

# News & Notes

30th January 2016.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 634



# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

## VIJNANA OR GNOSIS

The ideation of the gnosis is radiating light-stuff of the consciousness of the eternal Existence; each ray is a truth. The will in the gnosis is a conscious force of eternal knowledge; it throws the consciousness and substance of being into infallible forms of truth-power, forms that embody the idea and make it faultlessly effective, and it works out each truth-power and each truth-form spontaneously and rightly according to its nature. Because it carries this creative force of the divine Idea, the Sun, the lord and symbol of the gnosis, is described in the Veda as the Light which is the father of all things, *Surya Savitri*, the Wisdom-Luminous who is the bringer-out into manifest existence. This creation is inspired by the divine delight, the eternal *Ananda*; it is full of the joy of its own truth and power, it creates in bliss, creates out of bliss, creates that which is blissful. Therefore the world of the gnosis, the supramental world is the true and the happy creation, *rtam bhadram*, since all in it shares in the perfect joy that made it. A divine radiance of undeviating knowledge, a divine power of unfaltering will and a divine ease of un stumbling bliss are the nature or Prakriti of the soul in supermind, in *vijnana*. The stuff of the gnostic or supramental plane is made of the perfect absolutes of all that is here imperfect and relative and its movement of the reconciled interlockings and happy fusions of all that here are opposites. For behind the appearance of these opposites are their truths and the truths of the Eternal are not in conflict with each other; our mind's and life's opposites transformed in the supermind into their own true spirit link together and are seen as tones and colourings of an eternal Reality and everlasting *Ananda*. Supermind or Gnosis is the supreme Truth, the supreme Thought, the supreme Word, the supreme Sight, the supreme Will-Idea; it is the inner and outer extension of the Infinite who is beyond Space, the unfettered Time of the Eternal who is timeless, the supernal harmony of all absolutes of the Absolute.

To the envisaging mind there are three powers of the *Vijnana*. Its supreme power knows and receives into it from above all the infinite existence, consciousness and bliss of the *Ishwara*; it is in its highest height the absolute knowledge and force of eternal *Sachchidananda*. Its second power concentrates the Infinite into a dense luminous consciousness, *caitanya* or *cidghana*, the seed-state of the divine consciousness in which are contained living and concrete all the immutable principles of the divine being and all the inviolable truths of the divine conscious-idea and nature. Its third power brings or looses out these things by the effective ideation, vision, authentic identities of the divine knowledge, movement of the divine will-force, vibration of the divine delight intensities into a universal harmony, an illimitable diversity, a manifold rhythm of their powers, forms and interplay of living consequences. The mental *Purusha* rising into the *vijnanamaya* must ascend into these three powers. It must turn by conversion of its movements into the movements of the gnosis its mental perception, ideation, will, pleasure into radiances of the divine knowledge, pulsations of the divine will-force, waves and floods of the divine delight-seas. It must convert its conscious stuff of mental nature into the *Cidghana* or dense self-luminous consciousness. It must transform its conscious substance into a gnostic self or Truth-self of infinite *Sachchidananda*. These three movements are described in the *Isha Upanishad*, the first as *vyuha*, the marshalling of the rays of the Sun of gnosis in the order of the Truth-consciousness, the second as *samuha*, the gathering together of the rays into the body of the Sun of gnosis, the third as the vision of that Sun's fairest form of all in which the soul most intimately possesses its oneness with the infinite *Purusha*. The Supreme above, in him, around, everywhere and the soul dwelling in the Supreme and one with it, — the infinite power and truth of the Divine concentrated in his own concentrated luminous soul nature, — a radiant activity of the divine knowledge, will and joy perfect in the natural action of the *Prakriti*, — this is the fundamental experience of the mental being transformed and fulfilled and sublimated in the perfection of the gnosis.

THE SYNTHESIS OF YOGA, Part II, The Yoga of Integral Knowledge,  
Chap. XXII

SRI AUROBINDO

*The  
Ponder  
Corner*

The Grace is equally for all.  
But each one receives it  
according to his sincerity.  
It does not depend on outward circumstances  
but on a sincere aspiration and openness.

*The Mother*  
ref. Words of The Mother, vol.14, p.89

## MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015

1. **SIDDHARTHA FARM**; a list of needed infrastructure and timetable for implementation has been agreed by the Farm Group. The Farm Group is waiting for an agreement with someone living in Siddhartha farm to be signed. Once that happens negotiation with MM composting can start with a team which has been set up for this purpose.
  2. **ALANKKUPAM LAND**; according to L'Avenir the Bamboo Centre will not be allocated any more land on which to build the Mohanam Cultural Centre. The Farm Group are still investigating exactly which plots have been allocated to Bamboo Centre. Once this has been clarified the Farm Group will allocate plots in the area for Booma Devi farm.
  3. **MAINTENANCES**; discussion has continued on this subject throughout the month in the light of BCC decision not to provide most of the new maintenances requested by the Farm Group. More information is being sought about how the decision over whether or not to provide a maintenance is taken.
  4. **FARM PRODUCTIVITY**; this issue arose as a result of the discussions about maintenances and accounts. There have been requests for information about farm productivity but the Farm Group is not happy about how this is measured. The Farm Group thinks that productivity on Auroville farms is more than just how much food each farm produces. It should include other less easily measured things concerned with the values that we want to promote for farming in Auroville. Collectively the Farm Group has been weak in explaining what farmers do, but this needs to change.
  5. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS**; the Farm Group carried out its annual review of accounts and clarification was sought from several farms. There was one farm where there were serious doubts about its financial viability. Changes were agreed about how the accounts were to be structured for the next five years. As from the next financial year accounts will include; an opening and closing balance, all loans outstanding, monthly update of stock, asset list to be reviewed annually.
  6. **ASSETS REVIEW OF THE FARMS**; someone has been found to carry out this very necessary task. Once the list has been created the information will be put on an excel sheet which will be kept online. It will then be the responsibility of each farmer to see that this list is regularly updated every time new assets are created. The information about the value of the assets will come from the regular accounts.
  7. **FARM GROUP RE-ORGANISATION**; Jeff, the Farm Group Organiser is leaving Auroville for a few months. It was agreed that Vivek will continue to look after the accounts and do the administration. Other people are taking up other representation roles in various groups.
  8. **PGS (PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SCHEME FOR ORGANIC CERTIFICATION)**; it was agreed that this should be on a voluntary basis and so far nine farms are involved. Eventually it is hoped that all Auroville farms will participate.
  9. **FOODLINK**; a proposal for funding is to be submitted to the Auroville 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Group. Work continues to clarify the layout of the farm so that a store room can be built and solar panels installed.
  10. **WINDARRA**; in response to a request from the Implementation Group it was felt that more discussion between them and the Farm Group was needed about how the arbitration decision is being realized. They have been contacted.
- If you would like to give feedback or require more information please contact Vivek [farmgroup@auroville.org.in](mailto:farmgroup@auroville.org.in)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Important News notice

Dear all, this is to inform you that I (Sylas) will quit my job as News editor beginning of June. If you are interested to work as editor for the *News & Notes* please contact us at: [newsandnotes@auroville.org.in](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.org.in) or pass by.

Thank you, Sylas

N.B.: Please see the N&N listing under Work Opportunities for further details.

## Adult Learning Activities

The principles of unending education and constant progress are cornerstones of Auroville. The richness of the many forms in which this unfolds in Auroville makes it a unique and precious field of potential learning and personal growth. The need to further support this with common guidelines and compliance structures has been acknowledged.

Auroville operates as a microcosm in the larger macrocosm of India that has afforded us the space and protection for this experiment and to which each of us is accountable. To that end, the Auroville Council and the Working Committee have set up a short-term study group to revisit and investigate current visa regulations, financial contributions and general guidelines.

It is very important that all who host workshops, courses, classes etc. understand the necessary legal requirements as non compliance can have an adverse impact on Auroville as a whole.

The following are some of the legalities surrounding visa issues pertaining to Adult Learning Activities in Auroville:

- Foreign Nationals are welcome to teach classes, workshops, etc. in Auroville, but only on an Auroville recommended entry visa or business visa, and only through a registered Auroville unit, which may include remuneration through the Auroville unit concerned.

- Individual Aurovilians & Newcomers can teach/facilitate classes, courses, workshops, give tours, etc. free of charge, or against payment / contribution / donations but only through a registered Auroville unit / activity.
- Unfortunately, tourist visa holders are not allowed to teach classes, courses, workshops, etc. nor offer therapies, consultations even if no remuneration is involved.
- Tourist visa holders are welcome to visit/stay in Auroville but are not allowed to promote their groups travel / activities in Auroville nor recruit participants during their stay. They are welcome to avail themselves of services, programs and tours in Auroville but only through a registered Auroville unit.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.  
Best, AVC

## Exploration Days

What is our relation to Wealth and Power!  
Many changes happened since the Auroville Retreat 2015 in regard to Wealth and Power in the light of growth. Now it is time to take stock and explore the unfolding of our individual and collective processes.



Some of these changes have been developed by the Retreat Action Groups, others evolved out of the day to day challenges of our existing Working Groups and several individual projects have popped up like mushrooms. One year later - slowly but surely - a wider part of the Community has become engaged.

These exploration days give us the opportunity to take stock, share our engagement, explore our progress and boost collective aspiration.

We need many explorers to gain momentum and to empower ourselves in order to break through individual obstacles and take a leap forward - as one body manifesting the collective Way Forward. These changes supported by many will give us a strong basis to make a leap.

You are invited to come to the Unity Pavilion for the 2nd workshops.

*The 1st workshop on the 26 January was an individual fruitful sharing of 20 people looking forward.*

Drop in at your convenience between 10 am - 5:30 pm (free flow of attendance)

The agenda with timings for the different themes will be published on AuroNet and send out via massmail.

2nd day: Friday 5th February 2016

Share what you are doing as a team (invitation to Working or Action Groups!)

Explore the activities of different Auroville teams

Combine efforts

3rd day: Tuesday 16th February 2016

Share the Power of Collective Aspiration

Explore Abundance

Combine efforts

The YEP team offers to take care of the children in the afternoons (sign up below).

Lunch can be offered against a contribution of Rs 50/- per person (sign up below)

Looking forward to your active participation!

*Love, Inge and Slava from the Residents Assembly Service together with volunteers.*

## FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 634 dated 30. 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.

### NEWCOMERS:

Simona SAVARDI (Italian) - Staying at Grace, working as a receptionist at Joy guest house and also helping at PTDC.

Giacomo COLOMBA (Italian) - Staying at Aurodam, working as a martial arts teacher at Dehashakti.

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:

Marlene DENG (Austrian)

Sivakumari KANNAN (Indian from Kuilapalayam)

Camille DELOBEL (French)

Janina GLOYER (German)

### CONFIRMATION OF RETURNING AUROVILIAN:

Thera CORNUIT (Dutch)

### CONFIRMATION OF NEWCOMER TO AUROVILIAN STATUS

AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT IN N&N AND CONSIDERATION OF FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS:

Ayyanar (Mani) MANJINI (Indian from Bommayarpalayam)

Ole WARNECKE (German)

Rajesh DHATCHANAMOORTHY (Indian from Sanjeevi Nagar)

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:

Manjini JAGADEESAN (Indian from Bommayarpalayam)

Note: Newcomer Potluck on February 6th Saturday at Dreamers Cafe at 6:30. Please check the N&N announcement.

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)*

## L'avenir d'Auroville: 30<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.

### Collective Project:

#### Site Application Feedback:

1. Site application feedback for SOFFIO Housing project.

**Project write-up given by the project holder.**

**Project Title:** SOFFIO

**Proposed Site Location:** Residential Zone - sector 1

**Project Holder:** Anita & Dorle

**Architect:** Anita & Dorle (Office 4)

**Contact Persons:** Anita@auroville.org.in (2623599) / [Dorle@office4.in](mailto:Dorle@office4.in) (2622509)

**Description:** Plot No: G.S1.5.4 (Total surface area 3303 sq.m.) G+1:- 20 people built-up area 800 sq.m. and G.S1.5.5 (Total surface area 1,218 sq.m.) G+1:- 7 people built-up area 270 sq.m. (wrt: L. Feduci DDP 2015)

**Total Area of the project:** 4,500 sqm

**Build up Area:** 1,080 sqm

**Target Group:** Aurovillians and Newcomers interested in living in but also, and more importantly, caring for, a park like environment. Bearing in mind that the common green areas are public spaces and free of motorized traffic; with cycling and pedestrian pathways that are accessible to all.

**Background:** In the last few years there have been repeated requests for low density housing options for a mixed cross section of users.

**Triggers:** Large parts of sector 1 and 2 are indicated for low density cluster housing in the Auroville Masterplan and it has been a planning choice to concentrate most housing developments in these 2 sectors of the residential zone.

As the soil in the area of the proposed site provides for medium to high percolation it is recommended for low density,

low impact development. This makes it ideal for a park like development with scattered cluster housing.

Also, recently, two projects have been given site permission in the same area; hence it makes sense to concentrate the development in that general area so that the period of construction and the inevitable disturbance to the existing residents is kept to a minimum.

**Goals/Objectives:** To build a range of low density clustered houses that follow a common pattern language while catering to various needs and requirements; welcoming persons of all ages, from youth to old as well as small to large families.

To develop cost effective housing with an emphasis on environmental sustainability in construction methods and materials.

To effectively create and preserve the park like setting that is recommended by the DDP, in collaboration with the surrounding projects.

To give special attention to decentralized common infrastructure for water management in terms of waste water treatment and re-use as well as rainwater catchment by way of natural waterways and percolation ponds for the drainage of the larger area, which can be enjoyed by the Auroville community at large.

2. Site application feedback for Temporary carpentry, Metal workshop, Vermi compost production shed and aquaponics research centre in the International Zone

Project writes up given by the project holder.

**Project Title:** Carpentry, Metal workshop, Vermi compost production shed and aquaponics research centre

**Proposed Site Location:** International Zone / Aurocreation

**Project Holder:** Prasad

**Architect:** N/A

**Contact Persons:** Prasad 9442859642

**Description:** Plot No: IR 300/1 - Total Area of the project: 200 sq meter - Build up Area: 153 sq meters of temporary sheds

**Target Group:** Auroville Construction, training and employment for youth and local villagers.

**Background:** To bring professionalism to Auroville construction practices and engaging local villagers through training and employment.

**Triggers:** High construction cost in Auroville.

**Goals/Objectives:** To bring better and appropriate building technologies into Auroville construction industry.

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.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### LANDING AUROVILLE - coming together for Auroville's land!

*"A harmonious collective aspiration can change the course of circumstances"*  
The Mother

Dear community and friends of the Auroville vision,

We invite everyone to join us on February 7<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 pm at the Unity Pavilion for a joyful event dedicated to Auroville's land. Together, let's celebrate all the collaboration that has gone into building Auroville's body - from the first landowning families that responded to the Mother's call for creating a space of human unity - to the pioneers who gave their all to heal and make barren soil green again - to all who have given heart and soul to create a township upon this land that we hold as sacred.

Together, let's honor the land and the achievements built upon it!

#### On the program:

The first Auroville showing of the short film "Landing Auroville", other new films on Auroville's land, invocations to honor the land, Auroville music and snacks, connecting and idea-sharing with the Land teams ... plus a special auction of Auroville art donated by the artists to benefit the land. Children are welcome - there'll be paper and colours inviting their creativity.

Auroville is a sacred trust we hold for the generations to come! Ensuring the land for building the future is in OUR hands, and the time is NOW! Join us!!

The land fundraising teams of *Lands for Auroville Unified-LFAU*, *Acres for Auroville* & *GreenAcres*, in association with Auroville's Land Board

Contact: [lfau@auroville.org.in](mailto:lfau@auroville.org.in) / 0413 2622657 / [www.colaap.org](http://www.colaap.org)

Donations via Unity Fund 240001 or Financial Services 100 specifying either: "Land (General)", "Acres for Auroville" (City), or "GreenAcres" (Greenbelt)

### Art for Land!

Artists can donate artwork to an Art Auction held Feb 7<sup>th</sup> pm at Unity Pavilion.!

To collaborate in the collective effort to secure the land for Auroville, artists can donate art-work for an Art Auction held on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> afternoon at Unity Pavilion.

Kindly bring your artwork to the Unity Pavilion: Pls note the title of the work, price and name of the artist. Artists that require assistance may pls call Gaurav at 9787897947.

Art work can be dropped off prior to Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at Unity Pav. Pls see Jaya (all unsold items will be returned to the artist).

**Thank you for your participation!**

You, Auroville Art Service & LFAU, Acres for Auroville, and GreenAcres

## Looking for pottery mentors?

Dear Aurovilian Potters,

In Aikiyam School we have two young students who are asking us over and over to receive more advanced training to become professional potters. Would you like to take one or both of them on as apprentices? They are very motivated. Their attendance and progress would be followed closely by the school, maintaining a good contact with their parents. Thanks for considering this request.

Please do let us know soon!

Please contact the Aikiyam School office at (0413) 2622 358 or contact us by email at: [assg@auroville.org.in](mailto:assg@auroville.org.in)

*Aikiyam School support Group, Devasmita, Janet, Francoise, Heidi, Marion, Martin, Laura, Shankar and Sudhir for the Aikiyam School Support Group (ASSG) [Website: <http://aikiyamschool.wix.com/bilingualschool>]*

## Permaculture at the Town Hall

People Food Music is an initiative started by Solitude Farm aiming at reconnecting people with where our food comes from.

A project is already under way in Chinna Mudaliar Chavadi with more to start in our Bio-Region soon.

Last Saturday we started the first public space permaculture garden at the Town Hall. It was beautiful to see how instantly a sense of community was created around the event and how many smiles and fresh interactions emerged.

By recognising the physiological difference between plants and their growth durations, we were able to mix many plants together. In the centre of the circle we planted a long duration lemon tree around which we planted medium duration bananas, papayas and tapioca. Then we spaced capsicum, tomatoes, egg plants, cucumbers, pumpkin, ash gourd, four

types of spinach, lettuce, kalpura vali (Indian Oregano) long black pepper, parsley, basil, mint and Radha's Consciousness and bottle gourd seeds.

The king idea in this work is to recognise that the endless bio resource that we have all around us (sticks, leaves, reeds, weeds, thorns, waste plant material etc.) is our profit, not financial but nutritional. In the garden we dig trenches which are simply vessels to receive this valuable resource.

If the soil is healthy with a diversity of organic matter the plants will be healthy, with healthy plants the crops will be healthy and in-turn ourselves and our society will be healthy. In returning all the so-called waste organic matter back to the garden, we directly honour Mother Earth. Mother Earth is not an abstract idea. She is the soil under our feet that provides us with the food we need every day.

Although this is only the first garden, I can already see how Town Hall and thus Auroville can be a leading light in showing the world how we can change public spaces into beautiful permaculture community centres creating a society with a living relationship with the food it eats.

The idea of these gardens is they should each be managed by 4 to 5 Aurovilians and Newcomers who would be engaged in an on-going training in regard to permaculture and local food with the Solitude Team. Much of the education work we are already doing is equally about educating people how to use local produce and integrate it into their diets.

**This Saturday at 3 pm we will start the next garden and we invite you all to come and get involved, learn about permaculture and applied ecology.** Just outside the Cinema Paradiso, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 3 pm - light refreshments provided.

See you there!

*Krishna solitude*

## POSTING

### Housing Service closed

The Housing Service will be closed to the public from Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> (for one week) till Monday February 8<sup>th</sup>. due to some urgent internal work. *HS.*

### Water Festival 2016

Dear Friends,

Auroville is part of an initiative 'All for Water for ALL' which is organising a water Festival in the Region known as PAVC (Pondicherry, Auroville, Villupuram, Cuddalore) - **This Festival will start on the 2nd of February and ends on the 22nd of March**

In the seven weeks of the festival, it will visit seven different sub regions (Bahoor, Cuddalore, Puducherry, Auroville, Villianur, Vanu, and Marakanam) offering various activities with water as its theme.

During the week in Auroville we want to offer, to this celebration of water, events of various natures but with a common theme depicting "Beauty in Water".

We invite people who are prepared to offer their skill, art, knowledge and their Joy.

**If you want to support us your donations are welcome on FS account #252405**

Interested candidates may write to: [tom@auroville.org.in](mailto:tom@auroville.org.in)

*Tom*

### Juanita ashes internment

In the afternoon of Tuesday 26 January, friends of Juanita came together at Adventure to bury some of the ashes of our dear friend and long-term sister Aurovilian Juanita who passed away last year in USA. It was a quiet, loving gathering in a

strong awareness that Juanita, whose 'place in the universe' had always been Auroville, had finally come home. *OM-*

### Kids' corner

All are welcome for free snack and drink in certitude, 5 to 6 pm. We will open once a week, every Friday, and see how the voluntary participation catches on. Kids' corner works on your generosity, by offering your time, products and funds (acc: 5163). Thank you to Av Bakery, Ganesh bakery, Naturellement, Kofpu - *For kids' corner (Nadia/Frederick)*



### 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 on phone please send us an email). *Mirrabelle & Aurore (Fertile)*

### Adishakti hosting a residency program

Dear Friends, we are very happy to announce that Adishakti will be hosting "The India Theatre Program", a residency program by the Drama School, Mumbai, in its campus. If anybody is interested please write to Ms. Ragini Khushwaha at [itpcoordinator@thedramaschoolmumbai.in](mailto:itpcoordinator@thedramaschoolmumbai.in) and kindly spread the word, with your friends - Warmly, *Vinay Kumar*

## Book market

Adventure Community is closing its community library and hosting another book market on Sunday, 31.1. from 3 to 6 pm. The books will be in 2 categories, gift and donation, come and have a look. You might find a marvel :-) Lemongrass as refreshment for free. Happily welcoming you all! *Adventure Community*

## Skype Meeting Russia - Auroville

Date: 7 February in Unity Pavilion - from 2 to 4 pm. It will be a Skype Meeting (via Internet) concerning construction of the buildings of the Russian Pavilion in the International Zone of Auroville. If you want to build pavilions in IZ really please

come. If you have any questions please contact Vlad: [kvlad47@auroville.org.in](mailto:kvlad47@auroville.org.in)

## Aurovelo Cycle Service

At the moment we only have limited time and space for cycle repairs. Please call 2622380 to make an appointment for your cycle service at least a week before you want to bring it. We do services on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoon. Sorry, we don't repair punctures. If you have a flat tire, please visit Puncture Service (opposite Road Service) - We do NOT rent cycles - Thank You

# A V A I L A B L E

## Vegan Products

Dear Friends, now you can find our organic vegan products in PTPS ("old Pour Tous"); our vegan chocolate are available also in Hers Kottakarai. Enjoy! *Vegan Essence Team (Sharan)*

## Solar Sun Fruit Dryer

If interested in a solar dryer, I am ordering two number and the carpenter (Ben of Utility) wishes to have an order of three to make it more worthwhile to get all the materials together and do the work. The design is two levels of drying trays and already has been tested by use over the past year and it works very well. I have two very similar which I have used now for the last four years with good results. Please contact *Ben* at Utility or [charlie@auroville.org.in](mailto:charlie@auroville.org.in), if you are interested.

## 2 mountain bikes

Hello all, we, two volunteers, are selling 2 mountain bikes bought in Aurovelo 3 months ago: A German brand bike (Starkenn) with front 100mm suspension, white color, 21 speed, middle size (between 1m70 and 85 is good - An Indian brand bike (Montra), without suspension, thin but all-terrain tyres, black color, 21 speed, small size (1m50 and 1m65), ideal for teenager or ladies. Both bikes are in excellent state as they are used often for 3 months only. Good quality, best for a daily or sportive purpose, no petrol needed: think green! You can contact me anytime at: 7639313297 or per mail: [nicolas.denis06@gmail.com](mailto:nicolas.denis06@gmail.com) - *Nicolas & Alice*

## An Amma

Hi! We are looking for a new place of work for our Amma, Lakshmi. She has been working with us for many years and it has been great. She would need work only in the mornings (half day) possibly somewhere in residential sector 1 or 2. If interested you can contact me at: [swmatt@icloud.com](mailto:swmatt@icloud.com) - Thank you, *Matthia*

## Puppy

Looking for a home for a beautiful puppy. White with brown patches and bright blue eyes. She is about 2 months old, rescued from the roadside in Auroville and is in good physical health. She is well-behaved and taking training very quickly. She has been treated for fleas, lice and ticks as well as worms. She has a wonderful nature and is very friendly. If interested please call *Michael* on +91-8489-815425

## A Acer laptop backpack

In great condition to give away. Email: [Suhasini@auroville.org.in](mailto:Suhasini@auroville.org.in)

## A second-hand 3 weeks old bicycle

I sell a 3 weeks old 7shift "My Bike L" which we bought 3 weeks ago at Aurovelo. The guest who used it is now back home and we don't need it any more. It comes together with a side stand and a key lock. If you need an almost new bike in very good conditions please contact me. 919487386172 or: [rabor2000@gmail.com](mailto:rabor2000@gmail.com) - *Ravi (Vikas)*

## Puppy

Adorable Puppy, around 3 months of age, chocolate brown in colour. She is very intelligent and playful. We are giving her a home for a while because she was the only tiny puppy in Integrated Animal Care and would have felt lonely. Pls. contact [catherine.ekka@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.ekka@gmail.com) or 9534769815. *Catherine*

## 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).

## Solar Freezer

- 165 liters (2012), brand Steca running on 12 or 24 Volt DC, for battery operation. Runs only as freezer and is as such ideal for guest houses or restaurants. For more information contact *Lisbeth* ([lisbeth@auroville.org.in](mailto:lisbeth@auroville.org.in)) - The freezer can be seen at AEP (right turn after Auromode) at working hours.

- Flood damaged components from our underground for DIY enthusiast to give away. Lamp and battery casings, electronic components such as LEDs, transistors, lamp transformers etc. all still functioning but not good for production. Please come and select whatever looks still usable before it goes for recycling at AEP, Auroshilpam.

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

## People who have succeeded the process of feeding with prana

I will be very happy to meet people who have succeeded the process of feeding with prana only for at least three months. I am 68 with cataract, and as I will not do surgery that would be the way. I stay in Verite guest house. My name is Rene and

you can phone and leave a message at: 2622045. I leave on the 5th of February to Paris. My e. mail is: [rkarfiol@laposte.net](mailto:rkarfiol@laposte.net) (please e mail me after the 5th of February or phone me now in Verite)



## A job

My name is *Sasikala*. I am looking for a job in the field of accounting or office management. At present working at Pour Tous Waters for half a day. Job preferred for a full day. Contact me: 9751420313 - Thank you.

## Blender

My small Food Processor - Blender - to puree the soup doesn't work anymore. Does anyone have one that s/he is not using any more - that would be great. Thanks - Contact *Vani*: 94888 18072

## Old TV from the 80's

I am looking for an old Television, from the 80's or even the 70's which is still working. If you happen to have one or have an idea where to get one, please contact me:

[christophp@auroville.org.in](mailto:christophp@auroville.org.in) - Thank you very much! *Christoph P.*

## 2 bikes

I m looking for 2 bikes (lady cycles) in good condition - to get or buy - if you have one please contact me on: [itaskovski@gmail.com](mailto:itaskovski@gmail.com) and 9786275568 - *Irena*

## Mattress needed!

I am looking for a mattress, single or double. Please if you have one that you are not using and would be willing to give, contact me on 9159352416. I am now living in Pony Farm and am trying to get my home comfortable and nice. Thank You for your support, *Tahir*

## LOST & FOUND

Mobile phone (lost): I lost my LG Nexus 5 fluorescent orange in colour. Contact *Rishabh Jain* 9422222355 or *Lakshmanan* 9442070213

Motorbike key (lost): On Saturday Jan/23 around noon we lost a motorbike key around Town hall. It is a single key with a

black plastic head on a keyring. If found please contact: [catherine.ekka@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.ekka@gmail.com) or 9534769815. *Catherine E.*

Spectacles (reading glasses) (found): Near Sante clinic. Contact *Patricia*: [pat@auroville.org.in](mailto:pat@auroville.org.in), 262 3750, text 984 312 4305

## THANK YOU

### To Lauren and Veronique for caring for the dogs

As an Auroville long-term guest in Savitri Hostel my sleep this winter was undisturbed by the fierce barking of dogs as it had been the other years. This gives me a feeling of gratitude so that I want to give great thanks to the dog carers. Evidently they managed to comfort the dogs to a degree that they did not go into these fierce angry outbursts.  
*Raphaele, Germany*

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting1: A family of 2 adults and one 10 year old child from UK are looking for a house sitting from 2nd March to 18th April 2016. Please contact *Marianna, Dan and Imogen* on 91-59-320416 or [marianna\\_red@hotmail.com](mailto:marianna_red@hotmail.com). Many thanks, *Marianna O'Reilly* - [www.theunstitute.org](http://www.theunstitute.org)

House sitting2: I plan to be in Auroville for the whole month of February. I have some accommodation from Feb 4-1 but I need some accommodation from Feb 12 to 29. Please contact asap. *Kumar*: 91 70 77 58 53 13 / [kumarsehdev455@gmail.com](mailto:kumarsehdev455@gmail.com)

House sitting3: We are a newcomer family, Juan (from Spain), Allison (from Taiwan) and Nalia (4 years), looking for long term house-sitting. We enjoy being with animals and nature and look after things. If you will be away and need house-sitters, please call *Juan*: 7094896922 / [juan@auroville.org.in](mailto:juan@auroville.org.in)

House sitting4: We are young family of 3. We're in pre-Newcomers' process and looking for short term accommodation from 12.02. till 25.02.2016. We are a very responsible and tidy family and we would treat your place with full respect. *Irena &*

*Pedro and little Ates Noa* - In case you have house or a room free for us those days please contact us on [itaskovski@gmail.com](mailto:itaskovski@gmail.com) or 9786275568

House sitting5: We're coming back in July 2016 and then we would be volunteering, as our Newcomers process will start. I'm 40 years old, coming from Bosnia, I m a filmmakers, cultural manager and dancer. During our stay in Auroville I would be working with Kids (youth ) and women, my partner Pedro ( Portuguese ) is a yoga instructor, primary school teacher and ayurvedic therapist and would be working with kids in school. Our little son is Atesh Noa will be going to kindergarten from July. We are looking for long-term house-sitting from July 2016. We are responsible and very tidy people and would be very happy to take good care of your home. We're in Auroville till 25.2.2016. and we would be very happy to meet you and see your house. In case you are interested please contact us on [itaskovski@gmail.com](mailto:itaskovski@gmail.com) and 9786275568 - *Irena*

## TAXI SHARING

January 30th: About 10 pm from Auroville to Chennai Airport. For Emirates Flight EK 543 (3:30am) call *Jens*: 8758018898

January 31st: Leaving Auroville at 11.30 pm, heading to Chennai Airport. 2 places available. Call *Kees* at: 9626 884920

February 1st: Airport pick-up on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb Etihad flight arriving 2.30 pm. Leaving Auroville 11 am. Sharing possible on the way to the airport. Pls contact [tine@auroville.org.in](mailto:tine@auroville.org.in) or 0413 290 96 19, thank you - *Tine*

February 1st: Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February a taxi goes to Chennai Airport with one person, around 3 pm. It would be possible to be shared .Please contact *Anandi* (Realisation) 2622547 or [anandi7@auroville.org.in](mailto:anandi7@auroville.org.in). Thanks, Anandi

February 1st: Pick up at the Chennai domestic airport on February 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30-7:00 pm. Contact *Siri*: [siri@yoga-breathwalk.de](mailto:siri@yoga-breathwalk.de) / Ph: 9148253650



**February 2nd:** Leaving at 2 am from Auroville to Chennai airport. Can be shared both ways. Please contact *Nathalie* [natnat101@hotmail.com](mailto:natnat101@hotmail.com). Thank you.

**February 3rd:** Who would like to share taxis to go to Chennai airport 3rd of February night 9 pm, I will have two big Toyota going to the airport for pick up. They can bring someone who needs to go. Please call me: 9585833830, or E-mail me: [1483195304@qq.com](mailto:1483195304@qq.com) - Thank you, *Jane*

**February 3rd:** Taxi share to Chennai leaving 2pm on 3rd Feb. Two spaces available. Please call 7742446202 *Serena Aurora*

**February 4th:** I arrive in Chennai on February 4th at 5.10 pm and will be traveling to Auroville. Anyone interested in sharing the taxi from Auroville to Chennai Airport that day, please contact *Kumar*: 91 70 77 58 53 13: [kumarsehdev455@gmail.com](mailto:kumarsehdev455@gmail.com). You can book the taxi from Auroville yourself, or I can do it.

**February 4th:** Taxi sharing. Landing in Chennai on 4th Feb at 04:00 am. Going to Auroville. Contact *Indra* 9487919832

**February 5th:** Leaving Auroville to Chennai airport at 2am. Can be shared both ways. Contact Cory 9159090761 or [natnat101@hotmail.com](mailto:natnat101@hotmail.com).

**February 8th:** I will leave Auroville at 10:00 pm on 8th of Feb. To Chennai airport. My flight is at 3.50 am on Tuesday 9th. If

you are interested to share the taxi, let me know by e-mail at: [evm.lang@gmx.net](mailto:evm.lang@gmx.net) or mobile phone 9486 363454 Thanks, *Evmarie*

**February 8th:** A taxi will be going to Chennai airport on Monday, Feb 8, 07.30 am, arrival 11 am. Two places available for sharing for outbound journey or full taxi for way back to Auroville. Please contact Eva at: [emakkos@freenet.de](mailto:emakkos@freenet.de) or phone 8754 829830" - *Eva*

**February 9th:** Leaving from Chennai Airport 8.15 am to Auroville. Taxi can be shared both ways, only 1 person is going. [ingridt@auroville.org.in](mailto:ingridt@auroville.org.in). Thanks, *Ingrid*

**February 11th:** Dear all, 2 adults plus a small child will travel from Chennai airport to Auroville at 3.30 pm. A taxi will leave Auroville at 11 am (or earlier if you require it) towards Chennai airport. For taxi sharing (either way), please email. [stefangebert@gmail.com](mailto:stefangebert@gmail.com) - *Stefan*

**February 11th:** Leaving from Auroville at 2 am to Chennai Airport. Taxi can be shared both ways, only 1 person is going. [ingridt@auroville.org.in](mailto:ingridt@auroville.org.in). Thanks. *Ingrid*

**February 19th:** From Chennai airport to Auroville at 1 pm. [regine.kumar@gmx.at](mailto:regine.kumar@gmx.at) - Regards, *Regine*

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### Editing and layout position at News & Notes

The News office needs a Newcomer or Aurovilian to help with editing and layout work. The work demands fluency in spoken and written English, experience with Word software, an ability to work well under pressure, and good interpersonal skills. Please email: [newsandnotes@auroville.org.in](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.org.in) with a brief bio if interested.

### A coordinator

Dear Friends,  
Aikiyam School is looking for a Vocational Training Coordinator. Perhaps you would be interested in this occupation?

Here's our requirements:

1. Good people skills and talent for organizing
2. Well connected within Auroville, especially with the commercial units
2. Credibility with our teachers and parents
3. Understands young students and be a good role model
4. Able to act as a liaison between the school administration, the teachers, students, vocational training team and commercial units
5. Basic knowledge of vocational training and willing to carry the whole project forward with enthusiasm
6. Eventually be informed about CBSE vocational stream and communicate with other CBSE partners

Please contact the Aikiyam School office at (0413) 2622 358 or contact us by email at: [assg@auroville.org.in](mailto:assg@auroville.org.in)

*Devasmita, Janet, Françoise, Heidi, Marion, Martin, Laura, Shankar and Sudhir for the Aikiyam School Support Group (ASSG)*

Website: <http://aikiyamschool.wix.com/bilingualschool>

### A new team member for the Housing Service is urgently needed

#### Requirements:

Aurovilian

Willing to work full time (full time maintenance available)

Willing to go around and check repair requests and therefore has knowledge and understanding of repairing and construction work to check estimates.

Able to work in English and with a computer

Can enter data into a program.

Can assist in development of new settlements.

Has a reputation of Honesty.

Has already a permanent house and has no housing needs.

Please apply only by email to: [housing@auroville.org.in](mailto:housing@auroville.org.in).

As we are very busy and understaffed please do not drop into the office to introduce yourself.

We will give a special appointment to meet and discuss this.

Thank you, *HS*

### Savi needs another team member for full time secretarial work

In our 8-person team, we do our best to improve our services in a friendly and dedicated atmosphere; our administration workflow needs someone for office work.

Her main tasks will be to:

Correspondence by mail with Indian and foreign requests of volunteers and students

Preparation of visa documentation and application

Interaction with concerned working groups and Auroville Foundation for visa matters

Assistance to volunteers in their process of registration

Contacts with people at our reception desk

This work requires the following capacities:

Good communication skills (oral and written) and English language proficient

Comfortable with contacts and interactions with students and foreigners,

Open Office and computer literate

Self organized, accurate and reliable

There is a full time maintenance available.

Contact *Savi* with your CV and a mail stating your interest ([study@auroville.org.in](mailto:study@auroville.org.in))

## HEALTH

### Important Information from SANTE

Sante will be closed every Tuesday afternoon to the general public starting 2nd of February!

This will give us the time to hold our general meetings, to develop our new model for integrative health, have special classes and address special issues like building maintenance, cleaning, staff support and further development...

We thank you for your understanding and support.

Sante Team

## AUROVILLE RADIO



These are the latest programs published by AurovilleRadio this week. All the recordings are available in CD or ready to be copied on your memory stick at the AurovilleRadio premises in Town Hall, opposite the Financial Service.

**Mother's Q & A - November 16, 1955** (The Mother 26/01/2016)

Mother gives the significance of THE numbers twelve and six and speak of the

Divine Love flower and the necessity of ego. -[English, 56 Minutes]

**Just Bcoz** (Music 26/01/2016)

Playlist of hand picked pop, dubstep, dancehall, reggaeton, soul ... music. -[English, 66 Minutes]

**Jazz Caffe no1 at Visitors Centre** (Music 25/01/2016)

First Jazz Caffe of this year at Visitors Centre to support ongoing Potters Market. -[English, 154 Minutes]

**ARA on Decision Making Guidelines** (Governance 25/01/2016)

ARA meeting organized by RAS on decision making guidelines - [English, 78 Minutes]

**Way Forward, Happy RD** (News from Auroville 25/01/2016)

Featuring Inge with invitation to a unique workshop "be together" 26th at 10 am at Unity Pavilion. -[English, 15 Minutes]

**FAMC Mandate** (Governance 24/01/2016)

Featuring the recordings of yesterday's General Meeting on new draft of FAMC mandate. -[English, 62 Minutes]

**Possibility for AV Youth** (Educational Centers 24/01/2016)

Presentation on apprenticeship and internship programs for youth of Auroville. -[English, 62 Minutes]

**A Journey of Love and Adventure** (Multimedia 24/01/2016)

Lilith Fashion School 2016 Final Year presentation of Chandra and Vanitha, inspired by Taj Mahal, Antonio Gaudi. -[English, 13 Minutes]

**Earthship Biotecture** (Ecology Awareness 24/01/2016)

Shanit shares presentation on Earthship Biotecture - an attempt to create sustainable living in harmony with nature. - [English, 52 Minutes]

**As species still in kindergarten** (Ecology Awareness 22/01/2016)

Auroville is not yet a very good networker with other ecovillages. Some Aurovillians would like this to change. - [English, 42 Minutes]

**A tree for Steven** (Healing 22/01/2016)

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)

Steven's Tree planting memorial, an intimate moment shared with friends and strangers revives the AV spirit. -[English, 8 Minutes]

**Experiencing an artist residency** (International Programs 22/01/2016)

Ivana shares the enhancing experience of participating in an International Artist Residency recently in New Delhi -[English, 10 Minutes]

**Off the Cuff-60** (Performing Arts 22/01/2016)

Comments on the busy season, jobs but no takers, are we moving forwards backwards or maintaining the status quo? - [English, 15 Minutes]

**Ayurvedic Health Education, part 2** (Medical Research 22/01/2016)

Featuring Dr. Geeta Auropremi continuing on ayurvedic health education. -[English, 35 Minutes]

**Savitri, B. 1, C. 5, Part 2** (Sri Aurobindo 21/01/2016)

A strong Descent of spiritual power envelops the King. His boundless being in measureless time conquers Nature. - [English, 20 Minutes]

**Talks, Performance, Presentation** (News from Auroville 21/01/2016)

Saturday - from presentations, talks, workshops, sharing, musical offerings, meditations to fashion show. -[English, 10 Minutes]

**Thanks giving us Pongal** (Culture 19/01/2016)

For the first time, Auroville celebrated the Pongal festival traditionally. Sound collage with music and interviews - [English, 7 Minutes]

**The Best of Blue Note no2** (Music 19/01/2016)

Featuring 2nd edition of the Best of Blue Note - jazz musicians. -[English, 54 Minutes]

**Unvironments 2: Windmill** (Music 19/01/2016)

The Unstitute returns with another weekly session of sonic meditation environments. -[Sound, 30 Minutes]

**Mother's Q & A - November 9, 1955** (The Mother 18/01/2016)

Mother tells of the ego's need to take credit and of when it disappears, and of determinisms from other planes. -[English, 62 Minutes]

## S P O R T S

### Udavi school Sports day Program

Dear friends,

You are cordially invited to Udavi School "Sports day Program".

**Date:** 28th Jan (Thursday)

**Time:** 4 pm

**Venue:** Udavi sports ground. You are most welcome!

### Ultimate Frisbee Hat Tournament

Dear community,

We, the Frisbee team, are happy to host our 6th annual Ultimate Frisbee Hat Tournament.

This year, as we have made new fields, we will be playing at the Gaia fields, Dehashakti and Certitude.

The tournament will take place from the 5-7th of Feb.

We invite you to come and cheer the teams on and meet new people.

Hoping to see you on field,

*AV Ultimate*

### Auroville Birthday Good-Will Tennis Tournament in Certitude

Enter your name in the list at Certitude Tennis Court in the categories of your choice:

Junior / Adult Single (A) (B) / Adult Double (A) (B)

A and B indicates your skill level according to your assessment, but the initial rounds will be on a knock-out basis. The semi-finalists of B will advance to A-level.  
Thanks, Frederick

### Team Competitions for Juniors at Dehashakti School of Physical Education

*Team Aurolympics at Dehashakti School of Physical Education*

*1st February (Monday) to 4th Feb (Thursday) and 8th (Monday) to 11th February (Thursday) for 1st + 2nd grades. And for 3rd graders at 4pm to 5.20pm*

*The TEAM Aurolympics (Games & Fitness & Skills) timings: daily 2:30 to 3:30 for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade & 3rd grade 4pm to 5.20pm:*

*The objectives of the Team Aurolympics are:*

- *To develop team spirit.*

- *To give every child an equal opportunity to actively participate, regardless of capacity and skill.*
- *To help in the development of social conduct, group loyalty, feeling of self-worth, sportsmanship.*
- *To give students the experience of winning, leading, and losing.*
- *To provide opportunities to learn strategies, rules, and to gain a deeper understanding through participation at the various levels of competition.*

*Kindly excuse your child/student from all other activities (like horse-riding, dancing, aikido etc.) during these two weeks. Please cooperate with us in this matter, so as to ensure that all the children who do sports can participate in the Aurolympics.*

*Sincerely Dehashakti 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. Some are only valid for purchase within a few days of the announcement and for a specific time period only.  
Latest Offers from Airlines:

Jet Airways and Etihad Airways have discount fares to Europe and the USA booking till 31.Jan.

Please let us know your travel plans and we will get back to you once a special offer for you destination is available.  
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 :-)*

### Fish barbecue night

Venue: Joy Guesthouse garden. Date: Friday 5th of February  
Time: 6.30 to 7.30 pm

We are happy to announce a beautiful night in great accompany, reminding special Mediterranean summers. Prawns, squids, fish and lots of vegetables (for the vegetarian friends) from the grill, a great salad and even watermelon to refresh before enjoying a British cult comedy (Life of Brian). A feast for those with a light heart. Advance reservation required, please either call (04132622584 or 9442328120) or email ([joycommunity@auroville.org.in](mailto:joycommunity@auroville.org.in)) or pass by. Fixed contribution from guests; free donation from Aurovillians, Newcomers and SAVI registered volunteers (please bring your card). *Joy Community Team :-)*

## GREEN MATTERS

### **Sunday walk Farms & Forests**

The *Sunday Walks to Farms & Forests* (now in their 6th year) had a grand start thanks to the *Annapurna Farm* visit under the *Joy of Learning* programme, organised by the Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI) on Republic day. Over 120 people got to enjoy an afternoon full of learning and treats: An exhibition on farming in Auroville, introductions and Q&A sessions by the experienced farmers, visits to South India's first organically certified dairy and the farm's grain processing section (which serves Auroville and surrounding farms), a farm tour, and a delicious buffet with an amazing spread of organic snacks and drinks all grown on the farm. Big thanks to Tomas and André of Annapurna, Vivek of FoodLink, the ACI team, and Kyoungyoung Lee with her nieces for the inspiring cooking demo and the fabulous healthy food! (We look forward to the Auroville-grains cookbook!)

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Discipline Farm

9 - 11.30 am, with Velmurugan, tel. 97514-68504.

Discipline is one of Auroville's most long-established farms, with 20 acres of irrigated and dry lands, growing a wide variety of fruit and vegetable crops, as well as cow fodder, some monsoon-fed grains, in addition to forest and a dairy.

How to get there: About 15 minutes cycling from Solar Kitchen, direction North, past Matrimandir and Town hall; continue northward, past Wellcafé, CSR, Auromode, Auroshilpam and GP

Café. Ca. 150 m further, you reach a corner with a medium sized banyan tree and sign indicating a left turn to Discipline. After ca. 200 m, turn right into an unmarked road leading down to Discipline Farm. Velmurugan will meet you in the motorbike parking area. Bring a hat and drinking water.

Sunday 14th February: Urban Gardening at City Center, in the Citadines / Town hall area, 8.30-11.30 am, with Luigi and Riccardo. Details in the next News & Notes.

AV Green Center: [avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in)



# Notes

## Matrimandir Lotus Pond

Some Aurovilians say that the name Lotus pond in Matrimandir is given on the basis of the Mother's symbol. The inner four entrances to Matrimandir and the outer whorl of twelve petals constitute the sides and bottom of the pond. That is why they say it is called lotus pond. Let us consider the appropriateness of naming the lotus pond in Matrimandir on the basis of a different principle.

In Tamil Nadu there are tanks (large water bodies) adjacent to the temples. Sri Meenakshi temple in Madurai (Tamil Nadu) has a big tank within the temple premises itself. It is called Potramarai (Lotus Pond). Steps found on all the four sides of the tank lead to the waterbody which is considered sacred. A lotus flower made of gold is floating on the surface of the water. Waves caused by the wind are also seen on the surface of the water.

The lotus tank in Sri Meenakshi Temple represents the Vedic Image of Existence (Satchitananda). The Vedic Rishis divide the Universe into three parts in terms of existence. They call existence as water or ocean or river; upper white ocean, middle Heart-ocean and lower Black ocean or Sea. In all these 'Satchitananda' is present in different conditions which are the results of manifestations of the divine Mother. We can understand the principles involved in the creation of the Universe if we analyse the water in the tank properly.

In the lotus pond in Sri Meenakshi Temple, the golden lotus, floating on the surface of the water, represents the Divine (Sat) in which the divine Shakti (Chit-Tapas) and Ananda are implied. The water in the tank represents the subconscious sea. The waves on the surface of the water represent Ananda emerging from the depth of the subconscious. Similarly we can analyse the lotus pond in Matrimandir in accordance with the Vedic idea of existence. Here, the lotus pond has a small crystal which remains aloof in the middle of the pond at the bottom. It represents the Supreme (Sat). The steps are present all around the inner side of the pond. The water flowing over the steps falls into a circular small groove and is drained off immediately. The purpose of the steps and the significance of water flowing over them are not known. There should be a fairly good volume of water to represent the subconscious sea. The waves like appearance on the water flowing over the steps cannot be taken as waves of Ananda emerging from the depth of the subconscious sea. On the whole the features that we get from the analysis of the lotus pond in Matrimandir are not in conformity with the Vedic idea of existence.

Like Sri Aurobindo, the Mother also had the knowledge and power to enter into the subconscious realm of existence. She was always conscious in her dreams and her outer being was capable of remembering the details about things and events in the subconscious. In one of her dreams she met the Mother of Terrestrial Nature in the subconscious part of the world. She has narrated vividly her meeting with Her in Agenda 1961. About Her she says: The Mother of Terrestrial Nature has full authority over the subconscious existence.

In Tamil Nadu there will invariably be a tank near the temple. Whether the people have understood the principle involved in it or not, the tradition of constructing the tank near the temple still continues. I would like to raise a question on this matter: Is it not worthwhile to consider the feasibility of making changes in the lotus pond in Matrimandir in accordance with the Vedic idea of existence?

*Ref: The secret of the Veda, The Image of the Oceans and the Rivers, Ch.X; Mother's Agenda, 1961, Vol.2, January 22, 1961*

*Submitted by Somasundaram*

## The Force is here!

Auroville is well. Nowhere in the world can we find a place where we feel carried by such a positive, stimulating, regenerating atmosphere. The Force is here! She seizes the hand that paints, traces or writes. The Force is here, with the musician that make sounds vibrate, with the instructor or teacher, with the gardener who plants the promise of a tree, with the architect, the worker, the builder, the sportsman or the cook. The time is to acts, not to forecasts or plans. Time is for the immediate thought in the act. One just has to stay open. The Force is here, smiling. She runs free, and the miracle spreads at every second. Immerse yourself and allow yourself to follow the current. Everything is movement, dance and joy.

Whenever we want to stop this movement, take possession or control it, the vision shrivels, and we lose the golden thread that weaves the fabric of this city of Dawn. We close in on ourselves, and the Force fades away. We can fall into self-pity, or self-flagellation. We become like an empty shell, tossed by the elements, by the events. Luckily, the beauty is everywhere in Auroville, in the flowers, in the birds' singings, in the silence of the Matrimandir, or in the smile of a child, or of the passer-by, comforting us. Gratitude is then awakened and made a breakthrough and let light coming in back. Rejoice! The Force is here! *Christian Feuillette*

# 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

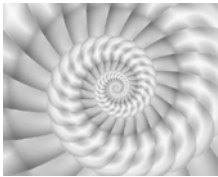
*Amphitheatre Team*



## INVITATIONS

### IEL Stall at Auroville Marathon

The Integral Entrepreneurship Lab is a platform to support start-ups and social entrepreneurs in Auroville. IEL invites all social startups to display their product/service in a common stall at the Auroville Marathon market on Feb 13, 14. This is your chance to initiate relations and potential partnerships with highly educated and well connected professionals from across the country!  
For further info, please contact Natasha at: [iel@auroville.org.in](mailto:iel@auroville.org.in)



### Facilitate in a co-creative way

Sunday February 7th, 9.30 to 12.30 - Tibetan Pavilion

Join us in exploring how to guide programs/ meetings/ discussions in a field of co-creation in harmony with our AV aims and ideals.

An invitation to Aurovillians and newcomers  
*Co-creation team*



### Auroville Institute of Applied Technology Invitation

The management, staff and students cordially invite you to the Inauguration of the new campus of Auroville Institute of Applied Technology At Aurobrindavan, near Palmyra cricket ground Tiruchitrambalam Koot Road, Vanur Taluk, Villupuram

6<sup>th</sup> of February 2016  
10.30 am to 1.00 pm

In the presence of Mr. Achim Fabig  
General Consul of Federal Republic of Germany

### Welcome Newcomer Potluck (6/2/16)

Anyone interested in the Newcomers (you are, you want to be, you are an Aurovillian already) please join our little celebration:

DREAMERS CAFÉ  
Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup>. 6:30 pm

Please bring some yummy food (ready to eat) and be ready to help clean up, wash your plate and have fun. Bring musical instruments too if you want.

*Your Entry Service*

### The Teachers Center

Invites teachers and parents to the next  
Conversation on Integral Education

"Introduction to Sri Aurobindo's perspective" - Session 3

We will continue to explore Sri Aurobindo's perspective with a particular regard to the spirit of Auroville.

This conversation will be facilitated by Deepti.

Venue: Teachers Centre, SAIER  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February from 4 - 5.30 pm

## EXHIBITIONS

### CROSSROADS OF DREAMS

Painting Exhibition by Louis and Amrita

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture  
From February 3rd to 15th  
Opening on February 3rd at 5 pm

Opening hours Mon-Sat 9 am-12:30 am and 2-5 pm  
Sunday morning 10 am - 1 pm

KALA KENDRA, BHARAT NIVAS - The Pavilion of India  
PRESENTS

### OFFERING

A Group Show by Artists  
From the WEAVERS Service Centre, Kancheepuram, T.N  
BALA | NARENDRA BABU | RAVI | SHEKAR

### About the Artist

BALA @ K. Balasubramanian is from Chennai and has completed his Post Diploma in Fine Arts from Govt. College of Fine Arts, Madras. Bala's works instantly strike as simplistic patterns in mesmerising monotones, but when we dwell on these large paintings for a longer period, one can find Tantric art forms, Hindu icons, maths and philosophy all emerging from the canvas as one family, in multiple layers. Bala's usage of colours is minimal yet they grow to be vibrant. In spite of subdued golds, browns, reds and ochres. His Paintings resonate tranquillity reflecting his own self in a way

K.G. Narendra Babu is from Kancheepuram and has completed his Diploma & Post Diploma in Painting from Govt. College of Arts & Crafts, Madras. I am a dreamer and I dream my way into my canvas. To me the journey becomes life. The destination to me is not the focus, but the journey is. I believe in celebrating life with all its agony and ecstasy, the great moments and also the share of disappointments in a positive way. My figures float around, never static. It is the movement and ever changing phases of life that capture my imagination and not its preconceived ends. All things made by god are filled with beauty from the smallest species to the vast galaxy. I try to incorporate all the elements I have always felt and enjoyed since my childhood. Real incidents, stories, history, mythology, family and social life all become eternal in my works, my dreams continue alongside my art and it has been a fulfilling journey.

D. Ravi is from Chennai and has completed his Diploma & Post Diploma in Painting from Govt. College of Arts & Crafts, Madras. He has exhibited in 'Serigraphs from India', at Matrix Art Gallery, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA and at Affordable Art Fair, New York, USA. He is the winner of Tamil Nadu State Academy Award.

R. Shekar is from Thiruvananthapuram District and has completed his Diploma in Fine Arts from D.F.A Govt. College of Arts & Crafts, Madras and Master of Fine Arts (painting) M.F.A Govt. College of Fine Arts Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu. R. Sekar's works have powerful and yet spontaneous lines. Lines which make the story complete. Most of his works are in black and white with minimal colours to highlight his ideas and fantasies. His works are influenced by folk-art, architecture, human forms and nature which is the striking feature of the Madras art movement. His control over lines is consistent throughout. Strong stories and images breathe within the canvas amongst the overpowering black lines.

From Saturday 30th January, 2016 till Thursday 18th February, 2016

Inauguration on Saturday the 30th of January, 2016 at 05:30 pm

Gallery Timings: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

## TALKS, SEMINARS

### TEDx talk on education in Ranchi

On 30th and 31st January Indian Institute of Management at Ranchi will be conducting a TEDx event. Two Aurovillians from Isai Ambalam School, Subash and Sanjeev Ranganathan will be delivering a talk on education in that event. It will be webcast live and can be seen at: <http://tedxiimranchi.com/live>,  
*Isai Ambalam School Staff*

### Insights Seminar presents 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 recognized as the evolutionary force that accompanies the growth of the new consciousness.

On 4th February 2016, Thursday

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 2622047 between 09:30 & 12:30 or 14:00 & 17:00

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

### Insight Seminars invites you all for a presentation

On 'Highlights of Tamil Nadu' - an introduction to the cultural and spiritual aspects of:

- Chidambaram /Thanjavur/ Thiruvannamalai/ Mahabalipuram

On 5th February 2016, Friday at 3 pm

Presented by: Ela

Venue: Insight Seminar room, ground floor, Inside India building, Auroshilpam (behind Auromode)

No registration required, free of charge, please walk in.

### Meet-up with the Happy Start-up School

The happy start-up school will be in Auroville on the 8th of Feb. All Entrepreneurs are invited to join an interactive session in the CSR conference hall at 4:30 pm to explore "what does purposeful business mean to you in practice?"

The 15 guests are startup founders and coaches from across the globe, here for a mind blowing retreat.

Please confirm first so we have enough chairs and cookies: [iel@auroville.org.in](mailto:iel@auroville.org.in)

## CULTURAL EVENTS

### Reminder: Duo Kabaretale

The Kabaretale duo (« the small cabaret » in Yiddish) is Corinne Ernoux (France) on the accordion, and Amit Weisberger (France/Israel) on the Violin. Both are professional musicians in Brittany, France.

Saturday 30th January 8:00 pm at CRIPA



## Under a magic silver sky

With Holger/Jivatman/Nadaprem/Swaha

31st January (Sunday) 6.30 pm

At Unity Pavilion

An evening of songs

## Have an ear for the Hungarian Genius!

Presentation by the Hungarian Pavilion Group of Auroville.

Come and enjoy a night of musical and poetic awakening of the Hungarian Soul. Piano concert with pieces from Bartók, Kodály, and others played by Pushkar, and recitation of poems of Ady, Kosztolányi, Babits by members of the HP Group of Auroville.

We will be honoured with the presence of Mr. M.A. Alagappan, Honorary Consul of Hungary from Chennai.

Place: CRIPA, Auroville, TN, India

Monday, February 1st, 2016, 19:30 - 21:00

## Presented by the Italian Pavilion,

A tribute to Pink Floyd

Tuesday, 2nd Feb. 2016 at 8 pm

Sri Aurobindo Auditorium - Bharat Nivas

Brought by Rita Marcotulli

Rita Marcotulli - Pianoforte and keyboard / Andy Sheppard - Sax / Alessandro Paternesi Drums / Ares Tavalazzi - Electric Bass / Michele Rabbia - percussion and electronics / Fausto Meselella - Guitar and effect / Raiz - Voice

Online booking will open on 28th January on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-tribute-to-pink-floyd-tickets-20886581327>

## Piano Concert by Hartmut von Lieres,

Thursday 4th of February 2016 at 8 pm.

He is a pianist and composer, who is writing for theatre and movies. His music is influenced by western classical music, jazz, Indian and Spanish styles.

At Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville (0413)

2622403/2622994 [Pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:Pitanga@auroville.org.in)



## Concert at Unity Pavilion

SACRED CHANTS and KIRTAN

With Nathalie & Adam

Saturday 6th, February at 8:00 pm

Inspired by classical Hindustani music, Adam composed the melodies of mantras, sacred texts and words of wisdom. He decorates his songs with the sound of the Vishraj, which has the reputation to enchant the hearts. His partner, Nathalie, sings with him in the same spirit and intention of offering and devotion - Accompanied by Manoshon on tabla.

## African Drumming Sessions

The African Pavilion Team is happy to announce a series of drumming sessions that will take place every Thursday from 5.30 pm till 7.30 pm in the African Pavilion to fund raise the ongoing construction. Help support the project joining the drumming circle around an inspiring fire.

Enjoy the beat!

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### SHAMANIC FAMILY HARMONISATION

With Shanti Mook and Helen Ananda

Auroville, 2 - 7 February

daily 9 am - 6.30 pm; plus two evenings; plus one overnight in nature

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' ...

More info in N&N 2 weeks ago! For further information call or email: [dariya@auroville.org.in](mailto:dariya@auroville.org.in) or 9786658967

Bookings at: Quiet healing Center

## INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

2nd February (Tuesday)

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

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

Focus this week on: 'The Divine Mother'

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).

## PARTNER YOGA

Venue: Joy Community Hall (Center Field)

Date and time: Saturday 3.30 to 5 pm

Starting: 9th of January

Partner Yoga, is a physical practice which combines elements of yoga and acrobatics such as stretching and torsions done with a partner. Partnering work helps improve concentration and balance. Therapeutic Acro Yoga massage, brings together acrobatics and yoga with Thai massage, it provides stress relief and a deep sense of well-being. Drop in.

## AIKIDO WORKSHOP

The Auroville Aikido students are happy to already announce their annual

AIKIDO WORKSHOP that will take place at the AUROVILLE BUDOKAN/DOJO, DEHASHAKTI from Feb. 10th to March 2nd

From now on beginners and others are welcome to join our regular classes in order to prepare a bit for the Workshop with our 6<sup>th</sup> Dan Aikido master! Reminder for regular classes' schedule: Beginners on Monday and Wednesday 6.00 to 7.00 pm - All levels on Saturday 6.00 to 7.30 am (yes, possible, and great!)

Please be at the Dojo at least 15 min. before the class starts; wear long loose pants & t-shirt with sleeves (no tight fitting please) - or your martial arts outfits if you have some.

Reasonable contribution required for the Dojo. For more info, please contact: [budokan@auroville.org.in](mailto:budokan@auroville.org.in) - or Surya: 0413-262 3813 or 9655485487.

## MUDRA - CHI

A Body Prayer in a Tai-chi form based on Mother's Mudras Sunday the 31st of January .Time: 4 pm. to 6.30 pm.

At Savitri Bhavan

Facilitator: Anandi

Everybody Welcome - Anandi

## DANCE CLASSES

Hi everyone!!!

From Saturday the 6th of February I will start 2 new dance classes: from 9.30 am to 10 am for young children age between 5/12 and from 10 am to 11 am for adults! Both classes will be in Cripa

All are welcome to come!!

For any information feel free to contact me at: 9442395774 or [alicemorianipoli@gmail.com](mailto:alicemorianipoli@gmail.com) - Thanks Alice

## SPONTANEOUS SINGING

With Antoine Creativity - Hall of Light. Every Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

Contact 8940740529. Antoine

## FROM GRUMPY TO GRATEFUL

A 5-Day Women's Retreat (non-residential)

February 13-17 (Saturday-Wednesday)

With Dariya and L'aura

Exploring connection and self-expression, within ourselves and among other women - Rediscovering our innate wisdom and creativity - Awakening a sense of celebration for being alive, in all its forms. We will explore how we can cultivate a more sustainable and authentic sense of gratitude, one that allows us to truly acknowledge the abundance in our lives, as well as sustain us in moments of disconnection and darkness.

Including: Skills and practices from Nonviolent Communication / Dance, movement and partner-yoga / Inner explorations from "Awakening Women" / Creating a "Vision Board" / Exploring water and the ocean / Healing mud-pool ritual / Bonfire ritual / And much more...!

Join us for a renewed Attitude of Gratitude and a different kind of being together - filled with fun, learning, and discovering some of Auroville's hidden gems.

*Dariya and L'aura are passionate about depth and connection, and they love to create spaces to explore deeper aspects of our being and interconnectedness.*

For more information and to register, contact L'aura: [joylivinglearning@gmail.com](mailto:joylivinglearning@gmail.com), 9442788016

## UNITY PAVILION

A series of workshops between 5 January and 9 February 2016

The Twelve Aspects of the Divine Mother

Introduced in Yoga Nidra and led by Veronik Menanteau

6.30 pm - 8.30pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 2 February, Thursday 4 February, Friday 5 February and Monday 8 February

Please note change of dates and weekdays!

## TRAINING COURSE AT THE AUROVILLE EARTH INSTITUTE

The Auroville Earth Institute is conducting a course on the Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks (CSEB) from the 1st to 6th February 2016.

To register, please contact us by mail [training@earth-auroville.com](mailto:training@earth-auroville.com)

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

Welcome to our courses,

Sincerely yours, Saravanan

## COMMUNITY KARMA YOGA

Venue: Joy Community

Date and time: Mon to Wed 8.30 to 10.30 am

Each morning we work on some practical project together for a couple of hours. Come and join our community to share experiences on Auroville and India, while having lots of fun. We also share a free typical Aurovilian breakfast to complete the morning with the food of Auroville's pioneers. Drop in.

## RESTORATIVE HATHA YOGA

Venue: Joy Community Hall (Center Field)

Date and time: Monday 9 to 10 am

Restorative Hatha Yoga lessons for mixed abilities; it is suitable for beginner and intermediate levels seeking a restorative practice. The class includes 3 phases for balance: opening, main and closing. We will aim to develop stillness/calmness of mind and body through asanas and gentle pranayama. Drop in.

## SANSKRIT MANTRAS FOR DAILY LIFE

Venue: Joy Community Hall

Dates: Fri 5th Feb & Sat 6th Feb

Time: 4 pm to 6.30 pm

Chanting Sanskrit mantras is performing an ancient prayer. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition and participation in

the chant, the mind gains clarity, the ability to concentrate increases and a person becomes more tranquil. Through daily chanting the mind gains qualities which are essential for students of Yoga & Spiritual Scriptures. The specific pitches and rules of intonation and syllabic length will be learned in this workshop in the traditional way. The seers of the mantras were able to observe how one can use the voice to quieten the mind and attune the practitioner to the more subtle levels of the "sadhana" - the spiritual path. The intention of this specific workshop is to inspire the student to discover his own chanting routine, and bring the awareness of the divine in every single thing. The workshop is for everyone who wishes to learn to chant mantras in a traditional way. Please come 15 minutes earlier on the first day to register.

### PARTNER YOGA

Venue: Joy Community Hall (Center Field)  
Date and time: Saturday 3.30 to 5 pm

Partner Yoga, is a physical practice which combines elements of yoga and acrobatics such as stretching and torsions done with a partner. Partnering work helps improve concentration and balance. Therapeutic Acro Yoga massage, brings together acrobatics and yoga with Thai massage, it provides stress relief and a deep sense of well-being. Drop in.

### FOAM PUPPETS WORKSHOP

Manipulation techniques of puppets carved from foam, improvisation, playback, and storytelling. Open to actors, puppeteers and whoever wishes to join future projects with a Puppet Theater.

Wednesday 3 and 10 February, from 18:00 to 19:30. In Yatra, versus "La Piscine"

Registration by email: bellonig@hotmail.com - Gabriel: 7094845425

## SCHEDULES

### SAVITRI BHAVAN

February 2016

#### EXHIBITION

'Adventures of a Soul' and other Visionary Paintings by Huta  
from February 15 onwards in the Square Hall

#### GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Jamshed Mavalwalla  
will give the 6<sup>th</sup> Dr. M.V. Nadkarni Memorial Lecture  
'Surrender' in Savitri  
on Friday February 19 2016, 4-5pm

#### FILMS

Mondays 6.30pm with a special film on Sunday 21.2.2016

This month we celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> 'Golden Day' commemorating the Supramental Manifestation on February 29, 1956.

February 1: *Interview with Aster on her life*

Aster remembers the descent of the supramental consciousness. Duration: 75min.

February 8: *Journey to the Life Divine - Part 1*

Film made by the Department of Physical Education, Sri Aurobindo Ashram in 2010. Duration: 100 min.

February 15: *Journey to the Life Divine - Part 2*

The lives and work of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother from November 1926 to the present day Duration: 90min.

Sunday February 21: *The One Whom We Adore As The Mother*

An audio-visual presentation on The Mother's life prepared by the Sri Aurobindo Archives in 2010. Duration: 63min.

February 22: *Interview with Shraddhavan*

Responses to questions about Auroville from a Russian TV crew in April 2013. Duration: 40min.

February 29: *The Golden Day 2012*

The 2012 celebration in the Sri Aurobindo Ashram. Duration: 70min.

#### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sundays 10.30-12 noon: *Savitri Study Circle*

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 7-8 am: Chanting Sanskrit Hymns in the Hall

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

Mondays 5-6 pm: *The Upanishads*, led by Dr. Ananda Reddy

Tuesdays 5-6pm: *Let us learn Savitri together* led by Sudarsan in Tamil

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

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

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

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

Fridays 5.30-6.30pm: Meditations with Sri Aurobindo's *Hymns to the Mystic Fire*, led by Nishtha

Saturdays 5-6.30 pm: *Satsang* led by Ashesh Joshi

#### OM Choir

*The voice that chants to the creator Fire,*

*The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word*

(*Savitri p.310*)

In 1961 the Mother gave the *adesh* to Narad to bring down a new music. She said that one must go far above words and bring down the pure Music. Mother told us to sit in a circle and have no preconceptions as to what we would sing but to be silent and let the music



descend in us. The OM Choir aspires to bring down the New Music for the New World in a collective body. We sing only OM, the creative and effectuating Word, after starting with warming-up and voice exercises. Narad will work with us.

**Full Moon Gathering**  
**Monday February 22, 7.15-8.15pm in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue**  
**Exhibitions, Main Building and Office are open Monday to Saturday 9-5**  
**Reading Room and Digital Library are closed on Saturdays**  
**Everyone is welcome**

CLASSES in Vérité - February 2016			
Days	Drop-in Classes	Timings	Facilitator
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	6:45 to 8.15 am	Olesya
Monday & Tuesday	Sivananda Yoga	9 to 10.30 am	Mimi
Monday & Friday	Pilates	4 to 5 pm	Philippe
Monday	Movement & Sound Relaxation	5 to 6 pm	Balu & Jeremy
Monday & Friday	Nia Holistic Dance	5.15 - 6.15 pm	Philippe
Tuesday	Soul Motion - A Conscious Dance Practice	5 to 6.30 pm	Philippe
Tuesday & Thursday	Meridian Exercises and Yoga	6:45 to 8.15 am	Yaor
Tuesday & Friday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	5 to 6.30 pm	Olesya
Wednesday	Meridian Exercises and Yoga	9 to 10.30 am	Yaor
Wednesday	Yoga Dance Fusion	3.15 to 4.45 pm	Stinna
Wednesday	Flow Yoga	5 to 6.30 pm	Stinna
Wednesday	Somatic Explorations	5 to 6 pm	Maggie
Thursday	Soul Motion - Mindful Movement & Meditation	9 to 10 am	Philippe
Thursday	Kolams	3 to 4.30 pm	Rajaveni
Thursday	Yin Yoga	3.15 to 4.45 pm	Stinna
Thursday	Dance Offering	5 to 7 pm	Dariya
Saturday	Hatha Yoga in Iyengar Tradition	5 to 6 pm	Olesya
WORKSHOPS in Vérité - February 2016			
Wed, 3 Feb	Fresh Perspectives	9.15 am to 12.30 pm	Julie
Fri, 5 Feb	Ayurvedic Spices and Herbs	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Dr. Geeta
Wed, 10 Feb	Flow Through Life	9.15 am to 12.30 pm	Julie
Fri, 12 Feb	Healthy Ayurvedic Lifestyle	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Dr. Geeta
Fri & Sat, 12 & 13 Feb	Introduction to Zen Shiatsu (1 & half day workshop)	9 am to 3.30 pm & 9 am to 12.30 pm	Yaor
Wed, 17 Feb	Living from the Heart	9.15 am to 12.30 pm	Julie
Fri, 19 Feb	Meridians & Yoga	9 am to 12.30 pm	Yaor
Fri, 19 Feb	Holistic Approach for Management of Diabetes Type 2	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Dr. Geeta
Sat, 20 Feb	Consciousness as Medicine	9 am to 12.30 pm	Dr. Yogesh
Wed, 24 Feb	Fresh Perspectives	9.15 am to 12.30 pm	Julie
Fri, 26 Feb	Meridians & Yoga	9 am to 12.30 pm	Yaor
Fri, 26 Feb	Ayurvedic Spices and Herbs	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Dr. Geeta
Sat, 27 Feb	Coaching Fundamentals	9.15 am to 4.45 pm	Julie
THERAPIES in Vérité - February 2016			
Contact for appointment: Mobile SMS - 7094104329, Phone 91 413 2622606, <a href="mailto:treatments@verite.in">treatments@verite.in</a>			
Balu	Sound Healing with Tibetan Singing Bowls		
Dr. Geeta	Ayurvedic Consultation		
Mila	Craniosacral Therapy		
Julie	Life Coaching Sessions		
Susana	Reiki Energy Healing		
Yaor	Nutrition & Lifestyle Recommendations (Including Aromatherapy) Bach Flower Remedies Meridian Do-In Therapy Zen Shiatsu		

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

Please contact Vérité: 0413 2622045 or [programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in). 7094104329, 2622606, [treatments@verite.in](mailto:treatments@verite.in)

See the regular events section for on-going classes

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



## Programme for FEBRUARY 2016

### Y o g a I y e n g a r

Āsanas	level 1	Mon	07.30 - 09.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	level 2	Mon	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	drop in and regular students	Tues	11.00 - 12.00	Angela
Āsanas	drop in and regular students	Tues	15.30 - 17.00	Angela
Pranayama	level 1	Tues	17.30 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women	drop in	Wed	07.30 - 09.00	Angela
Āsanas	drop in and regular students	Wed	11.00 - 12.30	Angela
Āsanas	hormonal balance	Wed	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women	level 2	Thurs	07.30 - 09.15	Tatiana
Āsanas	di - restorative	Thurs	15.30 - 16.30	Angela
Āsanas	level 2	Thurs	16.00 - 18.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	drop in	Thurs	18.00 - 19.30	Tatiana
Asanas	drop in - for women	Fri	07.30 - 08.45	Angela
Āsanas	hormonal balance	Fri	09.00 - 11.00	Tatiana
Āsana- open practice	level 3	Sat	07.30 - 09.30	Tatiana
Āsana	drop in	Sat	10.30 - 12.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for the spine	drop in	Sat	17.00 - 18.30	Angela

Note: For Iyengar classes, please come to a drop in class first and talk to the teacher about appropriate level.

### Y o g a - m i x e d s t y l e

Yoga Therapy	drop in	Mon, Wed, Fri	08.30 - 10.00	Gala
Āsanas (*)	for teenagers	Mon, Wed	16.00 - 17.00	Lisbeth/ofa
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - beginners	Tues	09.00 - 10.30	Bebe
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - all levels	Weds	17.15 - 18.45	Bebe
Yoga	for Pregnancy	Thurs	09.30 - 11.00	Appie
Hatha Yoga	drop in - all levels	Thurs	09.30 - 10.30	Marcela
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - all levels	Fri	18.00 - 19.30	Bebe
Āsanas	for children 7-9 yrs.	Sat	10.00 - 11.00	Gala

### O t h e r E x e r c i s e s

Pilates drop in in all levels	Tues	07.45 - 08.45	Teresa	
Pilates drop in all levels	Wed	17.30 - 18.30	Teresa	
Kick Boxing	drop in all levels	Wed	18.30 - 20.00	Antonello
Aviva exercise	for women	Thurs	16.30 - 17.30	SuriyaG
Pilates Intermediate	Fri	17.30 - 18.30	Teresa	
Discover energy body	for children, 7-9 yrs.	Sat	11.00 - 12.00	Gala

### D a n c e

Ballet for Adults	drop in all levels	Mon	16.00 - 17.30	Grace
Belly Dancing	drop in	Wed	07.00 - 08.15	Priscilla
Odissi Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Tues	16.00 - 17.15	Rekha
Odissi Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Fri	15.30 - 17.00	Kanchana
Ballet for Adults	drop in all levels	Sat	15.00 - 16.30	Grace

### O t h e r

Homeopathy & Bach Flower Remedy Mon, Fri: 09.00 - 12.00 Tue, Thurs: 15.00 - 17.00 with Marika and Nadia

**For the following therapies & treatments please book your appointment on phone, 2622403/2622994**

Acupuncture with Morgana, Cranio Sacral with Krishna or Veronica, Experiential Anatomy with Francesco, Oil massage with Antonello, Zsolti and Krishna, Psychotherapy and Hypnosis with Veronica, Naturopathy/Cupping with Veronica, Reflexology with Priscilla, Releasing through Awareness with Rosa, Somatic Therapy with Francesco, Suction/Cupping Massage with Svetlana, Thai Yoga Massage with Juan, Bebe, Mar, Life Coaching and Journey through the memory of the body with Vani

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

## ARKA WELLNESS CENTER FEBRUARY- 2016

### THERAPIES

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Cranio Sacral, Lomi Lomi massage & Bare foot body massage	SILVANA by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage	PEPE by appointment 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Hypnotherapy and Chakras Healing	Marcella- by appointment 9443338734	Also in Italian
Acupuncture	Dr. MOHAMMED SAHEL ANSARI by appointment 9994208068	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Yogic Healing Therapeutic Massage	BASU - by appointment 9443997568	Monday to Friday 8 to 9:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Saturday & Sunday any time.
Psycho Spiritual Tarot, Deconditioning Self-Inquiry & Innervoice Dialogue	ANTARJOTHI By appointment 0413-2623767 or Email : <a href="mailto:antarcalli@yahoo.fr">antarcalli@yahoo.fr</a>	Also in French.

Deep core massage	SUMIT by appointment 07839062619	Monday to Saturday
Siddha Treatment ( Discover the traditional Medicine)	Shivaraj - 93454 54232	Monday, Wednesday and Friday From: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm by appointment.
Reiki Mind Therapy, Foot reflexology, Courses of Reiki and Ayurvedic Massage	Giannaka by appointment 9487629648	Also individual

**BEAUTY PARLOR**

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Holistic Reflexology, Full body massage, Face Massage, Cleaning, manicure, pedicure, threading, waxing, henna & hair coloring.	MEHA by appointment 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
HAIR DRESSING	ONGKIE - by appointment 9843930178	Monday to Friday
Hair dressing	YUVAL appointment 7639291546	Monday to Friday

**REGULAR CLASSES IN THE MULTIPURPOSE HALL - 1ST FLOOR**

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
HATHA YOGA CLASSES	BRIONY - 07738671045	BEginners & intermediate classes on Tue & Thurs at 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Beginners class on Wednesday at 8:00 to 9:30 am
VOCAL YOGA	CLARE FUNNING-9442318775 GRIDEV - 8940056137	Monday & Friday at 7:30 am to 9:00 am
MEDITATION AND YOGA -PERSONAL PRACTICE	BRIONY - 07738671045	Tuesday and Thursday at 8am to 9am. Wednesday at 9:30am to 10:30am (meditation). Tuesday, Thursday at 8am to 9am (yoga)

INTERNET FACILITY IS AVAILABLE IN ARKA MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM.

Phone : 0413-2623799 Website : [www.arka.org.in](http://www.arka.org.in)



## February Workshop Program

<b>Thai-Yoga-Massage</b> Beginner / Advance Course Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> , 9 am - 5 pm. with Itzhak and Bebe	<b>Principles, Foundations &amp; Dynamics</b> 60-80 hours intense training - Instructions & Practice Yoga & Meditation 6.30 am - 8 am optional Info: <a href="http://www.thai-yoga-massage.org">www.thai-yoga-massage.org</a>
<b>Permaculture Introduction</b> Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> , 8 am - 5 pm with Martin	<b>3 Days Workshop of Blending Theory and Hands-on</b> Principles of Permaculture, Design Methodology, Soil and Ecosystem, Basics to create a Permaculture garden.
<b>Renewable Energy</b> Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup> + 28 <sup>th</sup> , 8 am - 5 pm with Jorge	<b>2 Day Introduction Course:</b> <b>How to build a Small Wind Turbine</b> Learn about Wind Energy, Build & Assemble - Carve Blades, Manufacture a Magnet Generator. No experience necessary!
<b>Permaculture Design Certificate Course - PDC</b> Feb. 29 <sup>th</sup> - March 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2 weeks, daily 8am - 5pm with Martin	<b>2 Weeks of intensive Learning and Experience</b> - the Principles of Permaculture Design, - Strategies to Create a Regenerative System - Practical Techniques for Sustainability and Self-reliance - a Conceptual Toolbox towards Sustainability

Venue: TerraSoul Community at Windarra Farm. Please register: [terrasoul@auroville.org.in](mailto:terrasoul@auroville.org.in), or contact per sms: 944 3619 403  
 For Thai-Yoga-Massage Info contact Itzhak: 852 4953 481

### 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):. Real 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 (except Tuesday afternoon!)	8:45am- 12:30pm 2:00pm - 4:30 pm
Lab collection	Monday to Friday morning only	

Reminder!!! 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 Thursday	9.00am- 12.30pm 2.00pm- 6.00pm
Andres Lokuta (bring sheet !) <i>Acupuncture &amp; Chinese medicine</i>	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Michael Z. <i>Homeopathy</i>	Monday & Wednesday	2.00pm-4.00pm
Ingo (948932508) <i>Homeopathy</i>	Tuesday, Friday	9:00am-12:30pm
Moghan (9751110486) <i>Psychotherapy</i>	(please contact him directly)	
Linda Grace (8940560888) <i>Medical Shiatsu, Meridian Psychotherapy</i>	Tuesday, Wednesday !	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 (9159987194) <i>Life style change, breathing &amp; coaching</i>	Contact for an appointments	

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

## FILMS

### 8th Panorama of Contemporary Indian Cinema 12-13-14 February - Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas

Vanakkam, Namasté, Hello to All, Bonjour à toutes et tous,

Aurofilm has the great pleasure to inform you and invite you to its annual 8<sup>th</sup> Panorama of Contemporary Indian Cinema which will take place at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas. You will find the whole program in the News and Notes next week and published in Auronet and its Calendar (opening page). You are welcome to sent it to friends ☺

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, 2 films per evening: 5.30 and 8.00 pm, and on Sunday 2 additional films with the 1<sup>st</sup> one at 3.30 pm. As usual, tea-break with snacks in between the 2 evening films will also give you time to share about the movies.

The Festival brochure will be distributed at the Auditorium. All films will be introduced by Louisa, our discerning and enthusiastic film helper.

And the director of the Tamil Film "Radiopetti" (we recommend it!) will be us on Saturday evening.

With the pleasure to see you at the auditorium for this Panorama of Contemporary Indian Cinema!

Aurofilm: [aurofilm@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurofilm@auroville.org.in)



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

Reminder: FRIDAY 29 JANUARY - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

"The KING AND THE MOCKINGBIRD"

FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

"PRIDE AND PREJUDICE"

Directed by Joe WRIGHT, UK/France/US, 2005

Cast: Keira Knightley, Matthew Macfadyen, Brenda Blethyn, Donald Sutherland, Tom Hollander...

Synopsis: The film is based on Jane Austen's novel of the same name, published in 1813. Five sisters from an English family of landed gentry as they deal with issues of marriage, morality and misconceptions. The protagonist Elizabeth Bennett is a witty, sarcastic, somewhat stubborn young lady who really has an opinion about quite a lot including why she would not marry simply because of it is expected of her. Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy is

a shy, rich, man who defiantly believes there is such a thing as superior birth. Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy learn to love by fighting against their pride and exceeding their prejudices...

Original English version with English subtitles - Duration: 2h.07'.



#### THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, February 5th, Friday 7pm

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!!

#### BEARS

2014, 78 minutes, English, Directed By Alastair Fothergill & Keith Scholey

In an epic story of breath-taking scale, Disney nature's new True Life Adventure "Bears" showcases a year in the life of a bear family as two impressionable young cubs are taught life's most important lessons. Set against a majestic Alaskan backdrop teeming with life, their journey begins as winter comes to an end and the bears emerge from hibernation to face the bitter cold. "Bears" captures the fast-moving action and suspense of life in one of the planet's last great wildernesses-Alaska!

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

4th February Thursday 8 pm

#### LEGEND (2015)

Genre: Biography/Crime/Drama. Rated: Above 18 (R).Dur: 132 mins. Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: [Brian Helgeland](#) / Cast: [Tom Hardy](#), [Emily Browning](#), [Taron Egerton](#)

Story Line: The film tells the story of the identical twin gangsters Reggie and Ronnie Kray, two of the most notorious criminals in British history, and their organised crime empire in the East End of London during the 1960s.

5th February Friday 8 pm

#### HECTOR AND THE SEARCH OF HAPPINESS (2015)

Genre: Comedy/Adventure/Drama. Rated: Above 18. Dur: 114 mins. Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: [Peter Chelsom](#) / Cast: [Simon Pegg](#), [Rosamund Pike](#), [Tracy Ann Oberman](#)

Story Line: A psychiatrist searches the globe to find the secret of happiness.

## L'HOMME APRES L'HOMME

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

2 filmed interviews with Satprem, Mother's confident 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 02/02 at 4.30 pm

At Cinema Paradiso - Town Hall

## SCREENING OF GRIEFWALKER

Screening of Griefwalker, a feature documentary film about the life and work of Stephen Jenkinson

Thursday 11th February 7 pm - 9 pm at L'aura's House, Centre Field (next to Joy Guest House)

Join us for an evening screening of the movie followed by a discussion inspired by the film and Stephen's teachings about death and grief. Questions such as where does our culture's death phobia come from? Is there such a thing as good dying? How is it that grief could be a skill instead of an affliction? Who are the dead to us? How can seeing your life's end be the beginning of your deep love of being alive?

Expect to leave with more questions than answers and a longing for more!

Email for more information: L'aura: [laura.joyful@gmail.com](mailto:laura.joyful@gmail.com).

Emma: [emmafcollins@gmail.com](mailto:emmafcollins@gmail.com)

Thank you, Emma

## AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

"INTERVIEW WITH ASTER ABOUT HER LIFE"

In 1943 Aster's family moved from Delhi to the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Pondicherry. And Aster was the first child in the Ashram and grew up very happy. More children came and The Mother taught them many things - as how to recite and how to play a role in a performance.

As a teenager The Mother advised Aster "Be conscious. Find the psychic."

Aster remembers consciously when the Supramental consciousness force descended on Earth on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 1956. Duration: 75min.

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2016, at 6:30 pm

## BRITISH COMEDY NIGHT

Life of Brian (1979)

Venue: Joy Guesthouse garden

Date & Time: Friday 5th of February at 8 pm.

Language: English. Duration: 105 minutes. Dir.: Terry Jones. Written and cast by: the Monty Python Group (Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones, Michael Palin).

Synopsis: The film tells the story of Brian Cohen (played by Chapman), a young Jewish man who is born on the same day as, and next door to, Jesus Christ, and is subsequently mistaken for the Messiah. The film was a box-office success, the fourth-highest grossing film in the United Kingdom in 1979, and highest grosser of any British film in the United States that year. It has remained popular, receiving always positive reviews, being one of the more cutting-edge films of the 1970s; this religious farce from the classic comedy troupe is as poignant as it is funny and satirical. It was even named "greatest comedy film of all time" by several magazines and television networks.

Other information: We have set-up a fantastic open-air cinema in the gardens for those nostalgic of summers when multiplex didn't exist (drop-in ok). Before the show we'll have a barbecue night (reservation required).



# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium  
Film program 1 February 2016 to 7 February 2016

## Indian - Monday 1 February, 8:00 pm:

### • AMEN

India, 2013, Dir. Lijo Jose Pellissery w/Indrajith, Fahadh Faasil, Kalabhavan Mani and others, Drama-Musical, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, 165mins, Rated: NR (G)

Life revolves around the ancient Syrian Christian church in the village Kumarankari. Solomon the alter helper is in love with Shoshanna, the daughter of a wealthy contractor. Solomon the son of diseased band-master is a failed band member himself who lost a major competition. The lovers, however, have a supporter in Fr. Vincent Vattoli, the young, unconventional priest. When Shoshanna's marriage is fixed and their blotched plan to elope results in them getting caught and beaten up - unrealistic conditions are suggested. Shoshanna will marry Solomon if his band can win the competition against the group who had beaten them the last time. For Solomon it is the do-or-die situation. When this is all over, then the new priest Fr. Vincent Vattoli is about to come and take charge of the church soon. Who was the dynamic Fr. Vincent Vattoli who was with them for so long? *A gem of a movie you cannot miss!*

## German - Tuesday 2 February, 8:00 pm:

### • DIE PÄPSTIN (Pope Joan)

Germany 2009, Dir. Sönke Wortmann, w/ Johanna Wokalek, David Wenham, John Goodman and others, Drama, 149 min, German w/English subtitles, Rated: 15.

The story of a poor young girl, who thanks to her skills and later passing herself as a man, managed in 855 A.D. to get elected as a Pope. Whether the story is based on any real life events is still a matter of controversy.

## Interesting - Wednesday 3 February, 8:00 pm:

### • THRIVE: What on Earth Will It Take

USA, 2011, Dir. Steve Gagné & Kimberly Carter Gamble w/ Lane Andrews, Dwyne Arnesson, John Bedini, and others, SciFi-Documentary, 132mins, Rated: NR

An unconventional documentary that lifts the veil on what's really going on in our world by following the money upstream - uncovering the global consolidation of power in nearly every aspect of our lives. Weaving together breakthroughs in science, consciousness and activism, the film, part of the thrive-movement offers real solutions, empowering the viewers with unprecedented and bold strategies for reclaiming our lives and our future.

## French - Thursday 4 February, 8:00 pm:

### • EN ÉQUILIBRE (In Harmony)

France, 2015, Dir. Denis Dercourt, w/ Albert Dupontel, Cécile de France, Marie Bäumer, Drama, 90 min, French WITH ENGLISH subtitles, Rated: G

Marc is a horse stuntman. A serious accident during the shooting of a movie makes him lose all hopes to ride a horse again. The insurance company puts Florence in charge of the case of this disabled man...

## International - Saturday 6 February, 8:00 pm:

### • MAN PUSH CART

USA, 2005, Writer-Dir. Ramin Bahrani w/Ahmad Razvi, Leticia Dolera, Charles Daniel, and others, Drama, 87mins, English-Urdu w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

It is the film about a former Pakistani rock star, Ahmad, who sells coffee and bagels from his pushcart on the streets of Manhattan. Every night while the city sleeps, Ahmad, d his heavy cart along the streets of New York to his corner in Midtown Manhattan. And every morning, from inside his cart he sells coffee and donuts to a city he cannot call his own. Ahmed is the worker found on every street corner in every city. He is a man who wonders if he will ever escape his fate. *Winner of several awards and critical acclaim - it is a film to catch!*

## Children's Film - Sunday 7 February, 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 7 February, 8:00 pm:

#### • GOSFORD PARK

USA, 2001, Dir. Robert Altman w/ Maggie Smith, Ryan Phillippe, and others, Drama-Mystery, 137mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R.

Set in the 1930s, the story takes place in an old-fashioned English country house where a weekend shooting party is underway. The story centers on the McCordle family, particularly the man of the house, William McCordle. Getting on in years, William has become benefactor to many of his relatives and friends. As the weekend goes on, secrets are revealed, and it seems everyone, above stairs and below, wants a piece of William and his money, but how far will they go to get it?

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)

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We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays due to work pressure.

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