

News & Notes

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SRI AUROBINDO'S BIRTHDAY

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(Mother reads a few lines from "Savitri" which she prepares to translate into French. It is Savitri's heart that speaks:)

The great stars burn with my unceasing fire
And life and death are both its fuel made.
Life only was my blind attempt to love:
Earth saw my struggle, heaven my victory. (X. III. 638)

She says, *Life and death are the fuel*, then, *In my blind attempt LIFE ONLY was my attempt to love.* (Mother later stressed again, "It's not Life was only, but Life only.")
Because my attempt to love was blind, I limited it to life - but I won the victory in death.
It's very interesting. (Mother repeats:)

Earth saw my struggle, heaven my victory.

Yet, earth should see the victory? The victory should be on earth, shouldn't it?
Yes, but she couldn't win the victory on earth because she lacked heaven - she couldn't win the victory in life because she lacked death and she had to conquer death in order to conquer life. That's the idea. Unless we conquer Death, the victory isn't won. Death must be vanquished, there must be no more death.
That's very clear. (silence)

According to what he says here, it is the principle of Love that is transformed into flame and finally into light. It isn't the principle of Light that is transformed into flame when it materializes: it's the flame that is transformed into light.

The great stars give light because they burn; they burn because they are under the effect of Love.
Love would be the original Principle? That seems to be what he is saying.
I didn't remember this passage. But I told you, my experience (*the experience of the "great pulsations" of divine Love in April, 1962*) is that the last thing as one rises - the last thing beyond light, beyond consciousness, beyond... - the last thing one reaches is love. "One," this "one" is... it's the "I" - I don't know. According to the experience, it's the last thing to manifest now in its purity, and it is the one that has the transforming power.
That's what he appears to be saying here: the victory of Love seems to be the final victory. (silence)
He said, *Savitri, a Legend and a Symbol*; it's he who made it a symbol. It's the story of the encounter of Savitri, the principle of Love, with Death; and it's over Death that she won the victory, not in life. She could not win the victory in life without winning the victory over Death. I didn't know it was put so clearly here. I had read it, but only once.
It's very interesting.

How many times, how many times have I seen that he had written down my experiences.... Because for years and years I didn't read Sri Aurobindo's books; it was only before coming here that I had read *The Life Divine*, *The Synthesis of Yoga*, and another one, too. For instance, *Essays on the Gita* I had never read, *Savitri* I had never read, I read it very recently (that is to say, some ten years ago, in 1954 or '55). The book *Sri Aurobindo on Himself and on the Mother* I had never read, and when I read it, I realized what he wrote to people about me - I had no idea, he had never told me anything about it!... You see, there are lots of things that I had said while speaking to people - that I had said just like that, because they came (*gesture from above*) and I would say them - and I realized he had written them. So, naturally, I appeared to be simply repeating what he had written - but I had never read it! And now, it's the same thing: I had read this passage from *Savitri*, but hadn't noticed it - because I hadn't had the experience. But now that I have had the experience, I see that he tells it. It's quite interesting. Maybe we'll have to reread *Savitri*?...

In fact, if we wanted to be really good, we would try to translate the whole of *Savitri*, wouldn't we? What we are doing now with the end [*Book X*], we would do with all the rest. There is a part I tried to translate all alone, but it would be fun to do it together. We could try. Not for publication! Because there is immediately a debasing: everything that is published is debased, otherwise people don't understand. We would do it for ourselves.
But it's very interesting.

Just the other day I noted something down on the subject (*Mother looks for a note, then reads it*):
"Very rare and exceptional are the human beings who can understand and feel divine Love, because divine Love is free of attachment and of the need to please the object loved."
That was a discovery.

That's why people don't understand; for them, love is so much like this (*Mother intertwines the fingers of her two hands*) that they cannot even feel or believe that they love if there isn't an attachment like this (*same gesture*). And necessarily, the consequence of attachment is the will, the desire, the need to please the object of one's love.
If you take away the attachment and the need to please, people scratch their heads and wonder if they love. And it's only when you take away those two things that divine Love begins!
This, mon petit, we'll talk about again, it's a revelation.
That's why they don't understand and that's why they can't feel it.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 8 September 1965

MOTHER

*The
Ponder
Corner*

*It is not at first easy to remember the presence in work;
but if one revives the sense of the presence immediately after the work is over it is all right.
In time the sense of the presence will become automatic even in work.*

Sri Aurobindo
Ref. Letters on Yoga, p.691

RE-ENVISIONING AUROVILLE'S ENTRY POLICY

Policy draft from the Auroville Council, August 2015

Sub-group: Matriprasad and Sindhuja (AVC), Noel, Santo, Taj, Shanti, Christiane and Don (Resource Persons), B (Entry Service) and inputs from Aurore, Matilde and Alexey (Entry Service)

A few months ago the Auroville Council constituted a sub-group to review the Entry Policy and Categories of Entry into Auroville. The invitation was extended to the community at large as well as current and past members of the Entry Service. This body of dedicated, good-willed people aimed to seek out new solutions in the light of the goals set forth by the Retreat. The currently-used Entry Policy, along with the work done previously by the Entry Task Force, was reviewed. Many insights were shared about the current strengths and weaknesses of our Entry Policy and the way it has functioned over the years. The reasons for the lack of support and interest Aurovilians show towards the Entry Process were also explored.

Some of the observations are:

- There is general discontent with the Entry Process. The responsibility for the community's state of dissatisfaction is not with the members of the Entry Service themselves; indeed all can see that the job is extremely difficult and unfair in nature. It is the Policy and Process for entering Auroville that need to be changed. The direction given by the Retreat is to make the Entry Process more welcoming.
- Our past Entry Policies have been processes where fear and doubts are the driving forces. The perceived need to filter applicants, creates an atmosphere of fear for many applicants. Nobody likes to be evaluated, nobody likes exams, nobody likes to be judged. Evidently we need a new way to allow Auroville to receive the people willing to contribute, and support its ideals.
- Exercising control over 'all that may go badly' - in the Entry Process or throughout Auroville - has proven to be a futile endeavour. No systems, policies or rules have ensured to 'keep out' the people we presume to be unsuitable. While we do need to take responsibility for inviting new members into Auroville, we have observed that Aurovilians need to become aware of unaligned behaviours in our own community being limiting factors to the growth of Auroville.
- The following proposal wants to be an attempt to address the community call for a new experiment - a resolution for openness and intuitive practices in the ways we deal with the Entry Process.
- In order to truly be capable of dealing with those members of the community (both Newcomers and Aurovilians alike) who are not living according to the Ideals of Auroville, the ratified Entry and Exit Regulations 2013 needs to be taken forward. Through this our fear of allowing the 'wrong' people into Auroville would be alleviated to a large degree.

Outlined below is a summary of the main points - *all of which are fully explained in the Entry Policy included herein:*

- The proposal facilitates a process by which the applicant along with the community will come to a decision whether or not Auroville is the right place according to individual circumstances and understanding. This proposal includes the creation of a pool of Mentors - in the spirit of the pool of Resource Persons or the pool of Arbiters currently active in the participatory working groups - who shall help, guide, and support the applicant to explore Auroville's reality as well as to enable the community to conclude with insight if the person fits in.
- The Entry Service will become the administrator of the Entry Process and manage the Mentor Pool. The Mentor

Pool is composed of any Aurovillian who wants to actively participate in the Entry Process by providing support to the applicants during the entire newcomer period. The journey to reach a decision will include the participation of the Mentor Pool, the community at large, the Entry Service, as well as the applicant each in its specific role.

- A Welcome Talk will be attended by all applicants as the very first step to understand the Entry Process and the various possibilities of engaging with Auroville. The intention of the Welcome Talk is to communicate clearly the current ground realities of living in Auroville, along with its Ideals. The applicants will be encouraged to have their questions answered before entering the Newcomer Process.
- When the applicant together with the mentors are in agreement that the time is right to start the Newcomer Process, a request will be made for a meeting with the Entry Service. The Entry Service will finalise the administrative process and announce the applicant as Newcomer immediately or upon their return with the required Entry Visa.
- The Newcomer Period of about one (1) year will be the period where the Newcomer along with the mentors can assess if living in Auroville is the right choice for them.

For reasons of lack of space in the News and Notes, we have decided to publish the detailed policy draft on the AuroNet as well as a website with the help of the RAS. Please visit this link for the AuroNet version: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/52545>. A mass-mail with a link to the website (with possibility of commenting) will be sent to your mailbox shortly. If you are not an internet user and would still like to read the policy, please pass by the Auroville Council office and we'll print one out for you.

Please review this draft and give us your feedback. We plan to hold a General Meeting on this topic this month to share, present and receive inputs.

Sincerely yours,
Sindhuja, Matriprasad for the Auroville Council

Questions and comments on the improvement/re-alignment of the Verite radial and Ring road stretch

Following the publication in the News & Notes and the public display of the proposed work along with all maps and drawings for 2 weeks in the Town hall, the TDC has received the following feedback concerning the Verite Radial from Paul; Isha; Mona; Danya. We have dealt with the questions, suggestions, uncertainties etc. in this paper and will publish it for general information in the N&N. We plan to proceed with implementation of the 1st phase of Verite Radial by August 2015. (*Questions in italic, replies plain text*)

Technical context

Now that the section and alignment of the Radial and the cycle path through the front of the Verite compound is pretty clear, can we be more specific about: Clear mapping of existing infrastructure and compound entrance in relationship to the radial

As far as the infrastructure alignment is known, it will be included; Mona has supposedly an ACAD drawing of the water pipe alignment. Electricity and Telephone possibly with the respective services. Since the new road will be built above the existing road in most places, no digging will occur except for the road drainage. The maximum depth of the channel is 25 cm - typically infrastructure is laid well below this level. Hence, it is not anticipated that existing infrastructure will be damaged by the work. The water pipe is old and PVC. It will probably need to be renewed at one point with HDPE pipe and then laid along the assigned infrastructure corridor. This is however not the task, or within the budget of this work. All entrances to

residences/guest houses remain in the same location except the Verite entrance which has to be shifted by about 6 meters back.

The pavement connection between the radial and compound entrance areas

The entrances will remain exactly as they are (earth road) and a level ramp will be provided where necessary. For the entrances on the side of the drainage channel, a spun concrete pipe will be provided to bridge the channel.

The exact mapped location / pavements of areas for short term drop of or pick up

At this point, it is not planned to pave any areas. It is assumed that drop offs and pickups will continue as currently.

The specific location / provision for longer term parking of trucks and buses.

In meetings with the residents, it was proposed to provide a parking space for (small) buses and cars at the junction towards Naturellement. This has to be agreed upon by the residents.

The road elevation versus compound entrances and buildings.

The new road level on the inner curb (Afsaneh) will be on average 12 cm higher than the existing road, the road level on the outer curb (Verite) 15 cm higher than the existing road.

The design, size and location of roadside rainwater drainage systems along the radial and into the various compounds.

The drainage along the road will take all the water from the road. The channel floor is designed so that water can percolate through it into the ground, additional percolation ponds will be provided at intervals. The exact location and shape of each pond has to be seen with the caretaker of the land on which the particular pond is to be built.

The trajectory of the rest of the cycle path (not discussed so far) - Down to the proposed ring road connection (as it is mapped at present, it runs in the same place where heavy monsoon runoff is channeled)

Rainwater falling on the adjoining land should be dealt with on the spot through appropriate bunding and percolation ponds. The purpose of the rain water trench along the road is to deal with the water that falls on the road itself. Between Auromics and the Ring road, the cycle path remains where it is. Where necessary, cement pipes will be placed under the cycle path so that rain water can be channeled off.

Up towards the proposed crown road

In this phase of the work, the cycle path leading up to the branch-off towards Naturellement remains where it is.

The setup and location of underground service infrastructure systems

Phone, internet, water, electricity is available - see point above, no changes in underground infrastructure.

The issue of garbage, building materials, standing water, broken trellis (steel sticking out) in rainwater ditches.

The Road Service will try to avoid these inconveniences as much as possible.

Basic safety, emergency and security measures

Road traffic calming measures will be implemented. Raised islands with cycle crossing at Auromics, speed hump before the branch-off to Naturellement. Side-shift of road alignment in front of Verite.

A request to L'avenir to bring in an engineering / architecture resource person, who can assist in detailed technical / architectural drawings to specify design features along the radial.

Design features along the radial (except percolation ponds) are not within the scope of this work. However, Mona has suggested to assist and we will be happy to collaborate with her.

Implementation context

How to ensure that an implementation of radial road construction translates the technical context and agreements

into several phases with the least disruption and quality control from start to finish?

In order to minimize the disruption of traffic, we have phased the work:

A) Road phase 1. Ring road to Auromics. All traffic can continue as usual because the old road remains open until the new road is finished.

B) Road phase 2. Cycle path Naturellement to Ring road. The cycle path can be used by two wheelers while the road access is blocked.

C) Road phase 3. Auromics to Afsaneh. All 4-wheeler traffic to Auromics has to take a detour via Aurosarjan - Colours of Nature, 2-wheeler traffic can use the cycle path. Traffic to Afsaneh and Verite from and to the Centre is not affected; traffic to and from the Ring road via Aurosarjan - Colours of Nature.

D) Road phase 4. Afsaneh/Verite to Naturellement junction. 2-wheeler traffic can use the cycle path. 4-wheeler traffic has to park at the branch-off to Naturellement.

The entire area affected is besides a neighborhood of communities also a significant multi-crore operation of Auroville's economy, this cannot be compromised!

This fact is fully appreciated.

The Mangalam road stretch as paved has taken several years it seems with many starts and stops? What does this forebode for the Verite radial and the local community and economy?

Currently, we are only improving the road with a solid base. This is much faster than paving.

The timing for the road construction phases has not been worked out in detail, neither the traffic alternatives, yet this is of high importance for all the units, guesthouses and communities and will ultimately define whether this initiative will succeed or sink.

For traffic alternatives, see details above.

As some incidents in Auroville highlight there also has to be clarity / agreement about how the road and road side is taken care of after completion.

The road is being taken care of by Auroville Road Service, the road side as in the past.

Process context

The extension of the proposed crown road section to join with the Verite radial road was actually never discussed and looked at by the Verite radial neighborhood, except for it being mentioned in the first meeting in relationship to site permission for Svaram. So how to give feedback on something that has not been documented in detail?

The Crown road has been documented in detail since years. It is being implemented in sections, depending on availability of funds, land (ownership) etc. and where it makes most sense at this time. The part that constitutes the junction with the Verite Radial was marked as "Phase 1 b" in the public display in May, along with alignment and road section drawing.

Nobody wants to end up with issues (Pony farm, Youth, Centre field) on the proposed Verite radial, but then we need to do things differently to get a different response and result?

The communication between L'avenir and the AV road service and the Verite radial neighborhood needs to be on the same page especially in the implementation phase

Who of L'avenir / AV road service will coordinate that and be the contact person?

Toby of L'avenir d'Auroville/Town Development Council (TDC)

It has to be clear to everybody what the plans are and what happens when. Plans and work phases have been published in detail. In order to come to agreements that later on do not produce conflicts at the stage of implementation (suddenly what "we" thought "we" agreed is differently interpreted) agreements have to be detailed with map drawings and photos if necessary and send around.

All detailed maps and drawings are available online. Neighbors will be informed and consulted prior to each implementation phase.

Larger context (Auroville and Bioregion)

Points have been raised about the larger context of Auroville's mobility patterns and its economic and social impacts. There have been requests for a discussion / clarity on what the overall traffic flow plan might evolve into, what needs, what impacts it will have. Since quite some time, the TDC has been working on a comprehensive mobility study for the entire Auroville area. This study will give answers on most of the questions raised by Danya and other people in other areas. In the case of the Verite radial, we are providing an improvement of an existing road which was functioning for many years, but is barely navigable during the rainy season. This will also further development activities in this area. In the context of this work, it is not necessary to wait until all details of the mobility study are finalized.

The proposed extension of Crown Road

This has not yet been fully decided.

All proposed incursions from existing Kottakarai-Alankuppam tar road

It is the intention to extend the Ring road along Colours of Nature to this tar road.

Old roads which will be closed, or not

The existing road between the Ring road junction and Auromics will be closed once the new road has been built.

All existing road projects/accesses financed and built by non-Auroville people

This is unfortunately not under our control; at the most we can ask for consultancy.

On the impacts of a radial road on present activities and future developments (wanted and unwanted) in the context of Auroville and the bioregion / The interface with existing tar roads Kottakarai and Alankuppam and their extensions into Auroville / The ready to start AV businesses and building applications for the Industrial Zone / Unintended consequences, some examples / Easy access, Rapid growth of non-Aurovillian, businesses, real estate (worst case scenario, heavy industries, chemical factory, water bottling company) / Surge in land prices unaffordable for Auroville / Auroville road services infrastructure being run down by through-traffic.

The land survey number IR 362/4 is a private land, therefore, by making this radial close to this land, you increase the cost manifold.

Land survey No IR 331/1 and 330/2 also not Auroville, the same remark applies here too.

The road will have a wide loop around this private land.

The residents of our area met on site (with Jan, Toby, Alain G. etc), and shared concerns. Different ideas were shared, some conflicting. One concern has been the Big Picture vs The Details. Like, Big Plans for through-traffic and the impact of this, which affects residents & also the larger community. The topic has again been shared online as a Detail only (no Big Picture), same way it was shared with us residents.... that is not effective.

The TDC has a mobility plan in preparation. The Verite radial is an improvement of an existing road.

The illustrations/maps on the Auroville post show landmarks inaccurately, and other landmarks (residences) are missing altogether. We look to see where the gates & entrances are to the residences etc, but those are not marked. Which is not effective?

Please show us the inaccuracies and the missing parts that are relevant, and we will update our drawings.

When earlier it was announced that someone would be available at your office to receive feedback (2 times a week?) this was not posted so that it could be looked up easily later on. I went to look at the maps and Viji did not know about it. She directed me to Toby, who promised he would see that it a) was posted again with timings and b) that the feedback period waited till people returned from summer TOS.

The timings of the person available for discussion (on Wednesdays and Fridays between 11 am and 12 am) were clearly published in the N&N in the 1st week of May. Maps and drawings were available online, the e-mail for feedback (avenir@auroville.org.in topic: "Verite Radial") was published as well. So, interested persons could have participated in the discussion even if TOS. It cannot be expected that all work in AV comes to a standstill in summer to wait for people to return from their holidays.

TDC/L'avenir Auroville, July 27th 2015

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville - 8th Aug 2015

The following 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 d'Auroville / TDC issues an NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens only once the feedback 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

Building Application Feedback:

1. Auroville Electrical Service, Bharat Nivas, Transformer room.

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: 2622-170 / 262-3568 or come personally to the Building Application section.

Security Advice

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that during the month of July, 2015, 5 thefts (Aurodam, Arati 3B parking, Silence, Aspiration, Transition School) occurred in different areas of Auroville.

We request all Aurovillians/Newcomers/Guests to be more conscious of their valuable belongings and use additional locks for their vehicles and houses to lower the risk of thefts.

We recommend that women avoid travelling alone at night, and to store our security numbers in their phones to report any incidents as soon as possible.

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

For escort (for people with bikes/cycles only), call Ramesh.V at: 9443090107 / 9443362691. Please note that the guards cannot leave their posts without prior permission from Security management.

To those who are leaving town: please inform your neighbours to keep watch over your houses/apartments. Kindly inform your watchman /gurkhas or house sitters to contact us immediately when there are any people / incidents to be reported.

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

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

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

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 610 dated 15.08.2015

We would like to inform the community that our team is happy to recommend the following persons as Aurovilians and Newcomers. We will wait for two weeks (Newcomers and Returning Aurovilians) and one month (Aurovilians), from the date of this publication, for your feedback, before confirming.

AUROVILIANS:

Nadine FABRET (French) - Staying at Gaia, working as a French teacher at Future school, working at Hibiscus Art village project in Sve dame.

Thierry LECONTE (French) - Staying at Gaia, working as a French teacher at Transition school and Last school and also working as a collaborator at the Pavillion de France.

CHILD OF AN AUROVILIAN:

Madhu LECONTE (French) - born on 07/09/2002, studying at Last School.

NEWCOMERS:

Heather Reid (Canadian) - staying at Maitreye II, working at Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI).

Umavathy RAMESH (Indian from Edyanchavadi) - Staying at Sangamam, working as a office assistant at Working Committee and as a secretary at L'Avenir.

CHILD OF A NEWCOMER(S):

Asweta KAMALI ((Indian from Edyanchavadi) - born on 07/12/2004, studying at Udavi school.

Boomika (Indian from Edyanchavadi) - born on 02/12/2008,

studying at Udavi school.

N.B. The announcements done in the News and Notes are FOR FEEDBACK ONLY and sometimes, after announcement, there can be either an extension of status or a decision to stop the process. We have added Confirmation Section below:

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Alexandre (Alex) OUELLET (Canadian)
Anne - Sophie PLANET (French)
Chieko OSUGI (Japanese)
Chunhi KIM (South Korean)
Kyungae PARK (South Korean)
Ivana FROUSOVA (British - CZECH)
Vijayan KUPPAN (Indian from Kuilapalayam)
Louise Anne Marie OVERBEEK (Dutch)
Guillaume LAURENT (French)

CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER TO AUROVILIAN STATUS AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT IN N&N AND CONSIDERATION OF FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS:

Francois MARTINEZ (French)
Revathi IYANAR (Indian from Kuilapalayam)
Divya LIESER (French)

We will soon invite you to fill in the B-Form request for a meeting with the AV Foundation Secretary with the aim to add your name to the Register of Residents.

Dear Newcomers,

The Entry Service team would like to inform you of the timings designated specifically for you to collect or submit the Newcomer Kit. Please pass by our office in Town Hall during these hours only: Wednesday & Friday at 2 pm to 4 pm. We look forward to seeing you.

We are open for B-Forms and Recommendation letter matters, on appointment only.

For all other matters, the office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10-12am, except for every last week of each month when we are closed to the public to do the internal office work.

The Entry Service team (Aurore, B,Chitra, Ishita, Matilde, Neeti)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



"Accessible Auroville"

What are the architects, urban planners, transport service, public buildings, places caretakers and L'Avenir doing to make Auroville Accessible to All?

Be it office buildings, banks, gardens or beaches, no public place should be inaccessible to any citizen of the country. Awareness and sensibility about differently-abled people is fortunately increasing in India. Though small in number, there have been a few remarkable initiatives taken either by the administration, or individuals, to make the country more accessible for people living with disabilities. The focus is on changing the infrastructure in a way that they do not need someone else to access places where they need to be; to enable them in a way that they can do things on their own.

Susmita (Beyond the Step!
accessibleauroville@auroville.org.in)

Green Habitat for the City Centre-

What a field of education Auroville is! I used to work in a farm and now I am working on a new project called Urban Farming City Centre. When I joined I thought I would contribute with my organic farming background, but I soon discovered that

agriculture in an urban environment is a new and exciting field of exploration.

I work very close now with city developers, architects, and renewable energy experts. I can see how different aspects of a green city need to be interconnected, and I realize that my job here involves a big deal of learning.

Perhaps one very important task is observing how the city centre develops with enough green around. In one way or another the city has to develop anyway - that was the plan from the very start of Auroville, and this is why we're all here - but at least we can organize it for a healthy and beautiful outcome.

Existing cities in the world are adapting some green (including farming) in their habitats. But their green works - for as good as the efforts can be - are only adaptations to what the cities already are. Unfortunately most modern cities had developed without considering the importance of the green in our life.

Fortunately for us, Auroville is still a city in the making, and this is why it is important to maintain consciousness and include green with abundance in our planning.

By organizing it consciously we can learn ways to make our city sustainable and very much in harmony with nature. Our residents will live in a park where all services will be at walking distances.

Recent scientific studies have shown that factors such as behavior, health and longevity are not established or regulated by the DNA, but they depend on how our cells perceive their environment. This is why it is paramount that we build a healthy habitat for us and future generations to live in.

We are a small team (Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, Students and Guests) open to new participants that can take up the responsibility and care for the Urban Agri-Forestation of Auroville. We urge people passionate about nature and with basic understanding of eco-restoration, water recycling, or renewable energy to come forward. But please no polarities, because we intend to work in synergy with the city developers. And it is not about securing our cute house in the countryside and then opposing the development in the name of the green, it is about building a healthy green city that breathes for everybody.

If you are interested, please contact us at:

urbanfarmingcitycentre@auroville.org.in / or Gino:

papayaman@auroville.org.in / or Ricky: thejaof@gmail.com -

Please also visit our blog at:

<http://avurbanfarming.blogspot.in/>

A Month Dedicated to Peace

August 15th - September 21st (International Day of Peace)

For the last 2 years we at the Unity Pavilion have been approached by Aurovilians, Ashramites and people from outside wanting to contribute to our efforts towards PEACE with objects, paintings, poems and other things made as research for Peace or dedicated to Peace. Unfortunately, as Unity Pavilion is not a museum and does not have enough space to display all these wonderful works, we had to decline such offers.

However, in honor of the International Peace Day on September 21st, and the continuing work of Peace with the Hall of Peace, we now have a unique opportunity and request:

For one month we would like to open up the space of the Unity Pavilion main hall for any such offerings relating to the Theme of Peace.

We are happy to receive paintings, sculptures, songs, poetry, children's drawings, and artwork of all variety. Any artists and schools that would like to create some paintings or artwork are welcome. Anyone who is inspired to think and write down thoughts or reflections about Peace are welcome ... All are welcome to contribute to this month-long event. During this time, we invite everyone to keep Peace in their mind and heart, and to help us create a Space of Peace during this month.

As this short 5-letter-word PEACE contains an immense inner and outer work which is a challenge for Auroville and the world, we would love to find more people in the community who resonate with PEACE and would like to work to build this as a Reality for all of us. We invite all of you who aspire for Peace both inwardly and outwardly to participate with us during this month and in the coming future, to see how we can actively work together to bring about change for Auroville and the world.

If this project speaks to you, if you have an offering or feel drawn to work on something, or if you are interested to collaborate in some way, please contact us at: unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

Noel and Shivaya

Update about the Kalpana Housing Project

Project holders: Satyakam and Devasmita
Architect: Neel and Supriti OVOID ATELIER

We have done one public presentation at SAIER conference Hall on the 26th of March. We are planning to organize another one during the month of September 2015. The architects are

working on the next phases: complete set of working drawings, structural drawings and the BOQ, which will be ready on the 30th of September.

We are planning to start the construction on the 15th of December 2015, for a completion on the 15th of March 2018. The brochure and the model are available at the Housing Service. Satyakam will be especially available at the Housing Service every Thursday in the afternoon from 2.30 to 5 pm to receive and provide information to anybody interested.

Please find the link to the Kalpana Brochure: http://issuu.com/kalpanahousing/docs/150511_kalpana_low_res_brochure/1

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And the link to the Kalpana walk-through: <http://youtu.be/IIBRx73x0mU>

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40 apartments, 6 offices, 1 fitness center

The net preliminary price of each apartment includes:

- Solar system back up
- Equipped kitchen with fridge
- Equipped Bath room/toilet
- Fan and LED electrical fixtures
- Wood work in each room and the dressing room.

The particularity of Kalpana is that the openings are from 3 to 4 different sides; it allows for a good ventilation and natural day lighting.

Each apartment will have:

- A dressing and a utility room.
- At least one covered terrace, and sometime several ones, balconies and planters.
- A private garden at the Ground floor in the North and South block.

A special effort will be put to make some beautiful landscaping.

All the common amenities, laundry, store rooms, public toilet, space for the workers, watchmen room and the parking are situated at the ground floor of the East bloc. The community office, the letter-boxes in a reception room situated on the ground floor of the round building at the crossing of the crown road and the Vikas Radial that will be the main entrance for Kalpana. A fitness center on the 1st floor above the office, which will be part of the future sport center with the swimming pool across the crown road (This fitness center will be financed by the project holders). A care taker will be appointed, for the administrative work and accounting, he/she will take note and do the follow up for any repairs which are needed.

The project holders are making a substantial donation which will be used as follows:

- The care taker apartment (1 BHK)
- One 3 BHK apartment will be converted into a guest-house with 4 rooms; the income will help the residents of Kalpana to reduce the monthly contribution for the maintenance.
- Subsidies for 12 apartments up to 40 % for the person in need.

Some guidance for the brochure: There are 3 blocks, North, South and East. Each apartment is identified as follows:

A: studio, B: 1 BHK, C: 2 BHK, D: 3BHK

There are several types of studio, 1 BHK, 2 BHK and 3 BHK. So they will be called A1, A2, A3 or B1, B2, B3 etc...

Example:

SG1C = South block, Ground floor, apartment 1, 2 BHK

SF3B = South block, First floor, apartment 3, 1 BHK

NS2C = North block, Second floor, apartment 2, 2 BHK

In the brochure you will find a detailed area statement which shows the exact size of the apartment, from carpet, plinth,

built up and super built up and at the end of the chart the net price.

For any queries, please e mail to: satyakam@auroville.org.in

38,879 rupees for Ecoservice.



In only 2 weeks, 128 people gave 38,879 rupees to help transforming Ecoservice

into the most beautiful and educational recycle & waste center! The energy of a collective will is so powerful.

But this is not the end, this is the start! The idea of transforming Ecoservice into a membership came to me and I am working to help it manifest! In the next week, I would like to meet 100 Aurovilians to get their ideas on how they imagine this membership initiative! Anyone interested to share their vision or organise a brainstorming group (max 30 min) can contact (ouellet.alexandre@hotmail.ca) and I will be happy to go at their work place or home to get this precious information and answer their questions about where we are at! Thanks to all for their generosity, but more importantly for their nice energy that came to us ;)

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ecoservice/1541837466070115>

ALEX for Ecoservice

POSTINGS

Baby born

Dear community,
We are so happy to announce the birth of our son, Aaran, on Friday 31/7, and welcome him into our life, Auroville and the world.

Warmest regards, *Hans and Sowmya.*

Musical Offering

Talking about Figaro

"It is easily and often overlooked that when Thomas Jefferson asserted that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness were inalienable human rights, he did so on the ground that they had been endowed by God, our Creator." - Tom Stoppard

If you go to Goggle and ask for the 10 most popular operas, you will get several lists. I have found that on each of these lists, you will always find *The Barber of Seville* and *The Marriage of Figaro*. And, indeed these two operas are often borrowed from the Music Library. However, I was surprised lately to find that lovers of these two operas did not know that the story line of the two is a continuity.

Please go to Auronet, Music Library Group

Ecoservice Phone Number

Ecoservice has only one phone number right now: 9442067481 - Gillian

We are happy to get emails at: Ecoservice@auroville.org.in.

Text messages if you can't get through by phone.

Ecoservice Team

Aloe's exhibition @ Pitanga

Dear friends, Aloe has an ongoing photo exhibition in Pitanga printed on canvas from a trip in South America. If you want to take one of them home you are most welcome, the cost price is Rs 700 and will help us to cover the expenses. Thank you, Matilde: 9487567593 / aloe@auroville.org.in

Changing of parking fee at Chennai Airport

Till recently the parking fees were Rs: 135/- for up to 4 hours or part thereof for parking at the Chennai Airport. This has now changed to Rs 150/- for 2 hours or part thereof and if more than 2 hours then an extra Rs 150 will again be added. For Unity Transport Service, M.Krishnan

AVAILABLE

Two kittens

Two beautiful kitten boys urgently need a new home. One is black/white, the other grey/white. They are very sweet and are trained by a wonderful mom for toilet, hunting, being indoors and outdoors...Please contact *Jorinde*: 9655024585

Vegan chocolate or vegan milk coffee at La Terrace

Aurosoya Soya-milk is available now at Cafe La Terrace for vegan chocolate or coffees. Every Saturday we make vegan cake.

La Terrace Team

Darshan Day offering from Mitra Auroville

Two books with selected photos of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo will be available, free of charge, to all Aurovilians and Newcomers on the 14th of August. Please collect your copy

at PTDC (New Pour Tous), PTPS (Aspiration), Savitri Bhavan or Pitanga.

We would like to remind you also about the list of other titles of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, in English and Russian, available for free distribution in Pitanga and Savitri Bhavan.

Kind regards, *Mitra Auroville*

Apartments in Sanjana Housing Project

Work is going on in the Sanjana Housing Project between Arati and Sukhavati communities. There are still a few apartments of different sizes available, 2 bedrooms, 1 bedroom... You are welcome to have a look and choose between different flats. The construction is expected to be completed beginning of 2016 for 3 blocks and a bit later for the 4th block. For details please contact: heleneg7@hotmail.com - *Sanjana Management Team.*

LOOKING FOR ...



Musicians needed

Looking for performers for the music stage at the 4th Auroville Film Festival! If you want to be part of the festival soundtrack, please contact Kaeridwyn

ASAP at: dwyndle@gmail.com

Tamil teacher

I'd like to learn the Tamil language. Please contact me if you can teach me for 50 minutes, 2-3 times a week. Thank you! Contact *Chieko Osugi*: nihongochiekita@gmail.com=

LOST & FOUND

Wallet (Lost): Cloth wallet, white and brown colour. If found, please contact me, *Riddhi*: 09975309118

THANK YOU

From Auroville Nature Camp

A little late, but no less sincere...

Thank you to all units and individual donors (in both cash and kind), volunteers and students who helped to make this year's Nature Camps successful! Three camps were held in May, with a total of 92 students from 11 Auroville and outreach schools and 10 teachers total participating. These numbers were up from 57 students who attended last year.

Nature Camp is made possible through the tremendous support from numerous well-wishers in Auroville, including: SAIER, City Services, Quiet Healing Center, Tanto Pizzeria, Auroville Online Store, Pour Tous Purchasing Service, Magica, Auromics, Naturellement, LaFerme Cheese, Ulli Blass, Margit, Ellen T, Cecilia, Monika Hagen, and AVI-Germany.

We would also like to thank parents who generously paid the full amount to send their children to camp. Thank you all for

your wonderful support of Auroville Nature Camp and we look forward to continued support in years to come!

Auroville Nature Camp Team

With profound gratitude for the 'Warriors of Light'!

After having lived 34 years in Auroville your remark on what Auroville represents and its invisible action on the earth has touched my heart with love for Auroville.

We are on the path of preparation, the fruit of its works don't belong to us, but it is above all the process of 'accelerated' Evolution through the incessant work of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother since 1968 which passes through us with continuous experiences in Consciousness in a living Knowledge.

Again, with infinite gratitude,

GangaLakshmi (Savitri Bhavan - House of Mother's Agenda)

A P P E A L

New musical production: Millidacious

This year, on September the 25th, we will be performing a new musical. It is called Millidacious and has been written and composed here in Auroville. This time we will have over 80 children involved, along with around 20 adults on the stage and many more behind the scenes working on music, sets, costumes etc. We have received generous funding for the actual production, but we have realised that we need a new keyboard for the orchestra. The cost of this is Rs 40,000 and we are hoping that there are some people in the community who would be able to step forward and cover the cost of it. Once the production is finished the keyboard will be donated to Transition School for the music room, so it will continue to inspire, train and develop the kids for many years to come. If you are able to help with all or some of this please transfer money to PT AC 251762. If you would like more info about it then send me a mail to: botanical@auroville.org.in or give me a call on: 9626008428.

Thanks, *Paul B*

From the Auroville Library,

Dear Friends of the Auroville Library,

The Library needs a proper parking before the monsoon. We would like to ask Road Service to pave the whole library entrance to avoid the problems of the mud when the rains will start (danger of slipping, motorbikes falling, feet and library floors getting dirty). It is long due but we don't have the money to do the job.

The estimate provided by Road Service amount to Rs. 30,000 - therefore everyone who could financially contribute whatever they can or want, can do so on the Library account: # 0306.

Thank you,

The Auroville Library

The Golden Fund

We would like to remind all of you of the Golden Fund, which was revitalized a couple of years ago to provide support for those who have given their lives to Auroville but are now growing old and are in need.

Over the last two years the Golden Fund has been successful in helping several older Aurovilians meet exceptional needs which fall outside the parameters of existing funds for seniors.

Nowadays the requests each month are growing and we need to expand the regular donor base. We are approaching you in the hope that you will make a regular monthly contribution or even a one-time donation to the Golden Fund in order to help us ensure that no long-time older Aurovillian has to live in need.

The Golden Fund is an independent account in the Financial Service administered by a group consisting of Jocelyn B., Judith and Manfred.

The account number for the Golden Fund is: 0853

And all donations big or small will be gratefully received.

The Peace Bell for Auroville Arriving



Dear friends,

I am happy to inform you that the project "Peace Bell for the International Zone of Auroville" is in its final stage. The Peace Bell has been already made in Moscow and now is on its way to Auroville! We had kept the 15th of August as the target date and

we are hoping that its dedication will take place here on Sri Aurobindo's birthday.

The project needs your kind help and participation. The production had to be shifted to Moscow due to technical reasons, so the expenses went up and to cover them we still need 1 lakh rupees (equals 1,600 USD or 1,450 Euros).

Please join in in our efforts and contribute generously. Your support is much appreciated. Our FS account is: 251862. Feel free to contact: vera.auroville@gmail.com

Love and gratitude, *Vera Lipen*

Community hall in Edayanchavadi

Dear community members,

The TDC would like to let you know that donations have been received for the community hall in Edayanchavadi, and 1 lorry of bricks has been bought.

However, only 1/3 of the entire amount needed was received, so please feel free to make a donation to account number: 252167.

Thank you very much,

L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting1

Dearest Aurovilians, we are a small French Newcomer family looking for a long-term house-sitting (at least one year) - we are very much willing to pay for the required maintenance for the house. Kindly contact us: 9487544184 / hamsinifr@yahoo.fr - *Sekfali Scherazade*

TAXI SHARING

August 18th: An empty taxi will be going from Auroville to Chennai Airport to be there at 8.30 am. For sharing it both ways (but only one place from the Airport back to Auroville), please call *Silvana*: 9047654157 - email: silvanagrippa8@gmail.com

August 19th: I will be leaving Auroville to Chennai on Wednesday, August 19th. I am looking for someone to share a cab with me. My flight is at 8 pm, so I will probably need to leave by 2 pm to allow myself ample time. My email is sarahchappell6@gmail.com, and my local mobile number is 8940285917. *Thanks, Sarah*

August 21st: I'll leave for Chennai airport at 6 am on the 21st. If you need to leave at the same time or return around 9.30 am please contact me - 0413 2622637 or SMS 9488483286 or shahnandi@gmail.com. *Nandita, Quiet*

August 24th: Anybody on the BA flight London - Chennai on August 24th, arriving on the 25th early morning, 3.30 am. We

could share a taxi driving together back home. biggie@auroville.org.in. *Biggie*

August 25th: I'm looking to share a taxi on the 25th of August. I'll land at Chennai airport at 3.15 p.m. A taxi has been already booked and will leave Auroville approximately at noon. The timing and the taxi could be rearranged if someone will be interested in sharing it with me. Thanks in advance, Galina, svetgalina@list.ru

August 26th: I am arriving at 10.45 am on the 26th of August on MH182. Who wants to share the taxi, arriving or leaving around the same time? (No Indian mobile number yet). Contact: Theresa, theresa.grantham@gmail.com. *Thanks Ulrich*

September 5th: Hello, I would like to book a taxi from Chennai airport to Auroville. I will be arriving on September 5 at 9.25 am. *Lenka Eidlpesová* - GSM: +420 777 588 033 / Email: eloisen@seznam.cz

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

For Eco Femme

Eco Femme is looking for an energetic, pro-active individual to help finalise the research and development of washable cloth nappies for babies as well as an organic cloth pad range, preferably with a background in design. A maintenance for this working period is available. We recommend that a minimum of 3 months will be required for the task. Full time/ part time hours can be discussed depending on specific skills. Please write to: jessamijn@ecofemme.org for more details. Please have a look at our website: www.ecofemme.org to find out more about what we do.

Thanking you in anticipation, *Jessamijn*

HEALTH

Blood Donation Camp

On Sunday August 16th, Auroville Village Action Group is hosting a blood donation camp! The camp will take place from 10 am to 2 pm at the AVAG campus. For any queries, please feel free to contact us at: avagoffice@auroville.org.in or call us at: 0413 267 8871.

Please, join us in becoming a part of the solution!

According to the 2012 World Health Organisation (WHO) report, only nine million units of blood are collected in India annually, while the need is for 12 million units. The issue of blood shortage is partly due to the lack of voluntary donors, though the figure has been rising, particularly in states such as West Bengal, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh.

Knowing that blood can be kept in the blood bank for up to 42 days, an easy way to mitigate the effects of a low blood bank stock is to donate blood regularly. At Auroville Village Action Group, we strongly believe in solidarity and therefore welcome you to take part in blood collection day. We would like to invite you to our blood donation camp on Sunday the 16th of August at our location in Irumbai, Auroville Village Action Group.

People trained in phlebotomy will draw your blood, after a quick Red Blood Cell count and blood typing. You can come anytime between 10 am and 2 pm.

Hoping to see you there!!!

AVAG team.

Free Diabetic and Hypertension camp

Dear Friends,
Auroville Health Centre is Happy to inform you that a Free Diabetic and Hypertension camp with Free Aravind eye check up will be held on Friday the 28th of August 2015 from 8.00 am to 4 pm.

Important features:

1. Consultation Free
2. Lab Investigations concessional rates
3. Medicines concessional rates.

AV health center

At Arka

By Jannaka

Individual and collective courses:

- **Reiki.** Cosmic Energy through your hands can help you and the ones you love
- **Reflexology.** The massage on the Marma reflexes points of feet and legs
- **Ayurvedic Massage.** Sri Govindan Method, original from Kerala
- **Yoga Care for Over Fifty.** When flexibility and reflexes decline this soft Yoga Care works in helping you to stay young.

Therapies

- **Reiki** is not a personal power! The Cosmic Energy helps homeopathic and allopathic therapies to accelerate good results. Affective and relationship problems are dealt with special treatments at distance to help you and those you love.
- **Auriculo-Acupunture.** It's a form of non-invasive acupuncture.... In fact the needles are not real needles. It

concentrates on the points of the external ear: many disorders as allergies, arthritis, depression and nicotine/food dependence can be treated. No side effects.
Therapies and Courses are held by Jannaka, Reiki master and therapist with 26 years of experience.
Call Jannaka: 9487629648 or write: lestellenoi@gmail.com

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners,
We are happy to say that we have just received two new recording devices - with thanks to Tlaloc, Julian and Roshan who conspired in this achievement. The Auroville Radio Team wishes you a happy Darshan day.

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.

Taiko Performance in Auroville (Performing Arts 09/08/2015)
A Collaborative Stage performance hosted by Yuhei Motoyama from Japan with Aurovillians & guests. -[English, 35 Minutes]

Gud Vybz (Performing Arts 09/08/2015)
Erika Lernot, Siam Lee and Romain shared with the community last night some good energy of music. -[English, 66 Minutes]

'The Dark playlist' with Sic Sixx (Music 08/08/2015)
Today at Auroville Radio we have Sic Sixx with a new playlist that comprises mostly of altern rock and gothic metal. - [English, 49 Minutes]

Off the Cuff-38 (Performing Arts 07/08/2015)
This week; feedback duties of Aurovillians, up coming events and now you can send Auroville a message from our site! - [English, 15 Minutes]

World Groove Connexion #3 (Music 06/08/2015)
Erika and Siam Lee, travellers, musicians and cultural activists, present the new trends of world music! -[French, 45 Minutes]

Savitri Book 7 Canto 4- Part One (Sri Aurobindo 06/08/2015)
Read by Loretta. Book 7 Canto 4- Here Savitri searches her soul; she meets the first of the triple soul-forces. - [English, 21 Minutes]

Youth for Change, Taiko (News from Auroville 06/08/2015)
Featuring Kavitha inviting us to an International Youth Day 12th August -"Youth Civil Engagement" - [English, 17 Minutes]

Selections par Gangalakshmi-49 (Sri Aurobindo 05/08/2015)
Cette semaine; Le Trepas de Shri Aurobindo, Article de Amal Kiran sur Sri Aurobindo, Mars 1951, Revue; -[French, 28 Minutes]

Women's Solidarity Festival AVAG (Bio Region 05/08/2015)
A lively Womens Solidarity Festival celebrated at Auroville Village Actions Group in Irumbai -[Tamil, 40 Minutes]

African Mix #2 (Music 05/08/2015)
Second edition of African mix with afropop, benga, Ingolo, lingala, swahili, ndombolo.. -[English, 76 Minutes]

Le Voyage (Music 03/08/2015)
Fro Erika and Siam life is music and traveling. In Auroville they see hope for humanity. - [English, 24 Minutes]

Aloe's photographs in Pitanga (Culture 03/08/2015)
Aloe speaks of her trip to S. America with impressions by Luca and Edan of the photographic work in Pitanga -[English, 6 Minutes]

Caribbean Night with Live Music (News from Auroville 03/08/2015)
Featuring Erika Lernot, Siam Lee with invitation to the Caribbean night on Saturday 8th at Well Cafe -[English, 12 Minutes]

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

SPORTS

Here is our Ultimate Frisbee update!

Dear community,

As we had mentioned earlier 2 of our young players from Auroville, Guru and Bhavya, had been chosen to play for the Indian team in London last month. And they did! Despite initial funding problems and visa issues, the entire team made it - and played well. India won the Spirit of the Game award and was the 'tournament sweethearts' as one commentator said. You can watch India vs. Ireland on Skyd Magazine U23 World Championships 2015 (Bhavya is no.9 and Guru is no.11).

Here are a few words on their experience:

From the 12th to the 20th of July we travelled to London to play the Under 23 World Championships of Ultimate Frisbee representing our cities and our nation. The experience was absolutely humbling and for that one week, I was in the midst of the best players in the world. Being a part of the Indian team for more than 6 months has shown me what team work can be, what team spirit can be. It has shown me what Ultimate Frisbee can look like and feels like, what level it can achieve. I have returned a better player and my team, a closer family than ever before. A most priceless experience that we have got, thanks for the support from everyone back home." - Bhavya

"The Under 23 World Championship was an amazing experience. To play in an international tournament was my dream, which just came true. Finally I feel that all my hard work has paid off. I want to say that this is not the only time India will go for International tournaments, there are so many opportunities coming up ahead and I would like to invite all the kids to join us to play and maybe get a chance to go to international tournaments as well. Thank you!" - Gurumurthy

We'd like to thank you for the support and invite you to come and join us on the field Mondays and Saturdays at 4.30 pm in Certitude. :-) The next update will be from 4 of us (Bhavya, Manjula, Smiti and Kumaran) who are going to play in the Singapore Ultimate Open this week (14th-16th August) for mixed teams and the first Indian Women's team.

Hope to see new enthusiastic faces on the field...

Av Ultimate :-)

EATING OUT

Le Morgan Café - Back on the Night Scene

The Morgan Café will be open for dinners every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, from the 20th of August. The menu will be mostly galettes, pancakes and the items of the day. Everybody, young and older, is welcome.

Av bakery cafe

Av bakery cafe is open from 7.30 to 18.00 (last order 17.30) We welcome you to enjoy our South Indian Breakfast (7.30 - 9.00) / Super Sandwiches and Omelets, a delicious Vegan Falafel / Hummus Wraps, Quiches and daily Soups, Home-made Muesli, refreshing daily Juices. The Ultimate Escallop - Schnitzel plate and Seasonal Salads. We are excited to tell you that we are experimenting with some new items on the wood fire in our outdoor oven, and very soon you will be able to order them from the menu! With Love, Av Bakery Cafe' Team

Solitude Organic Farm Cafe

Dear friends,
We invite you to join the ever growing lunch scheme group at Solitude organic Farm Cafe. The daily thali (which changes every day) offers the participants fresh local nutritious food cooked with inspiration and love and also a relationship with where their food comes from. As well as being vegan and

gluten free we provide nightshade free thalis upon request. We also have a detox smoothie, featuring our well known green smoothie.

We also encourage lunch scheme participants to come and learn our cooking ideas and to join the CSA basket service which allows participants to understand better the value and richness of local food.

Solitude organic Farm Cafe is working with other eateries helping them to better use their land and grow their own produce.

We very much want to share with the community the beauty and simplicity of what is happening at the cafe. Please come and see for yourself.

For more information on the lunch scheme please write a mail to: krishnamckenzie@auroville.org.in

We look forward to your visit. From this coming Saturday there will also be weekly farm tours at 11:30 am.

Yours, Solitude Organic Farm Cafe

Well Cafe will be open on Saturday 15/8!!

Come and enjoy some vegetarian Mediterranean food in a beautiful garden - falafel, humus, vegan omelet, Stav amazing cheese cakes, gluten free bread, chocolate truffles and much more!!!

With love, Well Cafe team



For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri - read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every Thursday at sunset
6.00 to 6.30 pm (weather permitting)

We are restarting Savitri, from Book 1.

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

INVITATIONS

Birthday of Sri Aurobindo Independence Day of India

Bharat Nivas - August 15, 2015

There will be a flag hoisting ceremony at 8.30 am.

Members of the Youth Group will read some words of The Mother in the four languages of Auroville.

Let us support them by our presence.

Video screening at India Space, Bharat Nivas on August 15th at 7pm

Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga (Evolution Fast Forward II)

A highly engaging animated motion graphic presentation of the fundamental ideas and underlying geometry behind the

knowledge and process of Integral Yoga. It gives a broad overview of psychology, cosmology and transformational practice of Integral Yoga leading towards psychic, spiritual and supramental transformation.

Direction: Manoj Pavitrnan

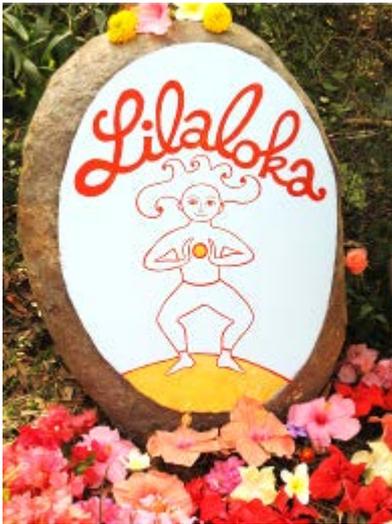
Visualisation: Hemant Shekhar

Music: Arnab Chaudhury and team from Ashram

Voice: Anuradha Majumdar & Ravi Shankar

Duration: 50 minutes

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/ST61NsyBHOK>

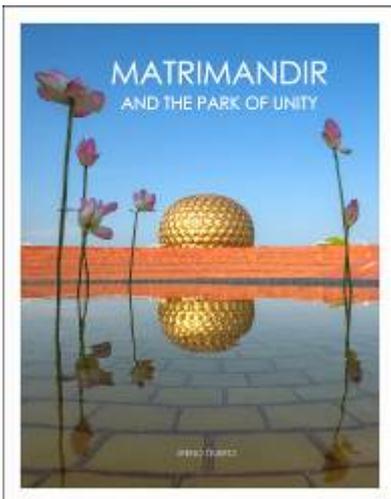


THE LILALOKA LAND CELEBRATION

Sunday 16th of August from 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Let's enjoy together the beautiful open space of Lilaloka, Self-Learning and Resource Center for the CHILD, a project in the making at Auroville.
Where is the Lilaloka land? Just after passing the Kalabhumi Artist Village, go on just a little bit more, past the Zebra Crossing (marking the entrance of the Mahakali Park) - 3 meters further on the left, just after Last School, you will see the entrance panel of Lilaloka. Here you are! Enter the Lilaloka land and admire the birth of the phase one rising from the Earth! All families, children, parents, educators, researchers and big children (also called "adults") are welcome for games, crafts, snacks, guided tours of the site and its small plants nursery, tree planting, creation of flower kolams, discovery of exhibition panels or simply for the joy to be here!

For more information about Lilaloka, visit our website: <http://lilaloka.org/> or join our Facebook Group Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1419598778330377/>
Contact: lilaloka@auroville.org.in



“MATRIMANDIR AND THE PARK OF UNITY”

BOOK LAUNCH

Dear All,
I'm glad to invite you to the launching of the photographic book
“Matrimandir and the Park of Unity”

Time: Sunday August 16th 2015, from 4:00 pm. to 6:00 pm.
Venue: SAIER conference room, Town Hall.

The book is the materialization of a work that lasted more than thirty years.
The publication contains 140 color photographs with a foreword by Paolo Tommasi and an introduction by Alan Herbert.
The book launching will be accompanied by a slide show of Matrimandir images.
All are heartily welcome - Refreshment will be served.

Ireno

Foreword

These beautiful photographs by Ireno are testimony that the Mother's dream to create Auroville, city at the service of the Truth, is being realized.

In this world of disorder and war, Auroville and its central zone of the Matrimandir seems a miracle.

In these images one feels a hovering joy, a vibration of that happiness when a dream of victory becomes reality.

All this is the human aspiration to transform unconsciousness into consciousness, life into a truer, vaster life, to transform it into a life divine.

In the integral yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, the meaning of Divine is one of extraordinary wisdom for the present time.

Mother said:

"For those who are afraid of a word:

"This is what we mean by "Divine": all the knowledge we have to acquire, all the power we have to obtain, all the love we have to become, all the perfection we have to achieve, all the harmonious and progressive poise we have to manifest in light and joy, all the new and unknown splendours that have to be realised."

What profound nourishment for our souls!

The photographs in this book show the human labour at the service of such wisdom and the true purpose of life.

The English poet Keats had the intuition to say:

"Call the world, if you please, the valley of soul-making. Then you will find out the use of the world."

This is the significance of Auroville's heart - the Matrimandir and its surroundings.

The Mother's inestimable gift to humanity.

Paolo Tommasi

FRENCH PAVILION... GOOD NEWS!

Three is a magic number! This saying comes true with the first structures of the French Pavilion, 22 years after the laying of the Foundation Stone.

February 1993 marked the 1st inauguration of the Pavilion by JRD TATA who was born in France from a French mother, and Mireille Albrecht, Executive of the French Pavilion in France at that time.

On that day, JRD Tata planted "the Pavilion Tree", a "Service" tree which is still growing and under which the new structures will be built.

2nd inauguration in August 1993, by the French Ambassador, Mr. Petit, and Mireille Albrecht: laying of the first stone of the Pavilion which is still in place.

This will be the final location of the French Pavilion building. Today, in August 2015, different Pavilions will install small metal structures like at the "Maison des Jeunes" in Citadines. These structures can later be reused for other projects, so they will not be wasted. The purpose of these small structures is to keep alive the International Zone, in particular the European area, and to protect it from encroachment.

3rd and "final" inauguration, Saturday, 15th of August at 9:00 am.

Come to the end of the two-wheeler parking at the Visitors Center, the site is immediately after, under the trees.

While waiting for the funds for a permanent building, the French Pavilion will purchase and install 3 structures: two will be used as a welcoming desk, a small library, a coffee corner and the third will serve as housing for a Newcomer or Volunteer.

Italy, Spain and France will be in the south of the European zone, in the Mediterranean area; Germany, Holland, Great Britain behind the Tibetan Pavilion, where the European Plaza will be located. Later, the European Pavilion will include common facilities for the European countries: Conference rooms, Cinema, etc...

Today, the French Pavilion is still one of the most active Pavilions. Soon, the book "200^e Événement" will be printed, following the publication in 2012 of the first book : "100^e Événement" listing all the events since 2006.

Claude. J. for the French Pavilion,

CULTURAL EVENTS

SCENES FROM SRI AUROBINDO'S SAVITRI

August 16th and 17th (Sunday and Monday) - 7 pm
Matrimandir Unity Garden

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

EXPLORE YOUR MIND

A 3-day workshop in hypnotherapy

"The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when it is still"

What is hypnosis? How do the right and left brain function practically? How do the conscious and subconscious interact? Explore the depths of your mind and relax! Meditate with ease! Expand your therapeutic toolbox! Apply Self-hypnosis.

A 3-day workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind" [Certified course from EKAA: www.ekaa.co.in]

August 21 - 23rd at Sharnga Guest House Yogahall

Friday, 3.30 - 7 pm: Intro and Self-hypnosis

Saturday, Sunday, 9 - 6 pm: Theory and Practice of Hypnotherapy techniques

Info meeting: August 18th 5- 5.30 pm.

Trainer Sigrid Lindemann: Certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, Regression therapy and Classical homeopathy, in Germany and Auroville. Moreinfo: www.sigridlindemann.de / www.auroville-holistic.com / www.tassointernational.com / www.ekaa.co.in
Register with Sigrid: info@auroville-holistic.com and 09626006961, 0413 2623888

QUIET HEALING CENTER

Somatic Movement with Maggie

Friday 21 - Saturday 22 August 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 movement. It improves the function of the nervous system, creating more ease and freedom within ourselves. Somatics teaches us to recognise and release holding patterns, resulting from pain, injury, stress or habituated posture. This work enhances any kind of exercise such as yoga, dance, sport or just moving through life. You will also learn a daily practice in order to maintain better flexibility, coordination, balance and wellness, resulting in a decrease of aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and ageing.

Maggie is a certified Somatic Movement Educator and graduate of the International Institute for Somatic Movement Education (IISME). She is also a highly experienced massage therapist,

and has been working in the field of pain relief for over 15 years.

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

18th August (Tuesday)

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

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

Focus this week on: 'The Supermind'

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

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY

Yoga Nidra with Aloka at Transition School ATB Hall

From Wednesday 19th of August to mid-February the 16th

Every Wednesday at 5 pm sharp

Deep relaxation sessions that last for about an hour - open to everybody.

As space is limited the saying "first come first served" is applied.

TANGO

Beginners Tango Workshop with Jorge:

Friday 21st August 7:30-9 pm at Naturellement Udyogam

Saturday 22nd August 4-6 pm at Arka

Bring socks or shoes. No partners needed.

EXPLORING MEDITATION

On Thursdays from 5.15 pm till 6.15 pm.

Witnessing our inner world using different Meditation techniques that were used by spiritual traditions around the world. No previous experience is need.

First session starts from Thursday the 20th of August.

Facilitator: Yahalom Emet - Aurovilian and living in Djaima Community.

SILENT GROUP MEDITATION

On Fridays from 5.15 pm till 6.15 pm. From Friday the 21st of August 2015 we will be hosting the Group Meditation.

Group Meditation gives us an opportunity to come together. It leads to a better health and brings stress relief, peace and happiness.

You may sit either on a chair or on a cushion on the floor. You may leave quietly when you are done. First session starts from Friday the 21st of August 2015. Your contributions are appreciated to host more events with us at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.

Both the events require your registration. For groups you are requested to call us in advance @ 0413 2622401 or @ 848967332. You can also send an e mail to: kalasang@auroville.org.in

Submitted by the management of Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. International Zone.

TAI CHI HALL in SHARNGA

Presents THE ART OF CHI - Stevanovitch's method

TAI CHI CHUAN WORKSHOP

August 24th to September 12th (Sundays excluded)

Monday to Saturday, 7.30 - 10.30 am

Beginners: Chi and Tai Chi basics: Three weeks, three steps through the full 24-posture form.

Taught by Marco, the workshop is essentially directed towards: Mastery of the body through breathing and muscular relaxation; Improvement of movements through balance and coordination; Learning to mobilize Chi - First perceiving it, then guiding it in one's body with the use of three factors: will, imagination and muscular activity.

For information and booking, contact Krishna at 2623187. E-mail: taichi@auroville.org.in Website: www.taichiinnerwayschool.org, www.artduchi.com

TREE CLIMBING with professional height safety equipment

Recreational

You want the experience without learning all the knots? The ropes are already positioned in the trees. The knots are tied and tested before you hook on. After being fitted with your saddle and some short instructions on safety and climbing techniques, you are off and climbing! Kids of all ages welcome.

Advanced

You want to learn the ropes and get off the ground. During class we teach both the double and single ropes techniques plus demonstrate many of the new climbing devices available. You will learn to install the ropes in the trees, tie and use several climbing knots and ascend and descend both with the knots but also with ascenders and descenders.

For conditions and appointment call *Satyajji* 97 86 40 65 40

THE TEACHERS CENTER INVITES AUROVILLE TEACHERS AND PARENTS

TO CONVERSATIONS ON INTEGRAL EDUCATION

This week we will be offering a workshop on Different Learning Styles. Through the workshop teachers will be able to identify their own learning styles, and also understand the experiential learning cycle.

The workshop will be led by Leena and Sheba.

Where: Teachers Center, SAIER

When: Tuesday 18th 4-5.30 PM.

BIODANZA

With Blandine (self-taught facilitator, director of the School of Biodanza in France), and Isabelle (facilitator in supervision).

Monday August 17: 7 pm to 8.30 pm

Thursday August 20: 7 to 8.30 pm

Monday 24: 7 to 8.30 pm

At New Creation Dance Studio.

Biodanza can strengthen your self-esteem, bring more joy in your life, and encourage meeting with yourself, the others and the environment. The pleasure to move with all the musics...

Contact Isabelle: 978 6400 536

SCHEDULES

VERITE PROGRAMMING CANCELLATIONS

Please Note: This is to inform you all that the following classes and treatments are being cancelled for the month of August 2015. For updated schedule, please check our website www.verite.in or contact the office 2622045. We regret any inconvenience.

Cancelled Classes:

Yolates with Sherwin

Hatha Vinyasa Yoga with Andres

Restorative Hatha Yoga with Andres

Cancelled Treatments:

Thai Yoga Massage with Andres

Verite programming team

PITANGA



A community garden has just been completed in Pitanga which will be used as a tool in promoting food and body consciousness. Pitanga team would like to acknowledge the kind support of Auroville Consultancy, gratitude to Martin for the inspiration for its creation, Prakash for coordination of execution, Jacob and Martin (design) Jisu, Seokho, Nithin and also the students from the Korean travelling school for on-site work, special thanks to

Achilles for giving pineapple plants and Buddha Garden, Sustenance farm, Botanical Garden for various saplings and to Volker, whose exhibition receipts helped cover the cost of materials such as granite pillars and drip irrigation. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Auroville Consultancy for their ongoing support of Pitanga over the past two years in helping us increase efficiency with energy and water audits (thank you Natish) and the replacement of inappropriate equipment and with our recent signage and information materials (thank you Vimal).

Additions to the monthly schedule:

CLASSES:

- Angela is back and resumes her Iyengar yoga classes from Tuesday August the 18th, please see the auronet events section or the news and notes of August the 1st for full details.
- Yoga with Nausheen - Tuesday Aug the 18th will be Nausheen's last class until further notice.

FILM:

Evolution Fast Forward 2: Video Screening & Exploration
Tuesday August 18th at 7 pm

A highly engaging animated 3D motion graphic presentation of the fundamental ideas and underlying geometry behind the knowledge and process of Integral Yoga. It gives a broad overview of psychology, cosmology and transformational

practice of Integral Yoga leading towards psychic, spiritual and supramental transformation. After the video there will be interaction with the director, Manoj Pavitran, to explore the theme more in detail. Duration 2 hrs 30 minutes including 50 minutes video.

THERAPIES:

Pre-work therapy - We have oil massage and reflexology available Mon -Sat from 7.45 am - 8.45 am, we invite people who find it difficult, due to work commitments, to avail of day time therapy sessions to book these slots. The following therapies are available at this time; please contact reception for a booking: Oil Massage with Chakra Alignment and Biomagnetic Therapy

Mariano offers a relaxing full body oil massage which helps to release body tension and pain and leaves one feeling relaxed and balanced. The massage can be accompanied with Chakra Alignment which balances the energy centres of the body and opens the nadis (small energy channels through the corporal mass). If there is any muscle, articulation or contraction in a specific zone it can be treated with Biomagnetic Therapy impacting with a pair of neodymium

magnets positive and negative which also neutralize the pH level on the affected zone.

Reflexology

Priscilla offers Reflexology which is the application of appropriate pressure to specific points and areas on the feet. Reflex points correspond to different body organs and systems and pressing them has a beneficial effect on the organs and person's general health.

EXHIBITIONS: TerradeSud, Memories of the South" - a photographic exhibition by Aloe - Glimpses of 8 months traveling around South America with my family and a backpack, continues until August 16th and is followed by "Unconditional Love" - sketches made with fire ash by Ellena, August 22nd to Sept 5th

Pitanga Is closed for Sri Aurobindo's birthday, Saturday, August 15th

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, (0413) 262 2403 - pitanga@auroville.org.in

FILMS



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

Reminder: Friday 14 August - THE FRENCH MINISTER by Bertrand TAVERNIER

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7:45 sharp)

Les Visiteurs du Soir / THE DEVIL'S ENVOYS

Directed by Marcel Carné - France, 1942

With: Arletty, Alain Cuny, Jules Berry, Marie Déa, Marcel Herrand, Fernand Ledoux

Synopsis: In medieval France, the marriage of the knight Renaud and lady Anne, in a remote, ethereal castle is threatened by two emissaries of the devil disguised as minstrels. The plans of these evil visitors become undone when one of them falls for the young woman and that for him love proves more powerful than the threat of damnation.

Marcel Carné might not have intended the story to be an allegory for the tests of the French spirit under the rigors of the occupation (1942) and the magical atmosphere of the story overwhelms its political aspects. One of the masterpieces produced during WW2 and the occupation in France, with dialogues written by French poet Jacques Prévert and Pierre Laroche.

Original French version with English subtitles - Duration: 1h.58'



"The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, August 21st, Friday at 7pm

THE CHALLENGE OF RUDOLPH STEINER: PART 1

2011, 90 minutes, Directed by Jonathan Stedall

This film describes Steiner's early life in Austria and how he was gradually able to reconcile the powerful spiritual experiences he had had since childhood with his interest in science and philosophy.

For the last twenty-five years of his life he lectured extensively all over Europe to educators, farmers, doctors, artists - and above all to people searching for a way that no longer separated science from religion, faith from reason, spirit from matter. The film looks at examples of his legacy in the UK, India and the USA - Waldorf education, Biodynamic agriculture,

Camphill's work for those with special needs, and at Eurythmy, both as a therapy and as an art.

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

16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest

18:00 free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco FilmClub

18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films

20:00 Dinner is served

21:30 free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

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

20th Thursday August 8 pm

PAPER PLANE (2014)

Genre: Family. Dur: 1 hr 36 min. Language: English. Subtitle: English. Rated: PG 13. Dir: [Robert Connolly](#)

Cast: [Ed Oxenbould](#), [Sam Worthington](#), [Julian Dennison](#)

Storyline: An imaginative children's film about a young Australian boy's passion for flight and his challenge to compete in the World Paper Plane Championships in Japan.

21st Friday August 8 pm

X-MEN DAYS OF FUTURE PAST (2014)

Genre: Sci-Fi / Adventure. Dur: 2hrs 13 min. Rated: PG 13. Language: English/ Subtitle: English. Dir: [Bryan Singer](#)

Cast: [Patrick Stewart](#), [Ian McKellen](#), [Hugh Jackman](#)

Storyline: The X-Men send Wolverine to the past in a desperate effort to change history and prevent an event that would result in doom for both humans and mutants.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

"LOVE AND DEATH - a narrative Poem by SRI AUROBINDO" - based on paintings by PRITI GOSH

Film by Manohar Fedele, Ashok Kumar Acharya, Arvind Akki and others, reading by Cristof Pitoeff and music by Sunil. Duration: 53min.

Monday, 17th of August 2015, at 6:30 pm.

"Love and Death" is a long narrative poem which Sri Aurobindo wrote in June, July 1899. Priti Ghosh was inspired by the poem and made paintings expressing a visual language which places the human being and cosmos in a mutual relationship of evolving consciousness. She is approaching reality through the lens of archetypal movements.

Priti Ghosh came to the Sri Aurobindo Ashram at the young age of four and grew up in the ambiance of the Mother's love and guidance. The Mother, herself an artist, guided and inspired Priti in her development. Also sadhaks of the Ashram helped her so that she matured into an artist using water colours and oils to express her visions and feelings.

Priti Ghosh, Manohar and others will be present when showing the film.

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; GB Governing Board; HRT Human Resource Team; LMTF Land Management Task Force; NTDA New Development Township Development; PTDC Pour Tous Distribution Centre; PTPS Pour Tous Purchasing Service; TDC Town Development Council; 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.80/- 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 (summer season - no longer available evenings). Please note that it is not a taxi that will wait for you for onward or return trips, but if needed will come back to pick you up again when called.

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

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:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:30 to 12:30

Monday and Friday from 14:30 to 16:30

Wednesday: Closed to Public (Housing Board in session 9:30-12:30). Phone: (0413) 2622658. [Email:housing@auroville.org.in](mailto:housing@auroville.org.in)

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

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

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

Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily

06.00 am to 08.45am

11.30 am to 12.30 pm (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.

The Petals are open for Aurovilians daily

4.30pm to 6pm

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 8.40 am 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 am.

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

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

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

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

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

ACT 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.

ACT continues to explore a voluntary contribution policy from its riders in alignment with Auroville's ideals and aims. At present it is your contributions that help the ACT team to offer continued services. We appreciate all support and feedback to keep our service progressing. You can choose to contribute as you like, as often you feel to -- with cash paid to the driver, through your Auroville Financial Service account or by punching your Travel pass. 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



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 17 August 2015 to 23 August 2015

Announcement missing in the last N&N

International - Saturday 15 August, 8:00 pm:

- 5 to 7

USA, 2014, Writer-Dir. Victor Levin w/ Anton Yelchin, Bérénice Marlohe, Olivia Thirlby, Comedy-Romance, 95mins, English-French w/ English subtitles, Rated:R
In New York, an aspiring novelist has a cinq-a-sept affair with the beautiful wife of a French diplomat. Cultures, world views, personal ethics and dietary preferences clash as love deepens, with remarkable results.

We are restarting our film series with a set of films where children are protagonists. There is a wide range of films within the genre - and here are a special few selected for you! *Do keep in mind that just because children are the main characters, not all films are meant for children. Please read the synopsis and the IMDB ratings carefully. When ratings are not available suggested ratings are provided in parenthesis. Explanations for the rating codes are at the end of this note.*

Children Protagonist Series - Monday 17 August, 8:00 pm:

- JEUX INTERDITS (Forbidden Games)

France, 1952, Dir. Rene Clement w/ Georges poujouly, Brigitte Fossey, and others, Drama-War, 86mins, French w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

A girl 5 or 6yrs old is orphaned in an air raid while fleeing a French city with her parents early in World War II. She is

befriended by a pre-adolescent peasant boy after she wandered away from the other refugees, and is taken in for a few weeks by his family. The children quickly became friends. The film follows their attempt to assimilate the deaths they both face, and the religious rituals surrounding those deaths, through the construction of a cemetery for all sorts of animals.

Children Protagonist Series - Tuesday 18 August, 8:00 pm:

- LES DIMANCHES DE VILLE D'AVRAY (Sundays and Cybele)

France, 1962, Dir. Serge Bourguignon w/Hardy Kruger, Nicole Courcel, and others, Drama, 110mins, French w /English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

In this classic film, Pierre suffers from delayed stress and partial amnesia after killing a child on a routine bombing mission in Vietnam. Returning to France, he lives like a vegetable until he meets a young girl who has been dumped by her father at a boarding school. Posing as her father, Pierre contrives to meet the girl every Sunday, to play with her and perhaps recover his memory. The innocent friendship is misread by nearly everyone, even people who know Pierre well.

Children Protagonist Series - Wednesday 19 August, 8:00 pm:

- TOPIO STIN OMICHLI (Landscape in the Mist)

Greece-France-Italy, 1988, Dir. Theodoros Angelopoulos w/Michalis Zeke, Tania Palaologou, and others, Drama, 127mins, Greekw/English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)
This one is a road movie about two children searching for their father who is supposed to live in Germany. Their obsession for this father figure will take them to the boundaries between childhood and adolescence.

Children Protagonist Series - Thursday 20 August, 8:00 pm:

- **BACHEHA-YE ASEMAN (Children of Heaven)**
Iran, 1997, Dir. Majid Majidi w/Mohammad Amir Naji, Amir Farrok Hashemian, and others, Drama, 89 mins, Persian w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
This film presents a sweet story of a brother and sister, their bond and their unique solution to solving the problem of a pair of lost shoes. The story itself is humorous and touching where a brother who accidentally loses his sister's only shoe has to share his only pair with her when they go to school. Though the premise may be simple, each scene is infused with passion, beauty and emotion and excellent acting. *A must see for all!*

Children Protagonist Series - Saturday 22 August, 8:00 pm:

- **PARANOID PARK**
USA, 2007, Dir. Gus van Sant w/Gabe Nevins, Daniel Iiu, and others, Drama- Crime-Mystery, 8 mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R
The teenager and skateboarder Alex is interviewed by Detective Richard Lu who is investigating the death of a security guard in the rail yards. While dealing with the separation process of his parents and the sexual heat of his virgin girlfriend Jennifer, Alex, while trying to relieve his feeling of guilt - writes his last experiences in Paranoid Park on how the guard was killed.

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

NO FILM SCHEDULED

**KUBRICK IN BLACK & WHITE Film Festival @ CINECLUB
Ciné-Club - Sunday 23 August, 8:00 pm:**

- **PATHS OF GLORY**

USA, 1957, Dir. Stanley Kubrick w/Kirk Douglas, Ralf Meeker, and others, Drama-War, 88mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

The futility and irony of the war in the trenches in WWI is shown as a unit commander in the French army must deal with the mutiny of his men and a glory-seeking general after part of his force falls back under fire in an impossible attack. Looking at this film in perspective, it's easy to see Kubrick's trademarks even at this early stage of his career. The attention to the composition of his shots reflects his background as a still photographer and foreshadows his other great films to come.

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.

We appreciate your continued support: monthly or occasionally. You can also make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account (#105106) at the Financial Service.

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group Account# 105106,
mmcauditorium@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.

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LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAXI SHARING

August 15th: Empty taxi going to Chennai Airport on August 15th to pick up somebody arriving at 8 pm. If you would like to share either way please contact tisamri@gmail.com or 9486422616.

August 22nd: Leaving from Auroville to Chennai airport at 7:30 PM, coming back from Chennai at around 11 PM.
Contact *Chandra*: 7639781711, 2623 024, chandradedionigi@yahoo.fr

ALL ARE INVITED
TO THE INAUGURATION OF

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THE AUROVILLE INSTITUTE FOR INTEGRAL HEALTH
ON 15th AUGUST 4.30 TO 6.30pm



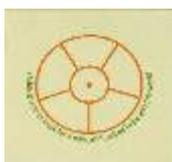
“The body is the bridge”

PROGRAM

4.30 to 5.00	Welcoming
5.00 to 5.15	Meditation on roof top
5.15 to 5.45	Performance
5.45 to 6.30	Visit and snacks

Location:

Crown road between Library and Arka



Lands for Auroville Unified

Auroville Centre for Urban Research, Administrative Area,
Auroville - 605 101, Tamil Nadu, India

LFAU invites all our friends to join us with these actions!

TWO CAMPAIGNS FOR UNIFIED AUROVILLE PROGRESS

Auroville has two dynamic campaigns - Acres for Auroville for the City, and **GreenAcres** for the Greenbelt - dedicated to securing Auroville's missing land. Auroville needs a coherent base for its harmonious development, and to fulfill the Mother's vision for the City of Dawn. Together, let's give Auroville a beautiful present for its 50th birthday, the gift of a unified base! Each campaign has a specific target, together covering the totality of the Masterplan area, and in harmony with the Land Board's goals:



Acres for Auroville: dedicated to the City area

- Auroville's urban area with its four zones - Residential, Cultural, Industrial and International – surrounding and protecting Auroville's heart, the Matrimandir
- land to ensure a consolidated, coherent, and vital central hub for living, education, economic viability, arts, and actions dedicated to human unity and peace

A4A is a joint action of AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL & LFAU



GreenAcres: dedicated to the Greenbelt

- the vital forested area surrounding the City, providing food, vitally-needed water, beauty, and protection for Auroville from encroaching urban sprawl
- innovative research and progress in ecology, environmental education, training, partnership, and leadership in sustainability for the bio-region

GreenAcres has the participation of AUROVILLE GREEN PRACTICES

Building Auroville is an affair of the heart...

Give your support to the campaign that touches your heart!

For donations, specify "Acres for Auroville" or "GreenAcres" via:

Auroville Unity Fund (checks or bank transfers) - Auroville Donation Gateway (credit/debit cards)

www.auroville.com/donations/ - Auroville International www.auroville-international.org

Tax deductibility and more campaign information is at **COLAAP - the website dedicated to Auroville's land** www.colaap.org



Green Acres Fundraising for land in the greenbelt

Auroville's success in ecology, afforestation and organic farming is one of the most visible signs to the world of its progress, evolution, and contributions.

Today 60% of the Green Belt surrounding the City still needs to be purchased. For decades, greenworkers expected that co-existence and collaboration through projects with the village landowners who continued to farm the traditional ecological way would create an eco-zone, regardless of ownership.

However, times have changed drastically in the past 10 years - "the Auroville Area" is targeted by speculators, and the village population is exploding due to mass migration to cities such as nearby Pondicherry.

Well over a dozen developments that are incongruous with Auroville's spirit already scar the Greenbelt. Over-exploitation of fragile natural resources is bound to affect Auroville and its bio-region rather soon.



GreenAcres

The campaign aims at securing 20 plots crucial for the immediate future of the Greenbelt. Auroville's Land Board has worked hard to update data, resulting in clarifying priorities in land purchase. The GreenAcres has been designed according to the landboards priorities, and land acquisitions will have maximum impact on Auroville's greenbelt. GreenAcres plots will actively support expansion of existing and creation of new Auroville eco developments.

The Auroville Greenbelt is a well-established Resource Center for eco-activities with projects ranging from organic farming, afforestation, bio-diversity, watershed and foodsecurity, to waste recycling, ecological building, sustainable transport, solar and wind energy, and more.

The Auroville Green Portal <http://www.green.aurovilleportal.org> presents a multimedia insight into some of the ongoing activities. We wish to strengthen its physical base by enhancing existing projects and starting new ones. There are detailed project proposals presented in the donor login of GreenAcres.

Make your green contribution !

GreenAcres information and donations www.colaap.org

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- Auroville International centers www.auroville-international.org.

See COLAAP for tax deductibility

A campaign of 'Lands for Auroville Unified' LFAU





ACRES FOR AUROVILLE PHASE 2 – 15 AUGUST 2015

What Sri Aurobindo
represents in the world,
history is not a teaching,
not even a revelation;
it is a decisive action
direct from the Supreme



On the auspicious occasion of Sri Aurobindo's birthday, the **Acres for Auroville** campaign is pleased to announce the launch of its **PHASE 2** action to secure a harmonious and consolidated land base for the City of Dawn.

A4A - PHASE 2 targets the entire CITY AREA, with its 4 zones – Residential, Cultural, Industrial, and International - that encircle the **Matrimandir**. Many key plots are urgently needed for a coherent urban center surrounding Auroville's heart. **Consolidating the CITY** is the Land Board's priority of priorities, and its team has asked **A4A** to help with the challenge!

Last year on August 15th, **Acres for Auroville** started an action that - thanks to the support of so many friends - met its funds target and enabled the **purchase of a vital Matrimandir area plot**. So, friends, let's do it again! Together let's make **A4A - Phase 2** another **great success!**

Let's give the Land Board the means for a unified Auroville!

ACRES FOR AUROVILLE is a joint action of **AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL & LFAU**

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1915 sketch of Sri Aurobindo by Johannes Hohlenberg, courtesy of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram Trust



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Auroville - 605 101, Tamil Nadu, India

Dear Friend,

A disciple once asked the Mother: You spoke of Sri Aurobindo's birth as "eternal" in the history of the universe. What exactly was meant by "eternal"? She replied: The sentence can be understood in four different ways on four ascending planes of consciousness:

1. **Physically, the consequence of the birth will be of eternal importance to the world.**
2. **Mentally, it is a birth that will be eternally remembered in the universal history.**
3. **Psychically, a birth that recurs forever from age to age upon earth.**
4. **Spiritually, the birth of the Eternal upon earth.**¹

The eternal relevance of Sri Aurobindo's birth obviously includes the relevance of the work the Master accomplished. Auroville, the City of Dawn envisioned by his collaborator the Mother, too, is a part of his work. This imparts tremendous relevance to Auroville. In this perspective, the **Acres for Auroville** campaign - launched by **Auroville International** and **Lands for Auroville Unified**, on Sri Aurobindo's birthday, August 15th, 2014 - too assumes a high significance.

The first target of A4A's action was to raise funds for missing plots in **the Matrimandir Area and the International Zone**. Now, at the completion of the first year, it is gratifying to note and to announce the campaign's two major successes:

- **98% success in reaching the funding target set for Phase 1**
- **the purchase of a key plot in very close proximity to the Matrimandir**

A4A's success has given the Land Board the means and confidence to enter into negotiations for purchasing missing plots when they come up for sale! And importantly, the idea and concept of **Acres for Auroville** have taken root. The task now is to nurture its growth!

We are pleased to announce that on Sri Aurobindo's birthday of August 15th, 2015, **Acres for Auroville: Phase 2** will formally be launched! Following the Land Board's request, **Phase 2 will widen its scope to include The City, Auroville's urban area as a whole**, comprising the Residential Zone, the Cultural Zone, the Industrial Zone, in addition to the Matrimandir and International Zones. Many **vital acres** need to be purchased for **protecting and unifying a vibrant, consolidated City center**.

We invite you join us in carrying the A4A torch forward! As with Phase 1, let us together make **Acres for Auroville - Phase 2** a glowing success!

With confidence in Auroville's bright future,

Aryadeep & Mandakini, along with Sigrid and Jothi
the Acres for Auroville team

¹ Quote from: *The Mother* (1957), Ref. CWM Vol. 13, p. 10