

News & Notes

25th June 2016.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 653



HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(CONTINUED)

Now, according to what Sri Aurobindo teaches us, this is not a final realisation, nor is it the ideal to which we want to rise. There is a higher state than this, in which the consciousness, though it still remains principally mental or partially mental in its functioning, is already open to higher regions in an aspiration for the spiritual life, and open to the supramental influence. As soon as this opening occurs, one passes beyond the state in which life is purely physical – when I say “physical” I include the whole mental and intellectual life and all human achievements, even the most remarkable; I am speaking of a physical which is the summit of human capacities, of an earthly and material life in which man can express values of a higher order from the mental and intellectual point of view – one can go beyond that state, open oneself to the supramental force which is now acting on earth and enter a transitional zone where the two influences meet and interpenetrate, where the consciousness is still mental and intellectual in its functioning, but sufficiently imbued with the supramental strength and force to become the instrument of a higher truth.

At present this state can be realised on earth by those who have prepared themselves to receive the supramental force which is manifesting. And in that state, in that state of consciousness, the body can benefit from a much better condition than the one it was in before. It can be put into direct contact with the essential truth of its being, to the extent that, spontaneously, at every moment it knows instinctively, or intuitively, what is to be done and that it can do it. As I say, this state can now be realised by all those who take the trouble of preparing themselves to receive the supramental force, to assimilate it and obey it.

Of course, there is a higher state than this, the state Sri Aurobindo speaks of as the ideal to be fulfilled: the divine life in a divine body. But he himself tells us that this will take time; it is an integral transformation which cannot be achieved in a moment. It will even take quite a long time. But when it is accomplished, when the consciousness has become a supramental consciousness, then action will no longer be determined at every moment by a mental choice or be dependent on the physical capacity: the entire body will spontaneously, integrally, be the perfect expression of the inner truth. This is the ideal we must keep before us, for the realisation of which we must strive; but we must not delude ourselves and think that it can be a rapid transformation, miraculous, immediate, marvellous, without effort and without labour.

However, it is no longer only a possibility, it is no longer even only a promise for a far-off future: it is something which is in the making. And already one can not only foresee but feel the moment when the body will be able to repeat integrally the experience of the most spiritual part of the being, as the inner spirit has already done, and will itself be able to stand in its bodily consciousness before the supreme Reality, turn to it integrally and say in all sincerity, in a total self-giving of all its cells: “To be Thyself – exclusively, perfectly – Thyself, infinitely, eternally... very simply.”

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 29 May 1957

MOTHER

The
Ponder
Corner

*Courage and love are the only indispensable virtues;
even if all the others are eclipsed or fall asleep,
these two will save the soul alive.*

Sri Aurobindo
(ref. Essays Divine and Human, p.455)

Cover: Oil Painting by Amrita: “Pasos”/“Footsteps” (See Amrita’s Open Art Studio Invitation in Exhibition Section)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

L'Avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 25th Jun 2016

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks from the date of publication.

The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval. The final approval is given when L'Avenir d'Auroville / TDC issues an NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens only once the feedback period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, a final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start.

It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of the TDC.

Individual Projects

Site Applications

No New SA

Building Applications

No New SA

Collective Projects

Site applications

1. Gillian & Selvaraj, Village Development - Solid Waste Management in Kottakarai - next to moon light farm on Plot no. IR 268/12 for an area of 200 sq.m.,
2. Gillian & Selvaraj, Village Development - Solid Waste Management in Bommayarpalayam - near to Bommayarpalayam Trust School on plot no. BO 166/7 for an area of 200 sq.m.,
3. Gillian & Selvaraj, Village Development - Solid Waste Management in Edyanchavadi - on the way to Red Earth on plot no. IR 177/1 for an area of 200 sq.m.,

Building Applications

No news BA

For additional information, please write to: avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L'Avenir d'Auroville/TDC office in the Town Hall.

For more information on the location of the plots mentioned above, you can find this same announcement with map(s) on the Auronet page of L'Avenir d'Auroville/TDC.

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N NO- 653 dated 25.06.2016

We would like to inform the community that our team is happy to Announce the Names of the Children of Aurovilians who have signed the B Form at the age of 18+ and have been entered in The Register of Residents held by the Auroville Foundation.

YEAR 2013

Florian CUIINAT GUERRAZ - French

Usha TOMASSEN - Indian

Mirrabelle LINDEMANN - German

Yunsung CHO - South Korean

Madhivanan GNANAVEL - Indian

Pavithra GOVINDAN - Indian

Prabuddha BIDYABHUSANA - Indian

Satish SHANMUGAM - Indian

Inge Anais SOPHIE - Dutch

Note: The new Entry Policy is effective from July 1, 2016 onwards.

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. Please return these Kits within one month or the process goes on hold.

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

For all other matters, the office is open to the public 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, Christiane, Eva, Giridev, Ishita, Neeti)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology - Vocational Training

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology-ITI (Private) is now taking admission for 1 and 2 years vocational training courses affiliated to central Govt. National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT). AIAT is well known for project oriented learning by doing and for its holistic approach in education, which includes personality building, interview technic and other extra curriculum activities.

-Students who have passed 10th can join a course in:

- Electronic Mechanic, Civil Draughtsman, Mechanical Draughtsman, Fitter - all 2 years courses- or in
- Computer Hardware & Networking and Financial Executive all one year courses.

-10th fail students can be admitted in a one year Welder course affiliated to NCVT or in domestic electrician, which includes House wiring and maintenance of home appliances).

After course completion all candidates are eligible for a 1 year apprentice ship training in any subject related company in Pondicherry or Tamil Nadu. During the apprentice ship training students are eligible for a stipend.

Students joining these courses can also apply for an education loan.

Aurovilians supporting candidates (Family members of Amma's or other staff of their units) for technical education may also enquire about terms and condition as well as future job opportunities.

Apart from this vocational training AIAT is also offering special courses in German for students who have completed A grade and would like to study in Germany.

Students who have completed a 1 to 2 years NCVT training have a very good chance to get a Job offer.

For more information and counselling pl contact our admission office at Irumbai, Tel: 0413 2671757

Last minute information:

As per Tamil Newspaper (Dina Thanthi dated 20.6.15), the Govt. of India is going to announce on 17th July that a 10th + 2 years NCVT training course would be equivalent to +2. Candidates who have completed a 2 years NCVT course after 10th are thus eligible to join an undergraduate course at a degree college. This is very interesting development for candidates interested in joining an Engineering college. Candidates with practical talent may prefer this path. They might be better off with a 10th + 2years ITI course affiliated to NCVT.

Lavkamad (Tel: 9443238303)

Auroville Art Service Update



We closed last year and started the present with working to present Auroville in Chennai. Auroville Art Service was closely involved in all the elements of the organization of 'What is Auroville', the festival of Auroville in Chennai that had 30 events, including 8 art exhibitions and 2 performances. We had a stall in one of the markets there with books published by Auroville/Aurovilians.

A few months later, we (Krishna, Marco and Mariana) were part of the preliminary planning team of the 50th anniversary of Auroville and our office was kept busy helping artists to write proposals and estimate budgets.

Luckily we had the help of Nilen, a new member of our team, who sat with innumerable project holders and helped them fine-tune their submissions. With a flair for administration, Nilen, along with Krishna, holds the fort in the office and takes care of all our Avnet postings.

Another new member is Ivana. With her years of experience in the area of finance, she has taken over the organization of our umbrella service. Finally we have a professional eye on our accounts, and the result is that we are ready to expand our umbrella service to include more artists as well as adult learning activities in all areas. Ivana and the members of our co-operative have enabled us to contribute to the Central Fund this year, as well as to set up three funds: for public art (Rs. 6000/-), for an artist-in-residence (Rs. 6000/-) and a fraternity fund for artists and cultural venues (Rs. 6000/-). We are confident that these funds will build up and we will be able to help artistic projects in Auroville.

This year we have enjoyed working with Kaeridwyn, a newcomer whose profession is theatre. She conducted weekly classes for adults, taught in TLC and just started 'Tracks of the Unicorn', a theatre group, along with a few of other Aurovilians, newcomers and guests. Their first project was a guided walking performance through Mahakali Park.

We dropped one of our projects this year. We had planned to explore distributing Auroville publications. After our participation in the Ethical Market, one of the events of the festival in Chennai, we realized that we did not have the people to do this well, or even adequately. Faced with the challenge of taking AV publications to a national book fair, we backed off and closed the project. In retrospect, we felt that this would be a good endeavour for someone with the skills and time to dedicate themselves completely to it.

The wonderful thing that came out of our efforts to distribute the books was the work done by Mariana to collate a database of all publications by Auroville and Aurovilians. This is now kept up by Angelo for auroville.org and by Kristen for Aurowiki. We have begun working to create the back-end of the 50th anniversary events organization with an online events calendar (in a calendar format). A long-time request and a long-felt need in the cultural sector, Sarah M, a volunteer who is waiting

to apply to enter as a newcomer, has smoothly taken up this project and provides us with weekly updates, researching the N&N for information. This calendar is posted as a screen shot of the week on Avnet and is available on our website artservice.auroville.org

Sarah also keeps our Facebook page up and running. This page focuses on announcing art and culture events, features, and news from around the world.

Marco Saroldi, a newcomer who has joined our service, has started to explore the ways to document the 50th anniversary with photography. Towards this he has begun a weekly photographic journal of the events happening in and around Auroville. This journal is posted by us on Avnet and on our website

And speaking of our website, not only have we put up the online calendar, but we have started a weekly newsletter (go to the website to subscribe) where events, announcements, news of grants/residencies, and even poems are published. We are also working towards an online gallery of the work of Auroville artists. We moved the website to the auroville server and our new website address is artservice.auroville.org

Thanks to an Aurovillian supporter who gave us a donation towards a public art installation, we organized our first contribution to public art in Auroville. Ramesh Payeri created a sculpture in granite that is placed on the cycle path through Anusuya Forest.

We enjoyed working with Mariana through the year, and now she has joined Auroville Outreach Media. We continue working together on the 50th anniversary preliminary planning and will work closely with AVOM and others on this.

Important to know:

- We invite Aurovilians with a small or occasional sales/performance/teaching income and Aurovilians who are running Adult Learning Activities to join our co-operative and support the development of art in Auroville and, through art, support the building and planning of the city. Artists are very welcome and we have opened our umbrella to therapists and martial arts and other areas.
- Subscribe to our weekly newsletter (by clicking on the link on our website) and enjoy the latest news and photographs of events in and around Auroville.
- If you have written or published a book in the last year, make sure that it is on the online catalogues available on Aurowiki and auroville.org. If not, we can help you to send the correct information for inclusion.
- Artists and cultural venues! Please look at our website artservice.auroville.org and click on 'join' to be featured. We are connected to the auroville.org website and your information can be seen from there.

Contact: aurovillearts@auroville.org.in or 0413- 2623187

See: artservice.auroville.org

Executives: Marco F, Pushkar, Ramesh, Renu

Office: Ivana, Krishna, Nilen

Projects: Kaeridwyn, Marco S, Nina, Petra, Sarah M

Co-operative members to date: Adil Writer, Anna Taj, Audrey, Connie, Dariya, Erika, Francesca, Ivana, Kaeridwyn, MagzAV, Marco S, Moghan, Monique P, Nele Martens, Nishtha, Noel P, Serge Sukhino, Tai Chi Hall, Vera

POSTINGS

SAIIR Closed for Annual Tour

SAIIR office will be closed for annual tour on 25th June (Saturday). *Sorry for the inconvenience.*

SAVI office announcement



During July, Savi team will not take any new visa application. We also want to remind you that the Office will be closed from the 27th of June to the 10th of July. We are very sorry for the inconvenience. *Savi team*

Free store July timings

Dear community, a reminder that the regular timings for free store will resume from July onwards: Monday-Saturday 9.00-12.30 / Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 2.30-4.30. Also we would like to remind the community to bring all items clean and washed!

Any other items (electronic equipment/toys/toiletries etc.) in good condition, not expired and usable!!

Thank you :)

Warmly, *Free store team*

Exotic fruit hunting! :)



Dear Friends,
We have some beautiful soursop little trees almost ready to be transplanted.

We would like to start a little project in order to make some experiments with interesting plants that we identified around the world:

Gac (*Momordica cochinchinensis*) - very rich in lycopene

Black sapote (*Diospyros nigra*) - taste like chocolate

Feijoa (*Acca sellowiana*) - nice bush with tasty fruits rich in antioxidant

Marolo (*Annona crassiflora*) - wild annonaceae mainly used by local Brazilian populations

Wild sugar apple (*Rollinia deliciosa*) - one of the most tasty annonaceae

Junglesop (*Anonidium mannii*) - the main African annonaceae
All of them are interesting from a botanical point of view, from a nutritional prospective, and from a culinary viewpoint. So, if you want to help us in order to collect seeds of these plants around the world please support us taking one of our saplings and giving us a contribution, indispensable to pay seeds shipment costs. If we succeed with these species, we will provide some with the Botanical Garden and we will be ready to share them with all interested Aurovilians.

Contact: urbanfarmingcitycentre@auroville.org.in

Thank you guys!

The Urban Farming Team.

A V A I L A B L E

CD/DVD Player

SVPSR650P Sony. Perfect state. Call *Hema*: 0413-2622830 or 9486308690

Painter (. cum mason.)

Karthi is a reliable & honest worker with a pleasing manner and a fairly good command of spoken English & his job. He would like to have more work.....kindly phone 2622995 for any information /contact. Submitted by *Joyindia* (joyindia@auroville.org.in)

TV

Samsung LED TV serie 5 -LCD/PDP - 75 cm / 46 cm, big screen. In perfect state, never used as a TV, only used for watching movies. Call *Hema*: 0413-2622830 or 9486308690

Oven Toaster Griller

35RCSS 34 liters - New! Call *Hema*: 0413-2622830 or 9486308690

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

A Work Opportunity

K.Santhosh (28 y.o.) is looking for a job related to his ITI, ECE, CLIS qualifications (Mechanic General Electronics and Programming). Contact him at: 9600579112. Submitted by *Aurobanu* (9751111953)

A Solar Dryer

If you have a SOLAR DRYER lying around unused, may I borrow it for a one-month project? Maybe someone knows where one such could be purchased too? Pl call Adil: 2622724 / Adil@auroville.org.in

Work

Dear All, my name is *Kowsalya*, I am an Aurovilian living in Courage community. I am looking for some full time work. Recently I started to work at YouthLink as secretary - part time

in the morning. I have completed my masters in computer science in Pondicherry University. I have some experience with data entry, event management and I could easily adopt any kind of work. Please let me know if you have a job vacancy at your place. You can contact me through my number: 9489861069, aurokowsalya@auroville.org.in. Thank you!

A Gardener

Job for full time garden work (house in Auromodele). Contact: 9944904845 - *Shama*

An Acoustic Guitar

Dear all, I am a long-term Volunteer in Auroville and I really miss playing my guitar. Would you have one I could borrow until end of July? I would really appreciate it ...
Nicolas (9751274662)

L O S T & F O U N D

Men Tango Shoes (Lost): I misplaced an orange cloth bag with a pair of shiny black tango shoes over a month ago. Contact *Francois*: 9487918910, fanfancil@gmail.com

A P P E A L

AN APPEAL FROM ARKA for Dr. Mohammed Sahel Ansari

Dr. Mohammed Sahel Ansari giving Acupuncture treatment in Arka had a very bad accident near Chidambaram and got multiple bone fractures and needs some financial support. Kindly contribute for his medical expenses. We humbly request anyone who would like to contribute to come forward. If you have any other ideas about raising funds please contact Arka. Thank you for your support.

Account Number: 251298 - Description: Dr.Mohammed Medical Expenses

Regards,

Sangeetha, Soham, Mukta and Arka Team

SUPPORT NEEDED for HIGHER STUDIES IN FRANCE

Hi everyone,

I'm Bhuvan, an 18 year old student who grew up in Auroville. After finishing my middle school in Transition School I got the opportunity to join the French high school "Lycée Français de Pondichery", where I spent 4 years of my studies in a French educational system. At the end of these four years not only am I speaking French fluently, but also I have successfully managed to pass, with the honors of getting "MENTION BIEN", in my final exam, the Baccalauréat. I am motivated in pursuing my higher studies in France. I have been accepted in the University of Toulouse and I have chosen Biology as my main course.

I am currently in search of housing in Toulouse and financial help to support my education in France. Any suggestions for contacts in Toulouse and financial contribution would be highly appreciated.

Financial Service Account Number: 252438 - Bhuvan Studies

Please don't hesitate to contact me or sophie@auroville.org.in for any further details.

Thanking you in advance for your help and support,
Bhuvan, Dheena & Ejilmathy (bhuvan@auroville.org.in / 9047654077)

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

Long Term Accommodation available in Surrender

Dear All, Muyarchi (Surrender community) is a common house for Youth people in Auroville. We have now one room available for Newcomer or Aurovilian, between the ages of 21 to 35, to live with us as soon as possible. For more details please send an email to: muyarchilist@auroville.org. Warmly, *Muyarchi members (Sara, Kiran, Nitin, Auroanand, Rani, Chandana and Margaux)*

House -sitting 1

Dear all, we, two German long-term volunteers, are looking for a place to stay (house-sitting) for our last three weeks in Auroville. We are in need of a place starting from 17th of July until the 7th of August. Please contact us if you have something suitable and are looking for someone. Email: darius.meissner@outlook.de or mobile No. 7639318496. Thanks a lot! *Felix & Darius*

House -sitting 2

We are *Thierry and Philippe*, French from the Reunion Island. We are Newcomers, artists (performing arts). We are looking for a house-sitting from July onwards. We would like a place for a long period but shorter periods are also fine. We like pets and we can contribute financially for expenses. We are also open to any other accommodation opportunity. Please contact us at: pelenbaldiniphilippe@gmail.com

House -sitting 3

Dear all, Nadia and Clapton, Aurovilians, are looking for a long term house sitting starting from August 2016 till possibly April 2017. We are reachable at the following e mail address: nadia@auroville.org.in. Peace, *Nadia & Clapton*

TAXI SHARING

June 26th: Taxi leaving Auroville at 7 am on 26th June, Sunday to Sriperumbudur (40 km southwest of Chennai) & then to Chennai city area. Place for one person while going from Auroville. Taxi is empty on the way back & can be suitable to pick up any interested person(s) from City area or airport after 1 pm. Some time flexibility is possible on return trip. Thanks, *Lalit*: lalit@auroville.org.in, 9443790172

June 28th: A Taxi will pick up a friend of mine at the Chennai Airport at 15:30 and then come back to Auroville. Sharing is possible both ways. If you are interested, please call me: *Jana*- 7639318737

June 30th: Going to Chennai Airport to catch a 10:30 pm flight (leaving Auroville latest 4 pm). One person going, empty on the way back. Can share either way, and adjust timings if needed. +919047244773 / astgat@gmail.com, *Dmitri*

July 1st: I will arrive in from Delhi at Chennai airport 11:05 am on Friday July 1 and could share a taxi down to AV (or maybe split fares on a taxi that's returning empty). Contact: hosh@eml.cc - *Howard*.

July 1st: I will be travelling from Chennai to Auroville. Looking to share a taxi with 2 more people. Leaving Chennai at 10-11 am. Can be flexible with timing. To contact call *Parul* on +91-9564981017 or mail at: thatsparul@gmail.com.

July 1st: I will be travelling to Chennai International Airport on Friday July 1st, departure from Auroville (Kalabhumi) at 3 pm. If you are interested in a taxi share, please contact me at: lieserdivya@auroville.org.in. *Divya*

July 1st: I will leave AV on Friday, July 1st, at about 10pm for Chennai Airport. If you would like to share a taxi, (maybe you would like to use it for the way back) please call me - *Sylvia* - 2622 649 I or sylviazi2000@yahoo.co.in

July 3rd: Sunday evening, taxi leaving to Chennai airport around 10pm. For more info contact *Tim* (ph. 2622381 home or 2296 work).

July 2nd: Taxi leaving Auroville at 3.30 pm to Chennai airport; please contact *Karuna*, 2623024.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Yurt on Wheels is in DESPERATE need of teachers and sports coaches!

Yurt on Wheels is a non-profit organization that works with Gypsy community children to form an alternative education model. We have been providing after-school tutoring and activities for the children for 3 years in Lawspet, Pondicherry. We are desperately looking for teachers who can teach basic maths and reading. Even if you can only do a few days a week, that's great.

Along with the conventional learning, we are helping children explore alternative education like dance, drama, computer skills and basic life skills, and sports. For that, we are currently looking for a sports teacher who will work with the children during the evenings on weekdays.

This is a volunteer opportunity for anyone!! If you are interested in enriching these youngsters' lives, please contact *Rajesh* at 99-43-215452 or rajeshvln86@gmail.com or johnpeterhr@gmail.com.

Submitted by *Daniella Capote (UnLtd Tamil Nadu - Auroville)*

SPORTS

The Auroville Bio-regional Sports Update

The last two weekends, AVAG, Auroville Sports Resource Centre and Dehashakti in association with the Paalam youth network, has conducted sports events for individual and teams from Auroville and 18 villages in the Auroville Bio-Region.

June 12th was a lively athletics championship with 140 athletes competing and last Sunday the volleyball girls and boys tournament were officially opened by Mr. Bala Bhaskar, Mr Srinivasmurthy and Chali from Saiier and teams were welcomed by Frederick, Alain Bernard and Santo. Twenty two settlements participated from in and around Auroville.

Stay tuned for the men's finals tournament coming Sunday, June 26th at Auroville Sports Resource Centre, New Creation, all day from 7.30 am when 20 teams will compete.

This event was organised to foster a sense of team spirit among youth. Also, to emphasise the importance of physical education and the internal discipline and drive that comes with it. These sports days also help to bridge gaps between the youth of the villages and build community ties with Auroville. It is hoped that this is the starting point of more concentrated development of sports in the Auroville bio-region.

Please come and support the final event, details above, and financial contributions, to cover costs, are most welcome to AVAG account 0226

GREEN MATTERS



Fresh from Foodlink!

Even in the long hot summers, Auroville has an abundance of fresh, organic, local fruits for all to enjoy. Currently in our stores are lauki (bottle gourd), pumpkins, lemons,

and of course, everyone's favourite - Mangoes!

If you are tiring of sucking this luscious fruit, then you may want to try the delicious concoctions cooked up at various cafes. La Terrace has mango cheese cake and Satchitananda has mango pie, mango mousse, mango ice cream, mango milk - all made with organic Auroville mangoes. And of course mangoes are being jammed and dehydrated for future use.

Speaking of jams, Discipline is putting out its last stock of its lightly sweetened rosella jam--get your jar before we run out. If you like English marmalade, try Discipline's lemon jam, which has that slight bitter citrus taste of marmalade. And soon, Discipline will have tamarind jams and a brand new product, sweet, sour, and spicy tamarind chutney. Pass by at Foodlink on Thurs. Jun 24 from 9.30-11 am to get a free taste of Discipline jams and chutneys, including their popular mango jam, made from the farm's own mangoes.

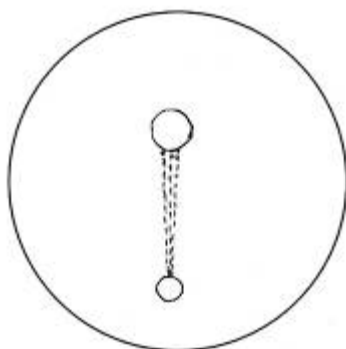
A word about the humble lauki, the pale bottle gourd, which so often is bypassed on our food shelves: Lauki is a hydrating agent and helps in reducing excessive body heat. As always, the old adage of eating with the seasons is best for your body and the body of the earth.

Bindu (for the Foodlink team)

[\[facebook.com/foodlink.auroville/\]](https://www.facebook.com/foodlink.auroville/)

Notes

A Column of Light



Matrimandir

Matrimandir represents the Universal Existence, Satchitananda. A knowledge of the Vedic principles of creation of the Universe is necessary to understand the various features of Matrimandir related to the Universal Existence. My friend, a fellow Aurovilian, once asked me whether I could explain the column of light which connects the big crystal in the chamber and the small crystal in the lotus pond in Matrimandir. I am giving below some facts about the column of light from the study of the works of Sri Aurobindo. We see the sunlight falling on the big crystal. Afterwards we could not trace the course of light properly. People say that, after passing through a cylindrical structure present in the middle part of Matrimandir, the light emerges out to reach the small crystal in the lotus pond.

The Supreme is the source of all creation. Satchitananda, which is formed within the Supreme, is in an unmanifested state at the beginning, making possible every kind of manifestation. Sri Aurobindo explains the process involved in the manifestation of the supreme planes of infinite consciousness as follows. In Satchitananda we notice three components: Sat, Chit and Ananda. Here Chit is called Chit-sakti, the indivisible Consciousness-force. It is also known as Knowledge (Light)-power. First Chit (Consciousness) conceives the perception of the plane of infinite consciousness to be manifested. Sat (Divine being) in Satchitananda accepts the perception of the consciousness and is willing to enter into it. Sakti (Force) in Chit-sakti acts on the substance

of Sat and breaks it to release energy. This energy is used by the Consciousness-force (Chit-sakti) to form the plane of infinite consciousness wherein Sat in Satchitananda is involved.

Sri Aurobindo recognises seven planes of consciousness in the Universe. The upper superconscient part of the Universe consists of the world of Divine Being (Sat), the world of Consciousness-force (Chit-sakti) and the world of Bliss (Ananda). The Divine Gnosis, the Supermind, is the fourth plane of Existence. The fifth mental plane is in the middle conscient part of the Universe. The sixth and the seventh are the vital and the physical plane of Existence respectively. They occupy the lower inconscient part of Existence. The seven planes of consciousness are arranged vertically one below the other in a graded manner. The activity of the Consciousness-force in Satchitananda is great in the middle part of each plane of consciousness. As a result Chit-sakti known as Light (Knowledge) - power shining like a column of light in the middle of the Universe.

When Matrimandir represents the Universe with the seven planes of consciousness, the column of sunlight connecting the big crystal and the small crystal represents a huge column of light in the Universe. Saint Tirumoolar in Tamilnadu (5th Century C.E.) was a great Tantric Yogi. He says in his Tirumanthiram that he saw a column of light in front of him whenever he sat for meditation. About the first arrival of the Mother to Puducherry, "The Hindu" reported the following news: "The Mother arrived at the Puducherry Railway station on the morning of March 29, 1914. While approaching Puducherry, the Mother had a vision of a huge column of light and the intensity of the light became greater when she arrived in the city." While the column of light in Matrimandir is visible to the physical sight, the column of light in the Universe is invisible to it. Only those who live in their self or spirit can see the column of light in the Universe.

Submitted by Somasundaram (Ref: 1. The Secret of the Veda; 2. The Life Divine; 3. "The Hindu", March 30, 2016)

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every Thursday at sunset

From 6.00 to 6.30 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 5.45 to 6.30 pm.

Please be seated by 5.55 pm
Amphitheatre Team

EXHIBITIONS

Open Art Studio invitation, Sunday 26th June

Dear friends,

I will be hosting an open studio day this Sunday 26th of June in my work space,
at the top of the Auroville Today office in Surrender.

You are welcome to come visit and see my recent work as well as some paintings from the past two years.

I mostly paint in oils in a surreal figurative style and will also be sharing some of my writing and drawings.

Some paintings will be on sale and there will be a space for collaborative drawing as well.

I will be there from 9:30 am to 12:00 am and from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm, if you would like to come but cannot make it during these times please contact me on: 9486422616 or email me at: tisamri@gmail.com.

See you there, *Amrita*



CULTURAL EVENTS

Bharata Natiyam Dance Programme at Irumbai Temple

Dear Community Members,
Six of our kids from Auro Amsathvani Group are going to delight us, with their Classical Bharata Natiyam Dance programme.

The Venue: Sree Mahaleeswarar Temple, Irumbai

Date: 3rd July' 2016 (Sunday)

Time: 06.00 to 8.00 p

Name of the Kids: P. Swarna Poorani, N. Shalini, S. Sharmi, M. Domina, M. Roshini and N. Harini
Please make sure that your presence is felt in cheering up the kids.

Best Regards,

Surya Gandhi, Guna and Meera [Auro Amsathvani Group - Auroville]

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Leela, the Game of the Self Knowledge



Leela is a 2000 years old game...
Come and play the Game of your Life!

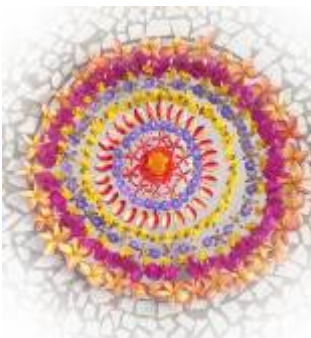
Every Sunday, 9.30am to 12.30 (above 15 years old), in SVEDAME, at the Butterfly Barn.

English, Spanish, French, Italian, German and Russian versions are all available.

Contact: Véronique J. 948 85 12 678 /

www.leelathegame.blogspot.in

Changes at Sankalpa



Thank you to Annabelle, a volunteer from France who has been with us for 4 months and her beautiful work with flower mandalas each morning, the last session happened on Tuesday, June 21st.

Neela also will not be able to continue Bharatnatyam classes.

We are developing a new team and welcome Auroville youth and Newcomers/Aurovillians who

are interested in art, art therapy and bringing out community together in meaningful and creative ways to join us. There is room for initiative, spontaneity and development in our sub-unit, contact us at: sankalpa.art@gmail.com to discuss possibilities.

Please note that Art Corner, the Art Cart as well all programs at our art center will be **closed during the month of July**.

With love, light and color,
Krupa for Sankalpa

Contact improvisation workshop

Saturday 25th June & 2nd July from 17-19h at CRIPA.

Based on the contact in between 2 people or more, we will explore how to move together, sharing weight, playing with gravity, falling, lifting, flooring, and spiralling. (We are also looking for live musicians, so please contact us if you want to jam with us), John: 9159352906 / Ariana : 8524959680

Aikido classes for Children

Dear Parents, with the reopening of the schools, we also restart our Aikido classes. Please let me know by mail (preferably) or phone if your child(ren) will attend this year. We restart on Wednesday 6 July.

Classes for CHILDREN restart on Wednesday July 6th. Schedule is unchanged:

Monday and Wednesday 4.00 to 5.00 pm for the 7-11 years old (Juniors) and 5.00 to 6.00 pm for the 11-15 years old (Intermediates). Classes are led by Surya, helped by an elder student.

- Teen-agers above 15 are invited to the morning Adult classes on Tuesday 6.30 to 7.30 am, Thursday 6.00 to 7.30 am and Saturday 6.30 to 7.30 am (mixed levels). Classes are led by Murugan and John. They can also stay with the intermediates for some time.

Some points:

- Please note that all students and users need to be part of the Auroville Health Fund or insured by a personal insurance.
- The Auroville Budokan does not receive a City Budget and a yearly contribution of Rs. 1000/- is asked to all users for its upkeep (please note that teachers and in-charge include themselves in this! and it is not refundable) Guests are required to contribute per class.
- It is OK to practice with long comfortable pants and T-shirts (no sleeveless, no tight fitting though) for the first few classes, but if you or the children continue, they will have to get a 'keikogi' (practice suit). We do have some gis in stock (small size mostly). You may see also with Free Store (they usually give us their stock...) and Nandini for a new one; we also now have a good tailor and great cotton material from Pondy.

For more information please visit our pages at: <http://budokan.auroville.org/> and/or write to: budokan@auroville.org.in

Happy to see the young ones at the Budokan soon, and please check next announcement for the Adults who also happily restart on 5-6 July.

Warmly, Surya, Cristo, N. Murugan.

New Program for Creativity Atelier Studio

If you are a Guest, Volunteer, Newcomer or Aurovillian and want to draw or paint on your own, you may call: 0413-262-2641 and leave your name and number on her answering machine if Audrey is not in, so she can call you back to make arrangements to use the materials and the studio. The studio is cooperative so you may not be alone when you use it. Every other month on the second Fri. and Sat. of the month Audrey will give a two-day workshop Exploring Drawing and on the alternative month Exploring Colour.

Please sign up by calling the above number and secure your place. She will not give the workshop for over 6 or under 3. If anyone is interested in running a Figure Drawing Group in the studio please contact her.

Happy Sapiens!

An Interactive 2-Day Workshop
Auroville | 9th -10th July 2016 (9 am - 6 pm)



The world needs Happy-Sapiens! Individuals who are connected with their inner resources...Who are joyful... And are committed to the betterment of all!

About The Workshop

This workshop is re-discovery of the joy within. Participants will explore the moments of connectedness, joyfulness and bliss through a blend of Rajyoga, NLP, Neuroscience based-experiential exercises. Workshop comprises of joyful interactive sessions, mental experiments, and a vision of the future- self which is happier, healthier and coherent.

Participants will get a sense of hope, resourcefulness, and profound insights through this workshop.

Pre-registration is advised, as seats are limited.

Contribution:

The workshop is offered in the spirit of 'Gift Economy'. We don't ask for anything, any contributions made will help us cover costs & continue this work further.

Venue:

United Pavilion | Limited Seats. Pre-registration is advised.

Registration: happy@earthandus.org

Inner-Work-Workshop

A weekly Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

28th June (Tuesday)

- Overview with multimedia presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: 'Practice - The Sunlit Path'

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

Place: Savitri Bhavan / Time: 9 am to 12 Noon (Please be present by 8.50 am for preliminary study)

Led by *Ashesh Joshi* (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 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

FILMS



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas -
SRI AUROBINDO AUDITORIUM
(Films starts at 7:45 pm SHARP!)

- Friday 24th June:
"Nelson Freire", Directed by JOÃO MOREIRA SALLES - Brazil, 2002
- FRIDAY 1st JULY:
HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY Directed by JOHN FORD, US 1941
With: Walter Pidgeon, Maureen O'Hara, Anna Lee, Donald Crisp, and Roddy McDowall
Synopsis: The majesty of plain people and the beauty which shines in the souls of simple, honest folk are seldom made the topics of extensive discourse upon the screen. "How Green Was My Valley" is one of John Ford's masterpieces. Ford (1895-1973) has been one of few filmmakers who have known best to show the life of the land and its people. This film, adapted by screenwriter Philip Dunne from Richard Llewellyn's best-selling novel, is the nostalgic story, of a close-knit, hard-working Welsh coal-mining family (the Morgans) at the turn of the century. It depicts a socio-economic way of life that passes and the home-family unit that disintegrates.
Original English version with English subtitles. Duration: 1h.58'. General audience

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

30th June Thursday 8 pm

A COUNTRY CALLED HOME (2016)

Genre: Drama / Rated:PG13 / Dur:1:30 min / Language: English / Subtitle: English

Dir: [Anna Axster](#) / Cast: [Imogen Poots](#), [Mackenzie Davis](#), [Mary McCormack](#)

Storyline: "A COUNTRY CALLED HOME" is a compelling coming of age story with universal appeal because it deals with trials and trepidations that most people experience in one way or another, no matter who they are or where they are from. The story incorporates the views of people from all walks of life; different generations, different places, and different socio-economic backdrops. After rudderless 26 year old Ellie learns that her estranged, alcoholic father has died, her world is disrupted and she begins a journey that takes her to small-town Texas, where she finds direction, family, and friendship in this most unexpected place.

1st July Friday 8 pm

BURNT (2015)

Genre: Comedy/Drama - Rated:PG13 / Language: English / Subtitle: English

Dir: [John Wells](#) / Cast: [Bradley Cooper](#), [Sienna Miller](#), [Daniel Brühl](#)

Storyline: Adam Jones ([Bradley Cooper](#)) is a chef who destroyed his career with drugs and diva behavior. He cleans up and returns to London, determined to redeem himself by spearheading a top restaurant that can gain three Michelin stars.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 27th of June 2016 at 6:30 pm

"MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI"- Book 10: "THE BOOK OF DOUBLE TWILIGHT"

Canto 1-4: 'The Dream Twilight of the Ideal', 'The Gospel of Death and Vanity of the Ideal', 'The Debate of Love and Death' and 'The Dream Twilight of the Earthly Real'.

"Eternity looked into the eyes of Death / And Darkness saw God's living Reality.

Then a Voice was heard that seemed the stillness' self... /

"I hail thee, almighty and victorious Death, / Thou grandiose Darkness of the Infinite. .../

Thou art my shadow and my instrument. ... / Relieve the radiant God from thy black mask: /

Release the soul of the world called Satyavan .../" (Savitri, p.665-666)

The film is done by Manohar of Huta's paintings, illustrating passages from *Savitri* read by The Mother and accompanied on her own organ music. Duration: 50min.

We supply photocopies from the "Savitri" texts read by The Mother, so that the texts can be followed while watching the film.



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, July 1st, Friday

(Reminder: Friday, June 24th: "WHAT THE ANCIENTS KNEW - INDIA" + a short LIVE musical performance from the students of the Creative Traveling School of South Korea, right after the eco-film!)

Weekly FRIDAY 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!!

1st of July: I Have Seen the Earth Change - NEPAL

Solukhumbu is one of the 75 districts in Nepal. It gathers most of the 3,300 glaciers and 2,300 arctic lakes of the country. Inhabitants witness huge climatic changes in the Everest area. The most striking being the fast glacier recession, which have given birth to new lakes where there was only ice and snow. Those lakes are a danger for the population, natural bombs ready to explode. If the water overflows, it will sweep away inhabitants, bridges, houses and villages

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. Visit us online: sadhanaforest.org / facebook.com/sadhanaforest

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

The contents of *News & Notes* are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the *N&N* email address (below).

NB: Messages with large attachments (more than 1 MB) will not reach our inbox.

Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.

The Wednesday deadline (11am) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.

Any modifications of the submitted *News* items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday.

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

Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words. All articles and group reports need to reach us by Tuesday noon.

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; **No visitors on Wednesday.** Please, no dictations over the phone unless it is an emergency or you have a medical problem.

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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 27 June 2016 to 3 July 2016

Indian - Monday 27 June, 8:00 pm:

- **NEERJA**

India, 2016, Ram Madhvani w/ Sonam Kapoor, Shabana Azmi, Parth Akerkar, and others, Biography-Thriller, 122mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated:U (G)

Based on true events, this film is a portrayal on the life of the courageous Neerja Bhanot, who was a 23yrs old air hostess. Neerja had sacrificed her life while protecting the lives of 359 passengers on the Pan Am flight 73 in 1986 when it was hijacked by a terrorist organization. This debut venture of the director is wonderfully acted and much acclaimed. Highly recommended.

Italian - Tuesday 28 June, 8:00 pm:

- **TERRAFERMA (Terra Firma)**

Italy, 2011, Dir. Emanuele Crialese, w/ Filippo Pucillo, Donatella Finocchiaro, Mimmo Cuticchio, Drama, 88 mins, Italian, Amharic, Sicilian w/English subtitles, Rated: R

The story of an uncontaminated Sicilian island inhabited mainly by fisherman. Although still barely touched by tourism, the islanders have just begun to alter their mentality and behavior as they have begun to realize the economic potential of this new industry. At the same time they often have to deal with illegal aliens flooding the island and a new law requiring them to turn back undocumented peoples seeking aid. This policy stands in direct contrast with the laws of the sea which require the rescue of anyone in distress.

Interesting - Wednesday 29 June, 8:00 pm:

- **KUMARÉ**

USA, 2011, Dir: Vikram Gandhi w/ Vikram Gandhi, Toby, Greg, and others, Documentary, 84mins, English, Rated: NR

Growing up in the USA, Vikram Gandhi was a typical American kid who resented the way his family tried to enforce traditional beliefs and practices. He found it ironic that Americans began to popularize gurus and yoga just as he was growing away from such things. On a trip to India he concluded that "real" gurus were no more real than the frauds who copied them. That led him into an experiment. As a deliberate deception, Vikram presented himself as a guru. The findings of this venture are amazing both for the director and the audience. While the deception he practices on his followers may be contemptible, but it is not done with malice or to poke fun at. In one sense, they're all in it together. The film's implication seems to be: It doesn't matter if a guru's teachings are true. What matters is if you think they are. *A MUST see!*

Nordic - Thursday 30 June, 8:00 pm:

- **LUFTSLOTTET SOM SPRÄNGDES (The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest)**

Sweden, 2010, Dir. Daniel Alfredson w/ Noomi Rapace, Michael Nyqvist, Lena Endre, and others, Crime-Drama-Mystery, 147mins, Swedish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R Part 3/3 of the Millennium Series - Lisbeth is recovering in a hospital and awaiting trial for three murders. Mikael

must prove her innocence by exposing a dangerous ring of former secret service agents.

International - Saturday 2 July, 8:00 pm:

- **IM LABYRINTH DES SCHWEIGENS (Labyrinth of Lies)**
Germany, 2014, Dir. Giulio Ricciarelli w/ André Szymanski, Alexander Fehling, Friederike Becht, and others, Drama-History, 124mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

The year is 1958. The war has been over for thirteen years and the Federal Republic of Germany is not only recovering but even booming. But where are the Nazis? Who has ever heard of the death camps? It looks as if everything is for the best in the best of all possible worlds in this land of milk and honey... Then one day journalist Thomas Gnielka recognizes in the person of a teacher the former commander of the Auschwitz concentration camp... Later, Johann Radmann, a young prosecutor, decides to investigate the case. Truth begins to reveal itself, even though the road to awareness is long and rocky. *An intriguing tale of true events. A must see!*

**Hayao Miyazaki Season for Childrens' Matinee
Children's Film - Sunday 3 July, 4:30 pm:**

- **KURENAI NO BUTA (Porco Rosso)**

Japan, 1992, Dir. Hayao Miyazaki, w/ Shuichiro Moriyama, Tokiko Kato, Bunshi Katsura Vi and others, Animation, 89mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

The film is about the adventures of "Porco Rosso", a veteran WWI pilot in 1930s Italy, who has been cursed to look like an anthropomorphic pig.

LASSE HALLSTRÖM Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 3 July, 8:00 pm:

- **WHAT'S EATING GILBERT GRAPE**

USA, 1993, Dir. Lasse Hallstrom w/ Johnny Depp, Leonardo DiCaprio, and others, Drama-Romance, 118mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

In the small town of Endora, Gilbert Grape is busy caring for his mentally handicapped brother, Arnie. His morbidly obese mother, Bonnie. With Bonnie unable to care for her children on her own, Gilbert has taken responsibility for repairing the old house and looking after Arnie, who has a habit of climbing the town water tower, while his sisters Amy and Ellen do the rest.

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

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Thanking You, MMC/CP Group