James Gunn](#) / Cast: [Chris Pratt](#), [Vin Diesel](#), [Bradley Cooper](#)
 Storyline: After stealing a mysterious orb in the far reaches of outer space, Peter Quill from Earth, is now the main target of a manhunt led by the villain known as Ronan the Accuser. To help fight Ronan and his team and save the galaxy from his power, Quill creates a team of space heroes known as the "Guardians of the Galaxy" to save the world.

21st Friday November 8 pm
BEGIN AGAIN (2014)
 Genre: Comedy/Drama/Romance/Rated:PG13 /Dur:1:44min/Language: English / Subtitle: English
 Dir: [John Carney](#) / Cast: [Keira Knightley](#), [Mark Ruffalo](#), [Adam Levine](#)
 Storyline: Gretta (Keira Knightley) and her long-time boyfriend Dave (Adam Levine) are college sweethearts and song writing partners who decamp for New York when he lands a deal with a major label. But the trappings of his new-found fame soon tempt Dave to stray, and a reeling, lovelorn Gretta is left on her own. Her world takes a turn for the better when Dan (Mark Ruffalo), a disgraced record-label exec, stumbles upon her performing on an East Village stage and is immediately captivated by her raw talent. From this chance encounter emerges an enchanting portrait of a mutually transformative collaboration, set to the soundtrack of a summer in New York City.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 17th of November 2014, at 6:30 pm.
"The Mother - Glimpses of Her Life"
The Mother: "All work must be play, but a divine play, played for the Divine, with the Divine." (MCW14)
 The Music is done from recordings of The Mother and Sunil's Compositions. It is an early film by the Sri Aurobindo Ashram. Duration: 18min - followed by *"Adoration of the Divine Mother"* - A personal sketch from herself is shown and we listen to the text from "Savitri" read by The Mother.
 Film and music by Michel Montegrossa. Duration: 5:00min.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film programme 17 November 2014 to 23 November 2014

Long-Movie Series: *We are trying out something new here. We bring you this time a series that is composed of a long-movie that is divided into six episodes; sort of a like miniseries. There will be three episodes each week plus one stand-alone film by the same director. We will look forward to your reflections/comments.*

Long-Movie Series - Monday 17 November, 8.00 pm:
 • **TOP OF THE LAKE - EPISODE 1**
 New Zealand, 2013, Dir. Jane Campion w/ Elisabeth Moss, Thomas M. Wright, Peter Mullan, and others, Thriller-Drama-Mystery, English w/ English subtitles, 1 of 6 episodes : 60mins, Rated: PG.
 Set against a vast, varied terrain - moody, pure and remote,

Twelve-year-old Tui Mitcham, daughter of the local drug lord, is pulled from the freezing waters of an alpine lake in New Zealand. She is discovered to be pregnant and won't say who the father is. Then she disappears. Robin Griffin is the straight-talking detective experienced in child protection, who is called in to investigate. But as Robin becomes more and more obsessed with the search for Tui, she begins to realize that

finding the girl is tantamount to finding herself - a self she has kept well-hidden.

Long-Movie Series - Tuesday 18 November, 8:00 pm:

- **TOP OF THE LAKE - EPISODE 2**

New Zealand, 2013, Dir. Jane Campion w/ Elisabeth Moss, Thomas M. Wright, Peter Mullan, and others, Thriller-Drama-Mystery, English w/ English subtitles, 2 of 6 episodes : 60mins, Rated: PG.

Synopsis - same as above

Long-Movie Series - Wednesday 19 November, 8.00 pm:

- **TOP OF THE LAKE - EPISODE 3**

New Zealand, 2013, Dir. Jane Campion w/ Elisabeth Moss, Thomas M. Wright, Peter Mullan, and others, Thriller-Drama-Mystery, English w/ English subtitles, 3 of 6 episodes : 60mins, Rated: PG.

Synopsis - same as above

Long-Movie Series - Thursday 20 November, 8.00 pm:

- **BRIGHT STAR**

UK, 2009, Dir. Jane Campion w/ Abbie Cornish, Ben Whishaw, and other, Biography-Drama-Romance, 119mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

It's 1818 in Hampstead Village on the outskirts of London. Poet Charles Brown lives in one half of a house, the Dilkes family live in the other half. Through their association with the Dilkes, the fatherless Brawne family know Mr. Brown. The Brawne's eldest daughter, Fanny Brawne, and Mr. Brown don't like each other. She thinks he's arrogant and rude, and he feels that she is pretentious, knowing only how to sew (admittedly well as she makes all her own fashionable clothes), flirt and a flake. Insecure struggling poet John Keats comes to live with his friend, Mr. Brown. Miss Brawne and Mr. Keats have a mutual attraction to each other but Mr. Brown does whatever he can to keep them apart. But other obstacles face the couple, including Mr. Keats' struggling career.

International - Saturday 22 November, 8:00 pm:

- **A MOST WANTED MAN**

UK-USA-Germany, 2014, Dir. Anton Corbijn w/ Philip Seymour Hoffman, Rachel McAdams, Daniel Brühl and others, Thriller, 122mins, English-Arabic w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Based on Based on John le Carré's novel, in this film - when a half-Chechen, half-Russian, brutally tortured immigrant turns up in Hamburg's Islamic community, laying claim to his father's

ill-gotten fortune, both German and US security agencies take a close interest. As the clock ticks down and the stakes rise, the race is on to establish this most wanted man's true identity - oppressed victim or destruction-bent extremist? It is a contemporary, cerebral tale of intrigue, love, rivalry, and politics that prickles with tension right through to its last scene.

Children's Film - Sunday 23 November, 4:30 pm:

- **OVER THE EDGE**

USA, 2006, Dir. Tim Johnson & Karey Kirkpatrick w/ Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling, Steve Carell, and others, 83mins, Animation-Adventure-Comedy, English, Rated: G

A scheming raccoon fools a mismatched family of forest creatures into helping him repay a debt of food, by invading the new suburban sprawl that popped up while they were hibernating...and learns a lesson about family himself.

Fritz Lang Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 23 November, 8:00 pm:

- **SCARLET STREET**

USA, 1945, Dir. Fritz lang w/ Edward G. Robinson, Joan Bennett, and others, Drama-Film Noire, 103mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

It is one of the best films noir and Lang's personal favourite of his American work. It is a perfect expression of the director's themes of innocence corrupted and the price of being a feeling person in an uncaring world. Lang's deterministic images lay a web that traps a fatal triangle of romantic deceivers, yet as portrayed by Edward G. Robinson, Joan Bennett and Dan Duryea, character and fate are inseparable.

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.

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

As a courtesy to fellow 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

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680

Auroville Library, Crown Road: opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday

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: Quick "Pick up and Drop" Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater van, with per passenger fares, from Rs.60/- for 1 person single trip inside the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele and Repos/Quiet. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30am-6.00pm and Fri-Sat-Sun evenings up to 9.30pm (10.00pm for return trips). Please note that it is not a taxi that will wait for you for onward or return trips, but if needed will come back to pick you up again when called.

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 - 763-965-5954

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: Monday to Friday: 9:00 to 12:30 pm. Tuesday and Thursday: 2:30 to 4:30 pm

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 and Monday to Friday 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

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): tel: 2622527

Open to public on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday full day: from 9am to 12.30pm and 3pm to 5pm

ACT NEW TIME TABLE

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 to Gas Service

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

SHOPPING TRIP

Tuesday

8:50 AM from Vérité

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

AFTERNOON TRIP

Monday

2:50 PM from Vérité

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

Wednesday and Friday

4:30 PM from Vérité

8:00 PM from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

No new order taken last week of the month. Don't forget to bring your bag

Nandini Distribution : (ptdc , solar kitchen) tel : 2622033

Open to public from Tuesday to Saturday morning from 9am to 12.30pm and Tuesday, Thursday afternoon 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Don't forget to bring your bag

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

Please Note: In case the ACT bus is not available as per the time table please be on the lookout for a replacement by 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 In summary, 2 trips have been discontinued Thursday and Saturday morning trips. The logic being that there is a 7:45AM departure from Transport Service everyday except Tuesday. We assume this can somewhat fulfil the need for the 9:00AM trip on these days. We have maintained the 9:00AM trip on Tuesday when the 7:45AM is not available. In addition the ACT bus is on duty Saturday (and Sunday) mornings for shuttling visitors from the Visitor Centre to Matrimandir viewing gallery.

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).

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News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in