

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

"The reminiscences will be short. I came to India to meet Sri Aurobindo, I remained in India to live with Sri Aurobindo, when he left his body I continued to live here in order to do his work which is by serving the Truth and enlightening humanity to hasten the rule of the Divine's Love upon earth."

There, and that's that. Period. It came in English and afterwards I put it into French.

«Les réminiscences seront courtes. Je suis venue dans l'Inde pour rencontrer Sri Aurobindo; je suis restée dans l'Inde pour vivre avec Sri Aurobindo; quand il a quitté son corps, j'ai continué à vivre ici pour faire son œuvre: servir la Vérité et éclairer l'humanité afin de hâter le règne sur la terre de l'Amour divin.»

It was Pavitra who read me the gentleman's letter yesterday evening, and while he was reading it, Sri Aurobindo came, and he started laughing! He laughed when the man asked for my reminiscences, and instantly - instantly - I got the answer, instantly. It came like that: "It's quite simple, there isn't much to tell..." But those people don't understand! And Sri Aurobindo told me, "It's high time they learned it." So it was over in five minutes.

(Then Mother listens to the English translation of the "A Propos" of November 24, 1967, for the next issue of the "Bulletin.")

At the time of the experience, it's very interesting, because it's an experience and it teaches you something new, you live something new, but... So you tell your experience, but when afterwards you listen to it again, oh, it sounds like so much fuss about so little. These experiences, I tell only one of them once in a while - they are innumerable, constant. Each one is very interesting in itself, it teaches you something, a new vision of the world, a new action, but to tell it all... it would be endless, and each experience in itself has only a very relative interest. This morning again, for an hour I lived in a certain state of consciousness, a certain vision of the world, it was extremely interesting because it was wholly new, but to tell it all in detail... Anyway I'll let the two of you [*Satprem and Nolini*] judge, it's for you to decide, it's the same to me!

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 27 January 1968

MOTHER

It's strange, I have suddenly been forbidden to speak, as it were, and... I don't know how to explain it, I feel as if I were talking from a distance. I don't know how to explain. And that's what has given me this husky voice (*Mother's voice is a little hoarse*). I think it's undergoing a sort of transformation. Previously, there used to be great control over the voice, the sound of the voice - it's all gone! It's as if I made something speak that's very far from me. It will pass. (*silence*)

And for everything, everything... there is a change in the MODE of being. For the nights too: the nights are very different - all that was organized, very regular, very organized, very conscious, and now it's all changed. And the consciousness... is, yes, constantly external to the instrument, like something like this (*gesture above*), very vast - very vast and supple - but constantly like this, night and day. Yet it's the consciousness of this (*Mother touches her body*), of the instrument. It's what was the body consciousness; now it's the same consciousness but it has become something very vast, very strong, and like this (*same gesture above*), as if at a distance from the body; it acts on the body like that, all the time, to make it move. And the body doesn't seem to be so confined to the form: it feels things some distance away, it touches things some distance away. Strange. (*Laughing*) Something is going on, I don't know what!

(After Satprem has gone back home, Mother sends him this note:)

This is what I tried to say this morning: Instead of the consciousness being inside the body, it is the body which is inside the consciousness, yet it is still the body consciousness.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 31 January 1968

MOTHER

*The
Pender
Corner*

The best way to express
one's gratitude to the Divine
is to feel simply happy.

The Mother
ref. *Words Of The Mother*, vol. 14, p. 163

Cover drawing by *Neeti*

News from Auroville Council

New members for Entry Service

Following the one-day workshop on the 31st of Jan, 2015. Neeti from Surrender, Alexey from Citadines and B have come forward to join the Entry Service team and have been working there since March the 1st. The Council has met the new members and would like to now announce them to the community for the usual 2 weeks' time for feedback to be sent to: avcoffice@auroville.org.in.

Appeal request from Sheril

A few months ago, Sheril had approached the AV Council with an appeal request on a decision of l'Avenir d'Auroville, which was the denial of building permission in the Progress Community. She elaborated in her appeal that this decision of l'Avenir d'Auroville had been influenced by the Housing Board, some of whose members were also residents of the Progress community, thereby indicating a conflict of interest.

The AV Council facilitated this process up to point of finding "arbiters" to look into the appeal and come to a conclusion. However, at that point, l'Avenir d'Auroville refused to acknowledge this process for the reason that the existing Conflict Resolution Policy is unclear and confusing.

While an appeal does not require the "parties" to agree to the process, we recognize that the policy currently in use is very weak in the area of appeals and recommends the use of arbiters for such a process. As the Council is already dealing with arbitrations right now in which the implementation proves to be challenging, we feel that another appeal which is contested will effectively weaken the arbitration process for future use for conflict resolution in Auroville.

After careful consideration, we have decided to pause this process now and wait for a new ratified "appeal process", which is in the making. At that point, this will be one of the first cases that the Council will help facilitate to bring to a resolution.

As far as the AV Council has observed, this long-pending issue is multi-layered and can only benefit the community and the individuals involved by bringing it to a closure. When this appeal process is re-started, all individuals involved will have the forum and opportunity to express themselves and find a resolution. In the meantime, the Council encourages all parties involved to refrain from giving negative feedback, spreading rumours or indulge in any activity that is bound to escalate this conflict.

General updates

After the Retreat and some workshops that have been keeping some of us very busy for the last 2 months, we are now ready to give again our full attention in the next few weeks to the following topics:

- Entry Service Mandate and Policy
- Housing Service Mandate and Policy
- TDC / l' Avenir functioning

We are currently working on:

- NESS management team (in collaboration with the WC)
- Windarra arbitration implementation
- Centre Guest House arbitration implementation
- Community process for NTDA
- Friends of Auroville - integration of feedback
- Internal issues and codes of conduct for members
- New Conflict Resolution Policy with Koodam, WC and other Resource Persons

The AV Council secretary, Sathiya, will be on maternity leave from April onwards for a few months. We are therefore currently in the process of re-organizing our secretarial functions.

For the Auroville Council,
Matripasad, Auroananda, Davaselvam, Daniel, Guy, Sindhuja, Veronique and Renuka

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TDC: Mangalam Radial

The TDC has analysed the feedback which has been provided to us regarding the implementation of the Mangalam Radial. We would like to make the following observations and statements.

The proposed Mangalam Radial does not touch any valuable tree or a single house. In this sense, it has been possible to find an alignment with the least damage for people and vegetation. It should be noted that the roads which will be constructed in the Pony Farm area are 4.5 meters stabilized ways.

This road used to exist and was only closed to create an enclave for the Pony Farm. The road alongside the canyon should not be developed further due to its very vicinity to the canyon and also to the fact that it provides access only on one side. It could become a cycle path in the future or even be closed and the area used in a different way. The tar road goes right through Kottakarai village. The Mangalam Radial will eventually be linked to the Ring Road and an access road created to the KK/Alankuppam tar road, to secure an independent access to Auroville land for the industrial Zone, avoiding suppliers, clients and goods having to cross the whole of Auroville.

The Mangalam Radial, running from the entrance of Sincerity all the way to the Ring Road behind the Mangalam area, crosses and boards several areas and communities, and runs through the Industrial Zone. This zone has been defined since the beginning of Auroville, and its development is essential for

the growth of Auroville. The level of income-generating activities is dramatically low and far from sufficient to create a sustainable economic situation. Auroville cannot provide enough employment for its youth, newcomers and other groups to sustain themselves. The TDC has the obligation to give an impulse to this economic situation by developing a part of the Industrial Zone. An overall plan has been made to start the development of this area. A new shallow well with a very good yield has been dug to ensure clean and good water for the area and its development.

Mobility is a very important factor to consider. New and existing units as well as Auroville as a whole need controllable access. At the moment, too much traffic goes to the Industrial Zone via the Matrimandir. The construction of this segment of road is part of a project to create an alternate access through Windarra.

The Mangalam Radial has been on maps and on the Master Plan for many years. It has been marked and re-marked so that anyone who lives or settles there is fully aware that one day this road will be constructed.

The TDC is mandated by the Residents Assembly and the Governing Board to its implementation. While doing so, ground realities (concerning value, necessity and historical content) are studied. Based on this outcome, there may be re-adjustments of the original plans. Every project is published for feedback. Feedback is also carefully evaluated and, after

this, a final decision is taken. Even during implementation, small changes can take place due to the situation on the spot.

Regards, TDC

General Meeting to Discuss the Proposed Construction of a new road (Mangalam Radial) in the Pony Farm area, Kottakarai

The Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) would like to invite all concerned residents to two meetings regards the proposed new road (Mangalam Radial) in the Pony Farm area:

1. A General Meeting (GM) concerning "Elephant in the Room" - nr. 2, 3, 6, 16, 19, 20, 21

WHEN: Tuesday 7th of April, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

WHERE: Unity Pavilion

- To explore the pro and contra of the proposed new road (Mangalam Radial) in the Pony Farm area - based on the shared info from all parties
- As stated from L'avenir: *"Design and planning infrastructure are a technical job, not something that can be done in a general meeting or any type of subgroup. Infrastructures are laid according to the Master Plan. The TDC has the mandate from the Resident Assembly and the Governing Board to implement the Master Plan. The Master Plan is a broad conceptual development and there are a lot of elements open for discussion and flexibility to be considered during its implementation, including how to relate with the geophysical reality and with the local residents"*
- Based on the above statement: To start to formulate collectively guidelines for a process for the implementation for this and for future Auroville infrastructure projects related with the reality and together with the local residents.
- To study the possibility to give a support to L'avenir from a group of concerned and skilled people from the community. Roles of everybody will be clearly defined in the process proposal and it will be shared with the community for approval.

Please attend to participate in a constructive discussion, brainstorming and examination of a challenging area of the growth of the city.

2. An Information Meeting & tour of the area of the proposed new road

WHEN: Friday 27th of March, 2015 from 9 am to 11 am

WHERE: Vera's house, Pony Farm

Please attend to better understand the area and issues involved to prepare yourself to constructively participate in the above mentioned General Meeting & brainstorming session on Tuesday 7th of April, 2015.

Background

- On Thursday 19th of March, 2015 Pony Farm residents approached the Residents Assembly Service (RAS) to express their concern regarding the proposed construction of the Mangalam Radial in the Pony Farm area.
- A petition signed by more than 60 people, was presented to the RAS during a meeting on Friday 20th March, 2015.
- On Monday 23rd of March a combined meeting was arranged between Pony Farm and L' Avenir members.
- During this very constructive meeting all parties agreed that another "follow-up" meeting was needed for further information-sharing.

Next steps

- Based on the shared information the RAS will prepare a case study. It will be published on Wednesday 1st of April, 2015.
- The RAS would like to view this instance (the proposed new road in the Pony Farm) as an opportunity to stimulate and facilitate a collaborative exploration of how new infrastructure projects in Auroville are proposed and approved.
- It is yet another opportunity to combine our energies to build Auroville collectively and to realize Human Unity in action.

Love,

Inge for the RAS team (Jesse, Selvam & Slava and Hedra from the RAS support team)

Selection for new members of the Auroville Security Service

To the second call of Auroville Council and Working Committee for concerned members of our community to step forward to take up for the responsibility as new executives of the Auroville Security Service, the following Aurovillians/Newcomers have proposed themselves:

- Subaramaniyan, living in Prayathan, working as consultant for TDC
- Sundaramoorthy, living in Auromodele, working in the Dental Center
- Jayavel, living in Acceptance, presently not working.
- Haridass, living in the Health Center Staff Quarter, presently not working.

The Auroville Council and the Working Committee invites feedback on the proposed names from the community at large. Kindly send your appreciation or concerns to: wcoffice@auroville.org.in before Saturday the 11th of April.

Sincerely,

Auroville Council & Working Committee

TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville - 28th March 2015

The following Site and Building applications are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks. The announcement is made for feed-back only and does not mean that the project has final approval.

The final approval is given when L'Avenir / TDC issues an NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens only once the feed-back period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start. It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of TDC.

Collective Project

1. Louis Cohen, International Zone, Habitat Phase 1.

Project writes up given by the project holder.

Project Title: Habitat of International Zone Phase 1

Proposed Site Location: International Zone between Tibetan Pavilion and International Guest House

Project Holder: Louis /International Zone Coordination IEAQ

Architect: Sonali/Anupama

Contact Person: Louis

Description: 1st Phase Kalsang of Namgyal flat 90 m2 + 1 single unit + 2/1 bedroom flat of 45m2

Target Group: Aurovillians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville / priority related to International zone.

Background:

Triggers: To performs to the need of accommodation and to trigger energy of growth of international zone.

Goals/Objectives: To provide permanent housing to people working mainly in the International Zone.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Auroville Retreat Presents "The Work of Byron Katie"

On 4th and 5th of April in Auroville
"Suffering is optional." - Byron Katie

Born "Byron Kathleen Reid," and now lovingly referred to as simply "Katie," woke up to herself one February morning in 1986 after a decade of inner turmoil. Depression, paranoia, agoraphobia, and frequent bouts of rage had plagued her until then. That morning she saw that when she believed her thoughts she suffered, and when she didn't believe her thoughts she experienced a freedom and happiness like no other. She saw that without concepts she didn't have to change the world outside to find happiness and this happiness had been available to her all along. What she had discovered was nothing new but it was a profound inner transformation that gave birth to the simple yet powerful self-awakening process that is now called "The Work."

When she returned to her family after that experience (she was 43 years old at the time), they could barely recognize her as this woman who had returned to them was full of love, compassion, and the ability to listen without judgment; so unlike the woman who had left because she just could not take the suffering within. Since then (she is now in her 70's), she has helped thousands of people and touched millions through The Work, which is also called "inquiry" as it involves four simple questions designed to shed awareness on any seeming problem. Born in Texas and later settled in California, Katie has since travelled the world offering workshops and talks. Besides the United States, her workshops are very popular in Europe, particularly in Germany, and people from around the world come to attend them.

Now, for the very first time in India, a workshop (titled "Freedom in Inquiry") will be held in Auroville on The Work of Byron Katie. It will be facilitated by Jaishree Sellamuthu and will be held on a weekend, just after Good Friday, on the 4th and 5th of April. Discover how you can let go of your limiting beliefs/concepts on your own through The Work and find freedom within!

Remember, suffering is optional!

For more information & registration, please visit: www.aurovillieretreat.org or call: 0413-2622571, 9843948288, 9815472323

ACT Road map for another year

The end of the financial year is upon us and the ACT team after a long deliberation has decided to maintain the service for one more year.

Previously the ACT bus had been shuttling visitors from the Visitor Center to Matrimandir viewing gallery on Saturday and Sunday mornings. But the financial powers to be in Auroville, have estimated wiser to provide Matrimandir and Visitor center

In order to provide better information about the project approved, L'Avenir D'Auroville would be publishing description of the projects. Here we start with our first attempt and intend to improve the format and content as we move along.

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.

with funds to purchase new buses rather than to continue using the available community resources (ACT).

The bad news for Auroville being that the constant stream of visitors clogging/dusting our roads no longer contributes in any way to sustain a community initiative in transportation.

The good news for the Aurovillian riders being that ACT now decides to revive the Saturday Morning Trip (shopping).

This may be the right time to remind everyone that using the ACT bus is the only sure choice to see it endure and survive. For this survival, a support group of 30 Aurovillians, all contributing Rs. 600/- per month would cover the monthly deficit, until the buses needed to be replaced for which, at present, there is no provisional/available budget (or 60 Aurovillians contributing Rs. 300/- per month).

The team decision was reached because we believe that the right thing to do is to support those in Auroville who make the choice of community shared transportation.

Therefore from 4th April 2015 the ACT timetable is changing according to the summary below:

1. Early trip unchanged - starts from Transport Service (not on Tuesday) 7:45 AM >> << 12 Noon
2. **CHANGE: Morning Trip on Tuesday & Saturday - starts from Verité 8:50 AM >> << 12 Noon**
3. Monday early afternoon - starts from Verité 2:50 PM >> << 6:00 PM
4. Wednesday & Friday afternoon trip - starts from Verité 4:30 PM >> << 8:00 PM

This is reflected in our new timetable printed in the News & Notes or in the file attached to the Auronet announcement (please download to your computer). - In summary, there is only one change to the time table. The Saturday morning trip is back on and it is starting from Verite. We look forward to your continued support,

Taj for ACT team



AVI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015 == Auroville International's annual general assembly meeting, held every other year in Auroville itself, will this year take place in the USA. Members of the Board will meet on August 18 and 19 at the Matagiri Sri Aurobindo Centre near Woodstock to discuss their plans, prospects, challenges and approaches to issues in the City of Dawn. On the evening of 19 August they will give a public presentation on Auroville in Woodstock itself.

AVI / AUM COMBINED == An interesting development is that, for the first time, the AVI Board & Centre members present will also take part in the All USA Meeting (AUM) held nearby in NY State in the very same week. They will give a representation of the extensive work done by the various

Centres for Auroville, and undoubtedly new connections will be made.

On the AUM site: www.collaboration.org/aum/2015/ one reads:

**Auroville International / All USA Meeting (AUM) 2015
August 20-23, 2015 • Phoenicia, NY**

"We gather as a community every year to share our experience of Sri Aurobindo and Mother's Integral Yoga and the international community of Auroville. This year we have the added delight of having Auroville International (AVI) members join us. Representing Auroville in Europe, Asia, and South America [[as well as in Africa and USA]], many have a long and deep association with the community."

In case you want to participate, contact: vani@auroville.org.in

AVI CANADA == As he already wrote in last week's *News & Notes*, Christian Feuillette, after more than ten years being at the forefront of AVI things in Montreal, Quebec, decided "for personal and family reasons, to resign from my position as chairman and member of AVI-Canada Board, and also from vice-chairman and member of AVI Board. This resignation will take effect on April 18th 2015, following the public presentation of the work we have done in February in Auroville." For the time being AVI Canada's vice president, Samuel Gallant, will take over.

AVI members, while naturally saddened at his withdrawal, all could understand and wish Christian and his wife Andree the very best for the coming years. Christian's superbly organised AVI general assembly meeting held in Montreal in 2007, his strong input toward the materialisation of the majestic Inuksuk in the International Zone, and the launching of Vision Future for newcomer housing in Auroville, will not easily be forgotten; the latter two will continue to be maintained by the Canadian team. As a finishing touch, Christian made sure that a sturdy extra water cable connection has been installed so that the budding bougainvillea garden around the Inuksuk, as well as the adjacent Europe tree, are now regularly receiving water.

Thank you, Christian!

*For all AVI matters, contact Vani via vani@auroville.org.in
This column is maintained by mauna@auroville.org.in*

Rain Water Harvesting & Erosion Control 2015, March 2/24

Hermitage phase 3

Close to a very old Neem tree is the Sammattiyar Lake, next to the entrance road to Hermitage. Under the Neem tree sits Ayyanar. He is primarily worshipped as a guardian deity who protects the rural villages. He is usually flanked by gigantic and colorful statues of him and his companions riding horses or elephants. Last monsoon the lake was full and water flowed over the newly made dam. We raised the road dike and the dam, so the spillway will go around to the other basins of the Banyan Barrier.

We made 3 new dams in the area of phase 1

Maria Dam

Gaya-Ring Dam - two dams with a length of nearly 200 m, 4 m width, 2 m high

Last-Gate Dam - It is closing an old granite spill way at the end of the area.

And one new dam in the area of phase 2

Agnes Dam - 20 m length, 4 m width, 3 m high

We reinforced and adjusted some dams after the observations of the monsoon

The land that is now Hermitage was one of the first parcels acquired by Mother in 1964 for Auroville. It is situated about 7.5 km southwest of the center of Auroville in the tail of the Auroville "galaxy" and consists of approximately 74 acres, primarily canyon land: a starkly beautiful landscape now home to a rich variety of wildlife. Some consider the land "useless". Sure when bought it was desert land, like the rest of Auroville. Eroded from its topsoil and other soils. What was left were pebbles, laterite and Manaveli clay. But through the years the pioneers putting their soul in the soil were capable of transforming the land. The land together with the other Auroville lands in the area is in the process of recovering, especially now that there is ZERO-RUN-OFF and becoming a very special biotope of Auroville. Hermitage has now 26 dams.

In Buddha Garden two ponds were enlarged. One pond was still having water and it is used for watering newly planted trees. Krishna in Solitude had some ponds improved.

In the International Zone we took out a barrier (former electric cable) between two ponds, so it became one.

In Siddhartha Forest Boobalan enlarged his pond.

Total expenditure Rs 85,850,-

Kireet

Call for Micro-project Grant Proposals 2015

This announcement is addressed to Aurovilians who would like to submit a project proposal through the Project Coordination Group for a Micro-project grant request under INR one lakh (not including Aurovillian maintenance or other forms of remuneration for Aurovilians) in the categories of Informal Education, Women's Development, Youth Initiatives (from Auroville youth) or Innovative start-ups.

The **FINAL DATE** for submission is **Monday, 27 April 2015**. Copies of the grant application format will be emailed to you via pcg@auroville.org.in on request or may be **downloaded from Auronet**.

If you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or students of any individual classes, please send your project to the Auroville and/or Outreach School Boards **before** submitting it to the Project Coordination Group.

If you have received funding for a project through the Project Coordination Group in previous years, be certain that you have sent in a report for that project before making a new application for another grant.

Project holders are invited to send their projects as a Word document, saved in the name of the project title, to pcg@auroville.org.in in **FINAL DATE** for submission is **Monday, 27 April 2015**.

NB The Project Coordination Group will be making further calls for proposals in this and other categories of funding later this year: these calls will be announced in the *News & Notes* and posted on Auronet.

You are welcome to email pcg@auroville.org.in or contact the Project Coordination Group at the ACUR (Town Hall) by phoning 2622250 for further information or assistance.

POSTINGS

Baby born

Dear friends, we would like to share with the community that we have been blessed with a beautiful baby girl B. Isainila who was born on 22nd March 2015, Sunday at 06.39 am in Rajiv Gandhi Govt. Hospital. We would like to thank the hospital doctors, staff and Manuela (mid-wife) who has given some great support and consultations - Love and smiles, *Balu and Thamizhselvi* (Equality Community).

A marvelous exhibition

I would like to invite everyone (Aurovilians, Newcomers, guests, visitors and so on) to visit the marvelous exhibition at the Visitors' Centre, first floor: "Sri Aurobindo, Mother and the Advent of a new world". A pure delight! - *Soham*

Attention: thieves on the road!

Last Thursday at 4.15 pm I entered de Lakshmi Park (shortcut to go from Solar Kitchen to Matrimandir) with my bicycle, 800 meters from Solar Kitchen. At the entrance of the park two men on a motorbike came from behind, and managed to pull my bag from my bicycle and pushed me on the ground. I heard that on the same day other people had been attacked. So please be careful and let`s reflect again on what can be done to improve security on our roads and parks. The Lakshmi has too many paths open for motorbikes and that is not good for security reasons. Cycle paths should be protected from motorbike intruders. Security guards at fixed locations (big financial investment) does not seem to work... as thieves know exactly where they are. Thank you for your attention and for sharing your views and experiences - *Krishna.B (Guest Service)*

AV Security: Unclaimed items

Dear community,
AV Security Service still has a few unclaimed items left from the series of break-ins that occurred during August and September 2014. We request people to send us an e-mail (avsecurity@auroville.org.in) with the brand name, model number, color and bill of purchase (if possible) of any items

that were stolen during that period which are still missing. If there is a possible match, we will inform you.
Regards, *AV Security team*

Rocket launch

Opportunity to witness a rocket launch in Sriharikota on Saturday 28th of March at 5 pm. The rocket launch is in a beautiful bird sanctuary with amazing sunsets. This is a perfect timing as it takes 5 hours to drive from Pondy. I will be making a short presentation on Friday 27th at 12.50 pm at future school about the Indian space programme. *Vrata Venet*

www.pitchandikulam-herbarium.org

Who lives in your close neighbourhood, has several names and nicknames, lives harmoniously with his fellows and the whole universe, can cure you or offer you his generous help in so many ways and is a daily delight to watch? Meet some of these specimens! Please visit [Pitchandikulam Forest Virtual Herbarium](http://Pitchandikulam_Forest_Virtual_Herbarium), enjoy and share...*Irène & Nico, Pitchandikulam forest*

Last call for registration: For Adventure & Nature lovers

Trek to Gaumukh (Gangotri Glacier) - Gangotri Glacier is located in Uttarkashi District, Uttarakhand, India in a region bordering China. This glacier, one of the primary sources of the Ganges, is one of the largest in the Himalayas. Gaumukh is the source of the river Ganga. This trek will provide an opportunity to the nature lovers to experience the wide range of diversity of flora and fauna in the Himalayas.

The trek is spread over 12 days. Trek Beginning Dates: 20 May. For registration, contact *Anita* at: Aneeta@auroville.org.in or call 9445100465

Solar Kitchen closed on Sunday 05.04.2015

Solar Kitchen remains closed on Sunday 5th of April for urgent repair work. *Solar Kitchen Team*

AVAILABLE



Botanical Gardens

New arrivals! Ceramic pots in various sizes, shapes and colours for your garden and balconies. Please come to the gardens on Saturday afternoon to have the first pick of the pots, there will be tea and biscuits. Transport available for large orders. If you can't make Saturday then come any time later in the week.

Apartments available in SANJANA Housing Project

Work is going on in the Sanjana Housing Project between Arati and Sukhavati communities. There are still many apartments available. You are welcome to have a look and choose between different flats. The construction is expected to be completed beginning of 2016. For details please contact: sanjana@auroville.org.in or call 965-585-7735. *Gundolf and Sanjana Management Team*

One mason and team

Arumugam from Allankuppam has been working in many places in Auroville, he is now free and looking for his next job. He can help you for repairs and small building work. Please contact

him, his mobile number is 9790050053. Thank you, *Claudine (Inspiration)*

Honda CB twister

I am selling my Honda CB twister, 2011 model, electric start, disc brakes and only 11000 km done. Contact Vikrant, ph. 9940072682, email: viekie012@gmail.com. Kindly call after 5 pm, mon thru fri, or leave a message.



Martin Steel-String Backpacker Acoustic Guitar

Second-hand sale in mint condition. Search this model on Internet before contacting me. It's possible to meet and let you examine the instrument before purchase, which could meet the needs of a beginner looking for a light touch guitar, traveler or musician wishing to add something more portable to his/her collection. Contact Edo: 9843893652, eddie.grassi@gmail.com

Computer stuff

Computer: Apple iMAC 27-inch self-contained computer/monitor with OS X Yosemite version 10.10.2 and 16GB memory, 3.06 MHZ dual core processor, with multiple

architectural programs including ArchiCAD17 and ArchiCAD18. Superb for architects and graphic designers. With program disks // 3-in-One: Epson WF-7510 Printer-Scanner-Fax A3 color printer - Contact *Aliya* at: 7094721473

Motorcycle

Yamaha Gladiator 5-speed, 2009, only 18,200 km, electric starter, disc brakes, excellent condition, Tamil Nadu registration. All in excellent condition. Contact *Lenni* 948-6536590

Laptop

Apple Macbook Pro 15 with high resolution retina display - Due to extended travel plans I am selling my laptop including an external bamboo screen protector and natural hemp protective cover. The laptop is just over two years old, in excellent condition and running very smoothly and reliably. For photos and further information/technical specs please email: jeco32@yahoo.com - *Jorai*

TVS moped

Year 2008 in good condition. Registered in Pdy - Call: 9843318884 - *Daniel*

Nepalese gardener

We are very content with our Nepalese gardener but cannot offer him full time work. Anyone interested in a part-time gardener? Call me 9943388554 or email: yuvalcw@auroville.org.in - *Gert*

Aurovelo Spring Cycle Sale

Aurovelo has a special discount offer on some Giant and Bergamont bicycles. Giant mountain and road bikes on sale:

Giant "Revel 3" Mountain Bike (20% discount) and Giant "SCR1" and "SCR2" Road Bikes (30% discount). Bergamont mountain and hybrid bikes on sale: Bergamont off road "Vitox 6.3" and hybrid "Helix 2.4" cycles (14% discount). At Aurovelo Cycle Shop, Reve - Monday to Saturday, 9 to 5 Ph: 2622380 - *Sukrit*

Some items

5 mattresses, 4 beds, 1 wicker chair, 1 swinging chair, 1 inverter, Water Filter, pressure cookers, rice cooker, kitchen stuff, Sujata Mixie Blender, Cushions and Pillows, a table, 4 plastic chairs, glass containers. Contact *Moonstar*: 09878916170 (Between 8 and 12)

Headset

Plantronics bluetooth headset — free to good home. Call or text: 915 990 7262. *Caroline*

Different items

1. Bicycle, Italian made, 10-speed. Good condition. Import from Europe. Colour red. 2. DVD Car Cinema Set 12V Jay Tech 1 DVD used only. Double screen. 3. Violine with case 2 strings missing, 4. Little grinding drilling set, 2 Machines for making earrings, rings, etc, with its case. 5. DVD, mp3/mp4/mp5/Beamer, new, 12V. 220?12V needs to be bought. 6. White big suitcase hard case, ideal for traveling 7. Handdrilling machine with lots of drillers, stone and iron - Call: 7094584284 - *Reiner* (Annapura farm)

Gazelle Tandem Bicycle "champion mondiale"

Lightweight Tandem in excellent condition, 12 gears shimano deore LX, magura hydraulic rear brake, strong alloy wheels with easy going hub, new quality tyres, ideal for long term travelling. Contact *Ulli*: 7868824562

LOOKING FOR ...

My book on Mudras

Some time ago I lent somebody a copy of a book on MUDRAS and can't remember to whom. Would that person kindly contact me and give it back, as I need it now. Contact *Sylvia*: (2622649) or sylviaz12000@yahoo.co.in

Seeking Spanish/English/Tamil speakers for film production

A friend of mine, film maker, is seeking 5-8 people who speak Spanish/English/Tamil for a film he'll be shooting in Mahabalipuram for a Columbian TV show. 3 months work. If you want more info, contact: laura.joyful@gmail.com - Thanks, *L'aura*

Roof repair and maintenance with reinforced tar sheets

Aswini Associates sealed the Creativity roof many years ago and did a good job. This company has done other buildings in AV. We had so far good experiences with them. Since 2014 they have become kind of unresponsive to requests. We are wondering if somebody in the community knows another good company to repair and maintain reinforced tar sheet sealants. Please drop me a note if you know somebody: b4tasttd@auroville.org.in or 9655662645 - Thanks, *Juergen*

Cordless fur trimmer for dogs

Our beautiful 2 year old lab-German shep-mix needs a haircut before the summer sets in (by April end). She has short, dense (and curly) fur and needs this shearing at least once every summer. If you know someone who does this professionally here in Auroville or Pondy, please contact me (2622003/890

3330 218/abhaprakash@auroville.org.in). I would be happy to pay the charges. Thanks, *Abha* (Utility)

Traveler to Brighton/London, UK

Looking for a traveler to Brighton/London, UK to take some neem tablets, & powder as one of our old guests of Auroville needs it for medicinal purpose. Please kindly contact: dinar@auroville.org.in or call 9047654077 - *Dheena*

Simple mobile phone wanted!

I need a mobile phone, no iPhone or smart phone, but just a simple mobile phone. Please contact *Chieko* at Joy Guest House or email: chiekonz@gmail.com - Thanks

Piano-Teacher

Hello, I would consider myself a beginner in Piano. When inspired, I download some sheet music from the internet and try and play it for sing-along songs that I can perform eventually. If there is anyone who can help me in strengthening my basics, helping me read sheet music, and can give me a little practice time on their piano, please get in touch with me), thanks, 'G' : sattvig@gmail.com, 08407997970

A home for our cat

Paulette, our 6 months old cat is looking for a family house to stay for a period of 2 months (Between mid-May to mid-July). She is a lovely friendly cat that is used to children. We will provide all the food requirement & anything else necessary. Please contact Renan and Solange at: 9943982794 or 914132226449. Thank you!

LOST & FOUND

Orange Bag (Stolen): My orange bag has been stolen on the road while cycling and as there was no values in it they may have thrown it somewhere, so if you find an orange bag please contact me at the Guest Service, Solar Kitchen, and I will be very happy to get it back - *Krishna B*

Umbrella... (Lost): Unfortunately I lost my umbrella somewhere on the road in the center of Auroville last Sunday. The umbrella is blue, big sized (1.3 m long), printed on it: "Weybridge Health Club." Please send an SMS: +917094344154 or write an e-mail: ivafro@yahoo.com, if you find it - *Ivana*

THANK YOU

To Saravanan and Tineke

In gratitude for maintaining a place of home for many visiting guests to Auroville, and showing a way of being a true Aurovilian.

We wish you well as you leave and embark on new adventures!
Some guests of the Center Guest House: Martin, Jaesun Son, Shanker A., Jean Y., Tim, Sitrudel"
Submitted by Tim

Thank you fellow community members for fostering social innovation!

This Saturday 28 March we are welcoming our 3rd batch of social entrepreneurs to the UnLtd Tamil Nadu incubation program. We have been operating at the side line of Auroville

focusing on exchange between 6 Auroville based project/unit holders and 12 change makers across the state. Since the AV Retreat we feel there is growing support for our work within the community and we are grateful!

A Big Thank You to pioneering start-ups EcoFemme, WasteLess, Komali Mediclown and Amirtha for helping us learn how to help you better. To Aurelec, Unity Pavilion and Ilaingnargal teams for hosting us. To SAVI for finding amazing talents. To Village Action Trustees Alain and Divya for guiding us and to all those who keep volunteering their time and expertise at our events.

We are because of you :)

We feel ready to take the next leap towards an Integral Entrepreneurship Laboratory and look forward to make our economy more beautiful and fun with you!

gijis@auroville.org.in

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sitting 1

I would like to express to residents of the community, that I am a newcomer, working at Kala Kendra and my term of stay at my present accommodation expires this month end, so I would like to explore if my need of housing for the next few summer months can be met by any house-sitting opportunity that might be available in the community. Feel free to contact and meet in person before any offering. Peace & joy, *Gaurav*:
Ph: 9787897947, Mail: medimedia@gmail.com

House-sitting 2

I'm Meghan, I have been volunteering in different AV units for more than a year now and I'm looking for a house-sitting from the beginning of April to the end of June. If you heard about anything, please contact *Meghan* at: 78 67 99 86 39 or meghan.gillet@gmail.com.

House-sitting 3

Hello dear friends, I'm Olga and my 6 years old daughter, pre-New comers, looking for a middle- long term house-sitting. I would be happy to look after your house, pets and plants. I love a quiet life and nature. If you need my help please contact me at: 8098167492

House-sitting 4

Hello, my name is 'G' and I've been a long-term volunteer / pre-newcomer here. Need to figure out a housing situation before I commit to start the Newcomer process. Looking for a house-sitting. The time of year and duration is flexible. I practice meditation in every moment, so end up putting a lot of love and care into my living space :) Would be grateful for something relatively new, clean, and quiet. References available. thanks and Namaste! Contact 'G' : sattvig@gmail.com, 08407997970)

House-Sitter 1

Seeking Aurovilian, Newcomer or long-term volunteer to house-sit L'aura's house (Joy Guest House campus, Centre Field). Big house, big garden, cats and dogs. Looking for super clean, caring, responsible person. Early May to early June. Contact *L'aura*: laura.joyful@gmail.com

House sitter 2

From April 15th till end of July, please contact *Marie Noelle*: 2622 989, 7639128435, framatim@yahoo.fr

TAXI SHARING

March 27th: Taxi will start at 6.30 am on Friday, March 27th for Chennai; can be shared for a drop to the airport. Contact: Vera, vera.auroville@gmail.com, 9786949878

March 30th: Taxi leaving Auroville 3:30 pm on March 30 (empty) to Chennai airport and returning with 1 person at 6:45pm from airport. Share either way. Please contact: Ing-Marie, +91-9442300518 or ingmarie@auroville.org.in

March 30th: To Chennai airport, leaving from Auroville 30 march 15.00 hr. would you like to share? Sms: 8098900471 / manuela.auroville@gmail.com - Greetings, *Manuela*

April 1st: No April joke - leaving AV around 6 am going to Chennai airport, [taxi can be shared both ways]. If interested to share please call or better send sms to: 8940 567 857 - *Sibylle*

April 1st: Leaving 4/4.30pm from Auroville to Chennai Airport. Please text me on 9751030905 or email: estherkajim@me.com Thanks, *Esther*.

April 1st: A taxi will leave Auroville/Kulaipalayam Wednesday April 1st to Chennai Airport at 4.30 am. The same taxi will return empty to Auroville after drop (around 7 am) - Call *Ulla*: [7868824532](tel:7868824532) or *Ulli*: [7868824562](tel:7868824562) for info.

April 7th: To Chennai Airport - Leaving Auroville at 2 am. Please contact *Ginevra* at: 709 4583 824 / 19ginevra@gmail.com

April 10th: To Chennai airport on 10th of April, leaving Auroville around 5 am. Please contact me: 8940285161 or by mail: elenasol@tiscali.it - *Elenasol*

April 11th: I arrive at Chennai airport from Delhi at 15:15 and would love to share a taxi to Auroville. Please email me on mitra@mitra.biz or call or SMS on, +91-770-858-0452 (phone will only be working after 6th of April) - Thanks, *Mitra*

April 13th: We booked a taxi Innova to go to Chennai airport (drop) on the 13th of April, leaving at 3 pm from Auroville. We would like to share the cost with one or 2 people. This taxi has 2 rows of seats. *Emanuele and Yvelise* - Tel: 2623407 - lele@auroville.org.in

April 13th: Possibility to share a taxi to Chennai airport, leaving early morning Monday 13 April at 5.00 am. Anybody? Contact Manohar Ph: 9486416179 / manohar@auroville.org.in

April 13th: To airport on April 13th - leaving AV around 4 pm, if you'd like to share one way or return, please contact *Marie Noelle*: 2622 989,763128435, framati@yahoo.fr, thanks.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

French teacher

Dear friends,
The Learning Community(TLC) is looking for a French speaking person to teach small groups French as a second language.
- 1 group of 8 kids(7-8 years old)
- 1 group of 8 kids(9-10 years old)
- 1 group of 2 kids(11-12 years old)
All of them have chosen to learn French and wish that an enthusiastic soul would come to share their knowledge of the language.
If you feel the call, contact *Claudia* 9488483312 or *Isabelle* 9486366724

At Blue Light

Blue Light provides support to the Auroville services and working groups because they are the core of our community. We like to provide conscientious, reliable, consistent and personal support. Blue Light is a learning and training environment.

Blue Light needs:

1. Office administrator
2. Systems administrator for Linux
3. Systems administrator for Windows
4. Network people
5. PHP developer
6. Python developer
7. WordPress developer
8. User support people.

We welcome everyone who wants to explore Free and Open Source Software (FOSS), whether they be Aurovilians, long-term volunteers or I.T. students from India or abroad.

Location: Town Hall, MMC annex (near AV Foundation office)

Timings: Mon - Sat, 10:00 am to 4:30 am

Phone: 262-2500 / Email: bluelight@auroville.org.in

Damien for Blue Light team

Auromode Apartments Caretaker

Auromode Apartments is looking for a committed, responsible and dedicated Aurovilian / newcomer / long term volunteer to be a resident and caretaker. Should be fluent in English and possess good communication skills. Having knowledge in other languages will be an added advantage.
Free accommodation and other services will be provided for her/him in exchange for her /his presence, especially on Sundays and after office hours for checking in guests from 6.00 am to 8.30 am and from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.
Please contact Auromode ASAP for an appointment at 2622 161 / 2622 224 from 9 am to 5 pm. Monday to Saturday.
Best regards,
Andre & Louis [Auromode Apartments]

Savi needs to reinforce its team

1 - One member in charge of the relation with Units and activities of Auroville

We need someone to interact with our Aurovilian partners (units, services, activities), in their mentoring role with Interns & Volunteers. This work implies visits, enquiring about AV projects, summarising the needs of human resources and preparing the publication of opportunities. Some maintenance of databases of Aurovilian working places is also needed.

The expected qualities are teamwork, interest or experience in adult education, international culture and communication skills.

A half-time maintenance is available for this commitment. If interested, please write to Savi explaining your interest and background (CV) (dom@auroville.org.in).

2 - One administrative assistant

We also need someone to help the present team in its administrative tasks: registration, update of databases, responding to enquiries, interactions with volunteers and interns. This work implies sense of commitment, self-organisation, fluency in English, capacity to work in team, and computer skills (Word, Excel mainly).

A half-time maintenance is available for this commitment. If interested, please write to Savi explaining your interest and background (CV) (dom@auroville.org.in).

EATING OUT

Kids Coffee

Dear Friends,
From Beginning of July 2015 Thanajayan of New Creation School and Frederick, hope to restart the Free-Service of Refreshment at the Kids Coffee in Certitude. We request your agreement and support. This Service is for all school-children, sport persons, coaches, supporters and well-wishers.
It will be free for all school-children and others can contribute through PT-acc.: Snack-bar 5163.

This service will be available every day from 4 to 6 pm. We will keep the disturbance for the neighbours to the minimum

SAILER, various producers like Bakery, Naturellement, Tanto etc., various units and individuals have in the past supported in kind and cash and we hope that they will again give us their help.

For the Kids Coffee, *Thanajayan and Frederick*

Naturellement and Garden Café closed

Please note that Naturellement and Garden Cafe will remain closed on Good Friday, the 3rd of April.

Regards, Naturellement & Garden Cafe team.

Well Cafe

This is to inform all that Well Cafe will stop serving dinners on Saturday 28/3.
Last world dance will be on Friday 27/3 from 5 pm till 7 pm

We will continue serving our Mediterranean vegetarian food on Monday till Saturday from 8.30 to 17.00.
For events and catering please call 2622219
With love, *Well cafe*

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners, the very good news of this week is that the AC has been installed in the main studio!
The working environment is now very good since the partition wall done a couple of months ago is totally protecting the sound environment and the room temperature is very pleasant. The final bill for the work is Rs 66,750 and we are looking to cover part of the amount with some generous donation...

We are looking for long term guests, newcomers and/or Aurovilians to train as radio journalists. The candidate can come by at the Auroville Radio office (ground floor in Town Hall) or send an email to a@aurovillerradio.org

In the effort to provide more easily the content produced by the radio team we looking for a software engineer able to develop an APPLICATION for IOS and Android.

People passionate on Social Media who wants to join the radio are welcome to be part of our team in order to share or exchange information, ideas, and pictures/videos in virtual communities and networks. Meanwhile in the coming weeks we plan to finish the assessment work we had started earlier. Our account number is 251369 we thank you for supporting the Auroville Radio!

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.

Off the Cuff-20 (Performing Arts 20/03/2015)
Andrea and Wazo exchange views on Auroville Festival in Chennai, volunteers, the Pony Farm road issue and other topics
-[English, 17 Minutes]

Selections par Gangalakshmi-31 (Performing Arts 20/03/2015)
Gangalakshmi reads Mother on Auroville from the Mother's

Agenda 1967- French and English passages -[French, 15 Minutes]

Nordic Hymns, Ragas (News from Auroville 16/03/2015)
Featuring excerpt of words of Dr. Karan Singh at the plenary of Auroville Retreat past Friday at UP in IZ. -[English, 13 Minutes]

You can listen to all of the programs and more on www.aurovillerradio.org / For more info: 0413-2623331 or mail: a@aurovillerradio.org

SPORTS

Open table tennis tournament

Date: march 28 & 29 / Venue: Dehashakti sport and Auroville sports resource center at new creation.
To sign up: sms/call Jothi: 8098262228, Suresh: 9943385507, Ganesh: 9843467040

GREEN MATTERS



Sunday 29th of April - 9 to 11 am Botanical Gardens with Nasim & Marie

Directions: from Solar Kitchen about 15 minutes, take a right, past Certitude, take a right at the cross roads past Reve and Aurovelo (on your right). Just before the village of Edyanchavadi and just before Udavi School take a left, follow the road till after about 1000 meter you see the gate of the Botanical Garden on your left.

For Sunday 5th and Sunday 12th of April there are no walks organized as yet, If anything comes up, we'll published it in the next N & N and add it to our posters up on 15 noticeboards in the community.

Auroville Green Center [avgreencenter@auroville.org.in]



A WHITE PAPER ON AUROVILLE LANDS

"Indian architecture is intimately one in inspiration with the central things in Indian philosophy, religion, Yoga, culture". Sri Aurobindo, Foundations of Indian Culture

When we observe Auroville today, we see four phenomenons linked to the land and its inhabitants:

1) There are no - or very little - accommodation facilities for newcomers, volunteers, or even recently accepted Aurovilians. And those accommodations which are available, are often financially (except those recently made by Louis) out of reach for many of the newcomers, especially the young.

2) The type of apartments that are built in the city area are not of a great standard of beauty, have no Indian-ness, and are not using noble materials which are still available to us: tiles, red earth, bricks, wood, thatch, etc. In fact these are the type of apartments that were done in Europe in the 60's and western architects have moved now to more integrated units to Nature. It is therefore possible that, except for those buildings designed by Roger Anger (which ironically are not part of the City: Last School, Sanskrit school, the original Auromodel houses, etc.), these will not be the final housings of the City.

3) We seem to have lost in Auroville some of the initial pioneering spirit that had tremendous energy and enthusiasm, creativity & novelty, amongst others, in the field of architecture and produced remarkable constructions, whether in coconut leaves or thatch or even in Ferro-cement.

4) We also are also seeing that the housing and land groups started quite long ago **selling all those lands** that are not considered part of the 'City'. We once owed, for instance, a lot of the land on the side of the access road to Auroville, from the ECR to Kuylapalayam, but we thoughtlessly sold or exchanged it, with the result that we can see today: wildcat shops & guest houses, on which we have no control.

The Proposal

1) **Throw open the outlying lands** which are not considered part of the City to newcomers, with the freedom to build whatever they like, and plant freely. These people will not only be our eyes and ears on the outposts of AV, keeping a watch on other lands, noting which lands are for sale, or if there are even encroachments, but it will recreate the pioneering spirit in Auroville, to counterbalance the rules and bureaucracy which has its merits, but has stifled a lot of our creativity. Auroville NEEDS A BUFFER ZONE; We thought that the Green Belt was our buffer, but we were wrong, for not only some of the Green Belt lands were not bought when they were cheap and available - and we saw what happened with the College - but the Green Belt is getting eaten up by promoters & sharks.

2) Draft a collective agreement to **end the land sales and exchanges** unless they are isolated plots that are not on the road.

3) The issue of **water conservation** for the future must be brought into the planning (and also development of any lands by newcomers) so we have some comprehensive goals and policies that are evident to all.

4) If we really have to sell or exchange some lands, at least let us do it with people **friendly** to our ideals. For instance, by some mysterious reason, ashramites bought a lot of the land on the sides of the Utility road and thus today it is a 'friendly' road, free from shops and ugly buildings

5) The Master Plan needs to be revised and some of the communities such as Auromodel, be **integrated**. We understand that we need to put 50,000 people together and that it has to be an urban concentration, but when it was devised in the 60's, the ecological parameters were entirely different, with abundant water and little consciousness about the harm done by massive concrete to the environment. We can conceive of the same number in a slightly bigger zone.

6) Finally there is such a push towards greed and appropriation that the AV Foundation must employ a **surveyor** and have all the lands that are not protected surveyed and protected...

Conclusion

Land is **sacred** in India. You do not sell it, but you cherish it to hand it over to future generations. We need to soak into some of that ancient wisdom. Auroville also cannot be an island within India. We need a whole new generation of Indian architects, who, while embracing the universal values of AV, will also have some grounding in their own esthetical roots & would produce buildings of beauty, using indigenous materials with an Indian-ness to them. Finally, our policies have deprived us of the sense of belonging and identifying to a larger whole. And unless we rectify our attitude towards the land, we are going towards a catastrophe that will take generations to rectify.

Francois Gautier

TLC Floor Poem

Upon collecting adjectives, nouns and verbs from all the poems we had worked with in each class, they wrote each word on individual papers, put these on the floor and each individually having creating their own lines, collectively composed this poem:

The rain sword reaped Venus and sowing in its wake black wolves that took the beached bright doors,
spirit was walking but beware it was a dream,
the fire melon left the dream of night,
the gold moons, little stars cry in light,
the green graves side by side in the midst of the sleeping earth, women birth under a beamish moon,
born with claws, jaws, mothers wrath,
the boy had seen tombstones where people were buried when they die,
the priests burble, white ripe flowers by the lightless dark snowy garden, grief and crying of loved ones and friends, no smiles at all, the
morning came and the children laughed again and walked into town where they loved,
folk gimbling in deep dreams with the desire to wish,
snakes shed their skin in summer,
my hands naked bite, bore uffish thoughts, tears from the bird made the dark Indian seas but the sun came out and hope was there
again,
the chapel went galumphing through the gates, Spring, Winter, Autumn burbled through the earth,
my son's womb brought whiffing that filled the west boggroves, the small boy turned into fulgey and said he was frabjious, round came
he properly howled down the slide, he had stopped the slithy toves just in time.

TLC kids

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri - read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every Thursday at sunset

From March onward: 6.00 to 6.30 pm (weather permitting)

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

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

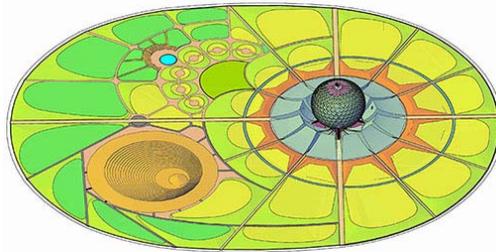
Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm

Please be seated by 5.55 pm, no late entry. Thank you.

Amphitheatre Team

MATRIMANDIR GARDEN PRESENTATION



The Garden design team invites Aurovilians and Newcomers
To a presentation and an interactive session
On the Future Garden of Matrimandir

Place: MMC Cinema Paradiso
March 31, Tuesday at 4.30 pm

Matrimandir Amphitheater

Sunday 29 March, 5.30 pm

Gratitude

A musical offering

Russian Singing Bells by Vera

"O divine Master, eternal Teacher, Thou livest in all things, in all beings, and Thy love bursts upon the sight of even the most ignorant. Grant that all may become aware of it in the depths of their being and that hatred may disappear for ever from their hearts. My ardent gratitude rises to Thee like a tireless chant." (The Mother, "Prayers and Meditations", 13 March, 1914)

10 minutes of silent concentration before the first bell rings.
Entrance by the office gate from 5.15 pm. Please come on time.
No photos please. Dear Guests, please carry your Guest card.

Amphitheatre team

INVITATIONS

FARMER'S MARKET AND COMMUNITY FESTIVAL - SATURDAYS AT THE YOUTH CENTER (10:30 am - 2:30 pm)

Farmers, cooks, eco-warriors, handicraft artists, singers, musicians, and volunteers are all welcome!
Come to eat local organic snacks and lunch, buy local organic produce, explore local handicrafts, and join in the music, games, and community fun) - *The Market will be cancelled in case of rain.*

To participate or volunteer, please email: localiciousav@gmail.com

Love and light, *The Localicious Auroville Team*

Two-day seminar on Responsible Energy Management

Auroville Town Development Council invites all Aurovilians and Newcomers for a two-day seminar on Responsible Energy Management 30-31 March 2015 at Unity Pavilion

Participants will be introduced to energy conservation, efficiency and energy auditing practice as well as solar PV basics (site and system assessment, system design, maintenance etc.). The seminar timings are 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Full program attendance is required. No prior knowledge is required. The program will be facilitated by Auroville Consulting and Sunlit Future.

Registration is required; if you are interested please drop an email to: info@agpworkshops.com.

Divya L. on behalf of the TDC

What does the law say? Session 2

A series of legal educative sessions to help bring awareness on women's rights and laws related to women in India.

Who can attend: ammas, staff, workers, family and friends; anyone who is concerned about women's empowerment around;

The sessions will be in Tamil (translations available as needed).

Where and when: Life Education Centre, opposite Isambalam School

Second session: 4th April (Saturday) - Time: 2.30-4.30pm

Offered by: Mrs. K. K. Ritha

(MA BEd, MHR (Master of Human Rights), BL, Member, State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Puducherry)

We are grateful to all those units and people who have offered their support to make sure that many women can attend these sessions and get the benefits from them.

If your staff is going to attend this session on 4th April, please call up to 2622082 (LEC) and let us know ahead.

Youth concerns

Dear Community,

The current Youth Representative team would like to invite you to a special event. We have formed a 'team' over the last few months as we have worked hard to collect 'Youth' concerns from the community through various different activities. This effort was aimed to present Youth concerns at the Auroville Retreat.

Please join us this Saturday 28th March at 4:00 pm at the SAIER Conference Hall.

We will present our work completed so far, describe our list of aims for the coming year and invite your participation. This event is directed towards individuals from younger generations who are eager to step forward and get involved in Auroville and its bio-region's development. However, as we live in a community which aspires towards 'a youth that never ages' we would like to continue to remain open for anyone interested to join our conversations as 'Silent Observers', and then later if you feel inspired, you may offer your guidance as a 'Mentor'.

This Youth initiative has huge potential to impact our community positively. We encourage all concerned Youth to join and participate in whatever capacity they feel motivated to. We ask for the rest of the community to welcome our efforts with kindness and support, as parents would do for their children.

Thank you all. We look forward to seeing you this Saturday!

Warmly, *the Youth Representatives*

Conscious co-creation

An invitation to explore these "dance steps" for Auroville
7 pm at the Unity Pavilion Tuesday 31st of March

There has been a momentum created by the Auroville Retreat and Monica Sharma workshops which we want to continue and amplify. We have the wonderful opportunity now to further this work and increase our skill-level in manifesting the changes which so many of us want to see. In this light, longtime Auroville friends and supporters Katharine Roske and Carolyn Anderson have offered to engage with us in an online course on principles and practices of co-creation. The essence of co-creation is working from the inside out, combining the spiritual practices of deep listening, building resonance, love and inner wisdom with outer actions in the world.

Katherine and Carolyn have authored "the Co-Creators handbook" which will be the support material for this course. The tools they have evolved in this book have been applied in various contexts around the world: youth leadership, community building, mediation, decision making and more. In 2005, Katharine and her husband Makasha, have played a key role as facilitators in the UNESCO youth conference Auroville hosted with youth from all over the world. They have also established a pioneering community called Hummingbird ranch in New Mexico, which is an inspiring living example of the principles of co-creation in action.

Inspired by their recent visit to Auroville, a group of us are motivated to take advantage of their willingness to share and support Auroville, by offering their skills and experience through a 6-week online course. There will be different ways to engage with the course - you can do it from home or listen collectively during a weekly group gathering in the Unity Pavilion. There will also be weekly practice sessions.

If you are curious to learn more or would like to have a little taste of what will be offered, please join us on Tuesday 31st March, 7 pm at the Unity Pavilion. For more information or registration to the 6 weeks online course: sunlitcircles@gmail.com

With love, *Sandyra, Shivaya, Kathy*

EXHIBITIONS



Art Work by Students of Deepanam School

We warmly invite you all for the exhibition of artwork done by the students of Deepanam school of age group between 7 and 12.
The work presented has been done over a year in the field of Clay, Craft and painting.

Place: Pitanga

Date: 4th of April 2015 to 12th of April

Time: 9.00 am to 6.00 pm

CULTURAL EVENTS

POETRY JAM an open mic for open hearts

The stage for fresh & lively poetry readers/performers calls YOU to express your innate creativity.

Writers, readers, beat-boxers, rappers, singers, actors, as well as panelists, musicians and technicians are welcome to come join us in Sacred Grove at 7:30 pm on the 28th of March.

Come articulate your inherent and unique imaginative blend of creativity within a non-ego based platform for exercising an authentic rhetoric expression. Have ±10min to shine in your particular way, presenting one or more of your own or favorite texts, and collect color points from audience or panelists, - a prize awaits each of you for being either Enlightening, Comic, Just Awesome, Romantic, Thrilling, Epic, Dramatic, Dumbfounding, Tragic, or Eye Opening.

The concept is to provide a non-competitive space for creative uprising "talents" to receive inspiring feedback in a setting where audience as well as participants can experience a culturally entertaining and fun event. The audience will only be told by the end of the evening which of the texts performed were original or not (should no-one have recognized them). On stage no instruments/props are allowed, only a microphone (if needed) and possibly a chair/podium/note stand. A number of random persons in the audience will be given a rainbow colored fan on which they can indicate their personal evaluation of the reading/performance.

A panel of masked (at first) experts, professor/publisher/maybe celebrity will give their color coded ratings and possibly some tips, advice or personal comments. Before each reading the reader will have to choose between whose evaluation will count, audience or expert. Inspired by each reading a band of musicians will thereafter be jamming in the background during the interval to the next reading. Color points are collected and then all category winners get a fruit jam prize and the overall winner, as well as the overall loser will win a coaching course.

For more details call Gi: 8949239984 or Mara 9843167224 or sign up under avpoetryjam@gmail.com

Gallery Square Circle - Kala Kendra - Bharat Nivas

In collaboration with Pavilion de France

Presents

DANCING & PAINTING
27th March - 7th April 2015

A live performance by CATHERINE MARQUETTE
Painter and dance of the soul

Inauguration Friday the 27th of March, 2015 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Catherine started to dance and paint at the age of 40, after a sudden awakening of her soul. Her body danced and her hand drew soul's portrait spontaneously, her life changed totally. She did an Art-Therapist workshop (Movement Training & Leads Creativity), mixing both moving and drawing for many years in France.

Catherine has created an original card game of 34 cards showing the different families' souls and giving their messages. She had two exhibitions of her paintings in Auroville in 2008, with the Pavilion de France.

This year (2015) she will dance and paint on a circle room in Kala Kendra - Bharat Nivas, moved by her soul, for a unique performance. The painting is the visible track of the movement. The public will also participate. After the dance you are invited to stand up and feel the movement in your body, as you have touched by it.

Join us to participate to this joyful experience! 27-03-2015 at 5:30 pm

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

31st March (Tuesday)

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

Focus this week on: 'Intimacy with the Divine'

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, 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

Nada Yoga with Hansini

In Creativity Community - Regular classes are going on...

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 1 pm to 3:30 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday: 9 am to 12 am

Nada Yoga or Yoga of sound teaches us to perceive sounds in different parts of the body that are connected to the central energetic channel that is in the spine.

These ancient Yoga techniques re-aligns the energy flow and gives peace and a quiet serenity. In addition, with these techniques, you can learn to sing well, even if you sing completely wrong. It is through such techniques that traditional music and classical singing in India were born.

Hansini has been a perpetual student of Nada Yoga for 14 years and has been teaching it for 5 years

Contact Hamsini: 7094344184

Seminar in holoenergetics

Tracing process 4 and 5th of April

Sandhya's sun space Windarra Farm - 9 am to 5 pm

In this 2-day intensive, we will focus on these processes: Accessing Conscious Heart Space, which induces heart coherence, and helps allowing direct access to aware loving presence in the here and now. Transpersonally aligning with patients and clients to transmit loving energies to others and self for healing purposes. Learning to 'trace' illness, suffering,

and distress to its source apparent separation from the whole - and transform this energy of separation into unifying love through the Holoenergetic Tracing Process.

For registration please contact Marie-Claire: auomarieclaire@gmail.com

WELLPAPER Workshop 01/04Wednesday

Baskets Weaving Introductory workshop

Our experienced Wellpaper ladies will teach you how to create the newspaper sticks that are made from rolled up newspaper that serve as reeds for the baskets. You will be instructed and supported during the process. By the end of the workshop you will have made your own basket. You will make the coloring of the final product on your own since its needs time to dry. The workshops are instructed by WELL women from the villages around Auroville. These women are very well practiced. These women have teaching experience in and out of AV.

Contribution: Rs.500 for guests. All the workshops has a minimum 6 participant registered

The workshop will take place every Wednesday between 9:30 to 12:30. The workshop is held sitting on the floor.

We will all meet at "Ganesh Bakery" at 09:15 to take you to the workshop place.

If you would like to join us please email us to: wellpaper@auroville.org.in or call 0413-2622219.

SUCCESSIONS - the self help group for successful dreaming

Saturdays 2:30-4 pm at Creativity Hall of light

The idea of SUCCESSIONS is relatively simple, each participant gets 5-15min (depending on the number of people attending) to describe the status/progress of their personal challenge/s regarding whatever it is they would like to change in their lives, primarily anything about themselves or also in reference to their own personal project/job. Thereafter each of the other attendants can, if they like, give feedback and suggestions (with a clear focus on the positive) similarly limited to 5-15min. A mediator is nominated at every session so as to try ensure that each voice is heard equally and to avoid all too much interruption or speaking out of turn.

Important is that everybody sticks to making assessments and avoids being judgmental, each individual trying not to take anything that has been said personally but as a contribution from an external more distant part of oneself.

One of the central ideas of SUCCESSIONS is breaking through old ingrained patterns to make room for new diverse possibilities so this should be emulated in the greetings and general conduct with one another.

Call Gi: 8940230984 or Simon: 8940568712 for details

SCHEDULES



PITANGA NEWS

CLASSES:

MEDITATION CLASS Thursdays 7.45am to 8.30am (15 minute introduction and 30 minutes sitting practice) with Ivana.

Meditation is a way of being and has many benefits. Mindfulness meditation, which is based on Buddhist teachings, is recognized for helping to reduce anxiety, stress and depression. Mindfulness means bringing attention to our present experience, on a moment-to-moment basis, in a non-critical way. We will practice an awareness of sensations of breath.

Ivana has an Open College Diploma as a Meditation Teacher, with 7 years in practice.

KICK BOXING WITH ABDOMINAL TONING AND STRETCHING - Wednesdays from 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm with Antenello

IYENGAR CLASSES WITH ANGELA - last class for this season is April 4th, classes will resume in August when Angela returns after further training

EXHIBITION

DEEPANAM CHILDREN'S ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION opens SATURDAY April 5th

Pitanga, Samasti, Auroville, (0413) - 2622403, email pitanga@auroville.org.in



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CLASSES in Vérité - April 2015			
Days	Drop-in Classes	Timings	Facilitator
Monday to Friday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	6:45 to 8.15 am	Olesya
Monday	Sound Bath (last session will be 13 April)	5:15 to 6:30 pm	Aurelio
Monday	Tradition Hatha - Raja Vinyasa	5 - 6.30 pm	Andres
Tuesday & Thursday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	5 to 6.30 pm	Olesya
Wednesday	Somatic Explorations	5 to 6 pm	Maggie
Wednesday & Friday	Hatha Yoga	4.30 to 6 pm	Christine
Thursday	Dance Space (call to check for sessions after 15th)	5 to 7 pm	Dariya
Saturday	Tradition Hatha - Raja Vinyasa	5 - 6.30 pm	Andres
WORKSHOPS in Vérité - April 2015			
Fri, 10 Apr	Fate or Choice (Family) Constellation (pls call for registration)	9 am to 4.45 pm	Moghan
Sat, 11 Apr	Fate or Choice (Family) Constellation (pls call for registration)	9 am to 4.45 pm	Yuval
Sat, 11 Apr	Consciousness as Medicine	9 am to 12:30 pm	Dr. Yogesh Mohan
THERAPIES in Vérité - April 2015			
Therapist	Modality	Contact for appointment	
Call for appointments: Mobile: 7094104329, Ph. 0413 2622 606, email: treatments@verite.in			
Krupa	Art Therapy		
Naradi	Lomi Lomi Massage		
Christine	Neurolinguistic Programming (in English & French)		
Andres	Thai Yoga Massage		
Christine	Thai Yoga Massage		

Please note: To support the work of the presenters and staff, we ask all participants to please come in time for all classes and workshops. Thank you!

Please contact Vérité: 0413 2622045 or programming@verite.in

See the regular events section for on-going classes

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

QUIET HEALING CENTER: COURSES & WORKSHOPS

Watsu & Liquid Flow Basic with Dariya & Daniel

Tuesday 7 - Sunday 12 April 2015 (6 afternoons) / 1.30 pm - 6.00 pm (27 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Watsu & Liquid Flow are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool. Watsu Basic introduces movements and body mechanics to work with someone on the surface; Liquid Flow Basic introduces and offers a unique underwater experience (with a nose clip).

uring this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities of moving another person in water. You will experience floating people and being floated, on the surface and under water, creating a space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit. You may also discover that this kind of bodywork is something you would like to further explore, in which case this course serves as a perfect precursor to Liquid Flow Essence, Watsu 1 & Oceanic Bodywork Aqua 1 (OBA 1), or WaterDance 1.

No previous experience is required. Watsu Basic (16 hours) is recognized by WABA (Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Association) as part of the Watsu learning program. Liquid Flow Basic (11 hours) is part of the Watsu India learning program and recognized as a supplemental class with WABA.

Somatic Movement with Maggie

Saturday 11 - Sunday 12 April 2015 (2 days) / 9.30 am - 5.00 pm (12 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

A 2-day neuro-muscular re-education (mind-body training) workshop in the tradition of Thomas Hanna.

Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements and a gentle, easy and effective way to help manage chronic and acute pain. Other benefits include more ease in the body, better posture and deep relaxation. You will learn a daily practice in order to maintain better flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance resulting in a decrease of aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.

The workshop is open to all as anyone can benefit from less stress and more ease and comfort in body and mind.

Facilitated by Maggie, a qualified professional trained at the International Institute of Somatic Movement Education, UK.

SAVITRI BHAVAN - April 2015

EXHIBITIONS

Sri Aurobindo: A Life-Sketch in Photographs - Continues in the upstairs corridor
Meditations on Savitri: Books Eight to Twelve in the Picture Gallery

FILMS

Mondays 6:30 pm

April 6: "*JOURNEY TO THE LIFE DIVINE - Part 1*"

A film from the Ashram on the lives and work of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother
Up to November 24, 1926. A special focus is given on Sri Aurobindo's coming to Pondicherry
On 4th of April 1910 and to The Mother's first arrival on 29th of March 1914.
Duration: 100min.

April 13: "*SRI AUROBINDO'S INTEGRAL YOGA - EVOLUTION FAST-FORWARD PART 2 -
PSYCHOLOGY, COSMOLOGY, TRANSFORMATIONAL PRACTICE*"

This new film in 3D Motion Graphics made by Sopanam Auroville gives a broad overview of the process
leading towards psychic, spiritual and supramental transformation. Duration: 50min.

April 20: "*JOURNEY TO THE LIFE DIVINE - Part 2*"

To create a new world for a spiritual life: this was the Mother's dream when she was in France.
Duration: 90min.

April 27: "*MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI - Book 1: THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS,
Canto 4: THE SECRET KNOWLEDGE, Part 2*"

A film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from *Savitri* read by The Mother
and accompanied by her own organ music. Duration: 30min.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sundays 10.30-12 noon: *Savitri* Study Circle

Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays 3-4 pm: *Yoga and the Evolution of Man*, led by Dr. Jai Singh

Tuesdays 5-6 pm: *Savitri* study in Tamil, led by Sudarshan

5.45-7.15 pm: OM Choir (*see details below*)

Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5pm *L'Agenda de Mère*: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi

Wednesdays 5.30-6.30 pm: Reading *The Life Divine*, led by Shraddhavan

Thursdays 4-5 pm: The English of *Savitri*, led by Shraddhavan

Saturdays 5-6.30 pm: Satsang led by Ashesh Joshi

OM Choir

The voice that chants to the creator Fire, The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word - (Savitri p.310)

In 1961 the Mother gave the *adesh* to Narad to bring down a new music. She said that one must go far above words and bring down the pure Music. Mother told us to sit in a circle and have no preconceptions as to what we would sing but to be silent and let the music descend in us. The OM Choir aspires to bring down the New Music for the New World in a collective body. We sing only OM, the creative and effectuating word after starting with warming-up and voice exercises given by Narad.

Full Moon Gathering

Friday April 3, 7.15-8.15pm in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

Digital Library: multimedia facilities for individual study again functioning after being out of service for repairs and upgrading offers individual computer access to a large range of audio-visual materials. All the recordings of courses, guest lectures and special events held at Savitri Bhavan are available, as well as much more. Aurovilians, visitors and volunteers are invited to make use of this opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of the vision of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and the aims and ideals underlying the experiment of Auroville.

*Office, Exhibitions, Reading Room and Digital Library are open Monday to Saturday 9-5
Everyone is welcome*



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film program 30 March 2015 to 5 April 2015

Indian - Monday 30 March, 8:00 pm:

- **I (II)**
 India, 2015, Writer-Dir. S.Shankar w/ 'Chiyaan' Vikram, Amy Jackson, Suresh Gopi, and others, Action-Thriller, 188mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13 (U/R)
 A top shot model Diya falls in love with Mr. Tamil Nadu Lingesan, and together they become the most wanted model pair in the country. When Lingesan rejects an advertisement of a wealthy businessman, who gave him the big break into ad world, he plans revenge against him. Now, he is joined by a greedy model, lusty doctor, and a trans-gender stylist who are out to cause massive damage to Lingesan's life which is worse than death. The rest of the story is how Lingesan takes revenge against these powerful people in the society.

German - Tuesday 31 March, 8:00 pm:

- **WESTWIND (West Wind)**
 Germany, 2011, Dir. Robert Thalheim w/ Friederike Becht, Luise Heyer, Franz Dinda, and others, Comedy-Drama, 89mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
In collaboration with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan
 While training for a sculling championship at a summer camp in Hungary in 1988, two East German teenage twin sisters meet vacationing young men from Hamburg, West Germany. In the meeting of East and West the bond between the two sisters is tested.

Interesting- Wednesday 1 April, 8:00 pm:

- **HALF THE SKY - II**
 USA, Dir. Maro Chermayeff w/ George Clooney, Meg Ryan, Nicolas Kristof, and others, PBS Documentary, 114mins, English-Khmer-Urdu-Vietnamese-Other Languages w/ English subtitle (for non-English portions), Rated:NR (PG-13)
 Rated as one of the best documentary films made, this is the second of the two-part series based on a groundbreaking book by the same name. Believing that our future is in the hands of women, filmed around the world, it documents the atrocities while focusing on stories that are pragmatic, inspirational, and uplifting. This part focuses on a few countries including India *A must see!*

French - Thursday 2 April, 8:00 pm:

- **LA CHAMBRE BLEUE (The Blue Room)**
 France 2014, Dir. Mathieu Amalric, w/ Mathieu Amalric, Léa Drucker, Stéphanie Cléau, crime / thriller, 76 min, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated: PG
 A man and a woman, secretly in love, alone in a room. They desire each other, want each other... They share a few sweet nothings. At least, the man seemed to believe they were nothing. Now under investigation by the police and the courts, Julien is searching for his words. What happened? What is he accused of?

International - Saturday 4 April, 8:00 pm:

- **MR.TURNER**
 UK-France-Germany, 2014, Writer-Dir. Mike Leigh w/ Timothy Spall, Paul Jesson, Dorothy Atkinson, and others, Biography-Drama, English w/ English subtitles, 150mins, Rated: R
 The film explores the last quarter century of the great, if eccentric, British painter J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851). Profoundly affected by the death of his father, loved by a housekeeper he takes for granted and occasionally exploits sexually, he forms a close relationship with his landlady with whom he eventually lives incognito in Chelsea, where he dies. Throughout this, he travels, paints, stays with the country aristocracy, visits brothels, and remains a popular yet anarchic member of the Royal Academy of Arts. He famously even straps himself to the mast of a ship so that he can paint a snowstorm! Life of an amazing artist - both celebrated and reviled by the public and by royalty.

Children's Film - Sunday 5 April, 4:30 pm:

NO FILM SCHEDULED

Masterpieces of Japanese Cinema @ CINECLUB

Ciné-Club - Sunday 5 April, 8:00 pm:

- **NINJEN NO JOKEN (The Human Condition)**
 Japan, 1959, Dir. Masaki Kobayashi w/ Tatsuya Nakadai and others. 208mins, Drama-History. Japanese w/ English subtitles. Rated: PG
 Masaki Kobayashi's mammoth humanist drama is one of the most staggering achievements of Japanese cinema. Adapted from Junpei Gomikawa's novel, tells of the journey of the well-intentioned yet naive Kaji from labor camp supervisor to Imperial Army soldier to Soviet POW. Constantly trying to rise above a corrupt system, Kaji time and again finds his morals an impediment rather than an advantage. A raw indictment of its nation's wartime mentality as well as a personal existential tragedy, Kobayashi's riveting, gorgeously filmed epic is novelistic cinema at its best.

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 the 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.

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group - Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

We appreciate your continued support: monthly or occasionally. You can also make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account at the Financial Service.



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

Reminder: FRIDAY 27 MARCH "THE LOST WEEKEND" - by Billy Wilder

FRIDAY 3 APRIL - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7:45 sharp)

"MR. HULOT'S HOLIDAY" - "Les Vacances de Monsieur Hulot" (original title)

Directed by *Jacques TATI* - FRANCE, 1953

Stars: Jacques Tati, Nathalie Pascaud, Louis Perrault

Synopsis: Monsieur Hulot goes on a holiday to a seaside resort, but incidents and misunderstandings follow him wherever he goes. The peace and quiet of the hotel guests don't last very long with Hulot around, because although his intentions are good, they always turn out catastrophically... Les Vacances de M. Hulot follows the generally harmless misadventures of a lovable, gauche Frenchman, Monsieur Hulot (played by Tati himself). The film affectionately lampoons several hidebound elements of French political and economic classes, most of whom find it nearly impossible to free themselves, even temporarily, from their rigid social roles in order to relax and enjoy life.

Original French version with English Subtitles - Duration: 1h.23'



"The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, April 3, Friday at 7 pm

FREEDOM AHEAD

2012 - 60 min. Directed by Greetje Mulder, Rogier van der Voort, USA English

In this documentary we visit the people who are regaining control over their lives by being independent and living self-sufficiently. By doing so, they obtain the highest valued asset of all times: real freedom. This collection of committed individuals is emerging as a global humanitarian movement rising from the bottom up.

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!!

Schedule of Events: 16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour / 16:40 Tour of Sadhana Forest / 18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club / 18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films / 20:00 Dinner is served
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.

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

April 2nd Thursday 8pm

EDGE OF TOMORROW (2014)

Genre: Sci-Fi/Action / Rated:PG13 / Dur:2hrs / Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: [Doug Liman](#) / Cast: [Tom Cruise](#), [Emily Blunt](#), [Bill Paxton](#)

Storyline: A military officer is brought into an alien war against an extra-terrestrial enemy who can reset the day and know the future. When this officer is enabled with the same power, he teams up with a Special Forces warrior to try and end the war.

April 3rd - Friday at 8 pm

TRANSCENDANCE (2014)

Genre: Sci-Fi/ Drama / Rated:PG13 / Dur:2hrs / Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: [Wally Pfister](#) / Cast: Jonny Depp/ Morgan Freeman [Rebecca Hall](#)

Storyline: A scientist's drive for artificial intelligence, takes on dangerous implications when his consciousness is uploaded into one such program.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 30th of March 2015, at 6:30 pm

"MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI - Book 1: THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS, Canto 4: THE SECRET KNOWLEDGE, Part 1"

"Our early approaches to the Infinite / Are sunrise splendours on a marvellous verge /

While lingers yet unseen the glorious sun. / What now we see is a shadow of what must come." (Savitri, p. 46)

A film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from Savitri read by The Mother and accompanied by her own organ music. We supply photocopies from the "Savitri" texts read by the Mother, so that the texts can be followed while seeing the film. Duration: 42min.

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: opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday

AvHC: The Pharmacy is open 8.30 to 5 pm daily including Saturdays. The doctor's consultation is the same, except Saturday up to 1pm only.

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.

Crisis Intervention: Call Christian 763 949 3183 (Service offered until 1 March 2015)

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

Auroville Dental Centre: Protection / Telephone: (0143) 2622265 or 2622007 / email: aurodentalcentre@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 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

Green Care: Tree care, pruning, rigging, removal of trees, and or branches over structures. Garden maintenance grass and hedge cutting. Call: Jonas 9159843579 or Anadi 9655477329.

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.

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

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 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: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville

We are a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months).

We offer welcome informations, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers' stay.

Come and visit us at Unity Pavilion, Monday to Friday 10am-12pm. Phone: 0143-262-2121. Email: study@auroville.org.in

Skyyworks: 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 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 and Saturday

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)

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

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.

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; **No visitors on Wednesday.** Please, no dictations over the phone unless it is an emergency or you have a medical problem.

Soft Version: We encourage you to ask us for a soft version of *News & Notes* send directly on your own mail. First, it saves trees, cost of paper (Rs 12.000 monthly are spent only on purchasing paper) and labor cost (900 copies are printed every week). Second we send your soft copy as a PDF file (Same formatting as the printing version with colored pictures) on Thursday morning and you can get information earlier than the printing version which is delivered only on Friday and Saturday. Don't hesitate to mail: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in or to phone 2622133.

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