

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

THE EVOLUTION OF THE SPIRITUAL MAN

He strives by these means and has the knowledge: in him this spirit enters into its supreme status. Satisfied in knowledge, having built up their spiritual being, the Wise, in union with the spiritual self, reach the Omnipresent everywhere and enter into the All. (Mundaka Upanishad - III.2.4.5.)

If no decisive but only a contributory result, an accretion of some new finer elements to the sum of the consciousness, has been the general consequence and there has been no life-transformation, it is because man in the mass has always deflected the spiritual impulsion, recanted from the spiritual ideal or held it only as a form and rejected the inward change. Spirituality cannot be called upon to deal with life by a non-spiritual method or attempt to cure its ills by the panaceas, the political, social or other mechanical remedies which the mind is constantly attempting and which have always failed and will continue to fail to solve anything. The most drastic changes made by these means change nothing; for the old ills exist in a new form: the aspect of the outward environment is altered, but man remains what he was; he is still an ignorant mental being misusing or not effectively using his knowledge, moved by ego and governed by vital desires and passions and the needs of the body, unspiritual and superficial in his outlook, ignorant of his own self and the forces that drive and use him. His life constructions have a value as expressions of his individual and collective being in the stage to which they have reached or as a machinery for the convenience and welfare of his vital and physical parts and a field and medium for his mental growth, but they cannot take him beyond his present self or serve as a machinery to transform him; his and their perfection can only come by his farther evolution. Only a spiritual change, an evolution of his being from the superficial mental towards the deeper spiritual consciousness, can make a real and effective difference. To discover the spiritual being in himself is the main business of the spiritual man and to help others towards the same evolution is his real service to the race; till that is done, an outward help can succour and alleviate, but nothing or very little more is possible.

It is true that the spiritual tendency has been to look more beyond life than towards life. It is true also that the spiritual change has been individual and not collective; its result has been successful in the man, but unsuccessful or only indirectly operative in the human mass. The spiritual evolution of Nature is still in process and incomplete, — one might almost say, still only beginning, — and its main preoccupation has been to affirm and develop a basis of spiritual consciousness and knowledge and to create more and more a foundation or formation for the vision of that which is eternal in the truth of the spirit. It is only when Nature has fully confirmed this intensive evolution and formation through the individual that anything radical of an expanding or dynamically diffusive character can be expected or any attempt at collective spiritual life, — such attempts have been made, but mostly as a field of protection for the growth of the individual's spirituality, — acquire a successful permanence. For till then the individual must be preoccupied with his own problem of entirely changing his mind and life into conformity with the truth of the spirit which he is achieving or has achieved in his inner being and knowledge. Any premature attempt at a large-scale collective spiritual life is exposed to vitiating by some incompleteness of the spiritual knowledge on its dynamic side, by the imperfections of the individual seekers and by the invasion of the ordinary mind and vital and physical consciousness taking hold of the truth and mechanising, obscuring or corrupting it. The mental intelligence and its main power of reason cannot change the principle and persistent character of human life, it can only effect various mechanisations, manipulations, developments and formulations. But neither is mind as a whole, even spiritualised, able to change it; spirituality liberates and illumines the inner being, it helps mind to communicate with what is higher than itself, to escape even from itself, it can purify and uplift by the inner influence the outward nature of individual human beings: but so long as it has to work in the human mass through mind as the instrument, it can exercise an influence on the earth-life but not bring about a transformation of that life. For this reason there has been a prevalent tendency in the spiritual mind to be satisfied with such an influence and in the main to seek fulfilment in other-life elsewhere or to abandon altogether any outward-going endeavour and concentrate solely on an individual spiritual salvation or perfection. A higher instrumental dynamism than mind is needed to transform totally a nature created by the Ignorance.

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SRI AUROBINDO

*The
Ponder
Corner*

*Every one has in him something divine,
something his own, a chance of perfection
and strength in however small a sphere
which God offers him to take or refuse.
Sri Aurobindo
ref. The Hour Of God, p.204*

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Report of the Working Committee

Main topics dealt with in August 2015.

1. **Preparation of the next Governing Board and International Advisory Council Meeting:** The next meetings of the Governing Board and International Advisory Council will be held on October 3rd and 4th. Proposed presentations are to be sent to the Working Committee by September 10th. Please note that, because of time constraints, the Board would like to be presented with issues that need to be discussed or approved. Presentations of concepts and ideas will only be submitted to the Board for information, but won't necessarily be discussed with the Board.
2. **Visit New Delhi:** In a visit to New Delhi on August 5th, 6th and 7th the Working Committee met with officials of the HRD Ministry, with the Governing Board Envisioning Committee regarding the celebration of the 50th anniversary (see below), and with Dr. Karan Singh. Topics discussed included issues regarding the GOI grant allocation; status of the appointment of the new Secretary of the Auroville Foundation (pending); a reminder / renewed request was submitted for Auroville to be permitted to sell outlying lands on the condition that the proceeds be used to purchase lands inside the city and greenbelt areas (no response received on earlier requests); the status of the Auroville Foundation Entry and Exit regulations (pending with the Law Ministry); and the status of the Habitat housing project (pending).
3. **Celebrations of Auroville's 50th anniversary:** The proposals from Aurovilians received by the Working Committee for the celebration of Auroville's 50th anniversary have been discussed with the Envisioning Committee (consisting of Ameeta Mehra, Aster Patel, Mallika Sarabhai and Mark Tully) set-up by the Governing Board and with Dr. Karan Singh on August 7th. The provisional outcome of these discussions is that during the year 2017, starting February 2017, a year-long celebration with nine thematic festivals should take place, culminating in the birthday week of February 21-28, 2018 and the birthday on February 28, 2018, itself. For more details on the structure, please read end of report.
4. **La Piscine - swimming activities in Auroville:** In order to provide safe swimming to our children in Auroville's swimming pools, the Working Committee and La Piscine propose to the schools a collaborative step forward for a clear understanding and distribution of roles and supervision:
 - 1) A maximum of 24 children of any age per class session
 - 2) Not more than 25 persons in the pool at any given time during class sessions
 - 3) For children below the age of 10 years: A minimum of 1 adult for every 8 students
 - 4) For children 10 years and above:
 Beginners: A minimum of 1 adult for every 8 students
 Intermediate Level: A minimum of 1 adult for every 10 students
 Advanced Level: A minimum of 1 adult for every 12 students
 - 5) Each attending adult must know how to swim (and it is preferable that at least one of them has basic lifesaving skills)
 - 6) Each attending adult must supervise actively - focusing all of their attention on the children all the time when they are in or around the water
 - 7) Each adult must respect and enforce the existing Pool Rules, which are available on the pool notice board
 - 8) Obtain written consent from the parent(s) or legal guardian to allow the children to participate in the swimming classes.
5. **TDC restructuring:** A limited number of responses have been received on our proposal for the restructuring of TDC which was published in the N&N and Auronet. We will publish our revised proposal in next week's News and Notes, which will then be submitted to the Governing Board in its meeting in October.
6. **Appropriate mobility for Auroville:** An announcement has been made in the News and Notes last week that the movement of big buses inside Auroville is not allowed anymore. Further discussions on sustainable public mobility are ongoing. Those who are interested in being part of this group to research and come up with proposals are requested to contact the Working Committee before 10th September.
7. **Security:** The Working Committee has, jointly with the Auroville Council, met with those who submitted proposals for the restructuring of Security, along with members from the Youth Link and Bioregion Action Groups. We are in the process of integrating all inputs. The consolidated proposal will be communicated soon.
8. **Way Forward 2018:** An all Action Group meeting was held on the 29th of August. Challenges faced so far and enabling solutions were discussed. It was agreed that all Action Groups will update the community in a General Meeting in mid-September. It was noted that the General Meeting should be held in a "different" manner. An announcement will be made by the RAS with the date, venue and time.
9. **Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act - constitution of Internal Complaints Committee (ICC):** As no negative feedback has been received on the proposal that Suryagandhi (Djaima) be part of the ICC, she has now been appointed member of the ICC. The ICC is expected to start its work shortly (will be announced).
10. **Sludge Disposal:** The BCC has allocated the funds required to setup the sludge disposal site in Fertile. Work is now ongoing, so that sludge deposits will no longer happen at the present place.
11. **Auroville Post office shifting:** BSNL has decided against our proposal for locating the post office inside the BSNL building at the junction of the Edaiyanchavadi road and the dirt road to Certitude. The postal authorities have informed that the present location is unsuitable and should be vacated as soon as possible and have requested Auroville to allocate another space. We are looking for a suitable location.
12. **Trademark protection of the name of Auroville:** Jointly with the FAMC, the Working Committee has agreed to apply for the trademark protection of the name of Auroville, as the protection under the Names and Emblems Act is insufficient.
13. **Mohanam:** Recently Mohanam informed the Working Committee that the construction of the New Village Heritage Center on Auroville land will be under the management of Mohanam and will be funded by the Pondicherry Tourism Department and a French NGO. In this new set-up the Working Committee has no objection to this project.
14. **Reception of Special Guests:** Jointly with the Matrimandir Access Team, the Working Committee is developing a policy for the reception of Special Guests at the Matrimandir. This policy will be submitted to the Governing Board in its meeting in October.
15. **Sustainable Livelihood Institute:** Jointly with the FAMC, the Working Committee has been working on the legal aspects of the Sustainable Livelihood Institute, which is proposed to be a joint venture in the form of a Society between the Government of Tamil Nadu and the Auroville Foundation. The final proposal will be submitted to the Governing Board for its approval in its meeting in October.
16. **Ramu-Babu:** Jointly with the Auroville Council, the Working Committee has been trying to bring an end to the

long-standing conflict between Ramu and Babu. Babu, however, is unwilling to join the efforts.

17. **Visa issues:** A meeting took place between representatives of the Working Committee, the Under-Secretary and the Regional Registration Officer to discuss outstanding issues regarding visa.
18. **Windarra:** The Implementation and Monitoring Group has met the Arbiters and Koodam to get their feedback on proposed amendments to the decision. We are waiting for their reply.

Ongoing matters: The Working Committee is also involved in the following topics, which are still ongoing and not yet concluded:

- Revision of the FAMC Mandate (jointly with Lyle, Sauro, and Sindhuja)
- Pro-Bono Housing allocation policy (Jointly with the FAMC, Housing Service)
- Compensation for loss due to beach erosion
- Kottakarai
- Rayapettei Asset (jointly with the FAMC)
- Eco Service
- Cleaning up the Register of Residents and the Master List

50th Anniversary Celebration

The theme of the 50th anniversary celebrations is 'Centering Within'.

The purpose is:

- 1) Celebrating the birth and vision of Auroville
- 2) Expressing the evolution of growth of Auroville as a laboratory
- 3) Calling for action for future perspectives

The proposed structure for the celebrations is as follows:

- 1) The birthday itself will be celebrated on February 28, 2018, in the presence of dignitaries from India and abroad. The organisation of this day will primarily be done by the Envisioning Committee.
- 2) It is proposed that Auroville will organize the birthday week (February 21-28, 2018)
- 3) It is proposed that from February 2017 to January 2018, nine festivals will happen, as follows:
 - a. Feb. 2017 - **Sustainable Community Festival:** a festival and conference(s), with emphasis on sustainable solutions for the world. This event should celebrate the diversity of culture and recognize Auroville as a centre of continuous learning and applied research and this event itself as a welcoming of other worldly expertise.
 - b. Mar. 2017 - **Bioregion Festival:** A festival to strengthen our links with the surrounding villages, and honouring village elders and others who have contributed to building of Auroville.
 - c. Apr. 2017 - **Town Planning Festival:** Conference on architecture, town planning and building, sustainable, alternative etc. With the focus on shared resources and responsibilities as a community: waste management, water usage, shared transport, building technology, security and safety, consciousness shift, community solar kitchen, PT, Eco Service, all our services, Foodlink, puncture service, free store, farmer's market etc.
 - d. Aug. 2017 - **International Youth Festival:** This festival could be along the line of previous international youth festivals.
 - e. Sep. 2017 - **Music and Dance Festival:** A festival of Auroville performers.
 - f. Oct. 2017: **Film Festival**
 - g. Nov. 2017 - **Auroville Literary Festival:** There is the famous example of the Jaipur literary festival. Auroville could organize a festival showcasing Auroville authors and others, preferably connected to Auroville.
 - h. Dec. 2018 - **Festival of Integral Yoga:** 1) Remembering Sri Aurobindo and The Mother; 2) Talks on spirituality; 3) Effective workshops on applying Integral Yoga.

- i. Jan. 2018 - **Festival of 50-years Auroville:** Depicting Auroville's aims and ideals and development throughout the 50 years of its existence through exhibitions, books, films, special cultural performances, collective concentrations, conference(s).

A **Sports Festival** could take place during the year-long celebration with various outdoor sporting events (e.g. Cricket, Kabaddi, ultimate Frisbee, Football, Basketball, Tennis, Swimming, Cycling, Running etc.) and indoor events (Hatha Yoga, Awareness Through the Body, Badminton etc.) taking place in different months at various locations.

The Working Committee is in the process of inviting various groups of Aurovilians with the request to take responsibility for the organization of a festival and make a provisional budget. Those who have submitted their proposals will be contacted.

The Working Committee (Angela, Carel, Elisa, Eric, Mandakini, Manohar, Ranjith)

Land Board Report August 2015

Protection, Encroachment, Exchange, Purchase, Mapping and Admin Issues Covered In August 2015

1. Special Fund Raising Appeal:

The special efforts for the last leg of the journey to consolidate the lands of Auroville require the commitment, energy and efforts from all of us who want to see the success of Auroville. To manifest this experiment the physical basis of lands has to be bought. We appeal to all Aurovilians to come together and to contribute their energy and / or money to this effort. Please contribute however small or big an amount to the Financial Service account no: 0100. You can set-up a regular transfer by sending a mail to Otto or when you pass by Financial Service. Do encourage and tell your friends and family to also contribute to Land and give ourselves the chance to buy the lands in the Master Plan area. Acres for Auroville and Green Acres campaigns were presented at AUM conference in California by Mandakini from AVI France. Land Board produced a film with Rakhil's help for this occasion.

2. On the 15th of August the A4A phase II was launched which will fund-raise for the City Area and Green Acres which will fund-raise for the green belt specifically. We encourage Aurovilians to donate to lands in general.
3. On the 24th of August Aurovilians came together as one and worked together to remove the Casuarina illegally planted by a neighbour on Auroville land in Hermitage PA 205/3. He has been trespassing AV land and attempting a land grab. He has filed two court cases against Auroville and attempts to fraudulently grab our land. The fact that Aurovilians could stand together has sent a very strong message against such attempts. The police constables were present and witnessed this work. This neighbour filed a police complaint against Land Board the next day.
4. More than 160 patta transfers were pending from previous purchases and exchanges. Land Board has initiated the tedious process of completing and updating the land records at Sub Registrar Office, Vanur, to finish this vital and important step to correct the Government records, out of which 24 patta transfers has been completed and 22 patta transfer requests has been submitted.
5. We are happy to share that Andy and Hari Nadrajan are helping the Land Board as resource persons. We are very glad to welcome them on our team, which strengthens us.
6. The anti -encroachment action at Srma had to go for

a Government survey which got finished and it took a long time and some effort to get the report from the government office. After the report the owner of St. James court has built a wall much behind the earlier fence. We are in touch with him to conclude the wall issue to the satisfaction of both parties.

7. Land Board have requested FAMC to ask Sarvanan, now steward of Mira Youth camp to close the entrance on the side of Gokulam as it has been put up for exchange. We are making a new gate, strengthening the fence, and appointed a day guard to protect the land. FAMC has extended its support and has asked Sarvanan to close the entrance of the guest house on the Gokulam side and open it on the South side facing Samarpana.

8. We have submitted to FAMC and TDC, the map of the lands that are vulnerable to encroachment, misuse and outright land grab in the residential and International zone bordering the villages of Ediyanchavadi, Kottakuppam and Bharatipuram and have suggested that Auroville should take possession of these lands with activities or settlements as soon as possible

9. The fencing projects at Bharatipuram namely Tamil Heritage Center, Auroville Language lab and Annapurna farm, to keep Auroville lands safe from encroachments, are in the last stage of completion.

10. Land Board has decided to develop the plots in Auroannam, Gokulam and any other lands available for

exchange, like improving the space, making boundaries etc.

11. Land Board has made contact with the Registration office and brought to attention the land fraud cases. Three members visited the offices at Tindivanam and Cuddalore to expedite action against frauds. As a result of this two notices have been received.

12. We would like to appeal to all Aurovilians to monitor the fences around their settlements, forest and farms to prevent encroachment and contact the green group and then land board if there are encroachments and land grabs. If Stewards are unable to protect those then the Housing Service can be approached to allot places for Aurovilians and Newcomers seeking houses.

13. The wood sale for the month of August from was ₹ 1,89,035. The total incomes due to wood sales and lease from Jan to August 2015 is more than ₹ 1.15 lakhs, P activists interested to buy firewood or timber quality wood - please contact Kannayappan or call 0413 262 2657 and fix an appointment.

Land Board (Divya, Gerard, Kannayappan, Prasad, Sandeep, Suhasini, Sukrit)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greeting letter from TDC to Mr. Ranganathan President of Irumbai Panchayat

Dear Sri K. Ranganathan, President, Irumbai Panchayat

The Auroville Town Development Council has been informed that you have been awarded the MGNREGS EXCELLENCE AWARD 2015 from Shri. Nihalchand Meghwal Hon'ble Minister of State Panchayat Raj, Government of India. The TDC wishes to compliment you on the receipt of this award.

We use this opportunity to thank you for agreeing to collaborate with us for the development of Irumbai Panchayat and its surrounding region.

TDC/L'avenir d'Auroville

From L'Avenir

Dear community members,

The TDC would like to thank all the people who have sent feedback regarding the Detailed Development Plan of Sectors 1 & 2 of the Residential Sector. All comments received will be evaluated together with Dr. Doshi.

The document is currently undergoing an update and will be uploaded shortly. When this occurs, we will inform the community and the feedback period will be extended accordingly.

Best,

L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC

From Auroville Council

Dear community members and managers of public places, We are all aware of the importance of the cleanliness and beauty of our city. But many are not, especially visitors, and a lot of littering still occurs in our beautiful surroundings. Dustbins are symbol of cleanliness and help people to change this habit. However, we notice that there are not enough dustbins in public places. Sometimes the dustbins which are

there are full and unmanaged, leading to unwanted animals, rodents and rotting of garbage.

We ask: what example do we want to set to the world?

Maybe it is time to create a real system (as all cities have), to clean and care about cleanliness and beauty.

The Auroville Council requests all Aurovilians and all managers of public places to act upon this the best way they can, to organize a good distribution of dustbins and to maintain them.

We hope that when Eco-service is well re-organized that they will create a group to manage this and keep the beauty of Auroville's landscape.

Thanks to all, *Auroville Council*

TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville - 5th Sep 2015

Expression of Interest for a project of construction - restricted call to Auroville units only

Invitation to Registered units under the Auroville Foundation for the construction Project of Auroville Archives in the Admn. Area.

Project Name: Auroville Archives

Project Holder: Gilles Guigan & Thambidurai.

Architect: Sonali

Location: Next to SAIER office building in Administrative Area, Auroville.

Description: The project is to construct a single storied office building for Auroville Archives. The first phase will consist of the r.c.c. frame structure up to the ground floor roof slab. The approx. built up area is 400 sq.m.

- Documents can be collected from L'avenir office (Viji's desk) from Monday 7th - 14th September 2015.
- L'avenir will receive the expression of interest on the 14th of September 2015 up-till 1:00 pm - With required particulars.
- Expression of Interest can be sent by email or as hard copy.

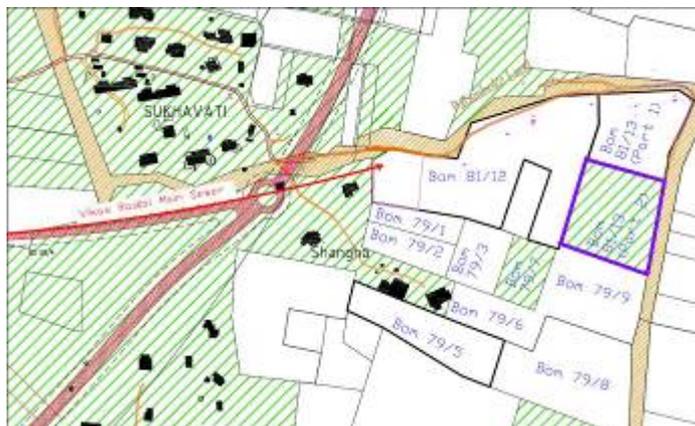
Auroville Archives construction Project- Single storied r.c.c. frame structure.

The pre-requisite requirement to respond to this limited tender enquiry is as follows:

1. The Construction Unit Holder must be engaged in construction activity in Auroville and have the technical ability to execute the work successfully.
2. Construction Unit having executed any construction work successfully within Auroville respecting quality of work, scheduled time of execution & approved budget.
3. They should have successfully completed at least one project for a value of 1 crore.
4. In no circumstances, the proposed construction project, if awarded to any Registered Construction Unit Holder, shall be sublet or executed by a sub-contractor.
5. Preference will be given to the contractors having experience with the technique of exposed concrete surfaces.
6. Preference will be given to the contractors having experience of building under GOI grant being aware of all the admin. procedures.
7. Comply with the norms of ABC as mentioned hereunder:
 - 1) To be a registered unit under the AV Foundation (produce office order or confirmation by umbrella unit).
 - 2) To follow and implement the ABC Contribution policy.
 - 3) To abide by L'avenir's decision (site allocation, building permits, and any others as may come up during the entire execution period)
 - 4) Compliance with all applicable rules reg. EPF and ESI including workers insurance policy.
 - 5) Compliance with recommendations regarding the handling and disposal of construction waste material, on and off site, in consultation with L'Avenir and Eco service.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Processing of the sludge from domestic waste water treatment systems in Auroville



With a current population of approximately 2,400 residents, the sludge that accumulates in various individual and community waste water treatment plants in Auroville is estimated at 2,100 liters per day, 770 m³ per year. The sludge has to be removed at regular intervals from the septic tanks so that their functioning and the waste water treatment in the treatment plant are not impaired. The production of sludge is constant and has to be dealt with. Periodically, the sludge is pumped off with a suction device into a mobile tank and disposed of.

For some time, the Botanical Garden had set up a place to receive the sludge, and attempts were made at Forecomers and others sites. Currently, there is no method in place to process this sludge in a sustainable and safe manner. The sludge, when pumped from a treatment plant which is in operation, is septic and smells rather bad.

The proper treatment of sludge implies that the sludge has to be processed so that it is rendered harmless to the environment, especially to our ground water, that it does not attract or produce vectors like flies and mosquitoes and that it does not emit unpleasant odors.

To address this problem, we propose to set up a sludge processing unit. The sludge will be digested in sealed tanks to break up organic compounds, and then it will be de-watered and dried. In a subsequent stage, it will be co-composted with organic plant matter (shredded branches and leaves) and then sieved. The resulting product is a valuable nutrient rich fertilizer (Ph, N, C) that can be used for gardening and parks. Water drained from the sludge will be treated.

The proposed location for this unit is on a plot along the back road leading from Madhuca/Sukhavati to New Creation (see map, plot circled in purple). The Green Group indicated that there is no objection from their side.

Funding is provided through G.o.I (Government of India) grant.

The TDC will organize a GM to present this project along with a presentation of the Detailed Development Plan of the Residential Zone Sectors 1 and 2.

We invite the community to provide feedback. For two weeks from Monday 14th of September onwards, there will be a display at the TDC office showing detailed drawings and the location map. During this period, a person will be available to answer further questions on Mondays and Wednesdays between 11.00 am and 12.30 am. Upon request, further technical details are also available in softcopy.

Please contact: avenir@auroville.org.in

L'avenir



First PGS organic certificate

The Auroville PGS group is happy to announce you that we got our first PGS organic certificate after more than one year of work.

In 2013 -14, after various reflections and attempts, some AV farmers started a group of collective certification. This kind

of certification is called PGS, Participatory Guarantee System.

In a PGS, producers certify themselves, under the control of an accredited NGO. Certification is based on active participation

of stakeholders and is built on a foundation of trust, social networks and knowledge exchanges. This certification is spread all over the world as an alternative to the third party certification which is also more costly and request more administrative skills. In India, PGS basic organic standards are recognized by the government and in harmony with the national Indian organic standard (NSOP).

The key elements of the PGS are SHARED VISION - PARTICIPATION - TRANSPARENCY - TRUST - LEARNING - HORIZONTALITY

Nine AV farms are now PGS certified: Auroorchard, Ayarpadhi, Brihaspathi, Buddha Garden, Discipline, Kalpavruksha,

Kotakarai Farm , Sustenance , Windarra (Back to basic side). They committed themselves to visit each other at least every season. During the past year, they have also attended a workshop on vegetable seeds and have been part of two tours to visit some others PGS farms in the Bio region.

This is a first step, we will go ahead with trainings, developing an organic network in the bioregion, and we hope that more farms will join soon!

If you have any questions, please contact: fanny@auroville.org.in

To know more:

- www.ifoam.bio or www.ifoam.bio/en/value-chain/participatory-guarantee-systems-pgs
- www.pgsindia-ncof.gov.in
- www.pgsorganic.in
- www.facebook.com/foodlink.auroville

For the AV PGS group, Fanny

Auroville's 50th Anniversary

Auroville's 50th Anniversary is quickly approaching and as a result of this occasion there has been increasing interest in Auroville by researchers, film makers and the media.

Beginning this month they will start visiting Auroville through OutreachMedia. So far the following projects are in the works and a few others are in the pipeline.

Herbert Eisenschenk is returning but this time instead of making a film he is planning on writing a book about Auroville. Herbert will be joining us on September 8 for a month.

Franklin Williams of Frank World Studio, Mumbai will be making a film on the history of Auroville from its inception to the present date. In collaboration with OutreachMedia a core team of 6 Aurovilian researchers are being contacted to assist with his crew. They will begin working in mid-September.

David Klammer, a photographer and returning guest has met a number of Aurovilians during his past visits will be conducting more interviews with the intention of publishing a photo-book.

To date National and International filming directors have been getting in touch with us. Over the next two years there will be a higher demand put on Aurovilians to participate in these projects. Therefore, we want to thank all of you in advance for your understanding, patience and participation. However, we want you to know that we will try our best to find a balance and attempt to keep the place as quiet as possible.

Also, we wish to remind you that all film-makers and media personal that are working with us and have the proper Authority through the Foundation will be carrying a badge issued by our office. If there is any doubt about individuals or groups that are filming around Auroville please do not hesitate to contact us at 9443602194 or 9952463904.

Fabienne and Elaine on behalf of Outreach Media

POSTINGS

From Guest Registration Service

Dear Friends,

Our new office of Guest Registration Service at Aspiration, in the room across from the Financial Service next to Pour Tous, will be closed until further notice due to shortage of staff.

Guest Registration Service, Town Hall.

Baby born

Mr Muthukumaran (Café Le Morgan), Mrs Anitha and Mr. Tharunkumar (Eldest son), are happy to announce the birth of Mr DhaneshKumar on the 25th of August 2015. With her blessings, Jai Maa

AVAILABLE

Office Space for Rent

We are having the following office space for rent: 25 square mtrs/ 37 square mtrs - With the following facilities: 24 hours Security service; generator backup; Wi-Fi. Best regards, *Auromode Trust*, Auroshilpam, Auroville, 605101, Tel: 0413-2622193-161. Cell: 9943390391

Plants for sale at Matrimandir Nursery

There is a nice selection of plants for sale: trees, shrubs, and perennials. Please come in the mornings, between 8:30 to 11:30 am, Monday to Saturday. *MM*

LOOKING FOR ...

The Auroville Film Festival needs artists!



The Auroville Film Festival is coming soon!!! October 2-7... So far, four artists have offered to set up art installations during the festival. And we need volunteers who would like to help them to prepare. If more artists are interested in creating an

installation during the festival, let us know! Please do contact us by emailing aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in

The Auroville Film Festival needs chefs!

Like the last festival, we will be having a food 'shamiana' in the evenings. Would you like to make some food to share with the people who come for the festival? Please let us know by emailing us at: aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in

Laptop

Resource Link needs a second-hand computer to continue the work. If it happens that you have a laptop in good condition; please contact: resourcelink@auroville.org.in or phone to AVC: 2623655 - Thank you very much, *Resource Link*

Kitchen items needed

Dear community, *Nadia and Clapton* are looking for pots, plates, cups, glasses, forks, spoons, knives. We are reachable at: nadia@auroville.org.in or at 9943307817.

Small / mini fridge needed

I am in need of a small / mini second-hand fridge in good working condition (lesser than 160 lit capacity). Please contact me by email: harini@auroville.org.in - Thank you, *Harini (Yantra)*

A double-bed

Dear All, I am starting the Newcomer process and am in need of a double-bed for my new accommodation. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have one, you can reach me at: 9489534713 or margaux2laborde@gmail.com. Thank you :)
Thank you in advance and warmly, *Margaux*.

A job and some accommodation

I am Saravanan, from Periya Mudaliarchavady. I am doing an engineering course in Electronics. I studied in Auroville from

my childhood till my 12th standard and I did sports in Dehashakti. I am also playing basket in Auroville. I did a part-time job in the Youth camp for 3 years. It helped a lot with my studies. Now I am searching for a job as a security guard as well as some accommodation so that I can manage better my studies. Thank you and regards, *Saravanan*: 9585165109 -
Submitted by Jill Navarre

LOST & FOUND

Branded sunglasses (found): On Wednesday evening, August the 26th, on the cycle-path between Gaia crossing and Town Hall. Please contact *Christoph* at: christoph@auroville.org.in

One recording device Zoom H2 (lost): Alert! Auroville Radio has lost track of one recording device (Zoom H2). If you happen to have it please let us know ASAP at: 262-3331 or a@aurovillerradio.org -Thank you!

THANK YOU

A valuable service

Here in the tropics most of us find ourselves dependent on two essential items in our homes, namely our fan(s) and our fridge. Imagine, therefore, my distress on returning from the UK to find my fridge dead, utterly lifeless, its innards having apparently been burned out by lightning or some huge power surge during my absence.

Remembering that Loganathan, who runs Saraswati Free Store (SFS; next to the Kulilapalayam branch post office), had helped me once before with a fridge problem, I asked him to drop by and take a look at it. On arrival he quickly diagnosed the problem as the compressor, and offered to buy a replacement that same afternoon and have it fitted the next day. This he did, with the result that within 24 hours my fridge was working again!

This note is partly to express my sincere thanks to him for his help, but more importantly to bring to everyone's attention the valuable service that he provides. Despite being unsupported by any central funding, and having to rely totally on the income he can generate via SFS, he manages to deal with an amazing range of electrical goods and their problems for fellow Aurovillians, ranging from air conditioners, washing machines, fridges, radios & TVs to hair dryers, fans, torches - you-name-it; every imaginable type of electric appliance (except computers). And in my experience always does so in a nice, friendly and helpful manner, despite the occasional Aurovillian trying to beat him down to the lowest possible price for work done (If there is something he cannot repair himself, he knows a wide range of specialists in Pondy who can be called on for their expertise).

Thank you, Logu, for this important service you provide. It deserves our fullest appreciation and support, and I hope will continue to be available for decades to come.

Tim

Auroville Budokan

A big and heartfelt Thank You to all who came -or wanted to come! - To the House-Warming at the Auroville Budokan at

Dehashakti! It was so moving to feel this good energy, encouragement and trust from all, and to perceive fully your support and wish that this place fulfills its purpose of conscious practice in harmony! The beautiful Aikido Dojo and all who practice there will retain it for years!

With all of you, we particularly thank Rama Narayana and SAIER, the Auroville Foundation, Mona our architect and Vinayagam our contractor with their respective teams, Naturellement and Auroville Bakery, Pala, Daniel (Sharanga), Rita, Ganesh Bakery, Aurofilm and Giorgio, Naabi, Poovizhi, Savithri, Bharati and Vani, Luisa, Ananda, Michiko, Riju at Kalai, Nasim at Botanical Garden, Rajeev, Falguni and Dehashakti team, S. John (from Nallithope) and our 2 Murugan(s) plus of course all our dear students (from 7 to 67 as Cristo informed!) for their enthusiasm, commitment and participation. We may have forgotten some and we apologize...
Thanks again to all for this fruitful moment.
Cristo and Surya

Thank You from the Team of Yaroslava's Flowers Book Launch!

We would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in our children's book launch for *Yaroslava's Flowers* on Sunday. It was a lovely event with Aurovillian adults and children, as well as children from the Bharatipuram village nearby, coming together to make seed-sculpture bombs and plant some flowers at the Sankalpa Art Center in the International Zone. We hope this interaction will help build better relations with the village in the future, and we hope this little children's book will spread the Magic of Flowers as given by Mother to everyone.

Once again we thank the members of PCG and Stichting de Zaaier who supported the creation of this children's book in all possible ways. Also thanks to Auroville Press for the beautiful work of printing. For all those who were not able to attend and would like a copy of the book, *Yaroslava's Flowers* will be available at Freeland Bookstore, the Visitor's Center Bookshop, on Auroville.com, and through Noel.
May the Flowers be with You! :)

A P P E A L



The Auroville Film Festival needs funds!!!

Please donate to 251551

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting 1

Hi everybody, I'm an Aurovillian waiting for her apartment to be finished and in the meantime I'm looking for a place to stay from October until next summer. I will be happy to take care of your plants and animals, if needed. Please contact me at: francesca@auroville.org.in - Thanks. *Francesca*

House sitting 2

We are a Newcomer family (Juan, Allison and our 4 year old girl Nalia) looking for long term house-sitting, starting from mid-September. Please send us an email: yuwenallisonlu@gmail.com, thank you! Best regards, *Allison*

House sitting 3

We are a family of three - Xavier (working in Taste of Nature and at the Matrimandir), Véronique (working in Auromode), and Eva (11) (studying in Deepanam school). We are Newcomers and looking for a place to stay, preferably in the Green belt. Please contact: 8344498305 or x.maysonnave@auroville.org.in

House sitting 4

Dear Auroville, I'm looking for a house-sitting for a long or short term period. I'm a professional engineer in AV, I can offer to fix all your daily life issues with computer, electricity, motorized bikes, from basic electricity to complicated construction, I can do everything during my stay. I am very tidy and a responsible person. Contact, Ph. 9940072682 or e-mail: vikrant.india12@gmail.com. *Vikrant*

House-sitting 5

One of our librarians is presently in need of some accommodation closer to Future School campus. She is a German national and would require accommodation only for herself while her daughter resides in Kailash. Long-term house-sitting or other forms of accommodation is preferred. Please contact Future School by phone: 2622596 or by email: futureschool@auroville.org.in

TAXI SHARING

September 6th, 8th, 10th: Looking to share Chennai-AV taxi, either way.

- Sept 6 - arriving in Chennai 10.15pm, coming back to AV.
 - Sept 8 - going to Chennai, leaving AV around 12.30pm.
 - Sept 10 - arriving in Chennai 11.50pm, coming back to AV.
- Contact L'aura: 9442788016, laura.joyful@gmail.com

September 6th: Chennai airport pick up around 9 am. Leaving Auroville at 6 am. Contact *Sylas*: 2622987 or sylas@auroville.org.in

September 12th: Taxi leaving Auroville on Sep 12th, empty car, pick up around midnight and go back to Auroville, 2 seats available on the way back. Please email if we can coordinate time: yuwenallisonlu@gmail.com. - *Allison*

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Friends and Listeners,

We would like to thank Andre and his team at Auromode for having spared us the few wooden board pieces that we could put to good use in our electrical rewiring work.

Since we know you don't read any of our messages we would simply like to say - especially to those of you with skills in Apps for iPhone & Android and website experts, please look elsewhere and don't bother to help us in designing and upgrading our future AurovilleRadio and AurovilleTV sites, the same goes for students in architecture interested to envision and design a futuristic recording studio environment that would inspire a different level of consciousness and/or audio producers and journalists ... Actually you are all welcome to help the radio team at any time. Call yourself a volunteer, a servant of the Divine consciousness, a pre or post-Newcomer, Aurovillian or an "x" visa holder, all people of goodwill are welcome to drop in the mornings at the AurovilleRadio.

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.

Yaroslava's Flowers (Literature 30/08/2015)
New Noel's book on spiritual significance of flowers - Yaroslava's Flowers was launched today in International Zone. - [English, 11 Minutes]

Auroville Budokan (Educational Centers 30/08/2015)
Cristo and Surya at the occasion of house Warming of Auroville Budoakn - Aikido dojo share with us some thoughts. - [English, 11 Minutes]

DNA of Blues (Music 30/08/2015)
Mix of West African music with renowned musicians respecting and deriving from their rich tradition to grow further. - [English, 49 Minutes]

Off the Cuff-41 (Performing Arts 28/08/2015)
A haphazard conversation on events, migration, the new world, cultural expansion at the MM and Paul's new musical etc - [English, 15 Minutes]

Water, Electricity, Badminton (News from Auroville 27/08/2015)

Weekend starts tomorrow at 5 pm with Badminton Tournament at new badminton court at Certitude. [English, 13 Minutes]

Selections par Gangalakshmi-52 (The Path 26/08/2015)
Selections par Gangalakshmi, cette semaine; La Vie Divine; - [French, 17 Minutes]

Auroville Botanical Gardens 15th Birthday (Educational Centers 26/08/2015)
In a short phone interview Paul invites us to celebration of the 15th birthday of Botanical Gardens. - [English, 6 Minutes]

15years of Botanical Gardens (News from Auroville 24/08/2015)
The 15th birthday of Botanical Gardens will be celebrated on Saturday the 29th from 2 pm to 5 pm with BG and Renu. - [English, 10 Minutes]

A Critique-on high-rise high-density (Architecture 24/08/2015)
A critique on High-rise and density by Ashok Lall together with Sanhay Prakash, Tanmay Tathagath and Dean D'Cruz - [English, 85 Minutes]

Latest News from the Travel Shop - located at Inside India in Auroshilpam

For ticketing - International and Domestic Flights, Trains, Buses, Tours, Hotels and Travel Insurance
We are open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00

New Airlines Offers:

Fly Dubai started operating from Chennai to Dubai and beyond (Europe)

Air Asia, Easy Jet can be booked through us now

Oman Airways has promotional offers to Europe

Srilankan Airline has special offers to Europe

Etihad Airways has promotional offers to Europe

Qatar Airways has promotional offers to Europe

We are able to issue flight tickets from anywhere in the world to India and back if paid by credit card.

Hotels: International and Domestic Hotel bookings can be done at discounted rates through us.

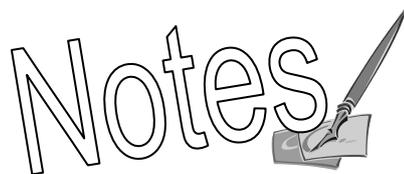
Trains: Tickets can be booked now 120 days in advance.

Insurance: We strongly recommend to avail of a Travel Insurance for all foreign travels.

Please ensure that you have all the required travel documents for your entire journey i.e., valid passport & necessary visas and that you have had the recommended inoculations for your destination(s). You can check with us in advance if flight schedules have changed.

International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622078, travelshop@auroville.org.in,

Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 - 2622604 / 2623030, domestic@inside-india.com, doulat@inside-india.com,
Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622047, insideindia@auroville.org.in



Matrimandir 1970: Myths versus Reality

Misconceptions regarding Matrimandir pile up. Sadly, the video-interview to Piero contains erroneous statements too, some of which I redress below.

- *The Mother briefed Roger on the Chamber right away.*

The Mother told her architect directly, as these notes taken by Roger, reproduced by Gilles, show:

"Since some time I have clearly before my eyes the centre of Auroville. There is a large covered area with four quite high columns, lit from above by openings through which the light enters corresponding to each hour of the day. This vision has been repeating itself since quite some time now. It is THE thing to be carried out in the very first place; money will come only when this has been built. It would be sufficient if we could just build the interior - the outside afterwards. Inside there would be nothing except the rays of light converging onto something very simple - no furnishings.

There would be no windows; the light coming from above through openings corresponding to each hour of the day. A large covered area would be sufficient, with nothing on the floor.

Voilà - will you think about it?"

- *Roger and Paolo Tommasi met and agreed.*

Paolo wrote to Satprem, 10.1.1970: *"I felt Roger as a brother. ... Roger agreed entirely. He said we should really do that."*

On her side the Mother kept meeting Roger, busy planning Auromodel, wishing industries to raise the needed capital (as the Mother wished in the first conversation, 23.6.1965). Mother was unsure of his reactions, but the moment she told Roger her final plan he dropped anything else.

- *The meeting between the Mother and Paolo Tommasi lasted ten minutes.*

Paolo met the Mother on 3.1.1970 - in the tape, ten minutes. She welcomed his suggestion to build the Matrimandir first, but refused to change the Chamber. There are no records about her handling to Paolo the drawings of the Chamber, though she told Satprem.

Those eighteen days recorded in the Agenda (December 31, 1969 - January 17, 1970) are the only instance in which the Mother discussed Paolo's views. Regarding the outer structure Paolo proposed - a 'brahmanic egg' in marble, half white and half black - the Mother dismissed it on 17.1.1970, concluding:

"And immediately, with Paolo's ideas, I saw a mixture coming in. All of his ideas are mental ideas, I guarantee you because it's easy for me to see that. Well, they all bring in the same MIXTURE that is found in everything that's being done in the world. And that... what point is there in beginning again-again-again?"

- *Paolo didn't accept to supervise the execution of Matrimandir in Roger's absence.*

"...If they came together and one of them were always here - one of them, now one, now another..." the Mother told Satprem. But Gilles commented in a footnote, *"What actually happened is exactly the opposite: It is Paolo who went away while Roger stayed and worked on the design of Matrimandir. Within less than 3 months, Roger will come up with 5 models and Mother selected one of them."* A multi-talented artist, as an architect Paolo is an interior decorator who also excels in renovations. But to execute the Matrimandir project demanded engineers! The same way Roger operated in France where, assisted by super-professionals, he produced over a hundred astounding buildings - besides the three Grenoble Towers, then the tallest residences of Europe.

This is the conclusion of Paolo's eulogy:

"Roger's role was the most difficult, right for his creative capacity, his energy and his courage- He played a marvelous game! Now Mother holds him in her arms, giving him the rest and the peace that he deserves"

- *Never leaving Pondy, Roger presented to the Mother five models for the Matrimandir.*

Under the Mother's direct guidance, on 24.3.1970 (his 47th birthday) Roger presented to her five models for the Matrimandir's structure, and that of the Chamber. He preferred a pyramid, this was the Mother's idea too; but she instructed Roger to keep working on the flattened pot model.

The Mother replied to Huta, four days after choosing the final model:

"It has been decided and remains decided that the Matrimandir will be surrounded with water. However, water is not available just now and will be available only later; so it is decided to build the Matrimandir now and surround it with water only later; perhaps in a few years' time.

As regards the Matrimandir itself I have selected our plan which agrees with the vision I had of the inside and has my full approval. Therefore there is no need to worry. The Matrimandir will be built now and water brought round it later."

Paulette [Link to the unabridged posting in the AuroNet: <https://www.auroville.org.in/blog/paulette/52943>]



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



The Teachers Center

invites teachers and parents to the next
Conversation on Integral Education

This week we will explore material by Sraddhalu Ranade.

Sraddhalu Ranade is a scientist, educator and scholar at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram.

He has conducted numerous intensive teacher-training workshops on
Integral and value-based education throughout India.

Together we will listen to the first part in the series "Introduction to Integral Education - An Inspirational Guide" by Sraddhalu Ranade.

The topic for this week is the Three Principles of Education: "Nothing can be taught",
"The mind must be consulted in its growth", "From the near to the far"

Welcome!

Venue: Teachers Centre, SAIER

Tuesday the 8th September at 4 - 5.30 pm

Reminder: The Peace Bell Welcoming

In the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone

This Friday, 4th of September, 5.15 till 6.15 pm

Meditation with the deep enveloping tone of the Peace Bell and the Russian Singing Bells played by Vera
All are invited

Reminder: Transcendent Sky Poetry Book Launch and Reading

Just a reminder that there will be a launching of Noel's poetry book *Transcendent Sky*

On Sunday, Sept. 6th at the Unity Pavilion, Hall of Peace, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to bring their own poetry to share, and we may also have a special guest to do a mime interpretation of one of the poems from Noel's book.



Mandala Pottery

invites you to its annual stock-clearance of functional tableware and assorted ceramic works

On Saturday the 5th & Monday the 7th of September 2015,

10 am to 3.30 pm.

Anamika / Adil writer

Mandala pottery, Dana community tel: 0413 2622685

EXHIBITIONS



Gallery Square Circle, Kala Kendra - Bharat Nivas

Presents
A Painting Exhibition titled

MOVEMENT

(The main theme is MOVEMENT with No Forms, No Preconceptions.
Exploring Freedom and Authenticity.
Limited only by the Resistance of the medium used)
By Samatha Sharma (Chennai)

4th (Friday) of September 2015 to 19th (Saturday) of September 2015
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Inauguration: Friday the 4th of September 2015 - 5:00 pm to 7 pm
All are Welcome



At Pitanga

Ceramics - III

By Priya Sundaravalli

~ *preview of an exhibition*
travelling to Goa ~

September 9 - 21, 2015

Daily except on Sundays: 8-12:30 & 2-6 pm
Opens on Wednesday sept. 9th at 4:30 pm

CULTURAL EVENTS

Nritya Samrpan

-An offering of Dance-

Saturday 5th of Sept. 2015 at 7:30 PM
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium

Some of the dancers of Auroville have gotten together to make an offering with Odissi and Bharatnatyam.

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

8th September (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: 'Practice - the Sunlit Path'

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

QUIET HEALING CENTER

Couples in Flow with Dariya & Daniel

Saturday 12 - Sunday 13 September 2015 (2 days)

Timings: 9.00 AM - 6.30 PM

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 0413 2622329 / 9488084966)

Welcome couples to this 2-day journey of relaxation, connection and celebration on land and in warm water!

We offer you a safe space and simple explorations where you can rediscover one another in new ways of intimacy. You are going to learn easy applicable skills to hold space for each other, fun ways to be together and connect with others in the group.

This workshop is inspired by aquatic bodywork (Watsu, Liquid Flow etc.), Tantsu (simple ways of holding and massaging on land), free dance, deep listening... and our innate longing to play, to connect and simply be.

No previous experience required (also no need to know how to swim!). Space is limited to 6 couples.

Watsu 1 with Gianni & Dariya

Tuesday 15 - Monday 21 September 2015 (7 days)

Timings: 8.45 AM - 6.30 PM (50 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 0413 2622329 / 9488084966)

A 7-day course on the surface only. In the first stage of Watsu 1, you learn Watsu's Tai Chi-like basic movements and positions and how you, while staying grounded and connected with your partner's breathing, let the water do the work.

In the second stage, you learn to connect these basic movements and positions with long, gracefully flowing transitions into the Transition Flow. You learn to adapt this work to people of all sizes, shapes, and dispositions. You learn about your own body mechanics and how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible.

On land, you will be introduced to both Co-Centering and Tantsu, and explore and share what being held means to you and others.

Prerequisite: Watsu & Liquid Flow Basic or Watsu Basic & OBA Basic.

Watsu 1 is recognized by WABA (Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Association) as part of the Watsu learning program and gives 50 hours of credit for registration with WABA and Watsu India.

BIO REGION TOUR

Date: Every Saturday

Time: 12 pm till 6.30 pm

Meeting point: 11.45 am at Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai Plaza

- Begin in Munnur
- Enjoy lunch at a village home
- Discover the village of Munnur with its church and ancient temple
- Visit a traditional family of potters who will demonstrate their craft
- Finish the day climbing the rocks to Perumukkal 12th-Century temple for tea and an opportunity to meditate while the sun sets over the magnificent Kaluveli landscape.

Please contact us on 0413 2623806 or at: mohanamprogram@gmail.com

The tour will only take place once a minimum of 10 bookings has been received.

We aim to run this tour every Saturday, dependent on the number of bookings received.

Contribution amount is confirmed on enquiry.

Transportation will be arranged according to the number of people.

KOTTAKARAI PLAZA TOUR & VILLAGE ARTISANS AND CRAFTS VISIT

Auroville is an incubator that enables the development of village crafts, artists and artisans.

In the community around Auroville, in the villages of Kottakkarai, Alankuppam and Sanjeevinagar, there are many small-scale handicraft products for Auroville and for the world. It means there are imaginative designs with a respect for a quality finishing.

Mohanam invites you to join us in a tour of these projects.

We will take you into the community to show how the products are made and introduce you to the artisans.

Timing: Every Thursday from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Place: Meet 9.30 am at Lively Boutique opposite Ganesh Bakery Kottakkarai.

Booking: Not required but please phone if you wish on 0413-2623 806

If a group requested, date can be flexible (Expect Sunday)

Contribution: Minimum Rs.350 requested (Including Lunch and small craft gift)

WORKSHOP: RESTORATIVE CIRCLES

Dates: Sept 12-13 (Sat, Sun)

Time: 9.30 am-till 5 pm at Joy Guest House

Exploring conflict resolution within the context of community...

"... conflict is natural, normal, and recurrent in community life. When conflict occurs, it doesn't mean anyone has failed. In fact, we need both community and conflict to reach our full potential as human beings. Much as we value individual choice, we are formed in community and work out the ramifications of our individuality in relation to others. And though we may resent it when our preferences, practices, or beliefs are challenged, we would never grow without conflict." - Ron Kraybill & Evelyn Wright

See last week's News & Notes or AVnet for previous announcement...

Contact L'aura for more info and to register: 9442788016, joylivinglearning@gmail.com

TRAINING COURSE AT THE AUROVILLE EARTH INSTITUTE

The Auroville Erath Institute is conducting a course on the Arches, Vaults and Domes (AVD) from the 14th to 19th and 21st to 26th of September.

To register, please contact us by mail training@earth-auroville.com

Otherwise you can come to our office at Auroshilpam to register for the course.

Welcome to our courses,

Sincerely yours, *Saravanan*

SCHEDULES



SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

JOY Community

Thai Massage by Salvatore Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 3 pm to 4.30 pm	Full body massage in the authentic Thai Yoga tradition of Wat Pho, Bangkok. This massage is characterized by guided stretching and point pressures. It aims at giving therapeutic benefits in the long-term and involves no use of oil. Appointment only.
Community Karma Yoga Monday to Friday 8 am to 10.30 am	Practical work to develop our permaculture garden and community infrastructure. Come to share experiences on Auroville and have fun with young Aurovilians. Free Traditional Aurovilian breakfast to conclude a beautiful morning. Drop-in.
Typical Italian Lunch Every Tuesday 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm	We serve an epic lunch with typical Italian dishes accompanied by the usual family atmosphere of Joy Community. Ingredients are organic and depend on the inspiration of the season, garden and the chef of the day. Reservation only.
Self-Defence for Women Tuesday and Thursday 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm	This is a martial arts course designed for women self-defence, including Wing Tsun, Grappling, and Shou Dao. The aim is to learn how to act and react consciously and with confidence without using physical strength. By Giacomo. Registration only.
Working the Chi with Mauna Wednesday, and Friday 5 pm to 6 pm	Sessions focusing on consciously approaching, understanding, and learning to sense, recognize, and guide the CHI in one's system. The CHI can play an essential role in one's integral yoga, spiritual development and general well being. Drop-in.
Pizza Night Every Thursday	Have you ever tried a pizza made in the authentic tradition of Naples? Come to share our joyful company while enjoying the most famous food of the world together with the king of Italian

7 pm to 8 pm	summer nights: watermelon! Reservation only.
Asian Lunch Every Friday 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm	We serve an epic lunch with Asian dishes accompanied by the usual family atmosphere of Joy Community. Ingredients are organic and depend on the inspiration of the season, garden and the chef of the day. Reservation only.
World Fusion Lunch Every Saturday 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm	We serve an epic lunch with World fusion dishes accompanied by the usual family atmosphere of Joy Community. Ingredients are organic and depend on the inspiration of the season, garden and the chef of the day. Reservation only.
Oneironautic by Giacomo By appointment	Oneironautics aims at accustoming oneself to dream language, psychic archetypes and lucid dreams. It is useful in dreams exploration and comprehension; utilizing elements from different traditions and branches of research. Appointment only.

Auroville guests are requested a fixed contribution (young people below 30 avail 50 % discount for courses and treatments); contribution of Aurovilians, Newcomers and long-term volunteers (proof required) follow a free donation basis. Our main goal is to bring people together in a family environment, so don't expect the moon and you'll get the sun! We are located in Center Field next to Center Guest House. For more information please visit our webpage joyauroville.wix.com/welcome or get updates on www.facebook.com/joycommunityguesthouse. For reservations and appointments please contact joycommunity@auroville.org or 9488240778 or 2622584. The Joy Community Team :-)

REGULAR CLASSES

Note from the editors

The *Regular Classes* column is published once a month. Guest-houses are kindly requested to put this page up on the notice boards. **Kindly inform us of any changes/cancellation in your regular event** - the next regular events schedule will be published On October 3rd, 2015. - Editors.

Acroyoga class for beginners: Partner yoga & first flyings !

Saturday: 8:45 am - 10:15 am at Arka

Acroyoga Jam session: Play and progress!

Open sessions only for people who has bases of Acroyoga.

Saturday: 3:45 pm - 6 pm outdoor in front of Mitra Youth Hostel

No intermediate class on Wednesday at the moment. Coming soon!

On facebook: Acroyoga Auroville, 90 47 72 27 40

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/508396042555243/>

Damien

Aikido classes: From August 2015 at Dehashakti/Dana, "Auroville Budokan" - Morning classes: Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday 6.00-7.30 am - Afternoon: Monday-Wednesday 6.00-7.00 pm. Beginners welcome on Saturday morning and the 2 afternoon classes. All students and users need to be part of AV Health Fund or insured by a personal insurance. A yearly contribution will be asked to all. Guests and Volunteers are required to contribute per class. About Children classes and more general information, please write to budokan@auroville.org.in - Website: <http://budokan.auroville.org/> (linked with AV website where Aikido has a new page) - You can also contact Surya (Adult classes): 2623813 - 9655485487 - Cristo (Children classes): 2622356.

Alcoholics Anonymous: meeting (open) every Saturday 6pm, Centre Guesthouse (Merriam Hill Centre). Contact: Ingrid 9443843976 or Shankar 9442010573.

Aquagym Class with Elisa at La Piscine, New Creation Every Thursday from 4 to 5 pm.

Argentine Tango: Mondays: Beginners' class 6.00pm to 7.00pm and intermediates 7 to 8pm@ New Creation Sports Resource Center, Kuilapalayam. Wednesdays: Practica (tango dance space open to all) 7.30pm @ Sawchu, Bharat Nivas. Fridays: 'An hour to study' 8.00pm @ Naturellement. For milongas or further information please contact: tango@auroville.org.in Bring socks or danceshoes.

Art Corner: An open space for creative expression, for all ages! Different themes each week, as part of research on art-making in our community and to help advocate and answer questions about Art Therapy. New timings: Tuesdays from 6-10 pm, upstairs at Le Zephyr Café at Visitor's Center; and Fridays from 4-6 pm, at our Art Cart parked on the Visitor's Center stage. We occasionally move the cart elsewhere for events, please follow our FB page for updates: [facebook.com/sankalpajourneys](https://www.facebook.com/sankalpajourneys) or email krupa@auroville.org.in.

Astrology, its holistic approach: Astrological Chart by Uma Giménez. You are welcome to call and fix an appointment at 2623080 or 9443697972 (Surrender). The reading can be held in English, Spanish, French and Italian.

Authentic Tamil culture: Meena, a Tamil Aurovillian, would like to offer a course on the discovery and beauty of the authentic Tamil Culture every Sunday morning, meeting point at Courage Gate. The course may include: 1. cooking lessons, 2. How to make kolam, 3. How to wear a sari, 4. Henna design on hands and feet, 5. How to make flower garlands 6. Tailoring. If you are interested, please call Meena to talk about the details of your class and fix the time. During the day call: 9787702180, after 5 pm you may use the landline: 0413 2623263. *Meena*

A Self-Awareness Open Space: You are invited to come together for self-exploration in a warm heart-space. The focus is to develop a simple practice in our daily life as a means of spiritual growth. We will do this through meditation, mantra chanting, yoga, dialogue and spontaneous games. Time (starting 4th Dec, Thurs): Every Thursday & Sunday 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm, Saturday 7.00 am - 8.30 am. Facilitator: Samrat, ph: 9655024511, email: samrat@auroville.org.in
Location : The rooftop of Apna Ghar, Meerambikai Garden, when you come into Auroville from ECR(beach road), turn left before the temple prior to Last School, Aspiration, after 200m it will be on the right.

Biodanza: Every Monday at New creation dance studio at 7 pm till 8.30 pm. With Isabelle, facilitator in supervision. You can practise this life dance. More joy in your life with beautiful music that increases your wellbeing and your health to connect yourself, the others and the environment. It has really some positive effects. The Biodanza is for everybody. You don't need to know how to dance.

Bioregion Tour: Date: Every Saturday - Time: 12 pm till 6.30 pm. Meeting point: 11.45 am at Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai Plaza. Please contact us on 0413 2623806 or at mohanamprogram@gmail.com. Tour will only take place once a minimum of 10 bookings has been received. We aim to run this tour every Saturday, dependent on number of bookings received. Contribution amount is confirmed on enquiry. Transportation will be arranged according to the number of people.

Capoeira (Ginga Saroba Group): • ADULTS >> Monday: 5.15 PM - Bharat Nivas (Sawchu) | Tuesday & Thursday: 6.00 PM - Deepanam | Wednesday & Friday: 7.00 AM - Town Hall (Plaza) • KIDS >> Monday & Friday: 1.15 PM - Deepanam School - Contact us prior bringing a new kid • CONTACT >> info@ginga-saroba.com - 9488328435 (Sam) - www.ginga-saroba.com

Circus class: Every Monday: with Romain Timmers acrobatic, aerial, balancing work, juggling. Please wear yoga type clothing. From 4pm to 6pm at Eluciole circus. Miracle community

Working the CHI with Mauna: Venue: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall (Center Field). Date/time: Wednesday and Friday - 5 to 6 PM (or longer). Starting on Wednesday 9th of September Working the CHI are sessions that focus on consciously approaching, understanding and learning to sense, recognise and guide the CHI in one's system. CHI, known in various world views as qi, ki, prana, ruach, pneuma, lung, num, baraka a.o., was referred to by the Mother as the 'inner, or true vital' (29 May, 1962, Agenda Vol.3) and may play an essential role in one's integral yoga, spiritual development and general well being. Mauna is a Dutch, long-term Aurovilian who started off in the Ashram in 1971. Having studied t'ai chi chuan in the Stevanovitch 'School of the Inner Way', she has been giving t'ai chi classes in Auroville throughout the nineties, which resulted in the currently well established school in Sharnga. These 'Working the CHI' sessions can be seen as a kind of pre-crèche to the same. Please bring loose clothing. For more information please contact Mauna at 9663168323 or Joy Community at 9488240778.

Clay classes for children and adults with Saraswati and Anna. Please mail to aurokatrusya@gmail.com for details. Regards *Saraswati* 9787571633

Cooking class: Every Monday from 10 am to 2 pm there will be a cooking class for 4 months starting from December. These classes will include north Indian, Italian and Thai cooking. Anybody interested to learn these mouthwatering recipes are most welcome and I assure you that by the end of the sessions you will be able to please anyone with your cooking talents. Contact number: 9443635114.Meha.

Exploring Meditation: Every Wednesday from 5.15 to 6.15 PM. Witnessing our inner world using different meditation technique that were used by spiritual traditions around the world. No previous experience needed. Venue Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone.Auroville. Facilitator- Yahalom Emet from Djaima Community. For information call 0413 2622401 or 8489067332 or 7639404518

Feminine dance: Tuesdays at 4:00 at Cripa hall (in Kalabumi). Feminine Dance has historically been a mystical art, a dynamic method to experience the energies of the Universe. We will create an opportunity to reconnect joyfully to our body, reawaken the flow of feminine energy, move to the living pulse of life and have fun in the loving presence of other women. Bring comfortable dance clothes. A flowing skirt and hip scarf are helpful. galit@auroville.org.in

Flamenco In Cripa Every Wednesday: From 4 to 5:30 pm. Starting 13th of August. We will practice the flamenco position and attitude for dancing, the movements of hands, arms, body, legs and foot. We will listen to flamenco music to understand the roots of this dance. We will create a flamenco choreography. Come and enjoy with us, *Flamenco team*.

Foot reflexology: A massage that applies pressure to the feet with the thumb, fingers, and hand techniques. Approx. 60 min. Call 9843948288 or email vikram@auroville.org.in for an appointment.

French classes at Savitri Bhavan, House of Mother's Agenda: French classes at House of Mother's Agenda, every Monday and Friday from 5 pm to 6 pm.

From the Food Lab: Horizon. (In front of Sve-dame). Mon.,Tues.,Thurs. 4.00 to 6.00pm. Call Lorenzo before coming at 09443362274. All relevant information about the after effects of food on your body for e.g. allergies, intolerance, chronic pathology. Homeopathic Immunopharmacology is available.

Hypnotherapy and Chakras Healing at Arka: Marcella, Aurovilian, is a qualified Hypnotherapist and Past Life Regressionist from the reputed California Hypnosis Institute (India), now Ekaa. Languages: English, Italian Contact: Tel. 9443338734 or email: abalancedstate9@gmail.com

Hypnosis enables conscious access to the memory of a consenting person, which then provides the tool to therapeutically work with earlier experiences still influencing a person today. This includes fears and phobias, addictions, trauma, inner child work, discovering personal resources, past life regression.

Chakras Healing works with our thought processes and there is a corresponding thought processes for every chakra. Our thoughts affect our emotions (how we feel), then the energy field of our

body, and finally generates changes in either our physical body or our physical space. It is possible to heal each chakra and hence heal physical, mental and emotional states.

Ikebana lessons: Ikebana - The Japanese Ancient Art of Flower Arrangement (Sogetsu School of Tokyo). Classes for all levels. For further information please contact: Valeria Raso Matsumoto, cell.9442992827, valeriaraso@hotmail.com

Improvisation theater workshop: Every Fridays at 4.30 to 6pm, in Sawchu (Barath Nivas) Come and play, learn, practice improv exercises. Feel free to come, it's free session *Jeff* 94 86 47 53 67 and *Ema* 99 43 97 00 34

Introduction to Sustainable Food Growing: Every Monday 10.00 am till lunch time in Buddha Garden. Contact Priya for more details at priya@auroville.org.in or 94432 22653

Leela: the game of the self knowledge (2000 years old): come play the game of your life. **Sundays, 9.30 to 12** (above 15 years old) Info, Veronique J., 948 85 12 678 - SVEDAME, Butterfly Barn in German, English, French, Spanish and Russian.

Marbling & Lampshade Training: Marbling is a method of play of creative painting with surface design, which can produce patterns similar to smooth **marble** the patterns are the result of color floated on either plain water or a viscous solution known as **size**, and then carefully transferred to an absorbent surface, such as **paper** or fabric. Timing: Every Thursday Month of September from 02.00 pm to 04.30 pm. Contribution: Minimum Rs.500 Requested (come and learn take one lampshade with you). Please register in advance by contacting 0413 - 2623806. mohanamprogram@gmail.com

Martial arts: We are happy to announce that the self defense classes will start again from Tuesday 28th onwards. At terrasoul community, Windarra farm. The classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, from 5.30 pm to 7 pm. They will be taught by Martin Bastide who has more than 10 years practice in different martial arts, including Kung Fu, Pencak Silat, Krav Maga, Kick Boxing, Thai Boxing, Taekwondo and Tae Jitsu. The style taught is a synthesis of the principles of these different martial arts, with a clear orientation towards effectiveness and practicality. All levels are welcome. Come and join us to train in a respectful environment.

Meditation for Peace and Healing: Join us from 5:00 to 5:45pm every Thursday around the Peace Table at the Unity Pavilion to build and 'hold' a Collective Space for Healing and Peace. Please offer your Presence to help in this collective experiment, whether you need healing yourself or simply want to support others in their healing and well-being.

Modern Jazz Dance: Margarita would love to start a regular modern jazz dance classes for all levels at Cripa every Thursday from 4.45 to 6.00pm. The Class will start from the 12th of December. Call for more information - 9585335776

Nada Yoga: Monday 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm (for new students with appointment) / Tuesday 1.30 pm to 3:30 pm - In Creativity hall of light. Nada Yoga or Yoga of sound teaches us to perceive sounds in different parts of the body that are connected to the central energetic channel. These ancient Yoga techniques re-align the energy flow and give peace and quiet serenity. In addition, with these techniques, During the classes we will also learn many devotional songs. Contact Hamsini: 9487544184. She has been a perpetual student of Nada Yoga for 14 years and has taught it for 5 years.

For NVC (Nonviolent Communication) and RC (Restorative Circles) in Auroville, please contact L'aura (9442788016, laura.joyful@gmail.com).

Odissi & Semi-Classical Bollywood Dance Class With Tejas: Private Dance Classes at the Shakti Dance School in Felicity. Learn grace, discipline, and the beautiful temple dance of east India. tejas@shaktidancetroupe.com. +91-8489477222

OM Choir: "The voice that chants to the creator Fire, /The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word" Every Tuesday at Savitri Bhavan, 5:45/6:00pm - and at the OM Choir in the Ashram School, opposite the Ashram Entrance, Pondicherry, Fridays at 7:00pm.

Online Events Calendar: The schedule of events for the week can be accessed by all, including guests, on the Auronet login page: www.auroville.org.in (no need to log in!)

Pilates with Savitri at New Creation Dance Studio on Mondays at 5pm, basic level on Tuesdays at 7.30am, intermediate level. on Saturdays at 7.30 am, intermediate level

Pizzas Nights: The Youth Center welcomes you to re-join for delicious fresh pizzas from a cyclone-wood-fired oven. Every Saturday evening 7:00pm onwards

Pottery ceramic Training: In [art history](#), ceramics and ceramic art mean [art objects](#) such as figures, [tiles](#), and tableware made from clay and other raw materials by the process of [pottery](#).

Timing: Every Wednesday Month of September from 02.00 pm to 04.30 pm. Contribution: Minimum Rs.350 Requested (come and learn take one tea cup with you). Please register in advance by contacting 0413 - 2623806. mohanamprogram@gmail.com

Psycho-spiritual work, tarot and other sessions: To bring more clarity and freedom on life issues where there was confusion and entanglement in order to allow new steps in life. Tarot, deconditioning self-inquiry," inner personalities" discovery and balancing , guided meditation and other tools..by Antaryoti in English or French, tel(land): 0413-262 37 67 or email: antarcalli@yahoo.fr

Salsa in SAWCHU: Salsa dance class followed by practice. Every Tuesday 6pm-8pm. SAWCHU in Bharat Nivas. Free and open to all Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests.

Satsang: a sharing for spiritual upliftment; Savitri Bhavan, Saturdays 5-6 pm

Silent Meditation Among Friends: Pavilion of Tibetan Culture: Wednesdays and Fridays: 5 to 6 pm (starting January 16th)

We invite you to Silent Meditation with Carsten Marsch who has been practicing Zen meditation since early 1980s with various Zen groups in Europe, USA and New Zealand. He will give a brief instruction on Zazen (Zen sitting posture) at the beginning of each meditation session. Everyone is welcome and requested to arrive a few minutes early, as meditation will begin promptly at 5pm. "*You should sit in meditation for twenty minutes every day - unless you are too busy; then you should sit for one hour.*" old Zen adage

Skyworks: Tree Climbing Workshops: Recreational tree climbing workshops. 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 instruction on safety and climbing techniques, you are off and instructing! Call Satyaji for conditions and appointment 958 516 58 82. Thank you

Somatic Explorations: with Maggie every Wednesday from 5-6pm in Verite Hall. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging. Open to all, for further info call 94866 23465.

South Indian Classical Dance (Bhratnatyam): Bhratnatyam dance classes offer by Bhratnatyam Dance classes offered for beginners. Weekly twice. The classes are offered for children and adults. If you are interested please contact me after 4pm on my mobile. S. Caveri: 7598368514

Spanish Tertulia: A gathering for cultural exchange, every Friday from 4pm to 6pm at La Terrace. We welcome anyone interested in Spanish culture and those who practice colloquial language.

Réception francophone: Tous les mardis de 17:00 à 18:30 à La Terrasse, en haut de la Cuisine Solaire, Ananda et Michiko sont à la disposition des visiteurs francophones qui voudraient poser des questions sur Auroville. Les auroviliens et newcomers francophones peuvent aussi participer.

Tamil Literary Classes: Ilaignarkal Education Centre organizes TAMIL LITERARY CLASSES every Thursday evening 5pm-6pm. Regular attendance is appreciated. Lectures by seasoned professors in Tamil Literature, history and culture are opened to all. Now we are ready again to continue our Classes on sewing, hand embroidery, drawing, painting and simple handicrafts for Auroville workers, their wards and Aurovilians interested. Better fix your schedule with our craft instructor. Do come and enjoy our herbal tea. With warm invitation. R. Meenakshi. Ilaignarkal Education Centre. Phone No: 04132623773. Email:- tamil@auroville.org.in

Tai Chi Hall: Tai Chi @ Sharnga: Chi on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7.30am-8.30am. 24 form on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 8.30am-9.30am. 108 form on Thursdays and Fridays from 7.30am-8.30am. And 127 form on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7.30am-8.30am.

Thai Massage: I offer Traditional Thai massage (For men and women), and Ayurvedic massage Abhyanga. (For women only) 1h to 1:30. At your home (if you can't move) or at my local. For more information: Christine P: 9489805493

Thai Yoga Massage: Workshop A inner exploration of the body, energy and spirit .Every Sunday from 9.30 to 12 am. In Terrasoul Community (Windarra Farm). In the Sunspace. All levels. Juan mv. 9443434182

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Life Coaching: Using awareness, visualization & imagination techniques: Life coaching is very useful in period of changes and doubts in order to get in contact with your intuitive self and find the creative & dynamic thread of your life again.

For appointment contact Pitanga: 2622403 or Vani: 9488818072/vani@auroville.org.in/Reiki and Reflexology courses possible on request

Traditional Hatha Yoga Classes: by Sergio Martinez Pose: Venue: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall (Center Field) Yogaasana classes: Monday and Wednesday - 4.30 to 6 PM. Special back bending class: Thursday - 4.30 to 6 PM For more information contact Sergio at omindiyoga@gmail.com or at 9585005339 or Joy Community Guesthouse at guesthousejoy@gmail.com or at 04132622584.

Ultimate Frisbee: Every Saturdays & Mondays, 5pm till sundown at Certitude. Helps improve stamina, hand/eye coordination, and focus through running, throwing, & catching the disc; along with patience & teamwork. Bring running shoes if you have them. Contact mark@auroville.org.in with any questions or just come ready to play.

Vedic Astrology: Chart reading and interpretation. Call 9843948288 or email vikram@auroville.org.in for an appointment.

Veena Musical Classes: As one of India's most ancient string instruments, the veena's origin can be traced back to the ancient yazh, which was similar to the Grecian harp. *Bharata*, in his *Natya Shastra*, explains the theory of the 22 sruti's in an octave with the help of two experimental veena's. Kaanchi Kaama Kodi Aasthana Vithvaan Thiru Ravi (Ravi for short) conducts regular veena musical classes for everyone at Yatra Arts Foundation, near New Creation sports ground. Come and learn an ancient art form in pleasant and friendly surroundings. **Who:** Everyone! Children & Adults. **When:** Every Friday evening from 5pm to 7pm. **Contact:** 0413- 2623071 / 9786772209

Women Self-Defence Course by Giacomo: Venue: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall (Center Field). Date/time: Tuesdays and Thursdays - 5.30 to 6.30 PM. Starting on Tuesday 8th of September Please register in advance for the course by calling 9487340778 or by email at joycommunity@auroville.org.in. Attendance for the whole month is mandatory and no drop-in will be allowed after the first class. Contribution requested from guests, donation basis for Aurovilians, New Comers and Volunteers.

Yoga classes: New Colors invites you all, for a yoga class on every Sunday at 8:00 am. This class is for all ages. For further details contact; 95855 13279 Mail id: newcolors2002@gmail.com

Zumba classes: with Sathish are resuming at New Creation Dance Studio on Mondays 6-7pm and Thursdays 6-7pm...



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

- Reminder: Friday 4 September - "MUD" by: Jeff NICHOLS - USA, 2012

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7:45 sharp)

"SPRING, SUMMER, FALL, WINTER... and SPRING" (original title: Bom yeoreum gaeul gyeoul geurigo bom)

Directed by: Kim KI-DUK - South Korea, 2003

Cast: Kim Ki-duk, Yeong-su Oh, Jong-ho Kim

Synopsis: In this film with a contemplative vocation, we follow the story of a young Buddhist student and his teacher, living in a pagoda in the middle of a lake. Every chapter of the film is connected to a season that matches the cycle of life of the student. Through experiences in childhood, adolescence, adulthood and mature age, we discover an endearing character, faced with the clash between his monastic life and the real world.

Original Korean version - with English Subtitles - Duration: 1h.42'.



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, September 11, Friday at 7 pm

TASHI AND THE MONK

2014, 75 minutes, Directed by Andrew Hinton and Johnny Burke

Buddhist Monk Lobsang has created a unique community in the foothills of the Himalayas, which rescues orphaned and neglected children. 5 year-old Tashi is the newest arrival. Wild and troubled, Tashi is struggling to find her place amongst 84 new siblings.

Best Film in Mountain Culture at BANFF Mountain Film and Book Festival, Best Short Film and the Pare Lorentz Award at the International Documentary Awards in Los Angeles, Best Mountain Culture Film at the Vancouver International Mountain 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

16:40 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.

LE PAVILLON DE FRANCE

Presents « EN QUETE DE SENS » (In quest of meaning)

A film by Marc Menardiere and Nathaniel Coste

Screening: Saturday, September 5, 2015 - 17 h 00 - Cinema Paradiso

"Not an environmental film nor a travel film, not really fiction nor pure documentary, incarnate but not intimate, this film resembles a road-movie of a disenchanting generation looking for wisdom and common sense. By bringing together the

messages of a cellular biologist, an urban gardener, a traveling shaman or a singer, head of an NGO, Marc and Nathaniel challenge us and our vision of the world, through their own questioning ».

Film in French without subtitles - duration: 87 minutes

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

Tuesday 8th September 8.00 pm

Hindi movie (title to be announced on Auronet)

10th Thursday September 8 pm

WOMEN IN GOLD (2015)

Genre: Drama/ Biography/Rated: PG13/Dur: 109

min/Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir:Simon Curtis / Cast: Helen Mirren/ Rayan Reynolds & Daniel Bruhl

Storyline: Maria Altmann, an octogenarian Jewish refugee, takes on the Austrian government to recover artwork she believes rightfully belongs to her family.

11th Friday September 8 pm

AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON (2015)

Genre: Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi/Rated:PG13/Dur:141min

Language: English/Subtitle: English/

Dir: Joss Whedon / Cast: Robert Downey Jr/Chris Evans/Mark Ruffalo

Story Line: When Tony Stark and Bruce Banner try to jump-start a dormant peacekeeping program called Ultron, things go horribly wrong and it's up to Earth's Mightiest Heroes to stop the villainous Ultron from enacting his terrible plans.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

"NIROD DA: AN INSPIRATION - HONOURING THE MEMORY OF NIRODBARAN"

Monday, 7th of September 2015, at 6:30 pm.

Nirodbaran (1903-2006) was one of the close disciples of Sri Aurobindo. He was the scribe and personal attendant of Sri Aurobindo and had a special relationship with the Lord.

The significance of 'Nirodbaran' is: "He who chooses the Infinite, has been chosen by the Infinite."

And Nirodbaran's association with Sri Aurobindo began even before birth. When Nirodbaran was born on 17 November 1903 his mother saw in her vision a resplendent Rishi standing in front of her, who she later recognised to be Sri Aurobindo.

The film was made by Gnostic Center, New Delhi in 2007.

Duration: 36min.

CINEMA PARADISIO

Film: The Matrimandir: Honoring Piero Ciconesi (First part: 1 hour)

Friday 11th September, 5 pm

This is the true story of Matrimandir, from the beginning till its completion.

Those of us, who were there, know that the Matrimandir would never have been built without Piero, quiet and unceasing efforts. Every morning, he would come with the drawings and the calculations he had made at night, without any computer or electronic device.

Yet credit was never properly given to him and this interview aims to correct that flaw and honors him as he should be. In this interview, without ever pushing himself forward, he tells us how the Mother's vision was with him at every moment.

Please do come: those who were there and those who do not know the story.

Francois Gaultier



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 7 September 2015 to 13 September 2015

Indian - Monday 7 September, 8:00 pm:

- **THE GOOD ROAD**

India, 2013, Writer-Dir. Gyan Correa w/ Ajay Gehi, Sonali Kulkarni, Shamji Dhana Kerasia, and others, Drama, 92mins, Gujarati-Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)
Three lives are integrally intertwined - in the course of a journey along a road: Pappu, a truck driver, struggling to support his family and planning to stage an accident to collect insurance money. Poonam a 11yrs old girl chasing a hope to find her grandmother, and Aditya - young son of a middle-class urban couple who is accidentally left behind during a road trip. This is a life affirming journey, across a local highway, and into the heart of an unseen India, where acts of great compassion are shown to strangers. *This was India's official selection for the Oscar*

Italian - Tuesday 8 September, 8:00 pm:

- **NUOVOMONDO (Golden Door)**

Italy, 2006, Emanuele Crialesi, w/ Charlotte Gainsbourg, Vincenzo Amato, Drama, History, Romance, 118 mins., Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
In a desolate Sicilian countryside in 1913, where farmers have worked the same land for generations, arrives a man from America. He talks about the New World: potatoes as big as train carriages, carrots as long as canoes, trees dripping with gold coins. He has come to offer it and his help during the epic voyage to the Promised Land. However, for that the villagers must leave behind all that is old and embrace the modern. Their journey will end at Ellis Island where the guardians of the New World will study the prospective citizens. In this, many families will be forced to choose, to split up forever as not all are privileged to enter the gates of Heaven.

Interesting - Wednesday 9 September, 8:00 pm:

- **The MUSIC OF SATYAJIT RAY**

India, 1984 Writer-Dir. Utaaplendu Chakrabarty, Documentary, 52 mins, English, Rated: NR (G)
Like his films, Ray's music was a multilayered blend of Western sense and Indian sensibilities. He had brought to his film-making a musical sense and skill that was as much a gift of family as it was a product of his personal cultivation. However, the background scores in his films were not a pretext for his musical obsession. Rather, on the contrary, Ray used music as an element in the organic structure of the films.

Nordic - Thursday 10 September, 8:00 pm:

- **KON-TIKI**

UK-Norway-Denmark-Germany-Sweden, 2012, Dir. Joachim Rønning & Espen Sandberg w/ Pål Sverre Hagen, Anders Baasmo Christiansen, Gustaf Skarsgård, and others, Adventure-History, 118mins, Norwegian-English-French-Swedish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
Film version of legendary Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdal's epic 4,300-mile crossing of the Pacific on the balsa-wood raft in 1947, in an effort to prove that it was possible for South Americans to settle in Polynesia in the pre-Columbian times.

International - Saturday 12 September, 8:00 pm:

- **THE EICHMANN SHOW**

UK, 2015, Paul Andrew Williams w/ Martin Freeman, Anthony LaPaglia, Rebecca Front, and others, Drama, 90mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)
In 1961 former Nazi Adolf Eichmann is captured by Jewish agents and put on trial. American television producer Milton

Fruchtman fervently believes that the trial should be televised to show the world the evils of the Holocaust and to combat any resurgence of Nazism and joins forces with black-listed director Leo Hurwitz. Despite death threats, reluctance to cooperate from several networks and even resistance from the then Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, the pair persists and move their cameras into the court-room. Edited daily and shown in some three dozen countries the 'Eichmann Show' becomes the first ever global television documentary.

Children's Film - Sunday 13 September, 4:30 pm:

- **CARS 2**

USA, 2011, Dir & Writer John Lasseter Owen Wilson and others, 106 mins, Animation Adventure, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G
After Mater gets his best friend, star race car Lightning McQueen, a spot in the very first World Grand Prix, he is given the job of pit crew chief. But while they are in Japan, Mater crosses paths with Holly Shiftwell, a spy searching for an American spy. Let's see what follows.

PEDRO ALMODÓVAR Film Festival @ CINECLUB

Splashing his colorful films across the dour post-Franco Spanish landscape with the irreverent glee of a prostitute arriving late to church after a long night, Pedro Almodóvar has been called the most influential Spanish filmmaker since Luis Buñuel. Beginning in the 1980s, Almodóvar started serving up provocative, candy-colored visions fraught with postmodernist insight into everything from sex and violence to religion and the dangers of good gazpacho. Sometimes shocking, sometimes controversial, Almodóvar's films have always managed to present a new and intriguing view of his native country, shaping the attitudes of both his compatriots and a larger international audience.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 13 September, 8:00 pm:

- **CARNE TREMULA (Life Flesh)**

Spain, 1997, Dir. Pedro Almodóvar w/Liberto Rabal, Francesca Neri and others, Drama, 103mins, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R
This melodrama examines how several lives are changed by a single gunshot. Adapting the novel by British mystery author Ruth Rendell, the director has given the material a Spanish makeover with added political thrust. Beginning in 1970 in Franco's Madrid, when a prostitute gives birth to a son, Victor, the story leaps forward to contemporary Madrid.

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