

# News & Notes

16th January 2016.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 632



# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

## The Ananda Brahman

Brahman always reveals himself to us in three ways, within ourselves, above our plane, around us in the universe. Within us, there are two centres of the Purusha, the inner Soul through which he touches us to our awakening; there is the Purusha in the lotus of the heart which opens upward all our powers and the Purusha in the thousand-petalled lotus whence descend through the thought and will, opening the third eye in us, the lightnings of vision and the fire of the divine energy. The bliss existence may come to us through either one of these centres. When the lotus of the heart breaks open, we feel a divine joy, love and peace expanding in us like a flower of light which irradiates the whole being. They can then unite themselves with their secret source, the Divine in our hearts, and adore him as in a temple; they can flow upwards to take possession of the thought and the will and break out upward towards the Transcendent; they stream out in thought and feeling and act towards all that is around us. But so long as our normal being offers any obstacle or is not wholly moulded into a response to this divine influence or an instrument of this divine possession, the experience will be intermittent and we may fall back constantly into our old mortal heart; but by repetition, *abhyasa*, or by the force of our desire and adoration of the Divine, it will be progressively remoulded until this abnormal experience becomes our natural consciousness.

When the other upper lotus opens, the whole mind becomes full of a divine light, joy and power, behind which is the Divine, the Lord of our being on his throne with our soul beside him or drawn inward into his rays; all the thought and will become then a luminosity, power and ecstasy; in communication with the Transcendent, this can pour down towards our mortal members and flow by them outwards on the world. In this dawn too there are, as the Vedic mystics knew, our alternations of its day and night, our exiles from the light; but as we grow in the power to hold this new existence, we become able to look long on the sun from which this irradiation proceeds and in our inner being we can grow one body with it. Sometimes the rapidity of this change depends on the strength of our longing for the Divine thus revealed, and on the intensity of our force of seeking; but at others it proceeds rather by a passive surrender to the rhythms of his all-wise working which acts always by its own at first inscrutable method. But the latter becomes the foundation when our love and trust are complete and our whole being lies in the clasp of a Power that is perfect love and wisdom.

The Divine reveals himself in the world around us when we look upon that with a spiritual desire of delight that seeks him in all things. There is often a sudden opening by which the veil of forms is itself turned into a revelation. A universal spiritual Presence, a universal peace, a universal infinite Delight has manifested, immanent, embracing, all-penetrating. This Presence by our love of it, our delight in it, our constant thought of it returns and grows upon us; it becomes the thing that we see and all else is only its habitation, form and symbol. Even all that is most outward, the body, the form, the sound, whatever our senses seize, are seen as this Presence; they cease to be physical and are changed into a substance of spirit. This transformation means a transformation of our own inner consciousness; we are taken by the surrounding Presence into itself and we become part of it. Our own mind, life, body become to us only its habitation and temple, a form of its working and an instrument of its self-expression. All is only soul and body of this delight.

This is the Divine seen around us and on our own physical plane. But he may reveal himself above. We see or feel him as a high-uptifted Presence, a great infinite of Ananda above us, — or in it, our Father in heaven, — and do not feel or see him in ourselves or around us. So long as we keep this vision, the mortality in us is quelled by that Immortality; it feels the light, power and joy and responds to it according to its capacity; or it feels the descent of the spirit and it is then for a time transformed or else uplifted into some lustre of reflection of the light and power; it becomes a vessel of the Ananda. But at other times it lapses into the old mortality and exists or works dully or pettily in the ruck of its earthly habits. The complete redemption comes by the descent of the divine Power into the human mind and body and the remoulding of their inner life into the divine image, — what the Vedic seers called the birth of the Son by the sacrifice. It is in fact by a continual sacrifice or offering, a sacrifice of adoration and aspiration, of works, of thought and knowledge, of the mounting flame of the Godward will that we build ourselves into the being of this Infinite.

THE SYNTHESIS OF YOGA,  
p. III: The Yoga of Divine Love, ch. VII

SRI AUROBINDO

*The  
Ponder  
Corner*

*In moments when the inner lamps are lit  
And the life's cherished guests are left outside,  
Our spirit sits alone and speaks to its gulfs.*

*Sri Aurobindo  
ref. Savitri, p.47*

## Youthlink Hub Design Workshop

When: 9:00 am - 12:30 am, Saturday 23rd January, Unity Pavilion

Facilitated by: Sindhuja, Michael, Suryamayi, UmaRamanan, Vinay, Kavitha

The Auroville Retreat highlighted the need for more youth engagement and opportunity within Auroville. In response to this need, YouthLink has developed a proposal to build a space in the International Zone which would serve as a hub for Auroville youth engaged in higher education programs, apprenticeships, and start-ups, and promote exchange and interaction with volunteer youth, visiting students, and others from the bioregion.

This is a "for youth by youth" project whose success depends on your participation. We invite ALL youth who have been brought up in the Auroville area, who care about our community's development, to come design this space with us. If you are 17-35 yrs old and studying/working/living in Auroville, we encourage you to join.

This proposal is very dynamic, and has received a lot of support from the Retreat's Action Groups and many Working Groups and Services - thus we may have a real potential for this youth-designed and youth-implemented project to come to life. We are in process with L' Avenir. We have also presented this proposal to the Governing Board, International Advisory Council, Working Committee, Bharat Nivas, International Zone and AV 50th Anniversary Planning groups.

We propose to build a Phase 1 before 2018, so that we can inaugurate the space by hosting a Youth event to celebrate Auroville's 50th Anniversary in February 2018, in line with the Vision for the 50th being, "To re-inspire our individual and collective aspiration, in order to contribute towards achieving the Auroville Charter and Dream"... and hoped outcomes of the 50th being "A renewed sense of the raison d'être of Auroville by means of inspiring events and initiatives..."

We hope to see you there and look forward to your input. Warmly, *the YouthLink Construction & 2018 Event Teams* [Email: [youth@auroville.org.in](mailto:youth@auroville.org.in), Phone: +91 8940568266, +91 9751944989]

## Regarding the Data Management Group

Dear Community members,  
Some residents have raised concerns about the existence and functioning of the Data Management Group. We would like to clarify its "raison d'être".

Before the Data Management Group came into existence, the Residents' Service was in charge of allowing access to the data of the Aurovilians. As the Service felt uncomfortable taking decisions all by itself, at some point in time it asked for the support of the Working Committee in answering to these requests.

As we mentioned in our monthly report of March 2015, published in the News and Notes # 594 of April 11th, 2015, we have set-up a Data Management Group to deal with requests for access to our collective data. Our concern is that a balance is found between protecting our data and allowing their access in the best interests, individually and collectively.

The Data Management Group is still working on a proper process for giving access to community data. It is not withholding data (as it has been wrongly stated). Its concern is that access should only be provided when required by officials, or when the purpose is clearly in the general interest and the data cannot be obtained through other channels.

Data required by the Auroville Foundation office or the RRO, for example, will be submitted without question as this is in

accordance with the laws of India. Data required by a foreign embassy or consulate will only be provided when each of the foreign residents concerned informs that s/he has no objection. Requests for a list of all names and email addresses of all foreigners of a specific country, required, for example, to communicate to them the visit of a person from that country, will normally only be given to the person who regularly maintains contacts with the embassy or consulate of that country. Access to data for research purposes will only be given if such research is supported by a recognised Auroville unit or working group. Data will not be shared for advertisement purposes or when the information can be communicated through other channels (e.g. the News and Notes).

As the Data Management Group is still 'new' on the job, and is very cautious to protect data from falling in the 'wrong' hands, irritations have arisen. We are trying to work them out and arrive at an easier and less 'bureaucratic' process. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

*The Working Committee*

## Call for Housing Board members representing community at large

Dear community members,  
The term of the present representatives of the community at large in the Housing board has come to an end for a while; the Auroville Council invites you to volunteer yourself for the new community representative positions in the Housing board.

If you feel the call to volunteer in this community service, please contact: [avcoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:avcoffice@auroville.org.in), Phone: +91 8940568266, +91 9751944989] - before the 27th of January 2016.

To view the present housing policy and mandate, please visit the Auronet at these links:

[https://www.auroville.org.in/sites/www.auroville.org.in/files/article\\_attachments/Housing-Policy-7oct2011.pdf](https://www.auroville.org.in/sites/www.auroville.org.in/files/article_attachments/Housing-Policy-7oct2011.pdf)  
[https://www.auroville.org.in/sites/www.auroville.org.in/files/article\\_attachments/Housing-Organization-Mandate-300911.pdf](https://www.auroville.org.in/sites/www.auroville.org.in/files/article_attachments/Housing-Organization-Mandate-300911.pdf)

Sincerely, *Auroville Council*

## L'avenir d'Auroville: 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks. The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval.

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

### Individual Project:

#### Site Application Feedback:

1. Korean Pavilion, International Zone, Office & administration building, reception, seminar hall, multipurpose hall exhibition space, library & archives, kitchen and indoor dining for 50 people.

### Project write up given by the project holder

Project Title: Korean Pavilion

Proposed Site Location: International Zone, Auroville

Project Holder: Hyejeong Heo

Architect: Ganesh Bala, Hangi Lee and Sunmi Jun  
Contact Persons: Hyejeong Heo, Ganesh Bala and Sunmi Jun  
Description:

Plot No: Site Permission has been applied for the project. The land survey reference number is IR 298/1A in the International zone

Total Area of the project: Site Permission has been applied for the project. The project will be in the area allotted for the North East Asian countries.

Built up Area: Projected Built up Area is 1025 sqm.

Target Group: The Korean Pavilion will be a centre of knowledge accessible to all visitors of Auroville (including researchers and students) as well as its citizens who seek to gain a deeper understanding of the Korean culture and its national traditions and values.

Background and Triggers: The Korean Community in Auroville has been growing steadily for the past years and has been active in hosting various communal events for the larger Auroville community. The Korean Pavilion group comprising of the project team members described above are working towards the formation of the Korean Pavilion under the vision of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

Goals/Objectives: Striving towards the vision of Mother and Sri Aurobindo of the International Zone, we would like to manifest the following:

- To embody the national soul of Korea.
- To represent fundamental Korean cultural values and traditions.
- To provide a place of learning for researchers and students from all backgrounds who seek to understand human unity and the interdependent role which every single country plays in creating a harmonious whole that is human unity.
- To provide necessary facilities to Korean researchers and students who wish to gain a greater access of knowledge of Auroville and human unity.
- To act as a bridge between Auroville and Korea which can establish and facilitate meaningful connections.
- To provide an interactive space to non-Koreans where they can experience the Korean culture and lifestyle.
- To create and promote collaborations with other NE Asian countries.

TDC asks for feedback from the residents of Auroville within two weeks from the date of publication. If anyone wishes to have detailed information, feel free to contact TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville office: 2622-170 or come personally to the Building Application section.

## Join the Entry Service!

The Entry Service has long been understaffed and overworked. Now with the work on a new approach to Entry with the deepening of the role of mentors, the Auroville Council, together with the help of the Study Group and Entry Service, are in the process of putting together the next phase of experimenting, visioning and implementing. A more detailed note regarding this will be published soon.

In the meantime, the Entry Service is looking for Aurovilians that can commit to the team during this exciting period of transition and change.

Presently, the work at the Entry Service is multi-faceted. There are members that conduct the interviews, members that sit at the front desk relaying important information to applicants, members that communicate via email, and members that take meeting notes and file records for the hundreds of applicants meticulously. There is normally one member dedicated to working with the Auroville Foundation when dealing with visas.

The core values of working in the Entry Service include Equality, Receptivity, Perseverance, Courage, and Sincerity. We are looking for Aurovilians with specific skills and a serious commitment. If the job and skills description below sparks your

interest, please email the Auroville Council for consideration of your interest in joining the current Entry team.

What is needed:

- Interest in welcoming the Newcomer, while following the polices at hand.
- Ability to use a computer with good typing skills.
- Willingness to read many emails on a daily basis, and later discuss each one of those emails in internal meetings.
- Ability to read and write in English fluently; taking meeting minutes, and writing clearly formulated emails are a huge aspect of the work.
- Ability to clearly and calmly express a message and clarify doubts. Patience and good human interaction skills.
- Ability to work in a team, as decisions are never made alone, and support one another when the office gets busy.
- Openness to working with many aspects of Auroville organization such as WC, AVC, HS, FS, HRT, HF, Aspiration Program, Savi, AV Foundation, Mentors etc.
- Interest in reflecting on current inadequacies to be able to make informed policy change suggestions and work on creating leaflets/booklets to help facilitate Entry-related information.
- Experience in areas such as conflict resolution and psychology.
- Commitment to the three-month trial-learning period, after which, if approved, a commitment to three years in the service as a Core Team member.
- Willingness to commit full-time.

For those who are interested in the visa related work, responsibility and perseverance.

The Entry Service needs your help; we hope that with your involvement we may better facilitate this essential service for the Auroville community.

Thank you, *Entry Service & Auroville Council*  
[entryservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:entryservice@auroville.org.in) / [avcoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:avcoffice@auroville.org.in)

## FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 632 dated 16. 01.2016

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

### AUROVILIANS:

**Beatrice BALDACCHINO** (French) - Staying at Savitri hostel, working at petals coordination group and Aspiration program facilitator.

**Berengere (Bee) BERIEAU** (French) - Staying at Baraka, working as an Ayurvedic doctor at Sante & Pitchandikulam.

**Maria Teresa ALEMAN** (Spanish) - Staying at Quiet, working as a therapist at Quiet and Pilates teacher at Pitanga.

**Gianpietro COLLA** (Italian) - Staying at Maitreye II, working at Ecoteco pools as administrative work and development projects.

**Paula MURPHY** (USA) - Staying at Samasti, working at Sante and PTDC.

**Jeremy Wakefield ROSKE** (USA) - Staying at Existence, working at Mohanam cultural service as an art director, care taker at Existence and Capoeira teacher.

### CHILD OF AN AUROVILIAN:

**Lorenzo COLLA** (Italian) - born on 07/08/2009, studying at Nandanam.

### RETURNING AUROVILIAN:

**Thera CORNUIT** (Dutch) - Staying at Invocation - 4, working as a receptionist.

### NEWCOMERS:

**Marlene DENG** (Austrian) - Staying at Surrender, working at Botanical garden.

**Sivakumari KANNAN** (Indian from Kulilpalayam) - Staying at Certitude, working at Udavi school.

Camille DELOBEL (French) - Staying at La' Ferme, working at Quiet.

Janina GLOYER (German) - Staying at Sadhana forest, working at Sadhana forest.

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

#### CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER STATUS:

Seok Ho JIN (Korean)

Tatiana SINEEVA (Russian)

Anne - Laure TAUFOROLLIN (French)

Sebastien ROLLIN (French)

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

Sheba MAINI (Indian from Delhi)

Leena DE CHAKRAVARTY (Indian from Orissa)

Yasmin LEVI (Israeli)

Julie PLOT (French)

Ravindra SOLANKI (Indian from Gujarat)

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

#### PEOPLE WHOSE PROCESS HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED:

Kundhavi PERUMAL (Indian from Coimbatore)

Dear Newcomers,

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

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

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

*The Entry Service team (B, Chitra, Eva, Ishita, Matilde, Neeti, Jitta)*

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Cristo confined to his home due to health condition

At the request of Cristo (Revelation) we inform the community that he has been released from hospital, but will be confined to his home for an unforeseeable period of time, going out for hospital check-ups only. He has been diagnosed with suffering from a rare, autoimmune disorder affecting the kidneys, something for which as yet no cure has been found. The current approach consists of keeping the kidneys functioning by using heavy anti-rejection drugs. Understandably, Cristo's defense mechanism has no way to handle any extra stress, injury or infection and therefore visits to him have to be restricted and monitored.

*He writes: "I must live the life of a recluse for a long while; I'm not too happy about this. So I'll carry on serving Mother as long as it gets and work from home."*

Those who know him well and would like to visit, better first call or mail him (tel # 2622356, email [cristo@gmx.fr](mailto:cristo@gmx.fr)). As currently the weather is quite fluctuating and people may carry a cold, you may be asked to wear a surgical mask for him to be safe.

May we all send him some healing energies and love.

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### 50th anniversary project planning

The incredible and rich journey of Auroville takes us further into the future...as we approach the landmark of the first fifty years of its founding by The Mother in 1968.

How do we move into the next fifty years?

How do we prepare for the Future?

This year...February 29, 2016...marks the 12th anniversary of the descent of the Supermind into the earth atmosphere, as an operative force.

The world moves ahead, amidst its upheavals...and the winds of change are visible in their contours!

These are our challenges! Have we unusual, unprecedented projects to work on...that could take this universal move further?

From Aster, on behalf of the Envisioning Committee [Please write and share to: [50th@auroville.org.in](mailto:50th@auroville.org.in)]

### Bharat Nivas... fast forward!

Dear Community,

To share with you the steps we are taking to renovate/complete... Wherever possible... the Bharat Nivas campus - started by The Mother in the early days and of service to us..... In this long process, we have taken up the work step by step as funds permitted and as needs arose.

Now Suhasini has prepared a detailed plan of most of the final stages with Anupama, under the guidance of Shri B.V. Doshi. As the Bharat Nivas Group, we are collectively working with them to start implementation.

In the coming two years, it may not be possible to continue with some of the present activities. We will, however, remain in touch.

Be with us - as we embark on this lap of the Bharat Nivas journey!

With love, *Bharat Nivas Group*

### People Food Music

Dear Friends,

People Food Music is a project we are running at Solitude Farm, bringing Permaculture to villages in Tamil Nadu.

We successfully concluded a crowdfunding project and as a first project we are working with the children from Chinnamudaliarchavadi.

We have a simple circle garden module (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPYqR6DW97M>) which can be made in an hour, planted with a wide variety of edible plants. Along with the circle garden workshop, we give cooking workshops to educate participants about the use of local plants.

As part of this project, and as part of Auroville's 50th birthday celebrations, we are initiating the circle garden project at Town Hall just opposite the graphic centre.

We want to invite Newcomers and Aurovilians to come and learn how to create, maintain and use the produce from these gardens and create a beautiful, interactive Permaculture garden. Permaculture is also about building community and making use of public spaces in creative ways. We envisage a few groups of 5 to 6 participants each, taking care of each circle gardens, learning about Permaculture and reconnecting with where our food comes from.

If you are excited by these ideas and vision, and have time you can dedicate, please come to a meeting at Solitude this Saturday, January 16th at 10:30 am.

Love, *Krishna & People Food Music Team*



**YEP**

We, the YEP Team, are happy to welcome your children in YEPWEEK, a program for guest kids age 7 to 12 which will be held weekly from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. The kids will be taken from place to place to discover and experience Auroville in an authentic way, through visits and activities set-up and facilitated by Aurovilians. The children will be involved in community life, play interactive games and have fun. To register your child please contact us via email: [yep@auroville.org.in](mailto:yep@auroville.org.in), or call us on: +91 763921750 (if we are not reachable by phone please send us an email). *Mirrabelle & Aurore (fertile)*

**La Piscine closed January 17**

The pool will be closed all day on Sunday for Madhu Pongal. Happy Pongal to all!

**Auroville's Land Needs Us All**



Auroville still needs to purchase land - some in the City Area, and a large portion of the Auroville Greenbelt. Lands for Auroville Unified, LFAU, is actively fundraising with its 2 campaigns *Acres for Auroville* (A4A) and *GreenAcres*, in close collaboration with Auroville Landboard.

Please donate generously to make Auroville happen! Every amount helps - Consider a regular monthly donation. Financial Service acc # 100 and Unity Fund # 240001 - specifying "Land in general", "Acres for Auroville" or "GreenAcres".

"The Auroville Landparty" is planned for Feb 7<sup>th</sup> afternoon! For info and flyers: 0413 2622657, email: [lfau@auroville.org.in](mailto:lfau@auroville.org.in) Info, video and online donation via our website: [www.colaap.org](http://www.colaap.org)

**Korean Pavilion Tea-time**

Sharing Auroville story in Korean with a cup of tea - Every Wednesday afternoon 4:00 - 5:30 pm, La terrace (Solar Kitchen upstairs)  
*Jinhee Suh*

**AV Nature Camp Team**

Hello, from the AV Nature Camp Team! We are excited to announce that we're gearing up again for this year's camps, and just wanted to update you on our latest. First, we are going to have four camps this summer. The first two will be for students only. The third camp will be for families. And the fourth camp will be for adventurous Aurovillian adults. We're excited to offer more camps this year, and look forward to getting more people out into the wilderness. More details about this soon! In other news, the AV Nature Camp Team is looking for a fundraiser - someone who can help us raise the money to complete the infrastructure at camp. If you have these skills and a bit of extra time to help us out, please do get in touch. Our email is: [naturecamp@auroville.org.in](mailto:naturecamp@auroville.org.in)

Thanks so much and stay tuned for further camp details in the coming weeks.  
*AV Nature Camp Team*

**Kala Kendra - Art Studios**

Dear Members of the Community, Kala Kendra in Bharat Nivas, the Pavilion of India, is creating a much needed collective Art Studios for Auroville Artists and Youth who don't have their own space to pursue their creative activities. This Art Studios will be a collective space for Artists from Auroville and the Bio-Region (including visiting Artists) to work together and have a creative dialogue in the field of inter-cultural relations.

To support Auroville Artists, we are also creating a permanent display space (Art Shop) on the same premises. For any further information regarding the Studios, please write to us at: [kalakendra@auroville.org.in](mailto:kalakendra@auroville.org.in) . You can also call us at: 0413-2622488. You are most welcome to visit our Studios between 10:00 am and 04:00 pm on all working days.  
*Team Kala Kendra*

**Far Beach Spa in Srirama now open**

Wide range of body wraps, peels, scrubs, baths, Jacuzzi, facials, massages and more.  
Call 9443668149 for appointments. For more information see flyer in Tanto

**Electronics / Makers Class**

Have a good project in mind that involves Electronics? Learn electronics by building projects with others. Build; learn intuitively with minimal math using simulator. Then come to the Electronics/Makers Class at STEM LAND-Udavi school (main building, first floor near principal's office). Starting from Friday(22/01/2016) 12:45-2:00 pm. See you there!! Please contact: Email-ID [naveen@auraauo.com](mailto:naveen@auraauo.com) Mobile No. +91-9786268939. *Naveen*

**WasteLess and Eco Femme - Sanitary waste**

Dear all, within the last months, WasteLess and Eco Femme have been trying to communicate on the issue of sanitary waste in Auroville and offer new ways of thinking about it. You might have seen our posters around, or attended a session conducted by us. As part of closing this campaign, Eco Femme would like to offer the units of Auroville the opportunity to come and facilitate a session in Tamil for their workers on menstruation and sanitary waste. If you are interested please contact us at: [info@ecofemme.org](mailto:info@ecofemme.org) or 9487179556  
*Cheers, the Eco Femme team*

**Offer for slides-to-digital transfer**

Our good friend and Aurovillian Bryan Walton is this year here once more throughout the month of February. He offers to bring his Nikon with adapter again so as to transfer people's old slides (*diapositives*) into digital format, as he did some years ago. He will only bring the Nikon if some of us would have precious slides to be converted, so if you are such a one, send him an email via [bryanwalton2007@gmail.com](mailto:bryanwalton2007@gmail.com) or to [mauna@auroville.org.in](mailto:mauna@auroville.org.in)

**A second-hand notebook Asus Eee series**

1) Should be always in charge (or at least, change battery) / 2) The plug of the charger is quite sensitive / 3) Notebook's speakers don't work, so you should use headphones or speakers

connected to the headphones-microphone plug. Contacts: 9487340778 or [giacomoauroville@gmail.com](mailto:giacomoauroville@gmail.com) - *Giacomo*

## Tomato Seedlings

It's time again to plant your gardens and we have many tomato varieties for sale. Come to Samridhi (Michael's place) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9-4:30 (please stick to these timings because of the dogs), until the end of January. Don't forget to bring a bag or box. Please no calls; just come by. Love, *Shona and Erin*

## Router

I have an almost new, but few years old, BSNL broadband router that needs a home! Make me an offer! Also looking for someone to love them - a Colloidal Silver Maker with instructions and a Hulda Clark Zapper - Again make me an offer - Love *Shanti*: 04132623314 / [shanti@auroville.org.in](mailto:shanti@auroville.org.in)

## Row houses with garden in Sanjana Housing Project

The work is going on in Sanjana Housing Project between Arati and Sukhavati communities. There are still row houses with garden available in the range from a small studio to a three bedrooms apartment. You are most welcome to have a look and choose between different sizes. The construction is expected to be completed April 2016 for 3 blocks and later for the 4th block. For appointment and details please contact *Angelika, Veronica* at: [angelika@auroville.org.in](mailto:angelika@auroville.org.in) and [veronica@auroville.org.in](mailto:veronica@auroville.org.in).

## Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil from my Family Farm in Sicily (Italy)

Dear friends, as last year, I have an extra amount of organic extra virgin olive oil from Sicily (Italy) and I'm willing to sell a part of it. This is a very special organic extra virgin olive oil for real connoisseurs or those who want to try something totally new to their palate. It falls under the consortium "Monti Iblei" DOP (Denomination of Origin Protected) and in general it has been described by experts as having a harmonious taste; specifically a medium-intense fruity taste, with flavour of herbs, green tomato, artichoke, and hints of chili, all harmoniously blended in equilibrium. In addition, I can say that the olives coming from my family's farm (since innumerable generations and since ever organic) are hand-picked by my family and a couple of friends when still fully green, thus producing less oil, but of a different much better quality and taste. For those who don't know, the best part of olive oil is actually coming from the seed inside the fruit and not from the pulp; in addition a ripe fruit will give a much larger amount of oil, but it will also enhance the acidity of the oil and dilute the intensity of the flavour (that's why most farm harvest it ripe, but very few who care about the result don't do it). The oil is then extracted in a friend's laboratory (controlled by the consortium) at room temperature (cold pressure can mean a lot of things by law, but this is the real one) and then stocked in large stainless steel container for at least four months to let the heavy undesired particles (the brownish part you get in the bottom of the bottle, when this process is not done). If you are interested and you are willing to offer an extra premium for the quality, please contact me at 9442328120 or [giovanni@auroville.org.in](mailto:giovanni@auroville.org.in). Have a good week-end. *Giovanni :-)*

## Organic Japanese "sushi" rice

Organic Japanese New rice (*Akitakomachi*) from Allahabad. This rice is ideal to make sushi and kimbap. It is coming from an organic Indian farm managed by a Japanese research foundation and after trying it, we can say that it is of a very good quality, especially because it is the first rice of the harvest. There are still a few kilos available from this batch, if interested please contact *Giovanni* at 9442328120 or [giovanni@auroville.org.in](mailto:giovanni@auroville.org.in).

## Under a Magic Silver Sky

I'm happy to announce the release of another album with songs written by me, in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish, sung by myself and Swaha. "Under a Magic Silver Sky" has beautiful arrangements by Holger and can be found (in the next days) at Wild Seagull (Visitor Center) and Free Land bookshops, and also can be borrowed from the Music Library at Multimedia Center.

The CD was sponsored by SAIER. I wish (along with a good new year) a good listening experience to everyone! *Jivatman*

## From Freeland Bookshop.

We are happy to announce that we got a new stock of Dennis Freischlad's critically acclaimed India-Book "Die Suche nach Indien". We also feature his new book titled "Hymnus - Die Suche nach Amerika", which is an adventures road trip into the depth of American music and poetry. Both books are in German.

Regards, *Freeland Book Shop*

## Laptop HP mini

Need to be fixed. Contact person Victoria/ ph. 2622913/9488818074 - Regards, *Victoria*

## Sri Aurobindo's Letters on Yoga, pocket size edition

In two volumes, hard cover on Bible paper, published by All India Press (facsimile of the same volumes in the Centenary edition). We have two sets and are happy to give one to whoever will read and treasure them. Also available is a pocket-size Savitri Concordance.

Call or SMS *Jasmin & Aravinda* at 97877-97814.

## Royal Enfield Bullet Electra 350

I'm selling my Bullet Electra 350, year 2012, ca. 32,000 km, Tamil Nadu registration, serviced each 3,000 km, excellent condition. If interested please contact me by phone: 9585862263, or email: [steffen@auroville.org.in](mailto:steffen@auroville.org.in). *Steffen*

## Items

1. Xiaomi MI Power Bank Battery Pack 10400 mah - It is brand new, for all smart phones to have a back-up when battery is out
2. Nintendo DS lite - Model NO. USG-001. It is pink colour and almost new. Please call 7639318959 if you are interested. *Ally*

## **LOOKING FOR ...**

### A single / double bed

Dear all, I am not sure if somebody has a bed which he/she needs to get rid of. I've got a double and a single mattress but I need a bed because at my place there are scorpions. Contact *Ivana*: [ivana@auroville.org.in](mailto:ivana@auroville.org.in) / 7094344154

### Baby cycle and carry bag

Dear Friends, we would be very grateful if anyone could help with: a) a baby carry bag for my 1 month old son, b) a baby cycle for my 2 years old daughter - Please let me know if you

have any of these to give away or sell. Thank you, *Veerappan* (Mango garden) - Phone: 9626111338

### Male caregivers

AVHS is looking for male caregivers (Aurovillians, Newcomers, Volunteers/Long-term guests) for our male seniors. Training provided; payment possible. Please contact us at: 2622425 (Mornings) or email us at: [avhs@auroville.org.in](mailto:avhs@auroville.org.in)  
*Auroville Health Services*

### A couple of adult bicycles

Long-term Auroville supporter is looking to hire a couple of adult bicycles (Preferably modern with a few gears) from 7th to 26th of February. Any offers, suggestions most welcome. Please reply to: [wilfschenk@yahoo.com](mailto:wilfschenk@yahoo.com) - Thanks, *Wilf Schenk*

### Volunteers for the Potters Market

White Peacock clay club is inviting volunteers to the Potters Market (23-26 of January). There will be a half-day clay workshop on the 6th of February for those who gave us a hand. For the details mail to: [saraswati@auroville.org.in](mailto:saraswati@auroville.org.in) - *Saraswati*

### Items

Hello, if you have some of the followings things that you don't use or need anymore, I am happy to furnish a new place a

little: A writing table, drinking water container, chairs, stove, pots, dishes, pot plants. Thanks, *Dennis*: 9159323114

### Second-hand moped

Preferably TN registered, if not PY registration is also ok. Please contact *Ruby*: 7639282889 or write to me at: [rubinansr@gmail.com](mailto:rubinansr@gmail.com)

### A job

*Kaival*, Aurovilian, French nationality, looking for some work in Auroville. Years of experience in restaurant and tourism industry. Contact: [Kaival@auroville.org.in](mailto:Kaival@auroville.org.in) / or call: 08525959937

## LOST & FOUND

Trekking sandals (lost): I'm a volunteer at Sadhana Forest and I've lost my trekking sandals at the Eco film club. It was Friday evening during the tour at dinner time. Has somebody seen them or taken them by accident? I really need them and just got them. They are black and grey, size 39.5 and the label

is "Keen". If you have them please bring them back to Sadhana Forest. It would mean a lot to me. Thank you! *Claudia*

ICICI debit card (found): On Saturday an ICICI debit card has been found in the Town hall. It is with us in Financial Service. *Otto*

## THANK YOU

### George's Departure

Dears Aurovilians,  
It has been one week since my dad left this world. Days are painful for us, far from the ceremonies which took place in Auroville but the philosophy on life and death which my dad passed on to me helps me move forward.  
It is now more than 30 years ago when I came to Auroville with my father and my mother. I returned there 2 years ago with my husband and my children and I shall return in one year as was planned.

I want today to thank you all for having taken care of my incredible dad. He was accompanied as he would have wished it. Furthermore, you, his family of Auroville all knew how to make us live and feel all the feelings in spite of thousands of kilometers. And this is the thing which allows us to move forward.

Thank you, thanks to all his friends,  
*Her daughter, Eve*

### Thank you for your generosity.

There were some small and big donations for Loraine to feed dogs, at Solar kitchen on Saturday 9.1.2016. I thank you for all those donations - total Rs 7,420.  
*Ivana on behalf of the street dogs in and around Auroville.*

### A big thank you from Gaëlle

I want to thank all the wonderful people I have worked with and that I have met during my stay in Auroville: you made my experience beautiful and full of surprises and learning! I feel like I have learnt so much about life in general and about myself by being here and sharing my experience with you all. I want to specifically thank from the bottom of my heart: the RAS team, the Auroville Today team, and the ARA group. Also a special thanks to Eco Femme and Koodam (and its partners). There are too many names I would have to write but I know you will recognize yourself! Maybe I'll see you all again... who knows?

With all my gratitude and admiration, *Gaëlle*

### The biggest and most beautiful Christmas gift I ever got

This gift is so big it is all around me, and so beautiful I never even dreamed I could ever live there...

Yes, those of you kind enough to feel concerned by my poor housing situation needn't worry about me any longer: I am now living in *Luminosity*, near *Vikas* and *Creativity*, a place I first heard of only through the nice note by Peter A. some weeks back, that he was now in a different apartment there, and so his previous apartment had become available. From the description he was giving of it, I felt such a place would exactly fit my need, but the cost of it made it at once an utterly unattainable dream which I just forgot about... until ten days later or so, the Housing Service informed me it could be attributed to me if I liked it!!!

My first actual visit there only confirmed my impression from Peter's note: this place, and precisely this apartment, was perfect for me. Everything after that went quite fast, and after all the other residents gave their agreement, I have been able to start moving there soon enough to spend my first night there just before Christmas - A dream wonderfully come true, and just in time!

So the New Year too I celebrated there, and am gradually completing my moving there, thanks to the help, financial and/or physical, of many new or old friends.

May all receive my deepest gratitude for every smaller gift that has also been given to me for this occasion... and first of all, my gratitude to those in the Housing service or later on at *Luminosity*, who have given me their precious support, leading to the collective decisions subsequently taken in my favour.

Let this be a shining example we all can be happy and proud of, that Auroville can sometimes take real good care of its old-timers; and may Auroville be blessed for that, as the needed sense of Unity does grow, however slowly, among all of us!

Happy New Year 2016 to all,

*Bhaga*

### Thanks and gratitude.

Dear wonderful Aurovilians and friends who helped after Sebastian's accident in many different ways. We are so grateful for all the help, energy, thoughts, love, prayers, day-and night care, therapy sessions, food, company.... that we received from you in such a loving way. It was the greatest gift that we could get and all of you helped us to go through this very difficult time. We are deeply touched and full of gratitude to each of you!

All our love, *Jorinde, Sebastian and family*

## A P P E A L

### The Auroville Theatre Group needs a little help

We need your help.

The Auroville Theatre Group has been invited to play "The Glass Menagerie" at the Ranga Shankara Theatre in Bangalore in February. It is the best theatre venue in Bangalore and we are very excited!

Maybe you have already seen our performance at Bharat Nivas in December. We were especially grateful and fortunate to have Marta Cicionesi create a gorgeous set design (with Swar's help on the design for the fire escape). So of course we would like to take it all with us to Bangalore. But it seems it's pretty expensive to carry everything - set, costumes, props - there and back ... Rs. 16,000 both ways by van (the safest way because we cannot count on it arriving on time by train).

So if some of you would like to help us create a beautiful show in Bangalore, you can deposit your donation in our theatre account at the Financial Service - 0057 for The Auroville Theatre Group! Please send me an email or SMS to let me know ...

Thanks so much for your support.

Much love, Jill for The Glass Menagerie cast and crew [[jill.navarre@gmail.com](mailto:jill.navarre@gmail.com)] / 09486416173]

## A C C O M M O D A T I O N S A V A I L A B L E A N D N E E D E D

House sitting1: Hi, I am Savi, a long-term volunteer, volunteering in Verite and Quiet healing center. I am looking for a house-sitting for a few months (flexible), from February 1st, or even before. Phone: 8525959872, email: [yaor30@gmail.com](mailto:yaor30@gmail.com) - Thanks, Yaor

House sitter: I am looking for someone to stay in my house at Quiet and look after my pets from 26th Jan to 7th Feb. If you enjoy animals, the sea side and are responsible and would like to stay at Quiet for these days, email me or SMS me. [shahnandi@gmail.com](mailto:shahnandi@gmail.com) , 9488483286 - Nandita

## T A X I S H A R I N G

January 15th or 18th: Looking to share a taxi to Chennai on the 15th or 18th of January. I have to be at the Russian Consulate at 9-10-11 am. Mob. 9944025970 - *Tatiana Vinogradova*

January 17th: leaving from Auroville at 9.30 pm to Chennai Airport. Taxi can be shared both ways, only 1 person is going. *Ingrid:* 9443843976 or [ingridt@auroville.org.in](mailto:ingridt@auroville.org.in)

January 18th to Aravind Eye Hospital: Early morning trip to the Aravind Eye Hospital (south of Pondicherry) and return at noon. Monday 18 January, please email: [bgr8ful@auroville.org.in](mailto:bgr8ful@auroville.org.in) (my phone is being repaired). Thanks, B

January 18th: Dear all, a taxi will go to Chennai Airport to pick up a friend at 10:30 am. Please contact me if you wish to share the taxi either to Chennai Airport or on the way back to Auroville. I would really appreciate it! Contact *Darius:* 7639205474 or [darius.meissner@outlook.de](mailto:darius.meissner@outlook.de)"

Tuesday January 19th: An empty taxi is going to Chennai International Airport, starting in Auroville at 9.30 am reaching the airport latest at 12.30 pm. 3 seats are available on the way out. Please contact *Peter,* mobile: 8524953824 or email: [peter.loegstrup@gmail.com](mailto:peter.loegstrup@gmail.com)

January 20th: Taxi leaving Auroville on 20th January early morning for an 8:45 am pickup at Chennai Airport. If you would

like to share either way please call 9486422616 or email [tisamri@gmail.com](mailto:tisamri@gmail.com) - *Amrita G.*

January 20th: A taxi is going to Chennai at 10 pm with one person only. Sharing in both directions possible. Please email: [soulrhythms@icloud.com](mailto:soulrhythms@icloud.com) or call 8122 867418. *Martin Steixner*

January 21st: One taxi leaving at 8.30am. Thursday 21st of January to Chennai airport. Would you like to share it? Please contact *Mona:* 7742515599

January 23rd: An empty taxi is going to Chennai International Airport, starting in Auroville at 5.15 am reaching the airport latest at 8.15 am. 3 seats are available on the way out and 1 seat is available on the way back to AV. Please contact *Peter,* mobile: 8524953824 or email: [peter.loegstrup@gmail.com](mailto:peter.loegstrup@gmail.com)

January 25th: Airport pick-up on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> of January, Etihad flight arriving 2 pm. Leaving Auroville 10.30 am. Sharing possible on the way to the airport. Pls contact *Tine:* [tine@auroville.org.in](mailto:tine@auroville.org.in) or 0413 290 96 19, thank you.

January 25th: 9.30 am from Chennai Airport - can be shared both ways. Please contact *Nathalie:* 9159090761 or email: [natnat101@hotmail.com](mailto:natnat101@hotmail.com)

January 31st: From Auroville to Chennai Airport on the 31st Jan at 6am. The taxi is with 3 seats available. Please email: [ally@auroville.org.in](mailto:ally@auroville.org.in) or call 7639318959 or 8098813189.

## W O R K O P P O R T U N I T I E S

### Volunteer opportunity for senior Aurovilian

It is the guest season, and nowadays the reception desk at the Town Hall gets many queries. If you are interested, and you are able to help our young receptionist deal with questions that visitors may have about Auroville, you would be welcome to give some of your time to sit at the desk, either morning or afternoon (mornings are busiest). It would help if you would speak English well, and preferably would have some ability to understand French or another European language.

Please contact the reception desk (2622250) and ask for *Annemarie or Laxmanan.* You may also call directly to: 9442070213.

## A U R O V I L L E R A D I O



Hello Everyone,

It's the height of the season with many events, performances, activities, and (AV International) meetings all taking place, (organizers pls pass by the radio to help us help you record your event). Amongst this week's programs are; "A4A" Mandakini calls for a unified action with a symbolic gesture for Auroville Land. Audio enthusiasts will enjoy the unique sound experience from the "Butoh" performance as well as "Light and Darkness" featuring Hamish's poetry with Christoph's multimedia touch. Author Noel's "Yaroslava Flower" as an audio book read by Marlenka and Ulriche, and Daniel and Marianna introduce "Unvironments-Fertile"- weaving familiar AV sounds into a musical journey.

Thank you for participating in our survey, we've gathered a lot of interesting data about our listeners: Because we've gotten such great feedback, we're extending the survey for an extra week. New deadline is Jan 18. Follow the link on our site or on Facebook. It takes just five minutes! We also remind our audience that you can record a free voice messages on our site at any time. To volunteer pls email us at [a@aurovillerradio.org](mailto:a@aurovillerradio.org)

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.

#### **Unvironments Fertile (Music 12/01/2016)**

The Unstitute begin their residency at Auroville Radio with a weekly session of unique sonic meditation environments - [English, 30 Minutes]

#### **Mother's O39; Q & A's- November 2, 1955 (The Mother 11/01/2016)**

Mother speaks of the necessity of finding our soul for Sri Aurobindo's Yoga, the Vedas, and Involution and Evolution. - [English, 30 Minutes]

#### **Presentations, Music, Pongal (News from Auroville 11/01/2016)**

News from Auroville - Pongal celebrations, presentations, concerts, and more -[English, 8 Minutes]

#### **Subbody Butoh Performance (Performing Arts 11/01/2016)**

Subbody butoh resonating in Auroville! -[English, 45 Minutes]

#### **Off the Cuff-58 (Performing Arts 10/01/2016)**

One year later, Freedom of expression, information, public private data, future diplomatic outlook for Auroville -[English, 15 Minutes]

#### **A4A - To Protect the Land (Evolution 10/01/2016)**

Energetic and dedicated Mandakini shares her story of the beginning of A4A -fundraising campaign Acres For Auroville. - [English, 49 Minutes]

#### **Robotics and Automation (Non class. 10/01/2016)**

Killol Acharya shares a presentation on robotics, automation engineering and beyond with the community -[English, 71 Minutes]

#### **Savitri, B. 1, C. 4, Part 3 (Sri Aurobindo 09/01/2016)**

The Master of Existence loses himself by taking birth in a body, and travels through time to realize Himself again. -[English, 25 Minutes]

#### **Light in Darkness (Multimedia 09/01/2016)**

Hamish shares his poetical performance LIGHT in DARKNESS at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture -[English, 39 Minutes]

You can listen to all of the programs and more on [www.aurovillerradio.org](http://www.aurovillerradio.org). For more info call 0413-2623331 or email [radio@auroville.org.in](mailto:radio@auroville.org.in)

#### **Piano recital by Noam and Maya (Music 08/01/2016)**

Noam Sivan and Maya Hartman play Beethoven Chopin Shubert -[English, 66 Minutes]

#### **Ayurvedic Health Education, part1 (Healing 08/01/2016)**

Dr. Geeta Auropremi has prepared talks on ayurvedic health education, this is a Part1 -[English, 43 Minutes]

#### **Yaroslava's Flowers (Integral Education 08/01/2016)**

Marlenka reads the story about a girl who can hear the language of the flowers, and about a very special journey. - [English, 25 Minutes]

#### **Merci Georges (The Path 07/01/2016)**

Le samedi 2 janvier 2016, À midi, notre ami et frere Aurovilien Georges Blanchet a quitte son corps -[French, 10 Minutes]

#### **AUP Presentation, Film on AV (News from Auroville 07/01/2016)**

Featuring Lory talking Sustainable Development Practicum of the American University of Paris, and Serena on her film. - [English, 16 Minutes]

#### **Detailed Plan of Residential Zone (Architecture 07/01/2016)**

Outside consultant architect Luis Feduchi presented his detailed development plan for Residential Zone 1&2 -[English, 115 Minutes]

#### **Miscellea-News- Miss Ennerved (Culture 06/01/2016)**

Introducing Miscellea-News in which "les Auroviliens parlent aux Auroviliens". Ms Ennerved. -[English, 2 Minutes]

#### **Selections par Gangalakshmi-70 (The Path 06/01/2016)**

Cette semaine; La Synthèse des Yogas de Sri Aurobindo; - [French, 12 Minutes]

#### **A Dream Down to Earth (Guests 06/01/2016)**

Serena Aurora visited Auroville in her exploration of intentional communities - new film - A Dr.am Down to Earth -[English, 14 Minutes]

## HEALTH

### Jade Beauty salon

New electronic epilation at jade beauty salon to get final removal of individual hair on face or other parts of the body - just contact me. Facials, manicure, pedicure, waxing, facial treatments, support for any kind of skin problems.

Now you can find me in the Aurosarjan complex next to Rangoli pink door. Beauty the smile of the Divine, feel good with yourself! Call for appointments: 809 876 0113 - With love, *Julia*

### Beauty & Health for your well being.

Therapeutic Face treatment with home recipes. Ayurvedic Acupressure Body Massage. Balinese Body Massage  
Contact person *Victoria*, Ph. 2622913 mb 9488818074

## SPORTS

## 15th edition of the annual AV week basketball

Happy new year All - It's Dirtball time!

The 15th edition of the annual AV week basketball league in Certitude is here.

Ladies and gents, we need you to sign up already so we can make the teams. **Only sign up if you are in Auroville at the time!**

Remember this is open to all, regardless of gender, for the young and the less young, as long as you want to play basketball.

When? Around the 3rd week of February- dates will be confirmed.

Please give us your names or write them down. Sign-up sheets will be available @ Solar kitchen, la terrace, AV bakery, visitor center, Certitude ball court and New Creation Basketball court among other locations.

Hope to see you sprinting around the dirt court soon!  
Keep your eyes peeled for updates.

*The Certi Bball crew*

## Auroville Marathon - Volunteers Needed

*"Monsoon falls & winter smiles,  
Nature is in its prime for the Marathon time.  
Marathon is the runners' day,  
Not to forget the volunteers who make easy their way.  
They cheer, support & encourage them for the run,  
Make sure of their safety at every turn.  
They make the Marathon a moment to cherish for every runner  
By treating each as a winner."  
Greetings & Happy New Year!!*

We are back for our next edition of Auroville Marathon happening on 14th of Feb, Sunday, 2016.

Fortunately we had most of you helping us at the Aid Stations before & we are looking for such a help this year also.

If interested kindly let us know through mail at: [meenal@tapasyadesignstudio.com](mailto:meenal@tapasyadesignstudio.com) or you could also get in touch with us on: 0413- 2623248 (Tapasya Design studio) between 2 to 4 pm (from Monday to Friday)

*AV Marathon Team.*

## TRAVEL

### Latest News from the Travel Shop

Located at Inside India in Auroshilpam.

We are open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00

As the availability of *News&Notes* hard copy, is only over the weekend, we request all to regularly peruse through the Bazaar section on AuroNet - Travel and Taxi Sharing - in order to take advantage of the special and promotional offers from some airlines, as some are only valid for purchase within a few days of the announcement and for a specific time period only.

#### Latest Offers from Airlines:

Emirates has special offers to Europe

Jet airways has promotional fare to Europe

Oman Airways announced promotional offers to Europe

Qatar airways has special offers to Europe

Ethihad Airways has special fares to Europe

**New flight operation:** Jet Airways will be operating flights from Mumbai/Delhi to Amsterdam effective from 27 March  
Please let us know your travel plans and we will get back to you.

Hotels: International and Domestic Hotel bookings can also be done at discounted rates through us. International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622078, [travelshop@auroville.org.in](mailto:travelshop@auroville.org.in), Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 - 2622604 / 2623030, [domestic@inside-india.com](mailto:domestic@inside-india.com), [doulat@inside-india.com](mailto:doulat@inside-india.com) / Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622047, [insideindia@auroville.org.in](mailto:insideindia@auroville.org.in)

## EATING OUT

### Organic Lunch in Joy Community

Tuesday at 12:45: Traditional Italian Food

Friday at 12:45: World Fusion Food

Saturday at 12.45: Typical Japanese Food

We serve a beautiful organic lunch accompanied with the usual family atmosphere of Joy Community. Ingredients are all fresh (some from our beautiful vegetable garden) and depend on the inspiration of the season, garden, and the chef of the day. For Italian food, some of the dishes are homemade lasagna, gnocchi, tagliatelle pasta, ravioli, etc. For world fusion food, some of the dishes are Thai curry, Mexican enchilladas, Caribbean fried plantains, etc. For Japanese food, some of the dishes are gyoza (Japanese momo), makisushi, tempura, etc. By reservation only (1 day in advance). Please call 04132622584 or 9442328120. Joy Community team :-)

### Kipaak Farmer's cafe @AuroAnnam opens

From Thursday to Saturday and Sunday, Chill Evenings with Live music/ Jam - all artist are welcome to bring their instrument at 7: 30 pm on wards

If possible please book in advance for veg and non veg items to enable us to prepare the right amount of food without having to go into waste. Thank you and see you Mawite - 8940108632 or 8940345827 or 0413-2623391

Thanks and regards, *Mawite*

### Mediterranean Feast at Well Cafe

All are welcome to Mediterranean Feast at Well Café in Sve Dame (near C.S.R.) on Saturday the 16/1/16

Vegetarian and vegan - fresh, happy, lovable and colorful food.

7.00 pm - dinner and screening of short videos and photos from the Mediterranean.

9.30 pm till 11.30 pm - world music with D.J Mouhsine.

Booking in advance is recommended. Rs 400 for guest / Rs 320 for AV and NC.

Well café: 0413-262219 Happy Pongal!

## GREEN MATTERS

## Sunday walk Farms & Forests

Auroville Green Center is happy to announce the start of this year's Sunday Walks to Farms & Forests. These popular walks will be announced weekly in the News & Notes (watch out for the logo) and on AuroNet, with details for the next walk, such as a brief description of the farm or forest, timings, directions how to get there, and phone contact of the hosts. The green posters on many community notice boards will provide an overview of 3 or 4 walks at a time. For visits to far-away places we will organise transport, in alternative to getting there by yourself (Cycling makes it a real green Sunday!).

The first walk of this season will co-hosted with The *Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI)* under their *Joy of Learning* program. It will be a visit to Annapurna Farm in the afternoon of Tuesday 26th of January (please note this isn't a Sunday but Republic Day and thus a holiday.) Details will follow in the next News & Notes.

For February we have lined up a variety of visits such as Discipline Farm, the Urban Gardening project, and Hope Farm.

The series of over a dozen walks, organised during the cooler season between Pongal in January and Earth Day in April, invites to some of Auroville's beautiful green spaces and projects. Auroville's farmers and foresters welcome us in their places, many of them tucked away and not easily discovered, sharing precious insights into their vastly diverse work and environment. Come and connect with fellow Aurovilians, volunteers and guests on walks along pleasant green paths!

For the Green Center - Lisbeth, Jasmin & Bridget (You can contact us by mail [avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in))

# Notes

## Georges Blanchet

It seems that the psychic being of certain people, familiar with Auroville or her founding inspiration, decides to come and live in Auroville for a few years before proceeding on its onward journey. It happened with Jehuda about a decade back. He came to Auroville from Germany, lived here for a few years, wrote even a small book, attended Chamber duty at Matrimandir and then, one day, suddenly left his body in good health. There are a few other instances of a similar nature. And now Georges joins the same 'category'. He came to live in Auroville about 7 or 8 years ago and now proceeds.

I was his neighbour at Vikas for a few months. He was a mild, benevolent person. He had a disposition to research things metaphysical, to study the works of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. But what was equally appreciable was that he voluntarily offered to explain things related to Auroville, and Sri Aurobindo and the Mother to curious or interested visitors. A few months ago, he told me that he at times went to the Sadhana Forest to explain these things to the volunteers there. It is good to know from Mauna's and Paulette's notes that he also worked in other places as at the Matrimandir and made himself available to visitors at the Visitors' Centre. This is all the more appreciable when we recall the Mother once expressing her unhappiness in the Agenda that often inmates of the Ashram do not take the trouble to explain things to curious or genuinely interested visitors.

Once, at Vikas, I was short of ₹50 to pay to someone I don't remember now. Georges was passing by. Spontaneously, I asked him to pay, as if you asked a family member. He immediately complied without a single query (*Of course, later in the day or the next, I put a ₹50 note on his doorstep*).

Thank you, Georges, for the last part of your life in Auroville. Farewell on the sunlit path. The body's life may end but the real life never ends. M.P. Pandit, one of the Mother's secretaries told her during her last months "*I would like to give my life if that could add one day in your life*", She took his hand, smiled and said "*Life is eternal*".

*[Georges on himself in his profile on Auroville Intranet: Name: Georges Blanchet Community/Location: About Me: Joined Auroville in September 2008. I try to be "a gardener of a better future". Interests: Truth, Beauty and Freedom in each one and each situation.]*

Aryadeep

## Rock Bees - an appeal

Some 5 to 10 years ago Rock Bee nests could be seen almost everywhere in Auroville, hanging on the structure of Matrimandir, suspended from the branches of trees or under the Bharat Nivas high roof extension, etc. Today they are becoming quite rare in Auroville; in fact it is now a cause for concern that this wonderful wild bee, a prolific pollinator and honey producer that has never been domesticated and lives only outside hives, seems to be disappearing from our area. Why? The answer is we don't know, but a definite contributory factor must be the common reaction that most of us have had on finding a nest near our home or place of work i.e. calling the MM team to "come and deal with it before someone gets stung."

The fact is, either smoking or suctioning out the nest's occupants almost invariably results in death of the entire bee population, specially when the central queen has been killed in the process, because without her the nest loses its purpose.

This note is an appeal to everyone in Auroville to please stop destroying their nests and thereby killing them, and specially to not call the MM team to come and "deal with" any nest near you. Bee populations are in decline almost everywhere, and we simply cannot afford to lose them (some 90 commercial food crops worldwide depend on them for pollination). Try to see them instead as an integral part of the natural world we live in; be protective of them; appreciate them and what they do to sustain our life on earth; and focus only on the good they do.

OK, we all know that they have occasionally "attacked" people, but this is extremely rare. Meanwhile, be aware that their "attack" is initially just an exploratory investigation. They fly around you checking you out, buzzing aggressively as they do so to see if you are a threat to their nest, i.e. it is a defensive action. Only when you start flailing your arms about and swatting at them do they start to sting (the first sting releases a chemical pheromone signal that triggers other bees to also sting). The secret, should you find yourself subject to such an investigation and can't get indoors or escape rapidly on a 2-wheeler, is to remain as still and calm as possible, or to move only very slowly, ideally with some clothing item over your head. If you can manage to do this, there is a good chance they will decide you are not a threat and move on. *Tim*

# For your calendar



## AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music  
Every Thursday at sunset  
From 5.30 to 6.00 pm (weather permitting)

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

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

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

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 to 6.00 pm.

Please be seated by 5.25 pm

*Amphitheatre Team*

## INVITATIONS

### Introduction to outdoor games

With Ben and Noemie

MONDAY 18 JANUARY @ YOUTH CENTER  
3 pm to 5 pm

You're 15 years old and you just want to have fun or you work with a kid (or you would like to) then join us to discover many games for many occasions, and to share experiences about working with kids.

The more of us will be there, the more fun it will be!

For more information or to confirm your participation send us an email at: [yep@auroville.org.in](mailto:yep@auroville.org.in), an sms on: 7639321750 or sign in on YEP's facebook page.

### The Teachers Center

Invites teachers and parents to the next  
Conversation on Integral Education

"A Fresh Look at Exhibitions, Presentations, Portfolios and the Open House"

Does your school have periodic exhibitions, presentations, or open house days?

Are you satisfied with what you do, or do you have some concerns? Would you be interested in hearing what other schools or teachers do?

We invite you to a Conversation at the Teachers' Center on Thursday afternoon, January 21 from 4:00 to 5:30 to share your best practices and your questions. If you can bring pictures or examples they will make a welcome addition to the conversation.

Venue: Teachers Centre, SAIER  
Thursday 21<sup>th</sup> of January from 4 - 5.30 pm



### Invitation to the Lilith Fashion School Final Year Show!

Lilith Fashion School would like to invite you to the Final Year graduating students' all-singing, all dancing, multimedia, fashion extravaganza!

WHEN: 8.00 pm, Saturday, Jan 23rd

WHERE: BHARAT NIVAS

How to Get Your FREE Ticket

Paper Tickets

Tickets will be available outside the Solar Kitchen every day from Monday (Jan 18) to Friday (Jan 22) between 12 - 1.30 pm.  
You can also pick them up in person from either Vanitha or Chandra.

Online tickets

And if you're good with computers and understand the internet, you also can book seats online, just check Auronet for the Lilith Show post. Online booking has already started and seats are filling fast, so don't delay!

Prepare to be dazzled and amazed

After three years' hard work and training in Auroville's very own Lilith Fashion School, Lilith's two graduating students will present their exquisite final fashion creations draped over the beautiful bodies of Auroville's finest women alongside a posse of hot guest dancers and some of Auroville's finest performers.

Inspired by Gaudi and the Taj Mahal

Inspired by the architecture of Antoni Gaudi and the Taj Mahal, the garments on display will dazzle amaze and inspire even the most jaded stalwart. Open your heart, open your mind and enjoy!

For more information or to book tickets, don't hesitate to call Jesse on: 948 6623 749.

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## On the Global Ecovillage Network & Gaia Education

4:00 pm, Pitchandikulam, Auroville, Thursday January 21st - Introduction to the Global Ecovillage Network & Screening: GEN: The Global Ecovillage Network at Findhorn (11min), by Serena Aurora

4:00PM, Pitchandikulam, Auroville, Tuesday January 26th - Introduction to Gaia Education & Screening: The Findhorn Community and Foundation (18min), by Serena Aurora

*Daniel Greenberg: After living at Findhorn and completing his Ph.D. in the early 90s, Daniel founded Living Routes, which partnered with UMass Amherst to run study abroad programs based in ecovillages around the world (including Auroville!). He also helped found Gaia Education and currently sits on the Boards of both Gaia Education and the Global Ecovillage Network. In 2012, Daniel left his position at Living Routes in order to start Earth Deeds, which helps groups support local solutions to global warming by accounting for the social costs of their carbon footprints.*

*Ethan Hirsch-Tauber: Ethan is an earth pilgrim, having traveled widely as an educator and coordinator of ecological projects and community-based initiatives around the world. He currently serves as the Office Manager and Internal Communications Director at GEN's international office located in Findhorn, Scotland. From 2009 to 2012 he taught as a faculty for Living Routes in Auroville. In mid-2013 he became the Director of Living Routes' Lotan program, until Living Routes closed its doors in January of 2014. Along with rebuilding NextGEN, the youth network of GEN, he has helped to develop regional networks, primarily in Africa and the Middle East. Prior to his shift towards ecovillages, Ethan spent four years working in the United States in the field of green building and energy efficiency, and then completed his Masters degree in Environmental Education at the Audubon Expedition Institute through Lesley University.*

Global Ecovillage Network: [gen.ecovillage.org](http://gen.ecovillage.org)

Gaia Education: [www.gaiaeducation.org](http://www.gaiaeducation.org)

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## Moving Beyond Carbon Offsetting: Local Solutions to Global Warming

January 27th 3:00-5:00 pm - Unity Pavilion

Community is the missing ingredient in responding to global warming. Governments and corporations are still sluggish to account for our environmental impacts and, while ordinary citizens are becoming increasingly aware and willing to act, they often feel their individual behavior changes won't make a big difference. We desperately need effective, collaborative tools to understand and respond to our collective impacts and create more resilient communities and ecosystems. Carbon offsetting has attracted over US\$3B since 2005 to support mitigation projects around the world, but it is plagued by inefficiencies, lack of trust, and a negative story about buying a clean conscience while delaying meaningful action. This presentation will propose a radical alternative called "onsetting", which drops the controversial claim of carbon neutrality, prices emissions based on the Social Cost of Carbon, and enables funding to support local and meaningful sustainability projects that are systemically responding to climate change. Onsetting's "big solution" is empowering the millions people and projects working now to create a positive future for all life.

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Daniel Greenberg, Ph.D., <http://www.earthdeeds.org/>

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## New Colors fair

Dear All,

This year we are not doing Pongal Festival in New Colors.

Instead, we are going to have New Colors fair on Saturday 13 February, 2016.

This is a fund raising event for the community library in New Colors. This event is going to be full of Dance, Music, Martial Arts, fun games and Arts.

We will have some homemade cookies, and juice.

The New Colors children have made some amazing gifts (made with 100% LOVE)

Don't Miss It!

For more details contact: 9865 444472 (Renana) and 95855 132 79 (Kumar) [newcolors2002@gmail.com](mailto:newcolors2002@gmail.com)

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## Welcome to the Women Temple

In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn

Wednesdays 20 & 27 January, from 7 pm - 9 pm

(Door opens at 6.45 & we start together on time)

*"The relationship we have to other women reflects the relationship we have to our own feminine essence. We take a stand for a new way of being a woman together on this planet. Together we can heal and transform into a relationship of celebration and empowerment" - Chameli Ardagh of Awakening Women Institute*

In the temple group we explore, worship and celebrate our feminine power through meditation, movement, touch, introspection, beauty and wisdom of sisterhood.

The space we create together and the exercises help us towards soulful connections - we meet behind our personal stories.

Welcome to bring a friend and a flower or two!

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## Meals to Heal

Monday 25th January 2016 at Unity Pavilion

Talk: Meals to Heal by Dr Nandita Shah

This will be about Dr Nandita Shah's work on disease reversal through food.  
Why food works to heal / What changes you could make / The results that you can expect

5 pm - 6.30 pm + Q & A

Free, all are welcome

This will be followed by a Delicious Healthy Buffet Dinner at 7 pm

Menu: Roasted Pumpkin and Herb Soup; Vegan 'Tuna' Salad; Organic Greens and vegetables Salad; Cucumber salad with peanuts and coconut; Open sandwiches with our tricolor hummus and vegan Boursin; Roasted veggies and Varagu Couscous; Chocolate Fudge

The food will be mostly organic, whole and 100% vegan.

Guests: Rs 450 per person / Aurovillians: Rs 350 per person / Early bird discount of Rs 50

Please pay into our account 105339 with your name(s) or pay cash at SHARAN's Aurelec office between 9 am - 5 pm on working days  
Queries - 0413 2622424, 7639174949 (9 am - 5 pm on working days)

You are welcome both events or any one of your choice.

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## EXHIBITIONS



### From Some Invisible Fire

Paintings by Ashram artist

Priti Ghosh

January 18-31 2016

9-5 daily except Sundays



### PLAYROOM 1

Exhibition of ceramics by Saraswati  
at Citadines Centre d'Art  
19<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> of January

2.30 to 6 pm daily except Sunday

Opening: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of January - 5-7 pm

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**Pavilion of Tibetan Culture in collaboration with Tapas, Kalakhoj,  
present**

### **An Art Exhibition by Nathalie Racicot,**

A visiting Professional Guest Artist from Quebec, Canada

Past lives and Present lives intertwined

Weaving through Indian threads, hand-made paper and photography: a visual art & mixed media

Venue: Art Gallery, Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, Auroville

Dates: 23 to 29 January 2016 - Timings for visit: 9 am to 5 pm

Opening ceremony: a musical introduction by Pierre-Paul Racicot, Canada

Saturday, January 23 - Time: 5:00 pm: Inauguration followed by tea. Closed: on Sunday, January 24

Wednesday 27 Jan., from 3 to 6 pm: Workshop: for children and adults, how to learn and play with recycled paper, cloth, and images, etc..., followed by a Presentation on a brief artistic journey of Nathalie Racicot.

*Short Introduction about the Artist: Nathalie Racicot is a Canadian graphic designer, scenographer, curator and artist. In her Art-work, she explores photography, uses recycled papers and re-weaves in new ways. The present "Past lives and Present lives intertwined" is the result of a research project created in Auroville, through her short journey of Indian experience. Also, some previous works will be presented. Old photographs woven, cut, recomposed and work with local papers. For the artist, it is a way of honoring the Canadian personal family ancestors, while understanding "what is and what will be".*

All are welcome.

For more information: [Kalsang@auroville.org.in](mailto:Kalsang@auroville.org.in) / [n.racicot@bellnet.ca](mailto:n.racicot@bellnet.ca) / 9047196022 / mobile Tapas: 9442121315

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## Interactive sessions on Auroville'

Insight Seminars invites you to 'INTERACTIVE SESSIONS on AUROVILLE'.

Presentations made by Aurovilians on their areas of expertise and sharing of their experiences. These introductory sessions are for those who wish to explore various aspects of Auroville; whether they are Guests, Newcomers or Aurovilians.

Introduction to the Vision and Concept of Auroville: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Monday

presented by Shivaya

Auroville Economy & Organisation: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Tuesday

presented by Bunty

Community Development & Women Empowerment: 20th January 2016, Wednesday

presented by Parvathi (Pitchandikulam)

History of Matrimandir: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016, Thursday

presented by B

Wildlife in Auroville: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016, Friday

presented by Tim

Time: 10 to 11:30 am. including question and answer session.

Venue: Insight Seminar room, Ground Floor, in the Inside India building - Auroshilpam (opposite CSR; behind Auromode Guest-house).

\*The presentations are free of charge. Anyone may walk in.

## Insights Seminar

Insights Seminar presents for the first time this year a one-day seminar on:

'SHAKTI' - the female creative energy, active executive force of the Divine and the great Divine Mother.

In the Integral Yoga she is experienced as the evolutionary force that accompanies the growth of the new consciousness.

On 23rd January 2016, Saturday

Time: 08:45 to 12:00 & 14:00 to 17:00

Presented by: Ela

Venue: Insight Seminar room, Ground Floor, in the Inside India building - Auroshilpam (behind Auromode).

Register in advance with Elizabeth at 2622.047 between 09:30 & 12:30 or 14:00 & 17:00

Contribution required for guests. Aurovilians and Newcomers are welcome, no contribution required, but book in advance

## Earthship Biotecture Presentation by Shanti

Date & time: Saturday 23 January 4.30 pm

Venue: Cinema Paradiso

*"...the Earthship is the epitome of sustainable design and construction. No part of sustainable living has been ignored in this ingenious building."*

This presentation will give you some initial insights in the organic nature and structure of a completely new concept of building homes.

An Earthship harvests its own water (using it three times), catches the warmth of the sun or keeps the house cool (according to your need), provides food, recycles its own sewage, harvests 100% of its used energy, and often includes local and recycled building materials. It can be built within one to two months and makes its inhabitants completely autonomous.

An Earthship is not the product of artful and sophisticated architecture but rather the outcome of a deep process of realizing the wish to build in a truly sustainable way that benefits humans, the environment and the elementary needs of all creatures living on this planet. This is now called "Biotecture" by its founder Mike Reynolds.

The presentation is given by Shanti, who cooperates with the original Earthship Biotecture Team of Mike Reynolds in Taos, New Mexico. He will also share some new film and photo material especially on Earthship buildings in tropical (Philippines, Malawi, Guatemala, Sierra Leone etc.) as well as in moderate and cold climates.

## World Cultures and Words

India, China, Islam, the West- in all humility!

A Talk and Readings from My Future Book (Diary)

Friday 29th. Jan. 2016, Unity Pavilion at 5. pm

*Prof. Edwin Zappe has given talks and lectures in 19 countries, 13 in Asia and the Near East.*

*Traditional cultures thought with the heart (heart/mind). In Sanskrit there is no word for "to teach".*

*Why? Socrates (Greece) and Confucius (China) did not say "I am a teacher", but "I am a midwife".*

*Why? "No one can think anything different from that which one feels, and this is always true", Socrates.*

*Why? Buddha: Your worst enemy cannot harm you as much as your own thoughts, unguarded.*

## Reminder: Soiree musicale

Friday January 15 2016 - 8 pm at CRIPA

Piano Pushkar



## Indian Classical recital

Kees van Boxtel - *Bansuri*  
Soundarya Seraphina - *Veena*

Thursday 21 January 2016 - for Sunset at 5:30 pm  
In the Hall at Savitri Bhavan

### About Silence and Music

*I have seen musicians listening to music, musicians, composers or players who truly love music, I have seen them listening to music. They sit completely still, you know, they are like that, they do not move at all. Everything, everything is like that. And if one can stop thinking, then it is very good, then one profits fully... It is one of the methods of inner opening and one of the most powerful.*

Mira Alfassa

## Mahalakshmi Park - Musical Offering

Sunset - Full-Moonrise 5.45 - 6.45, Sat 23.Jan

Entrance from Solar Kitchen crossing, parking behind library, or footpath from the Crown  
The community and friends are invited to share in an opening consecration  
of the beautiful stone amphitheatre space in the Mahalakshmi Park.

A group of artists and musicians are invoking Her qualities of Harmony and Beauty inviting You to join in the Offering.

Aurelio, Deepanam Students and Teachers, Emilie and Linus, Francois, Jyoti, Mantra Chanting Group, Nadaprem, Raja, Samuel and Carpoeiristas, Santra, Shakti, Swaha and Vera, the Svaram Team and Av Road Service are bringing Bells, Slokas, Marimbas, Xylophones, Nyckelharpa, Mantras, Viola, Berimbau, Adabaque, Pandeiros, Accordeon, Guitar, Voices, Percussions, Land art, oil lamps, candles, lampions, sky lanterns.....in an aspiration to create a new communal atmosphere of listening, joy, wonder and gratitude for Auroville.

## CLASSES , WORKSHOPS

### TABLA/ DRUMS LESSONS - AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

Tabla/ Drums Lessons - Indian and Oriental Forms  
Venue: Bharatnivas, Auroville

Dates: 15 January to 27 February 2016

Contact persons: Tapas & Shilpa - Email:  
[tapas@Auroville.org.in](mailto:tapas@Auroville.org.in) / Email: [shilpa.qsud@gmail.com](mailto:shilpa.qsud@gmail.com)

Offered by annual visiting guest Artist Rashmi Vibhu Bhatt

Short Introduction: Learn the Art of Indian & Oriental Rhythms from a professional Indian percussionist visiting Auroville every year. Rashmi has a very long experience of teaching to Indians and western artists. Lessons are open to everyone, for beginners, those who have never touched an instrument, and to advanced students.

Rashmi will introduce and guide you to the fascinating Art of Vocal Rhythms, also learn how to sing the rhythms and amazing sounds of Oriental Drums; how to learn the art of accompanying Bhajans and any form of Jazz music or World Music. Rashmi will also teach how to appreciate and listen to Indian Classical Music. The classes are open to all beginners, Jazzmen, dancers and drummers.

For more information contact also:  
[Rashmibhattmusic@gmail.com](mailto:Rashmibhattmusic@gmail.com)

### QUIET COURSES

Thai Yoga Massage Introduction with Rossella  
Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 January (18 hours)  
9.30 am - 4.30 pm (lunch included)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

This 3-day workshop offers an introduction to the basic tools of Thai Yoga Massage in a dynamic way; you will not only learn a simple massage sequence, but also become acquainted with the basic principles of touch through intuitive exercises. A complete routine will be taught starting from the feet, passing through different body positions and ending with head and face. Palms, fingers, arms, legs and body weight are used, having an effect on both giver and receiver.

The massage is given lightly dressed in thin (best) cotton trousers and shirt (please bring it with you!). The massage

sequence will be available as a video for download after the course.

Thai Yoga Meridian Massage with Rossella  
Monday 25 - Wednesday 27 January (18 hours)  
9.30 am - 4.30 pm (lunch included)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

This 3-day workshop deepens the experience of the Thai Yoga Massage Introduction. We will explore the main aspects of the Thai Yoga meridian energy lines and combine them with the tools learned in the basic introduction through an expanded sequence. The main themes will be: body centering, balancing the left and right side of the body, detoxification of body and mind, and balancing the emotional body.

The course is open to students, who have done the basic course, or have previous experience with Thai Yoga Massage or other bodywork on the floor. The massage is given lightly dressed in thin (best) cotton trousers and shirt (please bring it with you!). The massage sequence will be available as a video for download after the course.

Watsu for Babies with Dariya and Gianni De Stefani  
Monday 25 January (8 hours)

8.45 am - 6.30 pm (lunch included)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Watsu for Babies is a beautiful and fun way of reliving your first childhood years and is open to all those who would like to experience and share the joy of being in water with babies. Through some exercises from Tantsu and Ai-Chi, you will learn to listen to yourself and to the baby you hold in your arms. You will also learn the possible transfers of the Watsu sequence in order to expand it in a creative way for babies.

A new massage developed by Dr. Ricardo Palumbo in collaboration with Gianni De Stefani will be introduced in this course to bring Watsu closer into the world of babies. Prerequisite: Watsu Basic or having a degree to work with babies in water.

Waterdance 2 with Shanti & Helen  
Tuesday 26 - Sunday 31 January 2016 (6 days)

9.00 am - 6.30 pm (50 hours in total)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622646 / 9488084966)

In this course, you will build upon the skills learned in Waterdance 1. Your perception of Waterdance's potential will expand profoundly, while you increasingly incorporate its principles within a broader repertoire of under-water moves, advanced holdings and techniques.

By the end of this course, you will have learned enough material to give Waterdance sessions that are fun, healing and profound! Prerequisite: Waterdance 1.

### IMPROV THEATRE GAMES

Come and discover a new sense of freedom. Meet other fun and interesting people for an afternoon filled with interesting improv theatre games. Registration not required. For more details call Emanuele: 9943970834

Venue: SAWCHU

Date & Time: Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 3-6 pm

### AUROVILLE BAMBOO CENTRE: EXPERIMENTAL BAMBOO GEODESIC DOME WORKSHOP

18/01/2016 til 23/01/2016 [6 days: Mon - Sat]

Workshop contribution: Rs 3,500 (10 participants maximum) - contribution includes lunch on all workshop days

British-French nomadic dome builder Colin joins us for a workshop in building a dome from bamboo. This will be an experimental workshop where we try to make a simple V2 dome (structure only, not the canvas/cover).

No previous knowledge of working with bamboo or geodesic domes required. Hands-on woodworking knowledge is welcome, but also not required.

Sign-up: Call Bamboo Centre Office (0413-2623806), or sign up through our website: [aurovillebamboocentre.org/workshops](http://aurovillebamboocentre.org/workshops)

### ANATOMY FOR AQUATIC BODYWORKERS COURSE

With Gianni De Stefani (WABA Teacher)

From 19 to 24 January 2016

Venue: New Creation and Quiet Healing Center

Time: From 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

From 2.00 pm to 6.30 pm (4 - 6.30 pool practice at Quiet Healing Center)

For the learning program of Watsu, requirement to attend the course: Watsu 1 or at least Watsu basic and 50 hours of aquatic bodywork. This course is also open to other bodyworkers.

Info & booking: contact Loretta: 9787936100 - [info@watsu.in](mailto:info@watsu.in)

### LASYA RITUAL CIRCLE DANCE FOR WOMEN

With Yulia in Sve Dame, Butterfly Barn

Fridays from 5-7, being on time appreciated.

The Lasya Ritual Dance practice is an authentic exploration of devotional dance, a revival of the ancient memory of worship and communion with spirit hidden in the body and its movements. We will improvise and learn forms, dance together and with ourselves, explore a different way of being within a circle of Dance unity

### SHAMANIC FAMILY HARMONIZATION

With Shanti Mook and Helen Ananda

Auroville, 2 - 7 February

Every Human is in deep connection with all the members of their family. We call this bond `systemic`, which is effectively and purely inter-active, inter-dependent, even transpersonal - and including all life on earth!

This workshop is offering a profound experience of connectedness on all levels: physical, mental, spiritual and ecological. We work with the universal tool of the `Wheel of Life`, a One-Night Solo-Ritual on the land, Shamanic Family Constellation and other related Deep Ecology Modalities.

Together we will delve deeper into our human, loving Maturity, honouring the power and beauty of Mother Nature, celebrate effective rituals to heal our delinquency towards her and come back into fully trusting as true `Children` of the Earth` ...

A couple for over 25 years, Shanti and Helen have studied with shamanic teachers worldwide and are trained into mastering many skills in various bodywork, deep ecology and nature based rituals. They have developed SFH together into a trans-personal process throughout all those years...

For further information call or email: [dariya@auroville.org.in](mailto:dariya@auroville.org.in), or: 9786658967

### AYURVEDIC MASSAGE COURSE

Aurodam Harmony centre: 25 January 2016 till 30 of January 2016

The Ayurvedic massage is one essential contribution to heal every disease. The massage that is taught is a complete full body massage that the student learns to master during this course. The massage works from feet to head and the full treatment will be done in 1 hour. The aim of this massage is to eliminate toxins and re-establish the connection between the physical, emotional, mental and energetic aspect. Attention is directed not only to learn the technique, but also at other important aspects like: the body posture of the student, cleaning of the personal energy system and the workroom.

For more information please contact: [umberto@auroville.org.in](mailto:umberto@auroville.org.in) / mobile 9585975330

*The teacher - Umberto Grippo: He has been living in Auroville for the past 20 years; He teaches three different forms of Ayurvedic massages.*

### SPECIAL ATB WORKSHOP FOR FORMER STUDENTS OVER 21

This workshop is specifically for people who attended ATB classes in Auroville schools and would like to refresh their connection with ATB.

The workshop will take place in the ATB Hall at Transition on Saturday 16th of January from 3 pm to 5 pm.

### TAI CHI HALL IN SHARNGA

Presents THE ART OF CHI - Stevanovitch's method

TAI CHI CHUAN WORKSHOP

January 25<sup>th</sup> to February 13<sup>th</sup> (Sundays excluded)

Monday to Saturday, 7.30 - 10.30 am

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

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

For information and booking, contact Krishna at: 2623187 / E-mail: [taichi@auroville.org.in](mailto:taichi@auroville.org.in) / Website: [www.taichiinnerwayschool.org](http://www.taichiinnerwayschool.org), [www.artduchi.com](http://www.artduchi.com)

### TAI CHI HALL @ SHARNGA

Special class on Jan 15 and Jan 16 from 8 am till 10.30 am with a focus on the cross breathing and the 127 form

There will be no regular morning classes from Jan 25 till Feb 13 since there is a beginners' workshop.

Evening classes are cancelled from Jan 25 onwards <[taichi@auroville.org.in](mailto:taichi@auroville.org.in)>

### JOYFUL LIVING 2

8th to 12th March

Everyone is a leader. Everyone can make a difference. Dare to be unapologetically you and make an impact from a place of authenticity. This powerful certificate program will give you an individualized roadmap for living your life purpose along with a renewed sense of energy to be the change that you want to see. You will leave with a tangible sense of your life purpose and of your impact on your environment as well as tools to recognize and overcome self-limiting beliefs. This certificate

retreat builds on Joyful Living I, and is accessible for anyone who has worked with Julie before or has experience with personal growth. To register, call 9843948288 or write to: [info@aurovilleretreat.org](mailto:info@aurovilleretreat.org)

### INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

**Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother**

**19th January (Tuesday)**

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

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

Focus this week on: 'Intimacy with the Divine'

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

Place: Savitri Bhavan. Time: 9 am to 12.00 Noon (pl be present by 8.55 am). Led by Ashesh Joshi. Contact: 9489147202, 2622922

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

All are welcome

For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit [www.integralyoga-auroville.org](http://www.integralyoga-auroville.org).

### FROM THE SOIL TO THE PLATE

A practical four-day course about growing and cooking healthy food.

**Monday January 18<sup>th</sup> - Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> in Buddha Garden Community Farm**

This course will give you the opportunity to learn and get hands on experience of organic sustainable food growing. Over three days there will be sessions with Vivek and Priya on soil and water management, plants and seed saving, pest and weed management. On the last day there will be the opportunity to cook with Efrat and make creative dishes using local produce. For full details visit the Buddha Garden website: [www.buddhagarden.org](http://www.buddhagarden.org) or email Priya: [priya@auroville.org.in](mailto:priya@auroville.org.in).

### HEALING BY BREATHING

Change your everyday way to breathe

The 3-day workshop on January 20, 21, 22 (*ad in last week's News & Notes*) will not take place in the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture but in Marie Noelle's house in Svedame, thanks.

### AVIVA'S METHOD FOR MEN

Aviva method is a physical exercise system which ensures healthy blood flow in the lower body and regulates the related glands for optimal hormone level. One practicing it can enjoy all the benefits of the healing oxygen, minerals and hormones carried by the blood to the body parts in this area. This set of exercises was developed specifically for men to bring improvement to prostate problems, to increase fertility, to cease depression, and to regulate bowel movements. It uses elements of folk dances, certain habits of natural communities, the wisdom of shepherds and some facts stated by Western medicine.

Venue: Arka Hall - Workshop date: 23. January 2016, timing: 9-12 am

For more information please contact Zsolti at: [bogizsolti@gmail.com](mailto:bogizsolti@gmail.com) or 8489535193

### THE BEING A MIRROR OF THE COSMOS

Workshop on the 23rd and 24th of January 2016 from 10 am to 1pm at Cripa - Kala Bhumi Auroville

Theme: «The being a mirror of the cosmos» with Pouri Lescaut dancer, choreographer, singer, art-therapist. Sacred contemporary dance, voice and improvisation.

«Recognising the sacred in oneself and in the other, is the key to the transformation of the self and the society that cannot find its harmony solely from a materialistic point of view»

It's a work on the cosmic memories we carry within ourselves by reaching out to the unconscious depth through the body. One creates the conditions for an opening and for perception through the structure and unfolding of contemporary dance by involving the body. Then there is the workshop where we work on the theme of "inquiry into the memories of the body" which then becomes instrumental to the revelation of these memories. We end with a sharing so as to put into words what one has just lived/experienced.

It is a journey seeking unexplored inner spaces, intending to draw closer to the "wholeness" of our being.

To know more visit: [www.poumi.com](http://www.poumi.com)

Participation required per day: Rs. 500 for guests; Rs. 200 for Aurovillians and volunteers

To book please call 9159344341 or [poumi.l@poumi.com](mailto:poumi.l@poumi.com)

### EXPERIENCE AUROVILLE PROGRAM

**21 to 24 Jan & 10 to 14 Feb**

A four-day intensive program to experience Unity and Diversity in the context of everyday life in Auroville, for volunteers, pre-Newcomers, and people who are interested in joining or who seek to deepen their understanding of the community.

During this time you will have the chance to explore different aspects of the Auroville reality:

- Day one you will learn about the roots and history of Auroville.

- Day two we will become familiarized with some of its current activities.

- Day three will focus on the potentialities of the community with emphasis on youth and education.

- Day four we will try to bring it all together in synthesis with the Dream.

Here we will answer your questions and doubts. This experience will help you clarify your impressions and insights. It is an opportunity to better understand your inner calling.

Advance registration is required. NO DROP-IN. On donation basis for long-term volunteers or people who have submitted a Newcomer application form; contribution expected from guests, 50 % discount for people under 30.

For additional information and a detailed program please find it listed under the activities of the Joy Community website: [joyauroville.wix.com/welcome](http://joyauroville.wix.com/welcome) or in our facebook page: [www.facebook.com/joycommunityquesthouse](http://www.facebook.com/joycommunityquesthouse) or contact us via email at: [joycommunity@auroville.org.in](mailto:joycommunity@auroville.org.in) or by phone at: 9442328120 or 04132622584. We are always available in Joy Community Guesthouse in Center Field for further clarifications regarding the community at large and to help you discover Auroville.

Have a great New Year!!! Joy Community Team :-)

### WATSU & LIQUID FLOW BASIC

**Mon 18. - Sat. 23. January, daily 9am-1.30pm with Dariya&Daniel, at Quiet Healing Center**

You are welcome to the wonderfully warm pool, to explore new or refresh old basic skills of aquatic body work. Besides learning to share/give a sequence on the surface and underwater, we will explore grounding and being deeply present. An individual learning experience and deep group journey.

# SCHEDULES

## SANTE/INSTITUTE FOR INTEGRAL HEALTH

Location: Crown Road (next to Arka)

Phone: 2622803. Telephone consultation: Phone: 4132623937 / email: [sante@auroville.org.in](mailto:sante@auroville.org.in)

Open: 8:45-12:30 2:00-4:30

For Aurovilians, Newcomers and registered Guests only

Auroville Ambulance, Tel: 9442224680 (24x7):. Emergencies can come directly to Santé during working hours or call ambulance if condition is severe. Call to inform about details of the case, for staff to prepare.

Government Ambulance, Tel: 108 (24x7)

Nurse Service by Archana, Auradha, Ezhilarasi, Nisha & Thilagam

Nurse service	Monday to Saturday	8:45am- 12:30pm 2:00pm - 4:30 pm
Lab collection	Monday to Friday morning only	

**NEW!!!** From Monday 18th of January, Telephone consultation - Phone: 4132623937

If you are acutely sick (severe and urgent e.g. high fever) call between 9.00 - 9.30 Mon-Sat and have a *telephone consultation* with a skilled health professional who will give you medical advice or when necessary an appointment.

For regular appointments please call 2622803 between 10.00 am and 12:00 pm. Please honour these timings.

Doctor consultation (Dr. Ruslan and Dr. Igor) on appointment or emergency (see above option for telephone consultation)

Doctor consultation	Morning: Monday to Saturday	8.45am- 12.30pm
Doctor consultation	Afternoon: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	2:00pm- 4:30pm

Therapist consultations and treatments by appointments only.

Dr. Berengere (Bee) <i>Ayurveda (bring sheet for treatments!)</i>	Wednesday, Friday Tuesday, Thursday	9.00am-12.30pm 2.00pm- 6.00pm
Heidi ( <i>bring sheet !</i> ) <i>Acupuncture</i>	Tuesday, Friday	2:00pm- 4.30pm
Andres Lokuta ( <i>bring sheet !</i> ) <i>Acupuncture &amp; Chinese medicine</i>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Michael Z. <i>Homeopathy</i>	Monday & Wednesday	2.00pm-4.00pm
Ingo <i>Homeopathy</i> 9489325085	Tuesday, Friday	9:00am-12:30pm
Moghan <i>Psychotherapy</i> 9751110486	(please contact him directly)	9.00am-12:30pm
Linda Grace ( 8940560888) <i>Medical Shiatsu, Meridian Psychotherapy</i>	Tuesday, Wednesday !TOS in January	9.30am-12.30pm
Natacha <i>Therapeutic Shiatsu</i>	Monday, Wednesday Thursday	2pm-5pm 9.30am-12.30pm
Paula Murphy <i>Women's Health (wear skirt &amp; scarf)</i>	Wednesday	9:00am- 11:30am
Dr Wolfgang <i>Gynecology</i>	Thursday, Friday Monday, Wednesday	9:00am- 11:30am 2:30pm- 4:00pm
Dr. Marie-Noelle <i>Life style change, breathing &amp; coaching</i>	Tuesday + on special appointments	9.00am- 12.00pm

Home care service for acutely ill, bedridden patients: phone 9488726184 9 am-5 pm only  
For those of you who would like to help financially our Pour Tous account number is: 251822.

*Sante is closed for Pongal on Saturday 16th of January!*

**WORKSHOPS IN VÉRITÉ:** (24 hour advanced registration required)

### MERIDIANS & YOGA with Yaor

Friday 8 January - from 9 am to 12.30 pm

The term "meridians" comes from Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and describes the energetic channels that move and flow inside the body. TCM discovered 12 main meridians that are responsible for the circulation of qi (life energy or prana). People often carry blockages in one or more meridian, which can result in pain, problems, and disease. The purpose of this workshop is to open the meridian channels.

Part one (1 hour)- you will learn about the functions of the meridians and five elements theory. Part two (2.5 hours)- You will learn a series of meridian exercises and yoga asanas (standing, sitting, prone and supine) which are easy to practice at home on a daily basis. Kids age 10 and above are also welcome!

YAOR is in Auroville as a Savi volunteer. He has completed a 2-year senior diploma in Zen Shiatsu therapy and Traditional Chinese Medicine, and has studied Hatha Yoga with Surinder Singh.

**AYURVEDIC SPICES AND HERBS FOR DAILY USE with Dr. Geeta**  
Friday 8 January - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

A holistic approach for maintaining health through herbs and spices that can be used in daily life and diet.

DR. GEETA AUROPREMI has 30 years of experience in Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy. She has an MD in Gynecology and Pediatrics, a YTTC certificate and diploma in Yoga, and Post-Graduate degrees in Yoga & Naturopathy.

### COACHING FUNDAMENTALS with Julie

Saturday 9 January - 9.15 am to 4.45 pm

This interactive and dynamic training day will provide you with basic coaching skills. Coaching is the art of listening profoundly and asking powerful questions with the aim of facilitating sustainable and real change. Coaching conversation skills are a great tool for anyone interested in optimizing their relationships, and in particular:

- Managers- to build an inclusive, non-hierarchical leadership style
- Therapists- to enhance long term impact on clients
- Designers and other freelancers- to build trust in client relationships
- Teachers- to create mutual respect and openness with students

You will learn how to listen in a focused and intuitive way, how to ask questions that quickly build resonance and trust, and how to facilitate transformation.

*JULIE is a Certified Life Coach from the Coaches Training Institute in London. She combines her extensive coaching, yoga and business consulting experience to facilitate clients finding insight and purpose.*

#### **LIVING FROM THE HEART with Julie**

**Wednesday 13 January - 9.15 am to 12:30 pm**

Are you at a cross roads in your life? Do you want to figure out the path you're meant to walk on, and walk it?

In this dynamic and interactive workshop with certified life coach Julie, you will get more insight into how to align your life to your dreams. You will connect to the answers within and learn how to work with your inner critic.

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#### **SOUTH INDIAN DRUMMING with Kadir**

**Monday to Wednesday, 18 to 20 January - 9.30 am to 11:30 pm**

Together we will play the ancient South Indian Ghatam (clay pot instrument), Khanjira (frame drum) and Konnakol (vocalized South Indian rhythm) to create states of happiness and well-being. No prior experience necessary; instruments will be provided.

KADIR has been playing percussion with a variety of instruments since childhood, and he is passionate about teaching drumming.

#### **HEALTHY AYURVEDIC LIFESTYLE with Dr. Geeta Auropremi**

**Friday 22 January - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

A holistic approach for maintaining health through herbs and spices that can be used in daily life and diet.

*DR. GEETA AUROPREMI has 30 years of experience in Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy. She has an MD in Gynecology and Pediatrics, a YTTC certificate and diploma in Yoga, and Post-Graduate degrees in Yoga & Naturopathy.*

#### **FATE OR CHOICE? (FAMILY) CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP with YUVAL**

**Friday and Saturday, 22 & 23 January - from 9 am to 4.45 pm**

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

*YUVAL is a life & business coach.*

#### **ZEN SHIATSU INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP with Yaor Saturday & Sunday, 23 & 24 January 9 am to 3.30 pm & 9 am to 12.30 pm**

Shiatsu is a Japanese therapy in which manual (hand) pressure is applied to certain points on the body to work on the body's energy (qi/meridians). Based on the same principles as acupuncture, the purpose of Shiatsu treatment is to release energetic blocks that cause pain and disease, allowing energy to flow throughout the body. In this introductory workshop, you will learn how Shiatsu works by both feeling (receiving) and doing (giving). By the end of the session, participants will be able to give a basic Shiatsu treatment.

Please dress in comfortable, modest exercise clothes as we will work in pairs on mattresses on the floor.

*YAOR is in Auroville as a Savi volunteer. He has a 2-year senior diploma in Zen Shiatsu therapy and has been practicing and teaching Zen Shiatsu for the last 4 years.*

#### **NEW WEEKLY CLASSES IN VÉRITÉ (drop-in)**

Pilates with Philippe - every Monday and Friday from 4 to 5 pm

Nia Holistic Dance with Philippe - every Monday and Friday from 5.15 to 6.15 pm

Soul Motion - A Conscious Dance Practice with Philippe - every Tuesday from 5 to 6.30 pm

Soul Motion - Mindful Movement & Meditation with Philippe - every Thursday from 9 to 10 am

Hatha Yoga Flow with Stinna - every Tuesday from 3.15 - 4.45 pm (starting Jan 12)

Fusion Dance with Stinna - every Wednesday from 3.15 - 4.45 pm (starting Jan 13)

Kolams with Rajaveni - every Thursday from 3 - 4.30 pm

Yin Yoga with Stinna - every Thursday from 3.15 - 4.45 pm (starting Jan 14)

*Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshops: 0413 2622045, 7094104329 or [programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in)*

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

## F I L M S



### **C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM**

Reminder: Friday 15 JANUARY - "MIDNIGHT'S CHILDREN"

**FRIDAY 22 JANUARY - 7:30 PM** (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

#### **SMILES OF A SUMMER NIGHT / SOMMARNATTENS LEENDE**

*Directed by Ingmar BERGMAN, SWEDEN, 1955*

*Cast: Gunnar Björnstrand, Harriet Andersson, Ulla Jacobsson, Eva Dahlbeck, Bibi Andersson ...*

*Synopsis: After fifteen films that received mostly local acclaim, the 1955 comedy *Smiles of a Summer Night* at last ushered in an international audience for the great Ingmar Bergman. In turn-of-the-century Sweden, four men and four women attempt to navigate the laws of attraction. During a weekend in the country, the women collude to force the men's hands in matters of the heart, exposing their pretensions and insecurities along the way. Chock-full of flirtatious propositions and sharp witticisms delivered by such Swedish screen legends as Gunnar Björnstrand and Harriet Andersson, *Smiles of a Summer Night* is one of cinema's great erotic comedies. The film received the Cannes festival award for poetic humor in 1955. *Original Swedish version with English subtitles - Black & white - Duration: 1h.48'.**



## THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, January 22nd, Friday 7 pm

#### Schedule of Events:

16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour

16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest

18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club

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

20:00 Dinner is served

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

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!!

#### **THE BITCOIN GOSPEL**

2015, 49 minutes, directed by Hans Busstra, VPRO Backlight Productions.

Is bitcoin the blueprint for a bankless currency, or the biggest pyramid scheme ever?

What if we could create money ourselves, without the need for banks? Money that can't be forged, that will appreciate rather

than depreciate, and that can be used worldwide without transaction costs. It exists, and some people consider it to be the digital version of gold: bitcoin. Is this really a perfect bankless alternative for the failing finance sector, or are we simply shifting power from the current elite to a new one?

A devoted group of entrepreneurs and activists believe they see the writing on the wall, and they're determined to add a new chapter. In their view, the world banks and governments harbour too much control over the financial vitality of the masses. But what if an ordinary citizen could bypass all the regulation and manipulation of the financial industry to become their own bank? The insightful new documentary *The Bitcoin Gospel* examines one such method for making this hypothetical a tangible reality.

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](mailto:sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in).

## VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

21st Thursday January 8 pm

**HE NAMED ME MALALA (2015)**

Genre: Biography / Documentary. Dur: 1hr 28 min. Rated: PG 13. Language: English/NO SUBTITLE.

Dir: [Davis Guggenheim](#) / Cast: [Malala Yousafzai](#), [Ziauddin Yousafzai](#), [Toor Pekai Yousafzai](#)

Story Line: A look at the events leading up to the Taliban's attack on a Pakistani schoolgirl, Malala Yousafzai, for speaking out on girls' education - followed by the aftermath (including her speech to the United Nations).

22nd Friday January 8 pm

**CONCUSSION (2015)**

Genre: Biography/Drama. Dur: 2hr 3 min. Rated: PG 13. Language: English/Subtitle: English.

Dir: [Peter Landesman](#) / Cast: [Will Smith](#), [Alec Baldwin](#), [Albert Brooks](#)

Story Line: In Pittsburgh, accomplished pathologist Dr. Bennet Omalu uncovers the truth about brain damage in football players who suffer repeated concussions in the course of normal play.

## AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

**"INTERVIEW WITH NOEL PARENT ON HIS LIFE AND WORK IN AUROVILLE - Part 2"**

In this Part 2 of the interview we get to know about the creativity and many talents of Noel as singing with a special voice and the writing of poems and stories. Noel wrote stories already as a child. His poetry he published in "Transcendent Sky". Recently he launched also the children's book "Yaroslava's Flowers", a story about a young girl whose love for flowers takes her on an adventure that reveals the Magic and Grace of flowers.

For the future Noel is interested to start in Auroville a centre for education and research about what The Mother said on the spiritual side of Nature and the relationship of human consciousness and Nature.

Auroville is a dynamic and interesting place for Noel.

The interview was done by Narad in February 2015. Duration: 27min.

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2016, at 6:30 pm.

## THE FRENCH PAVILION

Presents AN INSTANT OF ETERNITY

Viviane José Restieau's Art of Light

French version with English subtitles (55min-2015)

*This documentary will be shown in the director's presence.*

Wednesday, January 20, 5 pm, Cinema Paradiso, (Town Hall)

This film directed by Michèle Decoust\*, presents for the first time the life of an extraordinary painter, Viviane-José Restieau, and the saga of her Work, whose "direct" inspiration transcends the specificity of an individual existence. Her visionary *Art of Light* belongs to the truth of our times, in which quantum physics teaches us that we are atoms in a single great body, connected to the Earth and the Cosmos, and bound by a common destiny. This unique Body of Work, recognized by eminent physicists, palaeontologists or professors of medicine, takes us back to the sources of our Humanity and the origins of Life. Her work connects, in various styles and independently of all dogma, the great archetypes of the Living World, the sacred geometry of natural forms, embryogenesis, the totemic signs of Indigenous Peoples, or the revelations of the Vedas and the Sufi mystics. Powerfully drawing on all these sources - SATPREM vibrant life being one of them- the *Art of Light* reveals, enlightens, and heals.

*\*Michèle Decoust is a writer and movie maker. Since 2010, she directed: "Auroville, a Land for the Future", "Auroville, the Golden Bond", "Voyage into the Infinitely Brief" (in collaboration with Gabrielle Baud)*

## L'HOMME APRES L'HOMME

A Powerful introduction to Sri Aurobindo's and Mother's evolutionary Action

2 filmed interviews with Satprem, Mother's confidant for 20 years.

"Satprem" - Le Chemin vers l'interieur - 30 mn

"L'Homme apres l'homme" - 1hr

The 2 films will be in French with English subtitles

On Tuesday 19/01 at 4.30 pm at Cinema Paradiso - Town Hall



## Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 18 January 2016 to 24 January 2016

Indian / South Asian diasporic - Monday 18 January, 8:00 pm:

• UN-FREEDOM

India-USA, 2014, Writer-Dir. Raj Amit Kumar w/ Victor Banerjee, Adil Hussain, Bhanu Uday, and others, Crime-Romance, 102mis, English-Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (R or A)

This is an urgent contemporary thriller about a society torn apart by political, religious, and sexual turmoil. Shifting between New York and New Delhi, the film juxtaposes two unflinching stories about religious fundamentalism and intolerance. In one story, a radicalized Muslim youth with a

disturbed past attempts to silence a liberal Muslim scholar. In the other a young woman dares to defy societal norms to follow her heart and love for another woman. In this searing portrait of the polarized world that we live in, the characters go to their absolute limit-and beyond in their struggle to defend their deeply-held and conflicting viewpoints on freedom, faith, family and love. *This film is thought provoking and disturbing. It is NOT a film for the faint hearted and for those who cannot watch violence on screen we recommend you skip this one. If you come and watch we request you to stay back after the screening irrespective of your reaction for a*

skype-linked Q&A session with the director who is in the USA, for approximately 15-20mins.

Potpourri - Tuesday 19 January, 8:00 pm:

- **HET VONNIS (The Judgement)**  
Belgium, 2013, Dir. Jan Verheyen w/ Koen De Bouwrama, Johan Leysen, Veerle Baetens, Drama, 111mins, Dutch w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG 13  
A man takes on his country's justice system after a procedural error that released his wife's murderer drives him to take matters into his own hands. *This acclaimed film had premiered at the Montreal International Film Festival.*

Interesting - Wednesday 20 January, 8:00 pm:

- **CALL OF LIFE**  
USA, 2010, Writer-Director Monte Thompson w/ Steven Beissinger, Sally Bingham, Ignacio Chapela, and others, Documentary, 60mins, English, Rated: NR (G)  
The first full-length film investigating the growing threat to Earth's life-support systems from the loss of biodiversity. If current trends continue, scientists warn that half or more of all plant and animal species on Earth will become extinct within the next few decades. The film investigates the scope, the causes, and the predicted effects of this unprecedented loss of life, but also looks deeper, at the ways in which both culture and psychology have helped to create and perpetuate the situation.

Japanese - Thursday 21 January, 8:00 pm:

- **KISEKI (I Wish)**  
Japan, 2011, Dir. Hirokazu Koreeda w/ Kōki Maeda, Ohshirō Maeda, Hiroshi Abe, Drama, 127 mins, Japanese w/ English subtitles, Rated: G  
Koichi misses his dad and younger brother Ryunosuke who lives far away. Wishing they could be together, Koichi along with his two best friends reaches the point of intersection of two bullet trains - because he had heard that energy released by two bullet trains passing by each other would grant wishes. He tells this to his brother Ryunosuke who too travel to the point of intersection with three of his pals. It is a journey of discoveries...*It is a gem from contemporary Japanese cinema, delicate and observant.*

International - Saturday 23 January, 8:00 pm:

- **TALES OF TALES (Il Racconto Dei Racconti)**  
Italy-France-UK, 2015, Dir. Matteo Garrone w/Salma Hayek, Vincent Cassel, Toby Jones, and others, Fantasy-Romance, 125 mins, English-Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)  
Inspired by the celebrated fairytales of Giambattista Basile of medieval Naples, this is an epic vision of cinema. From the

bitter quest of a jealous Queen, who forfeits the life of her husband, to two mysterious sisters who provoke the passion of a King, to a King obsessed with a giant Flea leading to heartbreak for his young daughter, these stories weave the beautiful with the grotesque, creating a stunning and unique work of gothic imagination.

Children's Film - Sunday 24 January, 4:30 pm:

- **THE LITTLE PRINCE**  
France, 2015, Dir Mark Osborne, 108 mins, Animation-Adventure, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: GA  
A little girl lives in a very grown-up world with her mother. Her neighbor, The Aviator, introduces the girl to an extraordinary world where anything is possible, the world of The Little Prince.

**ROBERT ALTMAN Film Festival @ Ciné-Club**  
Ciné-Club - Sunday 24 January, 8:00 pm:

- **3 WOMEN**  
USA, 1977, Dir. Robert Altman w/ Sissy Spacek, Shelly Duvall, Janice Rule, and others, Drama, 124mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R  
In a dusty, underpopulated California resort town, a naive southern waif, Pinky Rose, idolizes and befriends her fellow nurse, the would-be sophisticate and "thoroughly modern" Millie Lammoreaux. When Millie takes Pinky in as her roommate, Pinky's hero worship evolves into something far stranger and more sinister than either could have anticipated. This dreamlike masterpiece from Altman careens from the humorous to the chilling to the surreal, resulting in one of the most unusual and compelling films of the 1970s.

Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.  
*Kindly do not bring food, drinks, snacks, munchies or your pets into the auditorium.*

*As a courtesy to the fellow viewers please be sweet and stop chatting after the film starts.*

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in).

*We appreciate your continued support. Please make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account (#105106) at the Financial Service.*

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group Account# 105106, [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in)

## SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680

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

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

City Transport: Quick "Pick up and Drop" Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater van, with per passenger fares, from Rs.80 for 1 person single trip inside the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele (Rs.110) and Repos (Rs.150), Quiet (Rs.180). Phone Visitors Centre main gate 262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30am-6.00pm (summer season - no longer available evenings). Please note that it is not a taxi that will wait for you for onward or return trips, but if needed will come back to pick you up again when called.

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

Auroville Dental Centre: Protection / Telephone: (0143) 2622265 or 2622007 / email: [aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in)

Eco Service, Kottakarai: Palani 9443535172 or Kali - 9443090114

Entry Service, Multimedia Center: 1st floor, Town hall Complex: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 10.00am to 12.00pm for enquiries/applications. Thursdays: 2:00 to 3:30pm. B Form filling for newly resident Aurovilians and youth turning 18.

Financial Service, Town Hall and Aspiration: Mon to Sat, 9 to 12.30 and 3 to 4.30pm

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

Free Store Tailoring Service: Repair work will be received only from 1st to 15th of every month. Timings will be same as Free Store.

Auroville Gas Service, Service Area: Near Tele Service" and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm

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

**Guest Service Solar Kitchen:** 1st floor. 9.30 to 12.30 Monday to Friday 9.30 to 12.30 Saturday  
2.00 pm to 4 pm Saturday Introduction Session

**Housing Service, Town Hall:** Public Hours:  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:30 to 12:30  
Monday and Friday from 14:30 to 16:30  
Wednesday: Closed to Public (Housing Board in session 9:30-12:30). Phone: (0413) 2622658. [Email:housing@auroville.org.in](mailto:housing@auroville.org.in)

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

**Sante Clinic:** Crown Rd. nr. Arka: Call 2622803 for an appointment. Opening hours: 8.45 am - 12.30 pm and 2 pm to 4.30 pm.

**LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas:** Dear friends  
We are happy to inform you that we will re-open from Friday onwards at the usual timing .Monday to Friday: 9 to12 am and 2.30 to 4.30 pm .Saturday: 9 to 12 am only  
Happy to see you again!  
LOE Library Team

**Matrimandir:** The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily .06.00 am to 08.45am/ 11.30 am to 12.30 pm (02.00 pm on Sunday)/ 04.30 pm to 08.00pm  
Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you.

The Petals are open for Aurovilians daily: 4.30pm to 6pm  
To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.40 am on the day of the visit.

Please remain with your guests throughout the visit.  
Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday.  
Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 am and 11 am.

**Music library, Town Hall:** Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9 to 12.30 and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2 to 5:30pm.

**Nandini Tailor section: (Auroshilpam):** tel: 2622527

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

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

**Nandini Distribution : (ptdc, solar kitchen)** tel : 2622033  
Open to public from Tuesday to Saturday morning from 9am to 12.30pm and Tuesday, Thursday afternoon 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
Don't forget to bring your bag

**OutreachMedia Services:** The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904 Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment.

**Puncture service, service area:** next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4 30pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891235.

**Auroville Residents Service timings:** Please note that the Auroville Residents Service office will be open from Monday to Friday morning's from 9:00 am to 12.00 pm and afternoon Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30.  
Thank you, Residents Service Team

**Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville.**We are a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months).  
We offer welcome informations, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers' stay.  
From Monday to Friday from 2 till 4 pm. at the Unity Pavilion.  
For more Information you can call us at: (0413) 262 21 21 or check our website: [www.auroville-learning.net](http://www.auroville-learning.net). The Savi Team

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

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

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

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

## ACT NEW TIME TABLE

### EARLY TRIP (daily except Tuesday)

*This service is conditional to MM being open to visitors. Usually not running on rainy days (enquiries: 2622235)*

7:45 AM from Transport Service near Certitude Corner, opposite to Gas Service  
12:00 Noon from Pondy rue St Louis (beach end of J.N. Street) opposite Ashram playground

### SHOPPING TRIP

Tuesday and Saturday

8:50 AM from Vérité  
12:00 Noon from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

### AFTERNOON TRIP

Monday

2:50 PM from Vérité  
6:00 PM from Pondy Manakula Vinayagar Street (Ganesh Temple Street)

Wednesday and Friday

4:30 PM from Vérité

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

**Please Note:** In case the ACT bus is not available as per the time table please be on the lookout for a replacement by Auroville Jeep or Van, we will ensure that a small white and orange sign is visible on the replacement vehicle.

ACT continues to explore a voluntary contribution policy from its riders in alignment with Auroville's ideals and aims. At present it is your contributions that help the ACT team to offer continued services. We appreciate all support and feedback to keep our service progressing. You can choose to contribute as you like, as often you feel to -- with cash paid to the driver, through your Auroville Financial Service account or by punching your Travel pass. Travel passes are available from Financial Service (Town Hall & Aspiration) and Guest Service (above the Solar Kitchen). For more information contact ACT (0413) 2622962 or [act@auroville.org.in](mailto:act@auroville.org.in)

### Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Wednesday 11 am)

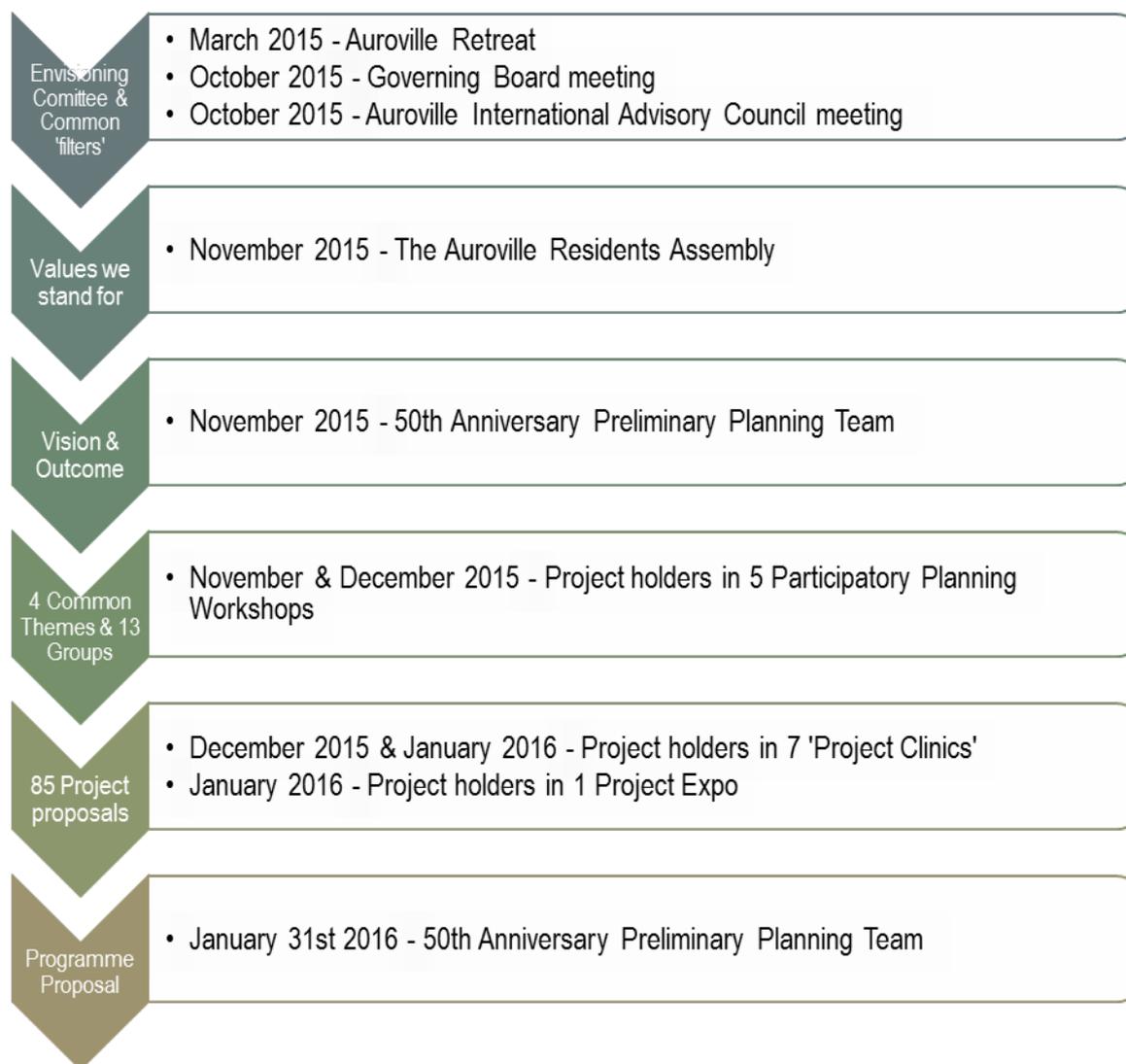
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# Auroville 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## *The Participatory Planning Process*

Beginning in earnest in November 2015, planning for the Auroville 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary has been a unique collaborative process, in much the same way as the anniversary celebrations themselves promise to be.

To date 85 projects, developed by well over 100 Aurovillians are in the process of being completed according to a common format and under a united Vision and Outcome. The process has been / is as follows:



The overall Programme Proposal, with a common Activity Plan and Budget, will include all of the project proposals under their respective Themes and Groups. In addition, the Programme Proposal will provide details for the establishment of an overall Organisation group. This group will include teams for:

- Event Coordination;
- Programming and Support services, including finance as well as;
- External Liaison and Communication.

The Organisation group will be ready to start work at the beginning of April 2016, as soon as approval is forthcoming from the Governing Board.