

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(A little later, concerning the last conversation: "On the surface, it's a very humble work, nothing sensational. There are no illuminations filling you with joy: all that is fine for people seeking spiritual joys - it belongs to the past.")

Yesterday I told Pavitra that all those realizations, all those... yes, these powers, gifts, constructions, manifestations, it all reminded me of the life of a travelling juggler. He was shocked. "Yes," I told him, "it's like a juggler's life - you go from fairground to fairground, displaying your feats of skill!" (*Laughter*). But it's true! (*Silence*) The more I go on, the more sober it gets. It's quiet, peaceful, with no fanfare, no make-believe, none of that. And it's not done with the idea that, well, if you keep on this way for some time, there'll be something dazzling at the other end - not at all. Because the other end is the new creation, so it's clear that.... How MANY steps will it take, how many incomplete or imperfect things, approximations, attempts - how many MINUSCULE realizations - for you to simply acknowledge, "Yes, indeed, we're on the way..."? For how many... oh, you could practically say centuries will it be like this before the glorious body of a supramental being appears?... Something came yesterday evening (it seemed like mere excitement to me); it was a power of creative imagination attempting to visualize supramental forms, beings that live in other worlds, and all sorts of things like that. I saw many things. But it seemed so... like champagne bubbles! "That's all very nice," I said, "for widening my power of imagination so I can present these forms to the Lord.... But it's not necessary!" (*Mother laughs*) It really seemed so.... There was a time when I considered it a great creative power (and many things that I saw in those moments of super-creativity, super-imagination, were actually realized years later on earth), and this time it came again (perhaps to give me a little fun, a little spectacle along the way), it came and I looked at it; I could see all its power, I could see it was something trying to materialize in the future, and I said, "What histrionics! Why go through all these theatrics?..." Jugglers. And it was supramental light, it originated in supramental light. How beings from other worlds would relate with the future beings, and all sorts of similar things - bedtime stories.

But the vibration was there, you see, high above and all around the earth, very powerful (it was all around the earth) and very strong, it seemed to be coming from other parts of the universe and trying to enter the earth's atmosphere to help it participate in those new combinations. And it all seemed like childishness to me - the whole universe seemed to be living in childishness. There was something so tranquil here - so tranquil, so calm and unhurried, not interested in showing anything off, but capable of living in an eternity of quiet effort and progress. It was here, immobile, watching all these things. Finally (the spectacle lasted all evening) when I lay down in bed for the night, I said to the Lord, "I don't need diversions, I don't need to see encouraging things - I only want to work calmly, quietly, IN You. You, You are the worker; You are here and You alone exist. You are the realizer." Then all grew silent, still, motionless - and the excitement waned. So you see, there's excitement in the universe too, if you're not careful! But my impression is that it simply complicates things - it clouds the issue, you know, it complicates things. Then you have to wait for the bubbles to subside before you can calmly set off again on your way towards the goal. Voilà, petit.

Can't we hope.... You know, sometimes there are abrupt mutations in evolution....

It can be, it's possible. It's possible, I don't say it isn't; it is possible, it can happen, but... more and more, the life allotted to this body is to do things without knowing it, to change the world without seeing it, and to... to ignore all that, to be absolutely unconcerned with the results. And (to be perfectly explicit) I have a feeling that to have access to the highest and purest Power, the very notion of "result" must disappear completely - the Supreme Power has no sense of result AT ALL. The sense of result is yet another rift between the essential, supreme Power, and the consciousness. In other words, it's because the consciousness begins to separate slightly [*from its identity with the Supreme Power*], that the sense of result is created, but otherwise it doesn't exist.

It's as if everything had to be... to be the Action, the eternal Action at each second of the Manifestation - THE thing. At each pulsation - which corresponds to time in the Manifestation - THAT alone is THE thing. And the idea of something having a result is already a distortion. Uninterrupted, with one link - the link of supreme Eternity. But the sense of consequences is false, it already implies a lowering of consciousness. So for me - even physically, in the midst of this whole hodgepodge of confusion, ignorance and stupidity - it all translates into: "I do things, and the results are none of my business." That's how it's expressed here in the body. It's a kind of liberation - I don't mean from worry or preoccupation, there's no question of that - but from the very IDEA of a consequence: it's this way because that's the way it is; it has to be this way, so it is. That's all. And at each second it's this way because it has to be, and so it is. And That repeats itself eternally, and it is this eternal Pulsation which is expressed in time by those gusts - I feel this very strongly, very strongly. It's a constant, spontaneous and very natural experience for me. The idea of something behind or ahead in time and so on is... a Truth changing from immutable Eternity into Eternity of manifestation. And it changes like this (*Mother makes a pulsating gesture*), exactly like gusts - puff, puff, puff.... Irresponsible gusts, like a child's soap bubbles, you might say. No sense of consequences - none, none whatsoever: puff, puff, puff... like that. It's an ever-present experience for me. So when people come to tell me their stories, I feel like my head is being shoved into some black mush, and I can't make out anything any more. They ask my advice about what to do... (*Mother laughs*). So now I almost invariably answer, "Do whatever you like, it doesn't matter!" (*Mother laughs*) Voilà.

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 31 August 1962

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

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

July 2015 Report

Regular members: Anandi (Auroville Board of Services), Chali (Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research), David (Forest group), Jeff (Farm group), Mandakini (Working Committee), Matriprasad (Auroville Council), Michael (Auroville Unity Fund) temporarily out of station (TOS), Rathinam (Budget Coordination Committee), Sauro (L'avenir d'Auroville), Sonja (Housing Service) resumed end-July, Ulli (Auroville Board of Commerce), and Mr. Srinivasmurthy (Finance & Administrative Officer, Auroville Foundation; currently Secretary-in-Charge).

TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

A. The Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) recommended, and FAMC approved, Inside Trust trustee reappointments of Joster, and Buntly.

B. The Auroville Board of Services (ABS) endorsed, and the FAMC approved, Auroville Village Action Trust trustee reappointments of Alain B., Anandi V., and Divya K.

C. The executives of Earth & Us, Min and Bindu, requested from the FAMC a 'green light' to do a Zero Waste project with the Tamil Nadu government. The FAMC members commented that it looks like a good project: there is no financial or other risk. The executives were informed to proceed. At the same time the FAMC asked them for an update on their last project presented to the FAMC, namely with ONGC. They were asked how they will meet all the human resource needs required by these two projects. They were also asked if they are collaborating with other related Auroville activities such as WasteLess.

D. Per an FAMC request, the ABC submitted a list of units that are not doing well financially and need to be reviewed. The FAMC are in the process of following up with some of the identified units.

FINANCE TOPICS

Varuna Auroville requested an overdraft of Rs. 45 lakhs to cover expenses during cash-flow delays. The overdraft was approved, with any running balance contributing back to Auroville for loss of income on funds as with ABC loans.

The Guest House Trust submitted a Trust Resolution accepting a Rs. 70 lakhs loan to the unit, Afsaneh Guest House, from the executive Afsaneh. FAMC approved the loan. The trustees were informed, for future Resolutions, to include the purpose of the loan and provide a balance sheet of the unit. Afsaneh has been asked to provide an updated estimate and plan in light of the fact that the L'avenir No Objection Certificate is from May 2011. FAMC inquired with L'avenir concerning the water capacity of the area as the loan is for a swimming pool.

LAND TOPICS

The Land Board (LB) continues to acquire lands for Auroville through purchase and exchange, all of which are brought to the FAMC for final approval. Details are available from the LB.

The LB requested fencing at Annapurna for land protection due to the highway boundary moving closer to the Auroville land. The request for fencing at Annapurna was approved (estimated Rs. 90,000.00).

There is a working paper entitled 'Land Board Consolidation Strategy'. The FAMC have invited a small team to discuss the proposal and develop it further including going into more details. Members of FAMC, LB, L'avenir d'Auroville, Green group, and the Working Committee have been invited to participate.

HOUSING TOPICS

The Housing Service asked the FAMC for ideas on how to support Aurovilians impacted by coastal erosion which has led

to loss of housing. Two Aurovilians are immediately in need: Bhaga, and Pavitra. FAMC have advised that Bhaga's relocation to Quiet be handled as an urgent priority. FAMC stated also that Pavitra's housing is expected to be handled as a priority by the Housing Service.

In connection with the above it was reported the fisherman villagers next to Quiet community obtained compensation from the Tamil Nadu state government for loss of their homes, and perhaps also livelihood, due to beach erosion. The FAMC asked the Working Committee to find out how, and under what conditions, the villagers received compensation and to look into the feasibility of Auroville applying for compensation due to loss of land and houses due to beach erosion at Quiet, Waves, Gokulam, and Repos communities.

OTHER TOPICS

Concerning the situation of New Service Farm, the Green group proposed to the FAMC that the farm be established as per the earlier arrangement, at the location adjacent to Sustenance Farm. The FAMC gave its full support to the Green group recommendations. This movement is in process of being reiterated and implemented involving all concerned. A subgroup met with Ramalingam, manager of Sustenance Farm, on site to go over details such as access, water, and fencing. FAMC will accelerate the implementation, which has taken already too long.

The FAMC and Working Committee (WCom) met and discussed various topics such as: a. the Kottakarai (Mangalam) situation; b. the proposed Mohanam village heritage centre (in collaboration with Puducherry Tourism Department); c. the Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI) project about which there is still some concern about the legal structure of a 'Society'; d. an AVC subgroup working on the new Entry Service mandate; e. the ongoing Eco Service crisis; f. WCom requested, and FAMC agreed, they will receive a copy of email communications to the Land Board concerning all land transactions; g. WCom shared with the FAMC, citing lack of information coming from the BCC, their idea to include one of their members in the BCC. Instead of adding another member the FAMC decided to write to the BCC recommending that they invite the WCom to meet to discuss how to improve the communication between them.

The Auroville Electrical Service (AVES) requested Rs. 61,620 to re-route an electrical line that crosses through private land and is used by several Auroville units and communities in the Kottakari area. FAMC authorized AVES to make a pro-rata calculation of all income-generating users of this electricity connection, to inform them of this action, and to obtain the money required from those units using electricity from that line. AVES was informed to proceed.

The FAMC received a request from Torkil, Daniel and others from the post-Retreat 'Economy Group/Integrated Entrepreneurship Lab' concerning the former Land Resources Management (LRM) wood yard. They proposed to create a 'Knowledge Centre' at that location. The FAMC advised Torkil and the others to contact the Town Development Council/L'avenir d'Auroville for a site permission, as per the normal procedure for projects that need a place.

The Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG) submitted their 'Conditions for Auroville Home Stays' document for input from the FAMC. The FAMC was still reviewing the document at the end of this reporting period.

The FAMC discussed the Auroville Council AuroNet posted Green group mandate. FAMC sent its concerns and feedback to the AVC: a. The AVC announcement should be clarified to state that this is a draft document and the AVC is open to discussion to make changes; b. Extend the time for community feedback; c. Please be sure both Forest and the Farm groups have sufficient opportunity to give input on the document. We are

advised this has not happened yet; d. As it is presently written, there is overlapping responsibility with other groups. This needs to be amended. e. If the Green group is proposed to have more than an 'advisory' role or to make recommendations, but to have decision-making authority, then the membership of the group should be based on a community approval. For example, Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) members are not nominated by the community and the ABC has mainly an advisory role; f. Development of the mandate, and process of approval, must be much more inclusive. The approval would need to be done as per the agreed-upon RA process, including an RA 'decision-making event'. A two week feedback notice on the AuroNet is not sufficient.

FOLLOWING UP FROM PREVIOUS REPORTS

FAMC reported in June about the rejuvenation of a Water Supervisory Board. Some feedback was received and it became clear that the next step is to meet together, with the individuals who participated in the former Water Supervisory Board as well as with some Aurovilians directly involved in water-related matters, to discuss in more detail how best to proceed. The FAMC is scheduling the meeting now.

The FAMC has informed Auroville Water Service that the ABS has been asked to recommend to the FAMC a third, active executive to the unit.

The Project Coordination Group has given input on a Fund raising procedure document. Once it is finalized it will be published as information for residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From BCC

Dear Community,
As you have noted earlier, the Working Committee has informed us that an amount in the order of Rs. 10 lakhs will be made available by the Auroville Foundation for repair and maintenance of Auroville's public buildings.

BCC hereby requests all caretakers of public buildings to submit a detailed proposal with estimates for the same. All final requests along with the estimates can be sent to: bccoffice@auroville.org.in with the subject line reading "Public building maintenance", by no later than **31 August 2015**. *If you have already submitted a proposal, it has been received; there is no need to resubmit.*

Thanking you and sincerely, BCC

De-sludging spot

Dear Community,
BCC has received this urgent request from PTW approved by the Forest Group for fencing and associated cost for a designated de-sludging spot.

- Cleaning the area: Rs. 2,400
- Granite pillars (7ft - with 2ft in ground) every 3m and 3mm-GI wire in 5 lines with double cross: Rs. 70,400
- JCB work for 2 days (Rs.650/h X 16hrs): Rs. 10,400
- Bamboo Gate (4m x 2m): Rs. 4,500

Total requested: Rs. 87,700

BCC has been following the topic and considering the urgency of the situation it has approved this amount. BCC thanks all parties who have helped in finding a suitable sludge treatment location.

Thanking you and sincerely, BCC

Houses for transfer

Pony Farm - Valentina's house: Sqm: 168.22. Single standing house with living room, bedroom, kitchen, toilet & storeroom. Fully protected by compound wall with big gate, suitable for family. Interested people, please contact Vika by email only: viktoriaauroville@hotmail.com

Vikas - Thananjayan's house: Sqm: 50. First floor (west), a living room, two bedrooms (big & small) with kitchen and toilet. Suitable for couple or small family.

Petite Ferme - Christiana's house: Sqm: 125.99. Ground floor with living room, bedroom, toilet & kitchen - parking will be shared. Suitable for couple or family

Petite Ferme - Dodo's house: Sqm: 134.05. First floor with living room, bedroom, toilet & kitchen - parking will be shared. Suitable for couple or family

Luminosity: Sqm: 39.18. Office space available in ground floor, contact Housing service.

Interested people, please contact the Auroville Housing Service by phone: 2622-658 or email: housing@auroville.org.in

OBITUARY

Travelshop Petra



It was with shock that the community received the news of the sudden passing of our good friend and sister Petra Janko, who left her body at the age of 55 in Pondy's General Hospital in the early morning of 17 August. At the time she was with her husband, who lives in Pondy, and felt unwell after which she was taken to the hospital.

Hailing from Germany, Petra joined Auroville in 1999 and lived in Auromodele.

Most of us know her for the quiet and dependable way in which she coordinated Inside India's Travelshop for a great many years. She had just now left the Travelshop last year, ready to further explore new and more creative activities in Auroville and in herself.

While the Auroville Farewell team has offered its services, we understand that Mr Hari, her husband, will take care of the cremation in Pondicherry when Petra's relatives have arrived. It is planned for coming Saturday 22nd; place & time will be posted on AuroNet so that her Aurovillian friends can share in that moment. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Petra's husband and family.

The community mourns this young loss of life. Farewell, Petra, and thank you for having been with us. OM-

Invitation to all those looking for new housing projects

After the completion of phase 1 of Maitreya, we continue our effort to make more cost-effective houses. We have some flats available in the housing project called Serenity for singles, couples and families. There is also provision for modular office spaces. We are open to receive applications for booking the different flats and offices. People interested can contact: Sonali: sonali@auroville.org.in - Mobile: 9443263394 / Min: minhajameen@gmail.com - Mobile: 9486750671 / Joseba: joseba@auroville.org.in - Mobile: 9486536502

For the Serenity team: Sonali, Min and Joseba

The Integral Entrepreneurship Lab (IEL) report

Building on collective knowledge about Human Resource Management

"How can I keep control over the quality of my clay products once I start hiring people?" "How can I retain talented women employees once they get married?" "How should I design my project so that it can cope with seasonal demand?"

Aurovillians have built projects that they are passionate about. They want to make sure that they give their customers the right product quality; they would like to pass their passion on to their team. And they are really keen to get practical advice from peers.

This was the objective of the HR Forum held last Saturday by IEL at Vérité. That day, the famous Aurovillian Pizza boxes from Tanto contained food for thought. Organized around 4 stands, tools currently in use by successful Aurovillian ventures like Marc's coffee, Upasana or Svaram were presented to help new project holders address their most urgent HR challenges.

The idea was to share experience and best practice among peers. After a round of introduction of the different tools, we discussed in 2 circles the most popular topics:

- How do I make sure that I build an organisation culture that is aligned with my values?
- How do I make my employees feel that training is a reward rather than a punishment?

Finally, inspired by the discussion, everyone wrote a plan for his own project.

What did the group like best?

The open exchange of past experiences in the discussion circle. The opportunity for informal discussion at the coffee break. The fact that we left with an action plan

What are the next steps?

The next session will be hosted before the end of September, and the selected topic is **marketing**. Join us there! Please share any useful templates / methods with us at: iel@auroville.org.in

Big thanks to: The Vérité team for kindly hosting the event; The Integral Entrepreneurship Lab experts for sharing their knowledge; Petra, who just started to get excited about the prospect of working with AV startups; The UnLtd volunteers for their enthusiasm; The Aurovillians for their active participation!

SVA & Sankalpa

During a two-week intensive credit course on "Multicultural Issues in Art Therapy" with graduate students from NYC's School of Visual Arts (SVA), we explored humility and cultural understanding in many meaningful ways. Art was our common vehicle for meeting, playing, learning and reflecting realities. The common dynamic of an educated foreigner imposing knowledge onto the local population was reversed, consciously putting local women and children in positions of strength and leadership. Traditional art forms were explored and appreciated in new ways by all, facilitating empowerment and connection within short-term work together. Our exchange successfully provided experiential awareness of themes including hierarchy, power, privilege, poverty, disability, and biases; all regularly processed in supervision/class sessions. Each student brought curiosity, sensitivity and a presence that continues to have a positive ripple effect in and around our community.

One of many insights highlighted by this group (and particularly relevant to life in Auroville), is the deep connection between meditation and art therapy. Both aim to establish awareness and acceptance, often articulated without words. Especially within the context of community, awareness and acceptance of the self is just as important as discovering both in others. A meditation practice naturally evolved to be included several times throughout most days in the program, allowing us to joyously and collectively embody consciousness together.

Many joined us for our culminating process-based exhibition, including response pieces and the co-creation of a mandala with flowers and grains. Several Tamil neighbors entered Auroville for the first time in the role of participant instead of a worker, being able to engage in an art activity and gathering based in true equality among all ages, genders, ethnicities, socioeconomic backgrounds, and cultures. I will accompany and present our work in NYC when this exhibition is replicated at SVA in NYC this October! We will collaborate with SVA in another program in the summer of 2016, and we invite inquiries about engaging more Aurovillians with these students.

Gratitude to Iyyappan Jayamurthy for coordination, organization and generous sharing of local wisdom; our angelic volunteer Sarah Wray from Australia for so naturally complementing our vision and needs; Ilango and Purushotem for smiling while supporting us throughout; Joy GH team for accommodating and integrating us into the campus community; to the students and faculty of the SVA MPS Art Therapy program for traveling here and opening the doors for mutual learning; to the women and staff of Life Education Center for our increasingly meaningful collaboration over the past 4 years; to the people of Bharatipuram/Kottakarai and other surrounding villages who bravely joined us at the Art Cart and events in the last two weeks; Kalsang & Namgyal for holding what we shared so spontaneously in the sacred Pavilion of Tibetan Culture; Rubi & Shilpi for help with saris, Edo for photos; and to the extended community of Auroville for welcoming and providing the platform for this exchange to be possible.

Krupa for Sankalpa: Art Journeys, a sub-unit of Thamarai
Website: sankalpajourneys.com - Photos/updates: facebook.com/sankalpajourneys
Contact: krupa@auroville.org.in

POSTINGS

Regarding the Golden Fund Appeal

(In the last News and Notes, number 610 on 15th of August) - We are glad to know about this fund and regarding the need for funds, we are thinking that one of the solutions could be that at least half of the monthly personal contribution to

Auroville could go to the Golden Fund. Another idea, which is connected with this one, is to create a community that would have as its main purpose to care for the specific needs of the senior Aurovillians, living there.

Victoria and Sharanam

Senior Care Group - A prayer

Dearest friends of Goupi, Maria Grazia and ARKA team - We, from the Senior Care Group, thank you for these clear, bright and direct words! Yes, of course, we immediately need a place for our elderly friends who need care on a 24-hour basis! The Senior Care Group has already been planning for over four years a nice little place near ARKA and SANTE, but we cannot get the building permission! Dear community, please pray to the Mother and send a lot of energy to make some progress for the "Assisted Living Home" in Auroville!

Thanking you, *Ingrid Nielsen (Ingrida) [Diploma in Socio-Economy, with 40 years of experience with mental-disabled, handicapped and elderly people.]*

Remembrance

Dear Community members, ten years ago in August 2005, Aurovilian Jehuda Szlezzynger-Nam left us suddenly. I would like to remember him by expressing my heartfelt thanks to all the

community members who have supported me in many ways during this last decade.

Jung / Yantra

Ecoservice Phone Number

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

We are happy to get emails as this works the best for us: Ecoservice@auroville.org.in

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

Ecoservice Team

Message from Hairdressing (Ladina)

Hello, this is to inform you that my phone is temporarily out of order. I'm sorry if I missed your call. For Hairdressing appointments I should be available by the beginning of next week. Thank you, *Ladina*

A V A I L A B L E

Royal Enfield

2007 model Bullet 5 speed Gear with self-start, well maintained, all papers are in order including non-pollution certificate and TN Registration Contact: Siddhartha Forest, *Boobalan*: 9787084506, boobalanbullet@auroville.org.in.

PC with Ubuntu14.04 updated

In perfect condition. Contact *Eric*: 9443362291 or auzolan@auroville.org.in - Thank you, *Eric*

Translations German-English

Translations, tutoring, proofreading in German, German-English or English-German, by qualified double-language Aurovilian. Ggf bring your own textbook. Gratis. Phone *Merry*,

Prayatna: 2623581 (no computer). Start anytime, guests welcome.

Queen sized work tree bed

Size (200x150x45 cm) with coconut mattress, both in very good condition .if interested please email: dodo@auroville.org.in - *Dodo*

A cycle

Brand New Silver Conclave Atlas suspension bicycle. It was bought in April 2015, stood for May and June 2015, used again July and August 2015. Contact *Coco*: on 9787 690 694 or by email: coco.o.rodin@gmail.com

L O O K I N G F O R ...

Household Items

If you have any furniture or any household items that you don't need anymore, please phone us. It might be suiting for our house. Thank you, *Francisco and Durga*

Singing Bhajan

If someone knows how to sing some Bhajan songs and finds the patience to teach me, I'd be very grateful and happy to learn. *Francisco*, phone: 9159676139

Seeking mentor/ guide

Claudia Roth <http://www.consciouslab.org/meet-the-team/>, Co-Founder of ConciuosLab, UK (<http://www.consciouslab.org/>) is visiting Auroville from 30th November 2015 to 10th December 2015 with the intention of writing a book to bring forth spirituality into hospitality industry. Claudia believes that her book will plant seeds in creating a world of beauty and abundance based on spiritual values. While believing in the Mother's teaching "And the Divine Help shall always be with you", Claudia is hoping to benefit from the people in the place of "material and spiritual research". Claudia is seeking mentor(s) to be friend, philosopher and guide in manifesting her book. She is also seeking helpful information/ guidance in publishing the book (in paper or electronic form). If you would like to help, please mail to: Claudia@claudia-roth.com

PS: I met Claudia in Auroville and also did a workshop at ConciuosLab in June 2013. *Submitted by JV*

Work

Parvadam, working at Unity Pavilion in the morning, is looking for work in the afternoons. She has been working for Unity Pavilion for 8 months. She cleans well, is pleasant and knows a little English. If you are interested, please phone either 9626862747 (Radakrishnan - husband) or 2623576 - *Unity Pavilion*.



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

Water proofing paint

Dear community, I am looking for water proofing paint. If anyone has any extra on hand they would like to sell or get rid of please let me know. Preparing for the coming rains... Thank you! Contact *Jeremy*: 9489322615 or jeremy@auroville.org.in

2 mattresses needed

Nadia and Clapton, staying at the Unity Pavilion would need two mattresses. We are reachable at: nadia@auroville.org.in, mobile 99 4 33 07 817. Best, *Nadia and Clapton*

LOST & FOUND

Black sport sunglasses (lost): On Wednesday 12th of August in Visitor Center or in Bharat Nivas, or on the way, if you found them please contact me: Susana, phone: 9489918603. Thanks, *Susana*

THANK YOU

Gratitude

Dear friends,

The miracle indeed happened and the Peace Bell did arrive to Auroville on the 15th of August, during the dawn bonfire! Its travel from Moscow to Auroville was unbelievably fast and took only 11 days. I am deeply grateful to all those who joined us in our efforts and prayers - with the goodwill of people from 23 countries we made it possible! A special thank you to Ricardo and his team for taking the challenge and making the beautiful wooden stand for the Bell in a very short time. Also my gratitude to the Amphitheater team for their continued support.

The Peace Bell has found its first home in the Pavilion of Tibetan culture. Once the preparatory work is finished, it will be open for public access - I will keep you informed about the details.

I take this opportunity to remind you that we still need 90,000 rupees to cover the expenses for the project. Your contributions, to the FS account number: 251862, are very much appreciated. For details please write to: vera.auroville@gmail.com

In Love and Gratitude,
Vera Lipen

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting1

For long or short term for the end of September. Serious, precise and reliable (Newcomer working at Matrimandir). Contact *Roberto Longo*: roberto@auroville.org.in

House sitting2

Hello fellow Aurovilians and friends of Auroville: My name is Meenakshi. I have been living and working in Auroville since January 2012 and I am at the end of my Newcomer period. I am

looking for a housing solution for myself and for my family (my son Sasha 9 yrs. and husband Sean). We are easy people, we love animals and can take care of your house, plants, etc., for you while you are away. It could be a short-term or long-term housing arrangement. If you or someone you know might have a place for us, please contact me at: meenakshilall@auroville.org.in or call me at: 9159369268. With Gratitude and love, *Meenakshi*

TAXI SHARING

August 26th: I am arriving 10:45 am. on 26th of August. Who wants to share the taxi, arriving or leaving around the same time?

Contact: *Theresa*, theresa.grantham@gmail.com. (New Zealand mobile number +64 223134893)

26th August: Taxi leaving from Auroville at 12.30 pm for Chennai airport and coming back from Chennai airport around 4 p.m. that is, starting for Auroville. If anyone would like to share the taxi please contact mitadg@gmail.com or phone 9751382068. *Mita*

August 28th: I will be arriving at Chennai Airport at 0.45am on the 28th of August. For those who intend to go to Auroville or have someone sending them to the airport and then returning to Auroville at around this date and time, please contact me as I would like to share a cab or transport. *Maggie*: nanzhiqueren@sina.com

August 29th: Must leave for Chennai Central by 3 pm on Saturday the 29th of August 2015. Is there anyone or "any two" :) who would like to share a taxi? it could be to come back from Chennai to Auroville also. I am flexible; I can leave earlier but unfortunately not later. Contact *Coco*: 9787 690 694 or by email: coco.o.rodin@gmail.com / coco.o.rodin@auroville.org.in

August 30th: Taxi leaving from Auroville at 8.45 am for Chennai airport and coming back from Chennai airport at 1.30 pm for Auroville. If anyone would like to share the taxi, please contact: mitadg@gmail.com or phone 9751382068. *Mita*

September 3rd: Arriving at Chennai airport Thursday 3rd of Sept. at 8.45 am. Taxi sharing from and to Auroville is possible. Please email: tine@auroville.org.in or call 9843875662 or 0413 2909619. Thank you, *Tine*

HEALTH

Free Diabetic and Hypertension camp

Dear Friends,

The Auroville Health Centre is happy to inform you that a Free Diabetic and Hypertension camp with a 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.

Note also that there will be a Free Ayurvedic Diagnostic camp by Dr Geeta on 24 Aug 2015 from 9 am to 12 noon, at Av Health Centre.

Thank you and regards, *Av HC*

Jade Beautysalon

I am back and happy to welcome you from Monday the 25th of August.

Facials, manicure, pedicure, waxing, treatments for any kind of skin problems.
Beauty, the smile of the Divine - feel good with yourself!
Call for appointment: 809 876 0113
With love, *Julia*

Tibetan doctor visit

This is to inform you that the Tibetan doctor and the team will be visiting us on Saturday the 22nd of August 2015. For information and an appointment please call @ 0413 2622401 or @ 8489067332. You are requested to come from the International zone road. Avoid coming through Bharat Nivas.
Thank you, *Pavilion of Tibetan Culture*

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners,

At the radio the last couple of weeks we have been busy in covering the major events happening in Auroville - we are still focused on moving forward on the FM broadcasting license and other related issues. We wish that Miriam finds a place (to steward or build) that her family can call "home", we make an appeal to stewards and groups to help find solutions for her, as a team we will help her to raise funds as needed.

Andrea and Renu are working on the formulation of the fund-raising campaign for the radio station which will start in September.

Our new radio team member Prem is fully involved in the upgrading of the electrical system and the management of our computers & network. Prem is also using his skills for the preparation of the documents we'll send to the Ministry of Broadcasting. Prem and Rema are also looking for a place to stay in Auroville ASAP.

We are always looking for volunteers with skills in APP for iPhone & Android and website experts to help us in designing and upgrading our future Auroville Radio and Auroville TV sites.

Audio producers and journalists are welcome to join the radio team at any time. Please drop in at AurovilleRadio in the morning.

The coming 29th of August the Auroville Radio will join the Botanical Gardens for their 10-year celebration, giving live updates and an open mike to participants.

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.

The Birth of the Flame (Performing Arts 16/08/2015)

The new Peace Bell of Russian Singing Bells has arrived in Auroville on time for the Birth of the Flame -[Sound, 48 Minutes]

Int.Youth Day Stage Presentations (Kids & Youth 14/08/2015)

Stage Presentations celebrating International Youth Day, organized by Youth Link a day of events, shows, stalls etc. - [English, 68 Minutes]

Int.Youth Day - Interviews (Kids & Youth 14/08/2015)

Short interviews with the participants of the lively International Youth Day Event held on Aug 12 -[English, 24 Minutes]

Peace Bell (The Path 14/08/2015)

Vera talks about the Peace Bell which is due to arrive for the Sri Aurobindo's birthday celebrations. -[English, 22 Minutes]

Celebrations, Dawnfire (News from Auroville 13/08/2015)

Featuring Vera with update on the new Bell of Peace arriving on the 15th. Krupa and Kylie on art therapy. -[English, 21 Minutes]

Selections par Gangalakshmi-50 (Teachers 13/08/2015)

Selections par Gangalakshmi, cette semaine; Extrait de Evolution 2 par Satprem. -[French, 25 Minutes]

Johnny's adventure-intro (Healing 12/08/2015)

Johnny is recovering at Sante. Listen to this introduction that sets the scene for what happened next. -[English, 6 Minutes]

High Spirits (Music 12/08/2015)

Searching for sacred indigenous music with meditative, healing and spiritual values. -[English, 67 Minutes]

Youth and Sri Aurobindo (News from Auroville 10/08/2015)

IYD 12th of August at Bharat Nivas. Scenes from Savitri on 16th, 17th at 7pm at Park of unity in MM. -[English, 11 Minutes]

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

S P O R T S

Badminton Tournament and Inauguration of the New Badminton court at Certitude

To celebrate the Sri Aurobindo's birthday and Independence Day, LCTB (Let's Connect through Badminton) team would like to conduct the 3rd annual Badminton Tournament in the newly built Badminton court at Certitude Sports Ground.

This time we will only be holding matches for our community players and the categories are: Junior girls doubles, Junior boys doubles, Women doubles and Men's doubles.

Event details:

Inauguration of the court will be on Friday 28th August at 5pm

Matches will start from Friday 28th of August at 5.15 pm with the junior girl's matches and the rest of the matches will regularly happen in the evenings till we reach the finals of all the categories.

We will keep you posted of the upcoming matches.

Registration

Registrations of all categories are open from Wednesday 19th of August and will be closed on Wednesday 26th of August.

We invite all players to register themselves and come and enjoy the moment together and have fun!!!!!!

For registration please contact: *Bharathy:9751110018 / Manickam: 9443001761 / Palani: 9443535172*

Notes

Elixir of Life

"Every soul is the microcosm of the macrocosm. Every soul has all it needs deep within" (Eilen Caddy, co-founder of Findhorn Foundation, an international spiritual community in northern Scotland, in her book "Footprint on the Path", Findhorn, 1976, 1991, p. 181).

Four Aurovillians (Ambre, Joss, Kavitha and Marti) visited Findhorn in July. Kavitha published some words of her impressions (N&N, 25 July this year, p. 6-7). Some Aurovillians visit Findhorn from time to time. The community has about 250 residents in the centre and 500 in a wider circle. It was born 17 Nov. 1962 in a semi-desert place with poor soil. Now it is a green oasis with a park and organic farming. Only 6 persons started Findhorn: a family (husband, wife, three boys) and their friend Eilen Caddy.

If I think about the Findhorn's pioneers, I remember the Knights of the Round Table, King Arthur, Merlin the Wizard and Fata Morgana (King Arthur's sister, great witch, Merlin's level). In a previous incarnation Eilen Caddy was named Fata Morgana. Findhorn's pioneers created in Scotland a round table for the spiritual and ecological knights of the world. The Quest of the Holy Grail was a success in the community. It is the Elixir of Life. The globalization of greed, merchandising, consumerism, commercialism, corruption, kills the planet's life. But Findhorn created a net of ecovillages and they fight against the dark forces on Earth. The Veda's sages wrote about this event: *"Darkness has passed away - the Light is arriving"*. The ancient Greeks had Nike - the victory's goddess. She has arrived now in Findhorn and helps the community in its battles against the asuras.

According to numerology Findhorn's number is one - Auroville's number is nine. One means coolness, rain and wind. Nine means heat and Surya the sun. The main time for the visitors in Findhorn is the summer, in Auroville the winter. But in both communities evolution transforms, step by step, the residents in demi-gods and god-people.

Boris

Scenes from Savitri - a sumptuous leisurely treat at Matrimandir!

If someone warmly invites you for a lunch or a dinner and gives you many tasty dishes in a very pleasant environment, it is called "a sumptuous meal", "a sumptuous treat". Well, on 16 (and 17) August evening, Aryamani and her team gave a sumptuous spiritual treat in one of the gardens of Matrimandir!

A calm serenity of evening, a small foothold in the midst of a pool of clean water, a two dimensional mini-amphitheater, a sloppy lawn of the garden in the vicinity of a prodigious banyan and a gorgeous golden building - stars in the sky!

Even before you reach the destination of the drama, you hear Sanskrit hymns in a slow rhythmic voice in the neighborhood. You go near them and sit for a few minutes. If you close your mind and just listen to the hymns, you get the priceless glimpse of pre-historic times, of the Vedic or even pre-Vedic times, of an Ashram of aspirants in a deep forest.

At the actual performance site a few meters away: "The Master's Voice" Otto and Srimoyee, the mature experienced voice of Charu (as Narad), the self-constrained voice of one who played as Savitri - all supplanted by tranquil background music made the Scenes from Savitri a sumptuous (spiritual) treat!

The selection of lines from Savitri was very concise, just enough to make it a short story and yet without discarding the metaphysical or the cosmic evolutionary content Sri Aurobindo put in his poem.

Laying down on the lush green grass, looking at times at the stars in sky, at times at the singers of the hymns around the fire in their white robes, at times viewing and listening to the ongoing drama, I felt as if I was in a high quality academic institution made up of deeply committed artists and a refined cultured audience. Obviously, Aryamani and the actors have perfected their art, their craft over the years.

I was also reminded of a scene - in front of an ancient Greek site where artists play some drama every year (Photo on the AV Intranet).

Finally, a new perception of the future is emerging among many futurists - they call it the End of Work. Thanks to the exponential technology, robotics and 3D printing and the hosts of other things, most of the work we human do will be done and done better by machines.

So what will people do then? Neil Jacobstein, an expert of Artificial Intelligence at the Singularity University says: *"Exponential technologies may eventually permit people to not need jobs to have a high standard of living. People will have many choices with how they utilize their time and develop a sense of self-esteem - ranging from leisure normally associated with retirement, to art, music, or even restoring the environment. The emphasis will be less on making money and more on making contributions, or at least creating an interesting life."* (Ref. *"Abundance - The future is better than you think"* by Peter Diamandis & Steven Kotler)

Since Auroville is expected to take a bold leap into the future, it is only appropriate that with programmes like "Scenes from Savitri" and what art therapist Aurovillian Krupa of Sankalpa is doing, we could show the way to how life can be made interesting and meaningful in the coming era of abundance and end of work as we know it.

Aryadeep

PS: End thought - today AV is a small community but it will develop into a universal township of 50,000 people.

New Entry Proposal

Four or five years ago, I got involved with two issues which have stayed with me all this time. One is the way the Working Groups were taking decisions, the other one...well never mind!

I got especially involved with the Entry issue and how it had become a very bureaucratic and impersonal administrative process...I have no intention to describe the whole process and the intensity of my involvement on these issues...but I would like to mention the very positive experience I had with the Entry Task Force (*we decided not to present our proposal but some very deluded Aurovillians still think that our proposal was rejected by the community...*) which I thought would be my final involvement, but then again, I also felt

that I was not over with it, and finally decided to join the group set up by the AVCouncil to look into a new Entry Proposal. This proposal has been published on the Intranet for feedback etc...and now I can finally feel that my involvement with this issue is over!

It is necessary and important to understand its spirit and where this proposal is differing from all previous policies - understanding what a mentor is and that ALL Aurovilians are potentially mentors who will help and assist the Newcomers and the Entry Service through the newcomer process etc...it is a different way for participating in an important service.

I am taking a break from the Entry Policy as I have given all I could; now I can surrender and accept what the community will decide (strangely enough after all this time, I feel I am completely detached).

Thank you to the AVCouncil and to all the Aurovilians who have participated in this effort.

Santo



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 I.

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



House-Warming at the "Auroville Budokan"

Sunday 30th August 2015 - Between 10 and 11.30am

It has been a month since we have started practicing Aikido in our brand new Dojo at Dehashakti/Dana and we would like to invite all the students, their relatives/parents, friends, well... the community, to come and see this superb place, the "Auroville Budokan" (House of Martial Arts). Please join us on Sunday the 30th in the morning.

Refreshments will be served. We say "House-Warming" as we will do a formal inauguration later this year with the Governing Board, the Auroville Foundation, SAIER team, and everybody who has been or is related to the project, and the community. The Auroville Radio, -Auroville TV and outside media will also be invited for we will inaugurate the very first Aikido Dojo of India!

Gratitude, Cristo, Surya and N. Murugan

Schedule and information: budokan@auroville.org.in - <http://www.auroville.org/contents/2841>

Auroville Botanical Gardens 15th anniversary

All Afternoon till Dark

15th anniversary of your

sat 29 AUG

from 2pm Hourly Garden Tour

3.00 Treasure Hunt

4.30 Genius Brothers Intervention

AUROVILLE BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Teachers Center

Invites teachers and parents to the next Conversation on Integral Education.

This week the topic will be

"Integral education from Sri Aurobindo's perspective"

A discussion and exploration of elements that constitute an education aimed at the growth of consciousness which can realise 'an unending education, constant progress and a youth that never ages'.
The conversation will be facilitated by Deepti, who has been in Auroville for the past four decades, teaching, working with teenagers and young adults for 30 of those years.

Welcome!

Where: Teachers Center, SAIER
When: Tuesday 25th of August at 4-5.30 pm



Children/Youth (8 To 20 year) from Auroville and surrounding villages
Are invited to participate in Mohanam's weekly arts classes:

Saturday

Nun Chaku (similar to karate) - 08.00 am - 9.30 am

Sunday

Silambam (traditional martial arts) - 08.00 am to -09.30 am

Classical dance - 8.30 am to 9.45 am

Mohiniattam - 9.30 am to 10.45 am

Western fusion - 10.30 am to 11.30 am

Street theatre - 3 pm to 4 pm

Place: Bamboo forest (Near Imagination, LEC, Isaiambalam School)
Contact: email: mohanamprogram@gmail.com / Phone, 0413- 2623806 (Anand, Madhu)



Yatra Multimedia invites you to the release function of the short film

"THOOTHUVARKAL"

Written and Directed by Yatra Srinivassan

on Saturday 22nd August 2015 at 7p.m. at Yatra Multimedia (Near New Creation Sport's Ground, Auroville).

Thiru A. Charles Radj, M.A., M.Com., B.Sc., B.G.L., B.Ed., D.L.L., D.S.W.,
Principal and Correspondent, Mother Theresa Hr. Sec., School, Murungapakkam, Pondicherry
Is going to hand over a copy of the film to
Thiru. P. Boopathy, M.Sc., B.Ed., NSS Co-ordinator, Education Department, Puducherry

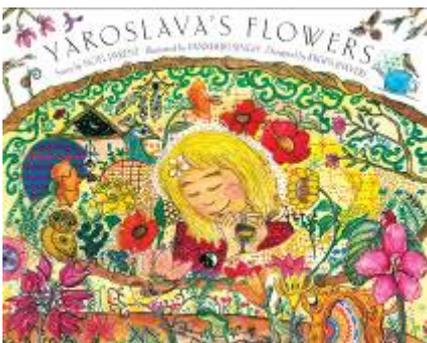
We cordially invite you to celebrate with us and watch our recently produced film.

"MOHAM" a stage play

Directed by Yatra Srinivassan and performed by Yatra Theatre Team.

Venue: Yatra Multimedia

Near New Creation - Kuilapalayam, Auroville - 605 101 / Phone: 0413-2623 071 / Yatramultimedia@gmail.com



Yaroslava's Flowers:

New Children's Book Launch and Planting!

Date: Sunday, August 30th

Time: 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Location: Sankalpa Art Dome, International Zone
(Next to Tibetan Pavilion and Canadian Inuksuk)

We would like to invite all the Children of Auroville, young and old, to the launch of the new children's book, *Yaroslava's Flowers*, a story about a young girl whose love for flowers takes her on an adventure that reveals the Magic and Grace of flowers. By revealing their spiritual names, as inspired by The Mother, the flowers also reveal their ability to change the world around and within us.

The event will include a short presentation, followed by a special planting of seeds and other plants to help Beautify the space around Sankalpa Art Dome and the International Zone. Books will also be sold!

The book was written by Noel Parent, Illustrations by Pankhuri Singh, Layout/Design by Krupa Jhaveri - - With grant support from PCG and Stichting De Zaaier
Thank You All!!

Meditation with Hymns to the Mystic Fire by Sri Aurobindo

Weekly Vedic poetry reading of Agni hymns from the Rig-Veda by Nishtha Savitri Bhavan, every Friday 5:30 to 7:00 pm

As late as the mid-1940s Sri Aurobindo revised around 100 of his earlier translations of Agni hymns, and in addition translated around 60 more for the first time. From this one can conclude how much importance he gave to these unique inspirations of the Vedic Rishis, which, being himself a seer-poet, he was able to render in a very powerful way.

These weekly sessions include readings of Sri Aurobindo's English renderings of selected hymns to Agni as published in *Hymns to the Mystic Fire*, as well as recitation of the same hymns in the original (metrically restored) Vedic language. Interested participants may singly or collectively recite the selected hymns so as to get in direct touch with the Vedic Sanskrit. (For those who would like to come but cannot do so on Fridays another day could also be found.)

All are welcome.

EXHIBITIONS



«U» Agni Art Exhibition by Elena Akhmetshina

22nd August - 5th September, opens Sat Aug 22nd at 6 pm
At Pitanga

Created by live fire and water, a series of paintings on the themes of Mudras and the Unity of man and animal, Advaita and the Unity of States of Being, Spontaneity and the Unity of Fire and Art.

An exhibition where the artist disappears.

TALKS, SEMINARS

"A critique of the current belief and accelerating trend toward high-rise high-density as the panacea" By Ashok Lall

Talk on 22nd August 2015 - Saturday at the Multimedia Centre, Town hall Complex, from 17.00 to 17.30 hrs
Followed by Q&A with a panel comprising of Sanjay Prakash, Tamnay Tathagath and Dean D'Cruz - all well known in India for their work in Sustainable Habitat.

Ashok's talk will cover: Genesis of high rise living, 'social health' of high rise living, limits of density, economics of high rise development, environmental outputs, land utilization and mobility.

Ashok Lall is an architect from New Delhi, Ex-dean of the TVB school of Architecture - ND, was convener of the Delhi Urban Arts Commission Work group on Energy. He is well-known for his works which include recent projects like the Indian Institute of Health Management Research - Jaipur; Sehgal Foundation - Gurgaon and Development Alternatives World Headquarters - New Delhi. He is a well-wisher of Auroville and has helped with inputs on planning and architecture whenever requested by Auroville.

This talk is organised as part of a two-day meeting held in Auroville by the Gubbi Alliance for Sustainable Habitat. Gubbi Alliance is a self-funded association of habitat professionals and researchers who seeks to mainstream sustainability as a core concern in design, policy and habitat management. Gubbi Group began with a gathering of like-minded professional in a village called Gubbitoda, outside Bangalore in 2008. Committed to critically examine debate and contribute to the domain of sustainable development.

This year, the meeting's topic is "affordable housing" and is organised in Auroville on the 22nd and 23rd of August 2015.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Patchwork Ensemble's ILA

Date: Sunday, 23rd August
Time: 7 pm. Venue: Adishakti

Synopsis: Inspired by a lesser known myth, Ila is a devised piece that looks at gender, its related myths and dilemmas and the importance they play in our lives today. With ever-changing landscapes (sometimes in ancient land and sometimes in the local trains of Mumbai) and leaps in time, this chorus takes the audience through a provocative, playful and exciting journey that questions what it means to "be a woman/man and everything in between".

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

NO. ACROYOGA CLASS IN AUGUST.

We start again in September.

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

25th 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: 'Savitri'

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

QUIET HEALING CENTER

Watsu & Liquid Flow Basic with Dariya & Daniel

Tuesday 1 - Sunday 6 September 2015 (6 afternoons)

1.30 - 6.00 PM (27 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 0413 2622329 / 9488084966)

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

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

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

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY

A two-day introductory workshop with Amir Sat 29th & Sun 30th Aug, at ATB hall, Transition school.

A space to go within and perceive the different planes that form the being - with activities and games that nurture the learning process of increasing our capacity to be present.

For more information visit the ATB websites:

awarenessthroughthebody.com/ / atbwithamir.com

To sign up, mail Amir at: atbwithamir@gmail.com. or feel free to contact Amir or Tamar at 9751257709 / 96.

INTENSIVE CIRCUS WORKSHOP

Aerial, juggling, and balancing skills

On Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd

Limited space. Info and booking Kalou: 7639405194

Every Monday circus class with Romain Timmers

Acrobatic, aerial, balancing work, juggling...

Please wear yoga type clothing.

From 4 pm to 6 pm at Eluciole circus - Miracle community

FAMILY CONSTELLATION BY MOGHAN

Place: in Creativity's "Hall of Light"

Time: on Sunday 30th August from 09.00 till 18.00

Registration: confirm your presence by SMS on cellphone: 9751110486

CLASSICAL BALLET CLASSES

For students between the age of 10 and 16 only!

'Designed to create mindfulness in gestures, movements through space and steps composed to Classical Music, leading to 'performing' vocabulary!'

Wednesday 4:00 to 5:00 pm/ Friday 3:00 to 5:00 pm

New Creation Dance Studio

Grace is now fully recovered from cancer she had and feels strong and as a joyful dancer wishes to take up these classes with you! She insists you attend both classes a week in order to make progress. If the Friday class is not convenient for you, she could create an additional class on request!

To contact Grace *Gitadelila*: allgrace@auroville.org.in (0)413-2623446

VERITE WORKSHOP

FATE OR CHOICE? (FAMILY) CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP

Saturday 29 August - from 9 am to 4.45 pm - with Yuval

In our lives hidden dynamics can unconsciously create our fate. To become aware of them, we can bring back choice by applying (family) constellation techniques.

YUVAL is a life & business coach.

Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshop: 0413 2622045 or programming@verite.in

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

F I L M S



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

Reminder: Friday 21 August - Les Visiteurs du Soir / *THE DEVIL'S ENVOYS* by Marcel Carné

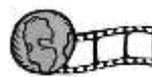
FRIDAY 28 AUGUST- 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7:45 sharp)

"TOKYO STORY"

Director: Yasujiro OZU - Japan, 1953

Synopsis: Tomi and Sukichi, played by Ozu regulars Chiyeko Higashiyama and Chishu Ryu, are an elderly couple who make the arduous journey to Tokyo to visit their grown-up children, only to discover that they are just too busy with their professional lives and young families to find any time for them. The only person who does care is their daughter-in-law Toriko, widowed after their son - her husband - was declared missing in the Second World War. Toriko has work pressures as well, but she spends time with this poor old couple who are the last link to her vanished husband. Like them, she is lonely and secretly afraid of the future. The actress Setsuko Hara, with her beauty and sheer decency, continues to inspire a passionately protective emotion in Ozu fans whenever they see this outstanding classic from Japanese Cinema.

Original Japanese version with English Subtitles - Duration: 2h.16'



"The Eco Film Club

Sadhana Forest, August 28, Friday at 7pm
MAIDENTRIP

2013, 82 minutes, Directed by Jillian Schlesinger

This is a documentary about 14-year-old Laura Dekker who sets out on a two-year voyage in pursuit of her dream to become the youngest person ever to sail around the world alone.

Best of Festival at Annapolis Film Festival, Audience Award at SXSW Film Festival

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 Film Club

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

20:00 Dinner is served

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

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

THE PAVILLON DE FRANCE

Presents

«L'ALGÉRIE VUE DU CIEL» ("Algeria from the sky")

Documentary by Yann Arthus, Bertrand and Michael Pitiot

Screening on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at Cinema Paradiso

In French without subtitles - Duration: 90 minutes



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 24 August 2015 to 30 August 2015

Indian - Monday 24 August, 8:00 pm:

• **MARGARITA, WITH A STRAW**

India, 2014, Writer-Dir. Shonali Bose w/ Kalki Koechlin, Revathy, Sayani Gupta, and others, Drama, 100mins, English-Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (R)

A rebellious young woman with cerebral palsy leaves her home in India to study in New York, unexpectedly falls in love, and embarks on an exhilarating journey of self-discovery. *It is a film that you should not miss. This screening is made possible by the film-makers who are sharing it with us. Kindly note that we have been informed that this wonderful film is meant for adults only.*

German - Tuesday 25 August, 8:00 pm:

• **OSTWIND - ZUSAMMEN SIND WIR FREI (Wind storm)**

Germany 2013, Dir. Katja von Garnier w/ Hanna Binke, Marvin Linke, Cornelia Froboess, and others, Drama-Family, 101mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

The beautiful story of the coming together of a hopeless schoolgirl and an untamable horse, and a lesson in how to reach the unreachable.

Interesting - Wednesday 26 August, 8:00 pm:

• **SHACK LIFE**

Australia, 2013, Dir. Lesley Branagan & Brent Melton, Documentary, 55mins, English, Rated: NR

The film depicts the unique shack communities in the Royal National Park south of Sydney, Australia. Established in the 1930s as places where people survived the rigors of the Depression, the shacks have been handed down through generations from the original builders, and the weekend communities continue to thrive against all odds. Through a mix of archival material and shackie interviewees from miners to artists the film portrays one community's struggle for recognition for emotional connection to land and the heritage value of a rapidly disappearing way of life. *This film has been shared with us by Lesley Branagan.*

French - Thursday 27 August, 8:00 pm:

• **LES COMBATTANTS (Love at First Fight)**

France, 2014, Dir. Thomas Cailley, w/ Adèle Haenel, Kévin Azaïs, Brigitte Rouan, Comedy-Romance, 98 mins, French WITH ENGLISH subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

Between his friends and the family business, Arnaud's summer looks set to be a peaceful one. Peaceful until he runs into Madeleine, as beautiful as she is brusque, a concrete block of tensed muscles and doomsday prophecies. He expects nothing; she prepares for the worst...

International - Saturday 29 August, 8:00 pm:

- **EN DUVA SATT PÅ EN GREN OCH FUNDERADE PÅ TILLVARON (A Pigeon Sat on a Branch Reflecting on Existence)**

Sweden-Germany-Norway-France, 2014, Writer-Director Roy Andersson w/ Holger Andersson, Nils Westblom, Viktor Gyllenberg, and others, Comedy-Drama, 101mins, Swedish-English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Sam and Jonathan, a pair of hapless novelty salesman, embark on a tour of the human condition in reality and fantasy that unfold in a series of absurdist episodes. A much acclaimed film!

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

ZOOM

USA, 2006, Dir Peter Hewitt w/ Adam Rifkin, Tim Allen and others, 86mins, Adventure-Family, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Former superhero Jack is called back to work to transform an unlikely group of ragtag kids into superheroes at a private Academy.

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Ciné-Club - Sunday 30 August, 8:00 pm:

• **LOLITA**

USA, 1962, Dir. Stanley Kubrick w/James Mason, Peter Seller, Sue Lyon, and others, Drama-Romance, 152mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Humbert, a divorced British professor of French literature, travels to small-town America for a teaching position. He allows himself to be swept into a relationship with Charlotte Haze, his widowed and sexually famished landlady, whom he marries in order that he might pursue the woman's 14-year-old flirtatious daughter, Lolita, with whom he has fallen hopelessly in love, but whose affections shall be thwarted by a devious trickster named Clare Quilty. Humorous, disturbing, and everything in between!

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