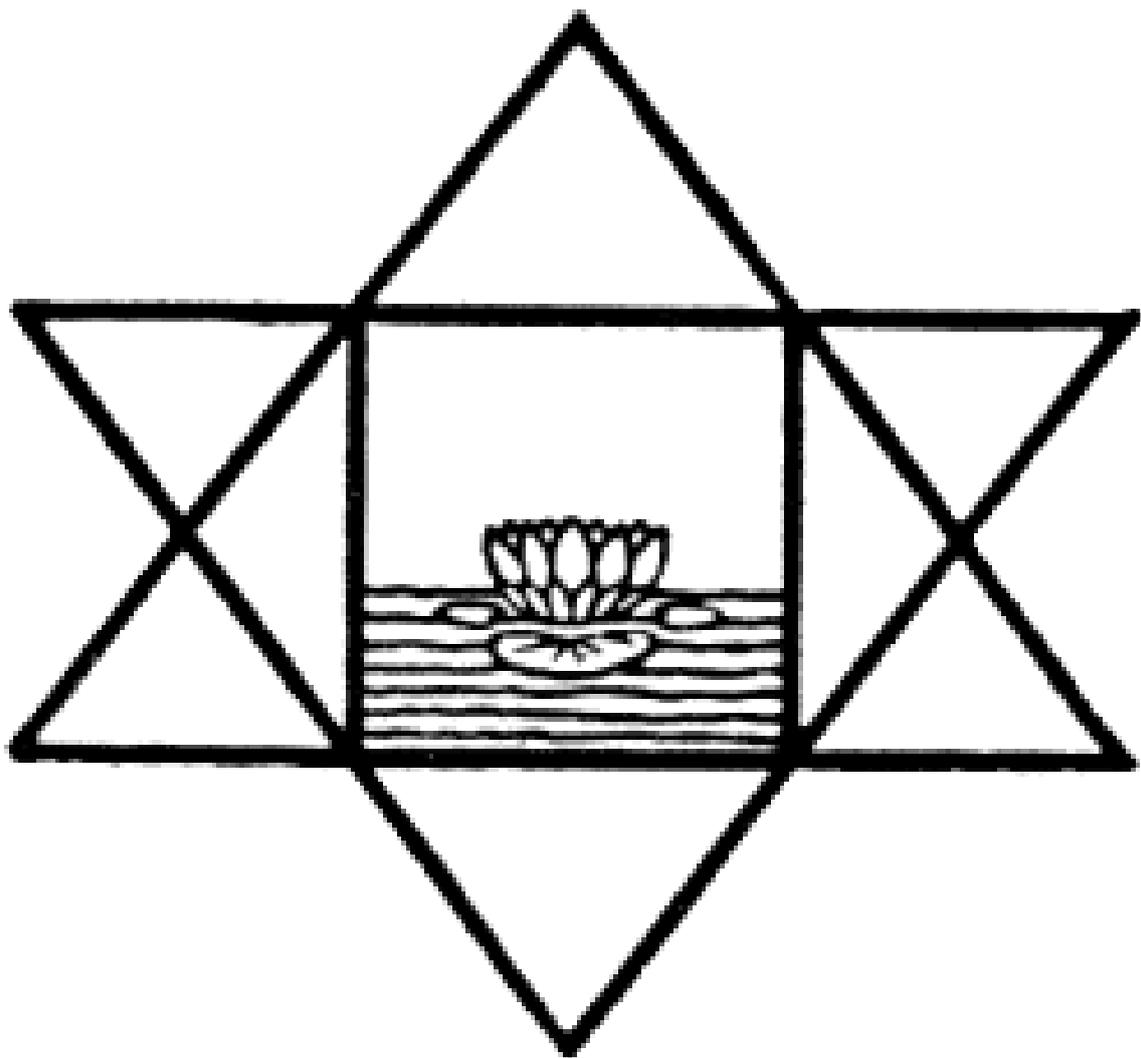


# News & Notes

3rd December 2016.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 676



# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

That's my memory of the beginning of the century. I had several experiences of the kind - quite a number of them. And since that last experience [*the death of death*], which lasted a second, I've had the feeling... the same kind of feeling. Before that, whenever I intervened for people, either to prevent them from dying or to help them once they were dead - hundreds and hundreds of things I used to do all the time - I did them with the sense of Death like this (*gesture above Mother*), as something to be conquered or overcome, or the consequences of which had to be mended. But it was always that way, Death was... (*laughing*) just a little above. And from that moment [*the death of death*], the head emerged above - the head, the consciousness, the will were above. On the side of the Lord. I had an experience quite a long time ago, when Sri Aurobindo was here: one night I had the experience of being in contact with the Supreme Lord, and it was concrete:

"One dies only when You will it."

I don't remember in detail (I wrote it down), but the idea was like this: the Lord makes you die only with your consent - your consent is necessary for you to die. And unless He decides, you can never die. Those two things: for you to die, something (the inmost soul, that is) must consent, the soul must say yes, then you die; and when the soul says yes, it's for the Lord to decide. Ever since that experience, there had been the certainty that you can die only when the Lord wills it, that it depends entirely and exclusively on His Will, that there are no accidents, no "unforeseeable mishaps," as human beings think - all that doesn't exist: it's His Will. From that experience till this latest one [*the death of death*], I lived in that knowledge. Yet with the feeling of... not quite the unknown but the incomprehensible. The feeling of something in the consciousness which doesn't understand (what I mean by "understand" is having the power to do and undo, that's what I call "to understand": the power to realize or to undo, that's the real understanding, the POWER), well, of something which eluded me. It was still the mystery of the Infinite Supreme. And when that experience [*the death of death*] came, then, "Ah, there it is! I have it, I've caught it! At last, I have it." I didn't have it long (*laughing*), it went away! But my position changed. It's one more thing I see from above; I rose above, my position is above.

I have always observed very carefully every time somebody died here in the Ashram, and well (one or two persons have died since that experience, in particular the old doctor's sister), well, since then it has been ABSOLUTELY DIFFERENT. It was something I saw from above. There was no longer any mystery. But if you ask me to explain... That I can't - words, the mind, no. But the POSITION of the consciousness was different - the position of the consciousness. Altogether different. And it happened the same way every time. But it may take years to turn into a conscious power. And IN THE PRESENT CASE, the conscious power would mean the power to give or prevent death equally; to effect the necessary movement of forces - almost... almost an action on the cells, a mechanical action on the cells. With that power, you can give death, you can prevent death. But there is NO LONGER any of that sensation people have of a brutal clash between life and its opposite, death - death is not the opposite of life! At that moment I understood, and I never forgot: death is NOT the opposite of life, it is not the opposite of life.

It's a sort of change in the cells' functioning\*, or in their organization.... When I say all this now, I try to pull back a deep-buried memory. But that's the point. Once you have understood that (all that you understand, you can do), once you've understood that, you can do it. Then it's very simple: you can easily stop the thing from going this way or that way; you can go like that or like this or like that (*Mother seems to handle forces or shift the position of the consciousness*). Then it almost becomes child's play to make someone die or make someone live! But that is better left unsaid. But it will surely come! In how many years, I don't know, but the thing has become plain. And to me (as I said the other day), to me it seemed quite a central secret - not the most central of all, no, but fairly central with regard to life on earth. It's... of course, it would mean a new phase for life on earth. (silence) It may almost result (later, once modern science has run an ascending curve) in a MATERIAL knowledge. It wouldn't be that [Mother's experience], but the image of it: what Sri Aurobindo calls a *figure, a representation*; the closest word is "image." An image: not the thing itself but its projection, as on a movie screen. (silence) It is clear that... It is clear that we are drawing near to what ordinary consciousness regards as the Marvelous. (*long silence*)

At bottom, to understand the creation is to be able to make it - that's it. When you understand, you can do. Whatever men do is done with a conscious will here (*Mother makes a gesture as if she were wearing blinkers*), but with an invisible Power which may or may not come, which is at their disposal or isn't. And that invisible Power is what ACTS. Men can have conceptions, but they don't have the power. But when you make that movement and go from here to THERE (*gesture above*), then you realize that all those conceptions are like the notes of a universal keyboard; you can play all the notes, it's very fine and makes a beautiful orchestra, but it isn't essential, it's incidental. THAT [*the invisible Power*] is what is needed. THAT is what knows how things are to be done and how one should play.

*Thus it is in the depths of the cells that the key is found, that the passageway is found, not in a world "beyond" but in this very world where death is not the opposite of life - where death is no more (this very world too where you fall on flints weightless and unscathed?).*

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 16 March 1963

MOTHER

The  
Ponder  
Corner

Sri Aurobindo's Symbol

*The descending triangle represents Sat-Chit-Ananda.*

*The ascending triangle represents the aspiring answer from matter under the form of life, light and love.*

*The junction of both - the central square - is the perfect manifestation having at its centre the Avatar of the Supreme - the lotus.*

*The water - inside the square - represents the multiplicity, the creation.*

The Mother

Cover: Sri Aurobindo's Symbol - December 5 - Sri Aurobindo's Mahasamadhi Day - Sri Aurobindo left his body on December 5, 1950.

## REMINDER FROM THE NEWS & NOTES

### A kind reminder that all short submissions need to reach us BEFORE 5pm on TUESDAYS.

- **Longer pieces** need to arrive WELL IN ADVANCE (on Monday latest) to allow time for proof-reading AND FOR THE FOLLOW-UP NEEDED -for example to write back to you about corrections or doubts, or if people/groups are mentioned, enough time to contact them so they can send in their replies or comments if they wish, and for the consequent adjustments your side.
- **Schedules and extra pages** also need to be sent in before Monday as they need change of layout and separate printing.
- **Ads as posters** do not work, as once down-sized the important parts like the place, time and dates are not readable anymore, so please send the content of your ad with the photo and text separated. Pdf format can't be reworked, so please no Pdf. Jpeg and Word formats are possible, with photo and text separated.

Thank you,  
the News&Notes Team  
(Sabine, Pascal, Jayamoorthy, Arumugam, and Pradeep)

## WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

### Erratum

Please note that in the previous issue of the News & Notes, the closing paragraph of the FAMC did not belong to their report but indeed to the following update about the TDC, reprinted below in its integral version:

### Update from TDC Restructuring Project

The AVCouncil and the RAS are happy to give you some updates regarding the TDC Restructuring project: Work continues towards developing a draft ToR (terms of reference) that will be a guideline for collaborative work of TDC/L'Avenir d'Auroville. Most recently four work sessions (also known as Sounding Boards) were held with the purpose of gathering inputs from community members involved in various areas of work. The work sessions were based on the following topics: Environment, Socio Economy, Urban planning + Galaxy Concept & Bio region. For each working session a series of case

studies were prepared to focus inputs and guidelines towards addressing current planning issues and challenges. Examples of case study topics included: Water Demand and Supply, Farms, Woodlands, Housing, Relations with the Bio-Region, Planning in the Industrial Zone, Planning in the International Zone etc. For more detailed information including details of the work sessions, photos and output on flip charts, visit:

1. <https://goo.gl/5hDxqM> - Environment;
2. <https://goo.gl/LvK1M5> - Socio Economy;
3. <https://goo.gl/1n40QF> - Urban Planning & Galaxy Concept;
4. <https://goo.gl/8FZnZw> - Bio Region.

For now, the ongoing work is the writing of the guidelines using inputs from these work sessions as well as inputs from past studies/proposals. Within a few weeks we will be able to share a draft TOR document with the community.

Thanking you for your interest,  
AVCouncil and Residents' Assembly Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Members for Entry Secretariat are needed

Dear Community,  
We have received the resignation of four members of the Entry Secretariat: Muriel, Antim, Dhanlakshmi and Joel.

We would like to thank them for their dedication and committed work they have shown in the last 3 months.

The new Entry Policy, and the spirit in which it is written, needs the community. Please step forward and offer your skills and qualities.

Please send your application to AVCouncil, keeping in mind the points below:

What can you offer to the Entry Secretariat, and what experience/qualifications do you have which will help with this work?

What are your aspirations and vision for this work and for the entry process?

What languages can you offer? Please indicate fluency in spoken and written languages.

What computer skills do you have?

How many hours can you offer per week for this work?

Warmly, *the AVCouncil*

### Auroville Learning Activity (ALA)

Dear Community,  
Any Auroville Learning Activity (ALA), such as workshops, courses, seminars, trainings, etc. offered inside Auroville (or outside in the name of Auroville), for a fee or contribution, must be executed by a registered Unit or Activity under the Auroville Foundation.

Registration must be completed before the ALA can book a venue, promote the program, or make/receive payments.

For more details on registration, please contact the Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) for initial queries ([abcoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:abcoffice@auroville.org.in)).

For a copy of the guidelines pertaining to Auroville Learning Activities (ALAs), please see the link: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/60104>

Thank you, *Auroville Council*

### Implementation of guidelines for ALAs - 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Invitation

Dear All,

A study group appointed by the Auroville Council has been working on guidelines for learning activities in Auroville. We have held two meetings with the wider community in the past, and the third will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, with a break for tea

**Venue:** Unity Pavilion

Attendees: Stakeholders of learning activities in Auroville (guest houses, facilitators, organisers, working groups)

This meeting will give a brief overview of the guidelines with a focus on financial contributions, as well as a plan for the implementation phase. As before, there will be time for questions, feedback and suggestions. For the draft guidelines (and findings of a survey conducted) are both on this link (<https://www.auroville.org.in/article/60105>) for your reference: Kindly read them prior to the meeting so we can have a productive meeting.

Please block this date in your calendar, and we hope to see you soon.

Regards,  
*On behalf of the Study Group, Auroville Council*

## General Meeting on Appeal Process

Dear community members,

The AVCouncil and the Residents Assembly Service are kindly reminding you about the INVITATION for a General Meeting on Appeal Process followed by an online RAD (Resident Assembly Decision Making).

**When:** Friday the 9th of December

**What time:** at 4 pm

**Where:** Unity Pavilion

The final draft of the appeal process is on Auronet, please see the link: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/59896>

The major change is that Housing Board's decisions have to be reviewed first by the FAMC as it relates to Auroville assets and then the FAMC decision on the concerned issue will be appealable. Therefore, we removed the Housing Board from the working groups whose decisions can be appealed - The appeal process will be reviewed after one year.

After the GM presenting the process and hearing the remaining questions and concerns, there will be an online ratification process to the Appeal.

We are encouraging you to attend this meeting,

*The AVCouncil and Residents' Assembly Service*

## Information for parents: Land protection - Series of workshops - Kids care available

[Please see last week's News & Notes issue #675 dt Nov.26]

Dear parents,

This is to remind you that the Residents Assembly Service in collaboration with YEP (Mirabelle) is providing a kids care during the series of workshops for your children, to allow you to participate to this important topic. If you are interested in using this service, please inform as soon as possible: [raservice@auroville.com](mailto:raservice@auroville.com) as YEP needs to prepare the welcoming of your children well in advance to assure an optimal satisfaction. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Regards, *Isha for RAS (Residents Assembly Service)*

## From the Housing service

During the month of December the Housing Service is attending only to urgent repair requests.

No new House transfers or valuations request will be entered till January 2017.

Housing issues that are in process will be completed during this time.

Also, there are no vacancies at the moment for Newcomers any more, until the end of February.

Request for the Newcomer housing can be entered by email to be placed on the waiting list.

3 Newcomer rooms are still available in Rohini at Swayam from February 2017, for Newcomers who want to experience community life (for this please contact Uma: 0413 2622849)

Thank you, *Sonja for HS*

## Security office shift

Dear Community,

Auroville Safety & Security Team is shifting its reception desk from Town Hall to the Service Area (next to Gas Bottle service) the 7th of December 2016. While we understand this shift might seem inconvenient, it allows us the privacy necessary to receive visitors in confidence, improve the coordination with the guards and patrols, and open possibilities for the development of our work like the installation of a base station for walkie-talkie communications.

The phone numbers remain the same - see below.

### Reception hours

**Monday to Saturday:** 9.30 am to 12.30 / 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm

**Office Phone (landline):** 0413 262-3400

**Emergency number (24/7):** 9443090107

Sincerely, *Auroville Safety & Security Team*

## Electrical Energy Metering

The conversion of TNEB overhead lines to an Auroville-owned and managed underground electrical distribution system is well on its way. Matrimandir, the administrative area (Town Hall, Auroville Foundation office etc.) and several clusters in the residential zone have been connected to Auroville's underground electrical system. As of now 401 TNEB service connections have been cancelled / surrendered and the buildings and facilities that were connected to these TNEB service connections are now connected to Auroville's own electrical distribution system. There are still 946 TNEB service connections and 21 service connections of Puducherry Electricity Department in Auroville.

The internal electrical distribution system of Auroville is presently connected to the TNEB grid at one interconnection point (near Bharat Nivas) at a voltage of 22 kV. TNEB has plans to install a 33/11KV substation in the Auroville area from where one or more 11 KV feeders will be provided for Auroville. This will enable Auroville to operate its internal HT distribution system at a voltage of 11 KV as planned. The distribution transformers that Auroville Electrical Service has installed near Matrimandir and near Sukhavati are of the dual ratio type and can operate at both 22KV and 11 KV primary voltages.

For the 401 TNEB service connections which have been cancelled and surrendered, TNEB has removed their energy meters. These meters have meanwhile been replaced with Auroville-owned energy meters for the purpose of monitoring electrical energy consumption. The energy meters that Auroville Electrical Service has installed have been configured for bidirectional energy recording (true four quadrant metering with active, reactive and apparent energy import and export). This means that these meters are solar net-metering ready.

In addition to energy metering at building or facility level, AVES has also installed energy meters at the following locations:

- An HT check meter immediately after the HT energy meter of TNEB (in the Auroville HT electrical room near Bharat Nivas)
- LT energy meters at the Auroville transformer buildings (to measure the total energy at the LT side of the transformer)
- LT energy meters for the outgoing LT feeders at the Auroville transformer buildings
- LT energy meters at building cluster electrical rooms

This energy metering setup facilitates a detailed energy consumption audit at various levels in the system through which deviations from historical averages and other anomalies can be detected and analysed. Some of the energy meters have been equipped with a remote reading and monitoring device (using internet). The plan is to have all meters up to cluster level provided with remote monitoring devices in due course.

During the financial year 2017-18 the focus will be on completing the HT ring mains (needed to ensure system reliability and supply to additional clusters), installation of additional distribution transformers and related HT and LT networks and an active engagement with TNEB for the installation of their 33/11KV substation.

*Auroville Electrical Service*

## L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 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 a NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens 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*

1. Aikiyam School, New Creation, Clay Class Room
2. Staff Quarters for Quentin Rollet in Revelation on plot no IR 388/2 for 42 sq.m.

##### • *Building Applications*

1. QUTEE - Electrical Bike repair and maintenance in Service area on plot no IR 216/0 for total build up area 42 sq.m.
2. Anushiya's house in La Ferme on plot no KK77/2, total build up area 63 sq.m.

#### COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

##### • *Site applications*

1. Conscious living (Food manufacturing, office and training space), Fabien Bontems, Fraternity on plot no. BO 139/5A & BO 139/6A for total area 1122 Sqm / 12085 Sft.

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

**Project Title:** Conscious Living Chocolate Manufacturing Unit Expansion

**Proposed Site Location:** Fraternity

**Project Holder:** Fabien & Jane

**Architect:** Fabien & Sound Wizard

**Contact Persons:** Fabien

**Plot no:** BO 139/5A & BO 139/6A

**Total Area of the project:** 1122 sq.m.

**Build up Area:** 700 sq.m. approx.

**Description:** Expansion of the chocolate manufacturing unit, training and office.

**Background:**

**Triggers:** We have been unable to meet consumer demand for the past 12 months and the business has essentially stagnated due to space limitations.

**Goals/Objectives:** We aim to grow the business in line with the principles of Auroville and the foundations mentioned above to meet current and future demand. We classify ourselves as light industry; there will be no heavy industry processing, noise or infrastructure concerns. We would like to build a unit that will allow for more interaction with the community (chocolate classes/tours/wholesale and more affordable pricing of chocolate for Aurovilians).

2. Jacques & Padmanabhan Orchard Housing project in Auromodele on plot no. BO152/7, 8 & 9, BO157/12, BO 158/1A for total area 1260 sq.m.

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

**Project Title:** Auromodele Orchard

**Proposed Site Location:** Auromodele

**Project Holder:** Padmanabhan & Jacques

**Architect:** Saketh Singh

**Contact Persons:** Padmanabhan & Jacques

**Plot no:** BO152/7, 8 & 9, BO157/12, BO 158/1A

**Total area:** 1260 sq.m.

**Description:** Housing project set in an Orchard comprising 9 family houses and 5 studios.

**Target Group:** Aurovilians and Newcomers

**Background:** For many years this land was developed as an orchard. Later, it became clear to Auromodele community that to protect this land from encroachment and to prevent its misuse by unruly locals, we had to develop it as a residential place.

**Triggers:** High demand for single standing houses, land protection

**Goals/Objectives:** To provide a beautiful environment for 9 families and 5 singles/couples. Build a WWTP to save as much as possible on water. Use the latest technology to save electricity.

##### • *Building Application*

1. French Pavilion, Office/Residence in international Zone (Visitors Center - near two wheeler parking area) on plot no IR 244/3D for total built up area 40 sq.m.

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

**Project Title:** Extension of Temporary French Pavilion

**Proposed Site Location:** International Zone

**Project Holder:** Claude Jouen

**Architect:** Sonali

**Contact Persons:** Louis

**Description:** extension of 25 m2 connected to the Temporary French Pavilion

**Target Group:** to develop the activities of Temporary French Pavilion in International Zone

**Background:**

**Triggers:** to occupy more the land in the International zone

**Goals/Objectives:** to provide accommodation for volunteers

2. Pitanga - Kumar, Rajesh, Tatiana, Joan & Angela, Pitanga extension on plot no. BO 65/2, total area 293 Sq.m.

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

**Project Title:** Pitanga Extension

**Proposed Site Location:** Samasti

**Project Holder:** Kumar, Tatiana & Rajesh (Pitanga Executive), Joan & Angela (Support)

**Architect:** Mona Doctor-Pingel, Studio Naqshbandi, Architects Service of Auroville (ASA)

**Contact Persons:** Kumar, Tatiana, Joan

**Description:** Pitanga is a Cultural Centre dedicating its service to the development and enhancement of physical education and cultural activities for children and adult residents in the light of Mother's and Sri Aurobindo's Yoga. As a Cultural Centre, Pitanga focuses on physical and cultural education. Sri Aurobindo's vision of a true perfection embraces all levels of life and therefore naturally also all parts of the body and vital being.

**Plot no:** BO 65/2

**Total Area of the project:** 293 sq. m

**Build up Area:** 293 sq. m

**Target Group:** Residents of Auroville, Newcomers, volunteers and guest of Auroville

**Background:** Pitanga provides a platform for different study groups in the field of music, art and theatre, both for their rehearsals and studies on a regular base. The courtyard allows us to host exhibitions all along the year. The development of art is understood as a means for spiritual growth where artists are seeking further ways of expressing their inner dimensions. Pitanga is encouraging and supporting Aurovilians to share their outcome of research and work with the community. The interesting aspect is that these art works are not presented in a remote, specially designated area of a gallery but are almost embedded in other activities: Everyone coming to Pitanga for activities is automatically brought into contact with art. Pitanga uses also the main big hall for the organization of different cultural performances: Classical Indian or Western music recitals, contemporary music with vocals and instruments, lectures and poetry readings.

**Triggers:** To create a quality and vibrant cultural and educational centre that reaches as many people as possible. We would like to create a larger facility to be able to both: accommodate all the people that would like to attend our classes and workshops and cannot for lack of space in the rooms; as well as to be able to offer a space for people who want to organize workshops in Pitanga out of our regular schedule.

**Goals/Objectives:** The reason why we are proposing the extension now is that we are at optimum capacity with classes at peak times and turn people away from classes on a regular basis due to insufficient space. That is specially so for the most popular activities like Yoga Asanas. At present, when very packed, one room can hold up to 30 people and the other room 18 people. There are also some activities that we cannot currently fully host into our schedule as rooms are too small. We also find that we have very limited capacity for workshops and continually turn people away who would like to use our facility. The proposed new rooms will hold about 45 people and 70 people respectively. Not only we will be able to

accommodate many more people, but also the new rooms will also offer the possibility to host the workshops and trainings that now we have to turn away. Another point we took in account is that for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations would be good to have a larger facility ready to accommodate big groups.

**\*SA erratum:**

Last week, the application for the Skate Park contained an error regarding the transformation of the caretaker house into a store room. The iTD has already discussed this: the house for the caretaker of the skate Park will not be transformed; it remains the skate Park caretaker house. If needed, a storeroom with additional toilets for public use will be built closer to the skate Park modules.

For additional information, please write to [avenir@auroville.org.in](mailto: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 - 676 dated 03.12.2016

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Welcome Talks and application process are now on hold. The people listed below have entered into the process previously and have fulfilled the necessary conditions to be announced as Newcomers.

The feedback process for the Newcomers is now **extended from two weeks to one month.**

More clarity on the implementation of the Entry Policy will be brought soon by the Working Committee, Auroville Council and RAS.

**NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:** (click [here](#) for AuroNet pictures)

Amarnath THANGARAJ (Indian from Kumbakonam), staying at Acceptance, working at Ness and Auroville Consulting

Amuthashwari SHANMUGAM (Indian from Vanur), staying at Mango Garden, working at Arati, Life Education Center and Health Service

Asha BALASUBRAMANIAN (Indian from Pondicherry), staying at Douceur, working at La Maison d'Auroville

Denis CAPDEVILLE (French), staying at Surrender, working at Santé and Pavillon de France

Parandhaman VARADHAMALAI (Indian from Kottakarai), staying at Mango Garden, working at Azhagu Boomi

Rajalakshmi JAYAMOORTHY (Indian from Kottakarai), staying at Matrimandir Pump House, working at Life Education Center

Ramani IYANNAR (Indian from Mattur), staying and working at Freedom Forest

Saravanan MUNUSAMY (Indian from Periyamudaliyarchavady) staying and working at Marika Senior Home and at Aikyam School

Vinoth PANEERSELVAM (Indian from Chinnakottakuppam), staying at Fraternity, working at Mantra Pottery

**AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:**

Dominique JACQUES (French), staying at Samasti, working at Artservice and at Wasteless

Marco SAROLDI (Italian), staying at Samasti, working at Artservice as a photographer

**AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18:**

Sasikala VELMURUGAN (Indian), staying at Promesse and attending a private tuition in Pondicherry

**FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:**

Emma PALMER (Swedish)

Nils JOHANSEN (Swedish)

**AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:**

The following people will be confirmed as Aurovilians **ONLY after signing the B-Form**, which is the last step in order to be included in the Register of Residents of the Auroville Foundation

Pavel BOGDANOVICH (Russian)

Olga BOGACHOVA (Ukrainian)

Yu-wen LU aka Allison (Taiwanese)

Juan Antonio VILLEGAS (Spanish)

Guillaume LAURENT (French)

The Entry Service is open to the public every day from 9:30 to 12:30 and from 2:30 to 4:30 except on Tuesday morning (team meeting) and Sunday.

B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.

At your service, *The Entry Service team*

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Probiotics House latest news

We have been busy these days organising and keeping the stock of our 38 Probiotics products for everyone. We decide that every day is INAUGURATION day. Therefore, you are very welcome to visit us in Reve Area (near Aurovelo and in front of Arthena), at the following timings:

From Tuesday to Saturday; 9:30 to 11:30 am, and from 2:00 to 4:30 pm.

Also, we do have new phone number, it is: 2623774.

Now with more space, we do have in our pipeline of production more All Natural Probiotics Products for you. They will be:

1) The Probiotics Tooth Powder. It has been highly requested for Auroville Community, and is under testing with one of our professional Dentist of Auroville before it is launched to the public. It will be in powder form, and packed in glass containers that can be refilled in our Probiotics House.

2) The Probiotics Puff Deodorant Powder. I do remember my mother and my grandmother using Deodorant Powder with the "puff", as I was just a child playing with the puff, and in those times all was more natural. It will be in powder form, and packed in glass containers that can be refilled in our Probiotics House.

3) The Probiotics Quick Wood Furniture Polish. An easy way to keep your wood furniture shiny. It will be in liquid form that can be refilled in our Probiotics House.

Hoping to see you soon,

*Your Probiotics House Team -Margarita and Guidelma*

### Quick survey on Volunteering in Auroville

Dear Aurovilian,

Amidst the recent arenas of the community, there is a general concern for how to energize the Auroville economy. In Savi we consider that the external population of volunteers coming from India and abroad play a crucial role in contributing to the growth of our economy. However, many constraints & conditions presently hinder their harmonious integration in Auroville life.

If we succeed in collecting and quantifying the views of a large number of Auroville units, services, activities, projects heads, since they are possibly the direct beneficiaries of this external precious input, there will be a stronger basis for advocating for changes.

Here is a link for a short survey, please click on this link and dedicate 4 minutes to give your opinion and feedback on: "[Volunteering in Auroville](#)". (Just note that for ease of use, we have used the term "unit" for any type of volunteering place). You can be ensured of the full confidentiality and discretion of your responses.

In case you are unable to open the link above, please copy paste -> <https://goo.gl/forms/LMykBoZRKiDdEFX23> <- in your browser and a Google survey form should open.



With gratitude and faith  
*The Savi team*

## In support of non-polluting transport in Auroville

On November 6th, a Group was formed in support of the creation of an Electric Vehicle Service. You can find and join the Group Forum [here](#).

Our **vision** is inspired by the fact that, worldwide, electric motors are gaining momentum to replace combustion engines. Germany's Parliament is discussing a complete ban on combustion engines by 2030, and our group's declared aim is to do the same in Auroville by 2028, the year of Auroville's 60th birthday.

Now lithium batteries are becoming available in India, which will provide a great boost to the market of electric vehicles. Tata and TVS are already announcing their models for 2017. For example, their [Tork T6X](#) model has a range of 100 km, and specifications at par with a conventional 125cc motorcycle. Ather has built a [scooter](#), the S340, with a range of 60 km and a 1-hour charging time. The vehicle is covered under Government of India's FAME (Faster Adoption of Electric Vehicles) scheme that offers incentives to the electric and hybrid vehicles, ranging from Rs.1,800 to Rs.29,000 for scooters and motorcycles.

The spirit of Auroville would demand that we actively promote the transition toward electric transport. We need to give people enough incentive to switch to electric, and the Service we envision does exactly that, by:

- offering purchase assistance in comparing products
- providing direct links to the manufacturers to buy at lowest price

- providing company licensed/authorized support for selected products for maintenance & warranty
- providing spare parts reliably and at reduced rates
- providing the work free of charge in the way the Puncture Service does.

### Business Model

1. Over the next 2 or 3 months the main focus will be to complete construction of the new E-Vehicle Service Station next to the Puncture Service in the Service Area.
2. Once demand increases, the Activity would be upgraded to a Service Unit under the Service Trust.

### Financial Concept

1. Funds have been provided by private donors to complete the new building.
2. To finance qualified manpower, a full maintenance for Govindaraj will be required from HRT (BCC) to ensure free of charge help to Aurovilians, as is the case with the Puncture Service.

In conclusion, we believe that this is a realistic and viable concept, and an approach that responsibly fulfills Auroville's aspirations. We trust that the BCC will make the one single required maintenance available, to allow us to provide this service free of charge. If we are ready to pour resources into what we DON'T want, as we do with the Puncture Service to repair petrol 2-wheelers, we can certainly dedicate a fraction of that towards what we DO want, i.e. non-polluting transport for Auroville.

If a whole nation like Germany is considering the switch to electric transport by 2030, we feel that our small community, spearheading human evolution, can achieve it by Auroville's 60th birthday. - *Marlyse for the Electric Vehicle Service*

## POSTING

**Bark India:** Bark India is a small independent registered charitable trust. They are able to act quickly for rescue of dogs/animals that have serious injuries/conditions. The service is ONLY for street dogs, not for privately owned pets. Bark India is NOT having a shelter. After treatment the animals will be released back to the streets. If you see a sick or injured dog/animal please call immediately: 9487007552 or email: [barkindia@gmail.com](mailto:barkindia@gmail.com) - <http://barkindia.org/>  
Please note the number in your phonebook.

Thanks, *Ingrid for Auroville Stray Relief and Animal Welfare*

**News from the Bakery:** There are a lot of exciting new things happening at the AV Bakery. Lately we have come out with some new products - a variety of crackers, a granola bar, brownies, cookies, energy balls and cakes. And at the Bakery Café you will find a new espresso machine to accompany your croissant. We are happy to announce that there is an AV discount of 33% on all the coffee items and 20%-30% discount on the new products. See you there, *the Bakery team*.

### Paola at Harmonia Mundi centre, Rome

Paola continues her journey through Rome with her new book 'Savitri - La scoperta dell'Anima e la vittoria sulla Morte' ('Savitri - The finding of the Soul and the victory over Death'). Invited by the [Harmonia Mundi](#) near the Colosseum, she will introduce the book and its contents at this well-known holistic centre in the evening of Tuesday 6 December.

*Submitted by Mauna*

### Auroville Women's Health Assessment Survey KICKED OFF!

We're happy to announce that the first Auroville Women's Health Assessment Survey is happening around Auroville!

It consists of 28 questions focused on the topics of health, maternity and safety of Aurovilian and Newcomer women. It takes about 10 minutes to complete and there are three language versions - English, French and Tamil. It is entirely anonymous and 100% confidential. We hope the results will help spark new initiatives, which will accurately support women in Auroville.

Between Dec, 3rd and 17th our volunteers will be visiting most communities to distribute the questionnaires, but you can also stop by Sante and ask the reception for a questionnaire. We'd love to hear your voice! Parenting & Birth Awake

### Book Release: Savitri's Children

Subtitled: "*An Evolutionary Tale of Love, Death & the Healing of the Earth*" by Savitri (Alan Sasha Lithman).

Though crafted as fiction, the story reads as an intimate 60-year diary of our species, tracking our experience at this planetary crossroads where we now find ourselves. In this hybrid work, real time events and crises come alive through the characters' experiences and dialogue, as well as through actual conversations with figures such as Margaret Mead and Jetsun-ma Pema Gyalpo, the Dalai Lama's sister. In this cross-cultural narrative, India, where I lived for 21 years, also comes alive, along with honest insider insights into Auroville, the international community I called home until my return to the States in 1990.

[Published in America by Waterfront Press, it is available in Kindle eBook and Print-on-Demand editions via Amazon in USA, Canada, UK, Europe, Mexico, Brazil, India, Japan & Australia/New Zealand. The India edition is available at: [www.amazon.in](http://www.amazon.in) (type in the category: Books, then the title: Savitri's Children)] - *Submitted by Savitri*

### Auroville Veterinary Service - "Vet On Wheels."

Dear community - For treatment of sickness, vaccination and sterilization (birth control surgery) of dogs and cats, at your very place, as well as consultation regarding Animal health. Please call: 9443203092 / Mail: [drkumar@auroville.org.in](mailto:drkumar@auroville.org.in) - Warmly, *Dr Kumar*.

### Dutch mail lying in the Bh. N. mailbox

Post voor J.A.M. van de Wassenberg en G.J.H. Beusen - Er liggen voor jullie een aantal officiële brieven in het fietsmandje bij het Bharat Nivas Post Kantoor.

*Submitted by Tineke*

## AVAILABLE

### Pure organic coconut oil

From Av Gokulam Farm -excellent for cooking, hair and skin care, massage etc...Contact *Anand*: 986 562 3504

### Brand new mattress

We have a tailor made, cost prize, good quality sponge mattress with cover (it doesn't fit where we ordered it for.) The size is: 175x45x10 cm - Contact *Dariya*: 9786658967

### Solar System and Appliances

We are preparing to offer a kit of 12 volt installation consisting of: 1x 35W panel, 2x 80W panel, 1x inverter, 1x small solar fridge Waeco MDC-50, 2x small ceiling fans, a number of light fittings and bulbs. No batteries. All 2nd hand and out of warranty but working. If you are interested, drop a message to: [Petramo@Auroville.org.in](mailto:Petramo@Auroville.org.in). *Petra Mo*

### A lovely young dog

If somebody wants a dog, he will give you lots of love for exchange for just a small amount of food. The dog is obedient; he will get free sterilization and vaccinations if you want him. Bark India will do it. Contact *Ivana*: 7094344154 / [ivana@auroville.org.in](mailto:ivana@auroville.org.in)

### Various items

Refrigerator (Gross volume 405 L) / Gas hob for installation in fitted kitchen (3 burners) / Batteries and UPS (12v - 150 Ah) / Lights and a ceiling fan / Printer Canon Pxma E500) - If interested please call *Kyung* at: 89404 53961

### Broadband Modem

4 internet parts - Complete with power and telephone cable - Call *Audrey*: 2622641 and leave your name and number on my answering machine if I'm not in.

## LOOKING FOR ...

### An English teacher

I have Intermediate Level (B1). I am looking for someone who could help me improve my spoken English. Please contact: [herran08@gmail.com](mailto:herran08@gmail.com) / Ph: 8098238572. Thank you, *Herran.Angela (Amba)*

### An amma

Full time (for a house in the Auromodel area) plus some garden work. Spoken English and good understanding is essential. If interested contact *Monica* on: 9443085323 or 2623332

### Fire jugglers!

Dear fire jugglers in Auroville, I am looking for likeminded dancers to train and play with, maybe even to do a fire show at some point. I am playing fire hoop, staff, poi and candles. Happy to share some tricks with you. Contact me on: 8531015227 - *Aruna*

### New Members for Auroville Chamber Choir

You like to sing in the shower? Step out of it and join us for the newly founded Auroville Chamber Choir. We are a bunch of singing enthusiasts who are looking for a few more men (tenors and basses) who would like to join us. We offer great fun and music. Why you should come? Well, singing is good for your body and soul! Rehearsals are every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Citadine Centre d'Art

What we do: We sing a-cappella pieces from different centuries and different genres in all kinds of languages - currently we are rehearsing pieces from the Renaissance as well as a modern piece. We are singing in English, French, Spanish, Italian and Hungarian (let's see what will be next).

Here you can listen to some of the songs we are working on:

· [So ben mi ch'a bon tempo](#) (Italian renaissance)

### Raleigh Burner BMX Bike

We are selling a Raleigh Burner BMX Bike, almost new. You can see it in Aurovelo. If interested please contact *Guidelma* at: 9443790180. NO bargain.

### New generation of Lithium Ion batteries available with AEP

We are happy to announce our partnership with Panasonic India on promoting their Lithium Ion battery in combination with our inverters and charge controllers. The battery unit is rated at 2.5 kWh on 48 V and can be built up to a larger storage system in a modular way. The technology is the same as in the Tesla powerwall and comes with up to five years warranty depending on the application. For further questions and discussions we are providing an "open house" on Saturday, 3.12. during office hours or get in touch with us under: 2622581, for an appointment the week after. *Your AEP team*

### Cold-pressed Flax Seed Oil

Hello everyone! This is to inform you that my fresh cold-pressed flaxseed oil is also available at HERS. Look in their small fridge at the front of the shop. My other "power plant" cold-pressed oils are underneath the olive oils shelf at the bottom. So, if you don't find stock at Pour Tous, Farm Fresh, or Foodlink, check out HERS in Kottakarai. By the way, Miki's hummus is available again at Farm Fresh and Pour Tous. Flaxseed oil and other cold-pressed oils are used. If you notice a different taste, I have been using black sesame seeds.

Finally, thank you for your patience in waiting for the oils. My roof needed repairing as it was leaking badly and I was very busy attending to this important situation as the monsoon is coming!

To your good health, *Miki*.

· [Rose madrigal](#) (modern Hungarian):

· [Sing and Swing](#) (jazzy)

What we are looking for:

· You should be male

· You love a *cappella* music

· You have time on Tuesday evening 6 to 8

· Good point if you know how to read a music score

· It would help, if you have some singing/choir experience

Interested? Contact *Antoine*: 8940740529 -

[antoine@auroville.org.in](mailto:antoine@auroville.org.in)

Hope to see and hear you soon, *Anandamayi, Divya, Elke, Friederike, Laura W., Shivaya, Steffi, Véronique J., Christian, Emanuele, Jacques, Janaka, Rakhal, Antoine.*

### Volunteers needed at Unity Pavilion

Like in previous years, Unity Pavilion is hosting a community celebration of Christmas with star cutting, dance, music, food and fun. The detailed announcement shall follow. For the various preparatory works towards that event, we need volunteers to help us. Please come and join us:

On **Monday, 5 December between 3 and 5 pm** for a paper basket making session.

On **Saturday, 24 December afternoon** and **Sunday, 25 December morning** to help with decorating the hall, putting up and decorating the tree etc.

On **Sunday, 25 December early afternoon** to support with food preparation and to guide star-cutting activity at the tables.

Is there a **guitarist**, who would volunteer to accompany the TLC children singing Christmas songs? - All Aurovillians, Newcomers, Guests and Volunteers are welcome. For further details call 0413 2623576 or write to [unitypavilion@auroville.org.in](mailto:unitypavilion@auroville.org.in). Thank you for your support and look forward to meet you all. *The Unity Pavilion Team*

## LOST & FOUND

**Bike Keys (lost):** It's a Yamaha key (only logo) and another small key with a leather tag attached, most probably lost in Invocation community. Please call 7094956887 or write to [kevinhauser@hotmail.com](mailto:kevinhauser@hotmail.com) if found. Thanks, *Kevin*

**USB (Lost):** At the beginning of last week (Tues/Wed) I seem to have lost/misplaced my white Sony 8 GB USB key. If you have found it please contact *Anandamayi* at: [annie@auroville.org.in](mailto:annie@auroville.org.in) / 9443169306

## THANK YOU

### Thanks to PTDC

Dear PTDC Team,  
I sincerely thank you all for the love and cooperation showered & extended to me over all these 11yrs. I enjoyed my service in PTDC. I learnt a lot from all of you and I will carry your good wishes for all time to come.

Always at the service of The Mother  
*S.Buvasundari*

### From the Taiwanese Pavilion

The Taiwanese Pavilion team wants to share their gratitude and excitement to receive seed money in support of the manifestation of the Taiwanese Pavilion. We are very grateful to have this opportunity to share the culture and food of Taiwan. Special thanks to B, Tibetan Pavilion, North East Asian Group and International Zone Team for your support of the event.

*From Ally, Bruce, Patti, Nien and Yingying*



### From Kailash - Thank you!!!

On Friday 25th November, we had a fundraising evening at Kailash. It was a fantastic evening that was a great success!! Another one of these community events that contribute to the big family feeling of Auroville.

Thank you everyone for coming, for supporting us, for bringing your smiles and good vibes.

Thank you to all those who participated, worked, and without whom this wouldn't have been possible. We started with a general power breakdown, but even though, the energy was up and electric! From the dinner, to the concert to the Karaoke, everything rocked!

We had quite a few expenses over the past few months, and organized this evening to help to finance them.

**We generated Rs 36,000 and still have Rs 90,000 of bills to pay, so if you feel like helping, please contribute to Kailash Improvement account number # 0669.**

Thank you Ahilia, Manissa, Jianghao, Sushant, Anna, Paulo, Shakti, Vera, Shanks for the music - Thank you Fabien and Vania-for the sound - Thank you to the 150 supporters, Kailash well-wishers and extended family members for your smiles, contribution and good spirit - Thank you What's Up Café (Xavier, Ishita, Gerard), Bread and Chocolate (Fabien, Jane, Daniel), Sharanga Guest House for your generous donation and work that allowed the food to be so yummy - Thank you to each one of you who put in your heart and gave your full energy to make this happen - Thank you!

*Kailashians (Zasha, Jean, Bagirath, Krishna, Shashwat, Janani, Clara, Kiara, Alice, Quentin, Fabien, Kripa and Jean-Francois)*

## A P P E A L

### Looking for a Land

Hi I'm Roberto (Aurovilian) and I would need a space to build a small dismountable house ("Maison des Jeunes" type - 8mx5m - built in less than 3 months). Would your community have an unused piece of land to share with me? Please email: [roberto@auroville.org.in](mailto:roberto@auroville.org.in). Thanks! *Roberto*

### Proskills Cooking Program

**Looking for second hand cooking, pastry and dining room equipment.**

Dear community members, we need you!!

Proskills cooking program (PCP) has been going on for 5 months now with 8 apprentices and 2 main teachers, Amrit and Matteo.

PCP first year is aimed to provide youths of Auroville with cooking skills so that they discover the wealth of various nationalities cooking cultures and also be able to work as *commis* in restaurants.

It is a mean for the youths of Auroville to acquire the practical knowledge of a job that is of value in Auroville or any other country.

The cooking classes are hosted in PTDC kitchen.

Up to now we have been using PTDC equipment for cooking (By the way thank you so much to Anandi and Marie-Ange for their help!!).

We would like to start setting up an application restaurant and for doing so we are in the process of buying our own equipment for cooking, pastry and diner room.

But we also need your help to get to the point.

**We are looking for second-hand cooking, pastry and dining room equipment.**

If you, individuals, restaurants, guest houses, potters, factories have cooking, pastry or dining room equipment that you don't use, please give it to this free program for Auroville Youths.

Thank you to all of you,

*Laurence for Proskills cooking team* [For more details, you can call me (mobile phone number : 80 98 95 15 62)]



## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

### House-sitting.1

Dear AV-community, we are a German couple having stayed in AV for the last six months and volunteering at Sacred Groves. We will stay 3 more months and are looking for a house-sitting

option until February 2017. We can take care of pets and garden, if required. Please contact us via E-Mail: [morten.huebbe@gmail.com](mailto:morten.huebbe@gmail.com) or phone: 81 08 37 33 56. Love, *Rochssana and Morten*

## House-sitting 2

Dear All, I am looking for some house-sitting or a place to live in exchange for work (any work - Master degree in finance, Mediator teacher, Painter, Excellent chef, Cleaner ). I could help with garden, your pets or even I could decorate your house. Please help! Ivana: 7094344154 / [ivana@auroville.org.in](mailto:ivana@auroville.org.in)

## House-sitting 3

I am Hamsini, new born Aurovilian. I am looking for a long term house sitting. My permanent house will be ready in about one year. Looking forward to hear from you. *Hamsini*: 9487544184

## **TAXI SHARING**

December ?: To Chennai to Acharia Dental Clinic, call me to decide for a date. Tel 2623170 or 9585790368 - *Sylvie*

December 2nd: Leaving Auroville for Chennai airport at 7 am on Dec 2. If you want to share the taxi to or from the airport, please contact: [chungates@gmail.com](mailto:chungates@gmail.com). *Sankarshan*

December 6th: Leaving from Auroville at around 5 am to Chennai airport. Coming back from the airport at around 9 am. Contact *Chaitanya*: [chandra@auroville.org.in](mailto:chandra@auroville.org.in)

December 6th: I'm reaching Chennai on the 6th at 1pm and would love to share a taxi! Please contact me on [johanna.lochner@posteo.de](mailto:johanna.lochner@posteo.de) or 7567506766 - *Johanna*

December 8th: Leaving Auroville at 4am to reach Chennai airport by 7am. Taxi returns empty. Please contact *Mireille*: 8098239606 or [88chemins@gmail.com](mailto:88chemins@gmail.com) .

December 9th: A Taxi is going to Chennai airport to be

there at 9.00 am. For sharing it both ways, pls phone: 9047654157 / 2622943. *Silvana*

December 20th: Arriving at Chennai Airport around 2 pm on 20<sup>th</sup> of December. If you're interested in sharing a taxi to Auroville please contact *Quentin* at: [macfarlaneg@gmail.com](mailto:macfarlaneg@gmail.com).

December 20th: Leaving Auroville at 2.30 pm, to arrive at Chennai airport about 5.30 pm. Please contact *Cathy* on [cathy@auroville.org.in](mailto:cathy@auroville.org.in) / 9489586308

December 22nd: I have my flight out of Chennai at 1 pm and would love to share a taxi! Please contact me on [johanna.lochner@posteo.de](mailto:johanna.lochner@posteo.de) or 7567506766 - *Johanna*

December 22nd / Jan. 24th: To Chennai airport from Auroville's CGH, 9 am, December 22nd. From Chennai Airport to Auroville's CGH, at 9 am on 24th January. Please contact: [herran08@gmail.com](mailto:herran08@gmail.com) / Ph: 8098238572 - Thank you, *Herran.Angela(Amba)*

## **HEALTH**

### Homeopathic Consultations with Michael Z.

I will again be available for homeopathic consultations from Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - Mon. and Wed. afternoons at Sante (for Aurovilians and Newcomers, only)

Tues., Thurs., Fri., and Sat.-at the Quiet Healing Center.

Both morning and afternoon appointments are available. Aurovilians, Newcomers, and guests are welcome.

All consultations by appointment only. Sante: 262 2803. Quiet Healing Center: 262 2329/ 262 2646/ 9488084966.

Please note that as I am at Sante only two afternoons/week, if you wish to see me as promptly as possible it is often better to make the appointment at Quiet. Aurovilians and Newcomers are treated free of charge at the Quiet Healing Center.

*Michael Z.*

## **AUROVILLE RADIO**



*Dear listeners!*

*Following is an update from AV Radio with programs made in the past week:*

- Vinu Karthick's comedy [Once Upon a River](#) presented by AV Theater Group
- CAT on [Economy](#)
- Loretta reads [Mother's Q & A 52/4/56](#) and [Savitri, B. I, C. II, Part 1](#)
- Gangalakshmi continues with [Selections par Gangalakshmi 103](#)
- Marlenka with [Synthesis of Yoga Pt. 1 Ch. 2](#)
- Out of our musical edition this week you can listen to Soulfull House [mix 1](#) and [2](#)
- and out of our regular programs here are [Thursday's](#) and [Monday's](#) news

Of course you are very welcome to pass by AV Radio if you would like to take any of the programs on your USB stick... or if you would like to share something with us (and the audience)...if you would like to volunteer, participate in any way.... if you have any suggestions, feedback, thoughts...

We are located on the ground floor of Town Hall opposite the Financial Service....

Wishing you a happy listening,

Your AV Radio Team ([www.aurovillradio.org](http://www.aurovillradio.org))

## **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

Latest Offers from Airlines: Oman Airways has special fares to Europe.

Emirates has special fares to Europe & North America.

Qatar & Etihad Airways have special fares to Europe.

Many Airlines have started promotional fares to Europe for the summer of 2017 but this is available only for a short period. If some people have already planned their trips to Europe, it may help to buy their tickets now.

For Payment - No more additional charges for Debit Cards issued in India.

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 - 2623030, [domestic@inside-india.com](mailto:domestic@inside-india.com),

Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622047, [insideindia@auroville.org.in](mailto:insideindia@auroville.org.in)

## EATING OUT

### The Youth Center Pizza Nights are on Fire!

And so is the fire wood oven, so when Saturday evening 7 00 pm comes around, get your chappals on and kick your bike to life (or jump on your cycle), follow your nose and you'll end up at the right place! We have pizzaiolos rolling out dough by the second and a precisely highly trained group of hands sprinkling the pizzas with all kinds of toppings and tasty Auroville cheeses. And lots more, so see you there!

### Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India presents

Sunday Lunch (Bengali)

By Mimi & Manas in Atithi Griha Guest House

On Sunday, the 4th of December, 2016 between 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm

Cost of the Lunch: Rs. 120

Only for Aurovilians.

Please make your bookings by Saturday the 3rd of December, 2016 before 5:00 pm.

Write to Ms. Geetha Selvam at: [atithigriha@auroville.org.in](mailto:atithigriha@auroville.org.in).

You can call her at: 0413-2622445.

### Sunday Chill: Soupy Nights

Hey there - How are you doing? Holidays are here and it's getting exciting. So many plans, so many treats. How about we add some delicious hot soup to eat :)

Yes, we have radio music with bonfire. Cooked in smoke and fire and of course love!

Place: AuroAnnam Farm / Time: 7pm onwards, Sunday

### Well Studio Café is happy to invite all

**Big unity potluck celebration: 10 December: 7 pm onwards**

7.00 pm - 8.30 pm: -Let's celebrate life in unity and light with a big vegetarian potluck, sharing food from all our different origins and cultures.

8.30- 9.30: movie screening to be announced.

9.30 - midnight - D.J PRISCILA: music from all over the world.

At Well Café, Sve Dame Community - Mark it in your calendar!

Please bring some of your favourite dishes to share.

For details contact: [wellcafe@auroville.org.in](mailto:wellcafe@auroville.org.in) / 2622219

With Love and Gratitude,

Well-Café team

## GREEN MATTERS

### The monsoon that didn't come...



So far the media have been rather quiet on this year's North-East monsoon, as the meteorological departments have been holding back with concluding that it has 'failed'

altogether. Yet as we approach the end of the main rainy season for all of coastal Tamil Nadu (generally defined as 20 October to end of November), some figures and statistics are being released, along with reports of hard-hit farmers and villages, and accompanied by the hope that December may after all bring some rains to mitigate the extreme drought conditions experienced by some areas.

Here in very short some figures and facts gleaned from the media:

- The rainfall deficit during October-November is 70 - 80 per cent across Tamil Nadu, making this year's the worst monsoon season of the century (and second-lowest in two centuries since the rainfall is being recorded in Chennai).
- The scarce rainfall is accompanied by unusually cold temperatures in many areas (due to clear skies).
- Ten districts have a record deficiency of 80% and above. (These are Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Namakkal, Vellore, Salem, Karur, Chennai, Krishnagiri, Erode, and Cuddalore.) Pondicherry is among the most extremely affected areas with a deficit of 92%!
- According to the Public Works department, the major irrigation reservoirs in Tamil Nadu have a combined storage of only 15% of its total capacity, which continues to dwindle.
- The water table has fallen between 0.5m to 4m in most districts.
- Across India, more than a third of the country is experiencing some sort of drought condition, according to the India Meteorological Department. North East India, Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat are most affected by the rain deficit.

It has been announced that if the monsoon fails altogether, the Tamil Nadu government will 'come out with a monsoon failure policy by the end of December'. Efforts are being made to extend crop failure insurance to lakhs of farmers, in the Cauvery delta and elsewhere. Reports are heard of numerous villages having their water delivered by tanks once a week... and although this is not a new or unique scenario, the writing is starkly on the wall, that collectively our attitude towards and management of water needs to be transformed...

It is facing the critical state of the Earth that the Wisdom of the indigenous people on every continent is being ever more

recognized as holding keys for healing, both of our environment and ourselves. We would like to share an invocation by Big Thunder, an elder of the Algonquin (one of North America's First Nations) who lived just over a century ago. His words are as simple as they are universal in resonance:

*The Great Spirit is in all things, is in the air we breathe. The Great Spirit is our Father, but the Earth is our Mother. She nourishes us; that which we put into the ground, She returns to us... Give us hearts to understand; never to take from creation's beauty more than we give; never to destroy wantonly for the furtherance of greed; never to deny to give our hands for the building of earth's beauty; never to take from her what we cannot use. Give us hearts to understand that to destroy earth's music is to create confusion; that to wreck her appearance is to blind us to beauty; that to callously pollute her fragrance is to make a house of stench; that as we care for her She will care for us. [...] Great Spirit, whose dry lands thirst, help us to find the way to refresh your lands. Great Spirit, whose waters are choked with debris and pollution, help us to find the way to cleanse your waters. Great Spirit, whose beautiful earth grows ugly with misuse, help us to find the way to restore beauty to your handiwork. Great Spirit, whose creatures are being destroyed, help us to find a way to replenish them. Great Spirit, whose gifts to us are being lost in selfishness and corruption, help us to find the way to restore our humanity. Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the wind, whose breath gives life to the world, hear me; I need your strength and wisdom. May I walk in Beauty.*

We love to hear from you on any green topic! For Auroville Green Center: *Jasmin & Lisbeth* [avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in)

### Pitchandikulam Forest: Nature Walk

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of December at 4 pm (and every Friday thereafter)

We're pleased to announce that we are re-starting our regular bird watching walk at Pitchandikulam Forest, led by our resident wetland birds' expert, Dr. Bubesh Gupta. We walk through Pitchandikulam Forest to identify and photograph birds, and to talk about birdsong, habits and their environment. We invite you to come and enjoy this unique forest sanctuary! Meeting place: **At the bike parking place inside Pitchandikulam Forest. The walk will start promptly at 4 pm.** If you have binoculars, please bring them, but this is not essential. The walk will last for about an hour.

Free for all, but you are kindly requested to register as numbers are limited. To register, please email [pitchandikulam.outrreach@auroville.org.in](mailto:pitchandikulam.outrreach@auroville.org.in) or call: 8489818523  
*Donations to help us continue our work are warmly welcomed.*

# Notes

## More on "New funds"

Our fellow Aurovilians Rama Narayan and Shyamala's comments on establishing 'New funds' are very timely and I fully support their views.

In the meantime there is a dire need to strengthen many commercial units. Their help in meeting Auroville's development needs are indeed noteworthy. It is time we start strengthening them as their contributions are significant.

The other day, I read a news report from a CEO of a large firm that the market for products such as incense sticks is growing at the rate of 20% a year and the all-India market is estimated around Rs 5,500 crores. Maybe a few of our units are already in this market. And maybe their market share is miniscule. Many of the products made by our commercial units give large employment opportunities in the bio-region. It is time we hear more often from our commercial units themselves about their vision for the future.

*Submitted by K. Sudharsan, Certitude*

## Felicity & Happiness, a Proposal

In the monthly report of FAMC 25 Oct. 2016 FAMC has asked Land Board to review Felicity and Happiness on site and report back concerning the idea to develop certain parts etc. (See News & Notes).

Not so long ago we, the executives of Gaia's Garden Guesthouse, received a delegation from FAMC and Housing Service with the request to take over Juanita's house as an extension of Gaia's Garden G.H. We declined the offer for the second time. Instead we advised that an Ayurvedic Center would be more successful. It may bring economic benefits.

We also discussed a Second Visitor Center on the East Side of Auroville in Felicity & Happiness.

The present Visitor Centre is receiving more and more people. In recent years the numbers of cars to Auroville dramatically increased.

Many are taking the two roads from the ECR to Auroville and these two roads meet in Kuilapalayam.

The road from Kuilapalayam to the centre of Auroville is getting more and more congested with traffic.

It would be better and safer, if we could stop this traffic at the entrance of Auroville.

Felicity & Happiness (and maybe leasing Swami land, as parking) will be the First Stop and Info Center with Parking on the East side of Auroville.

From there a Shuttle Service and other transport service including cycles will bring the people to Auroville.

The existing Visitor Centre has boutiques for Auroville products. This second Visitor Centre could pursue more Well-Being with Ayurvedic Centre, meditation and learning courses like 3-5-7 days integral yoga seminars, vipassana, etc.

We would like to suggest also that we may have an open discussion what we could do in the Felicity area. Personally we have been hearing from Aurovilians, they would like to realize some projects. Can we come up with an open talk what we could do?

*Gaya & Kireet*

## An Answer to the Council after our Meeting on Entry Policies

I have to say that I was very happy for that happening, but, at the same time, I was feeling an atmosphere of fear and uneasiness that I could not understand at that moment, but I could see clearly after the last things happened.

First of all, if we feel fear, impossible to feel Love and Abundance, and the lack of those, for me, is the biggest problem in Auroville today.

In the case of the Entry Service, is also a lack of Trust on the Mother and Her Power. I have to say that I'm not happy because the Process has been stopped without allowing us to do the experience on the ground and grow from that collectively. And accepting that any new thing that we decide to start is going to bring always a normal resistance. But because of the fear and some signatures, we stop a process that has been working for reliable people long enough, and accepted for the Community... I'm wandering: did we not come here for trying new things, experiment on that, making mistakes, learn and go forward? From my experience (coming from a Country with Dictatorships) only under these situations, we stop a process and things for developing and be experienced. To stop the talks despite being very good, of course to be improved, to stop the Mentor Pool and the new Entry Administrative Team, working very well on their role. And, the worst, to stop the Community from being part of the process and be responsible for who will come to live here.

I have to say I feel more than disappointed, in a moment when Auroville looks like it's moving towards something new... we, the Entry Process, Where are we and How?

Or, somehow we prefer the old process where some people decide and, after, we point out to them if "they failed"? Possibly more comfortable? Certainly more "old".

No doubts that the New Policy needs to be improved. For me, it is (was?) a must, after that meeting, to be together, all the people involved in the process, especially Mentors, and share experience and see how to go forward... From my experience, I have been the "Entry Service", on my years in Buenos Aires as AVI Argentina, no E.S. in AV. And coming here, I always accompanied Latin-Americans without good English and I know how people need somebody around with experience when they arrive. Much more nowadays that Auroville is so diverse and huge that new comers can be lost.

After my difficult experience of Returning to Auroville a few years ago, I have presented a project including Contact People (Mentors), especially one at the working place and one at the residential place, to help the thing to be clearer for us and for the N.C. And after all, and the more IMPORTANT to know that we are just instrument and, finally, also if we do not agree with the final decision, to accept that it is She and not us, who decided WHO is going to be living in Auroville.

If we avoid fear and we choose Love and Trust, we will attract Abundance and the Right People for Auroville to be.

I m a Mentor of Young Indians, from North India and Tamil Nadu, and I get from them the energy that we used to have in the 60s, 70s. and 80s mainly, and the spirit of been part of the " Great Adventure "

*"One must put aside all that has been foreseen, all that has been devised, all that has been constructed, and then...set off walking into the unknown. And - come what may!" The Mother.*

*In Her Love and Certitude,*

*Anandi (Realization)*

## The Plants and Fishes

"After what I have seen of plants and fishes in the region of Naples, in Sicily, I should be sorely tempted, if I were ten years younger, to make a journey to India - not for the purpose of discovering something new, but in order to view in my way what has been discovered" (J.W. von Goethe, a letter from Italy to Knebel, 18 Aug. 1787).

The many fascinating moments I spent in Two Banyans with Collin and Jean. For more than forty years they cared about the forest. The trees create oxygen and biomass; there is a great biodiversity in Two Banyans. Last time I visited the place I saw an extremely beautiful paradise flycatcher male which bathed in a small pond while a dove was drinking water from the pond. A lot of oxygen in Two Banyans makes for a high joyful mood in a human being.

Collin and Jean are very friendly people; they willingly spoke about their experience. Jean said: "I visited the Mother on a Darshan Day. She looked at me and laughed. Usually I don't like it if somebody looks at me and laughs. But in that case I understood that the Mother saw my past, present and future. I was a hippie but She saw my future and my useful work for Auroville".

The green yogins, eco-yogins, live in Two Banyans, they are devotees of Integral Yoga and they like the forest. Jean said: "10,000 or 20,000 years ago a dense jungle was here, maybe 100 species of orchids were in this place." Now we have many orchids in the collections of the Matrimandir Nursery and at the Auroville's Botanical Garden. The flowers of some orchids are beautiful like the bright tropical fishes or butterflies. The orchids live on the trunks and branches of the trees (epiphytes), some of the orchids grow on the ground (terrestrial species).

In 1968 there were only a few trees in Auroville: a tamarind in the future Aspiration community, one banyan in the centre of the city, 2 banyans in the place of Collin and Jean etc. There was strong erosion in Auroville. After the heavy rains the ocean near the shores used to turn red: the soil moved down to the shores. Of course the pollution of the water was bad for the fish and for other oceanic dwellers. Then Aurovilians planted numerous trees and the erosion stopped.

Boris

## For your calendar



### AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR



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

We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season..

5.30 to 6.00 pm

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** use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 pm.

Please be seated by 5.25 pm.

Thank you.

*Amphitheatre Team*

## INVITATIONS

### A Share about the Fair

The most exciting time of year is upon us, and preparations for the cool Fair of heaps of fun have begun at the YC.

**This year the fair will be on the 7th of January 2017**

- we decided to postpone it so we have more time to really make it a rocking one!

This means we'll have more funky games and activities and less market stalls.

So to all the potential stall holders out there, you must contact the Youth Center Team as soon as possible to discuss your involvement in the fair.

**We have a meeting on Saturdays at 3 pm and every Saturday from 9 till 5 we have full power work going on**

(with lunch and teas provided) that involves bush whacking, gardening and landscaping, transformation of innovative ideas into actions, painting, game fix-ups, roofing works, carpentry, cooking, etc.

***Come and get your hands dirty!***

Otherwise every day during the week there's still more fun and action happening at the YC. Right now we are mainly busy renewing the storeroom and stall roofs. So if you feel like rocking up a super cool new game, building a roof or pruning some trees, just drop by and start doing it! We are looking forward to the next couple of weeks and hope that lots of you will contribute, participate, and dare to care and share in this revolutionary fair! See you out there!

*The YC team*

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## CAT - Create Auroville Together - is going on!

Let us meet where we are in touch with our inspiration and feel the resonance, the heartbeat of Unity in Diversity in action!



Next TOPIC: "The Auroville Charter"

WHEN: Thursday 8th December 2016 between 4:00 - 6:30 pm  
Everybody is welcome! Mentors and Newcomers are specially invited!  
An Inspiration for the Growth of the Spirit!

WHERE: Unity Pavilion

FOCUS: First point of "The Auroville Charter" translated into some languages.  
*Auroville belongs to nobody in particular. Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole.  
But to live in Auroville, one must be the willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness.*

Individual reflection and collective sharing!

CAT is a collaborative space to move together from a relative stagnant system to a culture that unleashes our creative energies;

CAT is a springboard for the future and to let Auroville build us; CAT is a Space to respond with discernment, respect and in a spirit of collaboration instead of reacting to issues based on likes, dislikes and distrust.

Enjoy and contribute with your knowledge, skills and talents to draw the amazing canvas of Auroville in alignment with the Dream we all share.

Next CATs: CAT 4 on Monday 19th December 2016 on ??? under construction - get a surprise!  
CAT 5 on Monday 26th December 2016 on a taste of infinite by the Aspiration team!

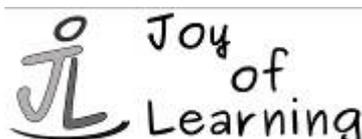
For clarification: CATs was born during the process of restructuring the Town Development Council (TDC) from the aspiration for a more informed community participation. CATs is nested in the Residents Assembly Service (RAS) with the support from the AV Council. The platform has been widened to include other topics besides town planning. The CATs team is not influencing the content. CAT is a space to reflect the vastness of what is moving us and our inspired visions.

Love, Inge, Mita, Sandyra and volunteers from the CAT team

Visit us in our RAS office, Town Hall first floor or phone us under 2623701 or write a mail to us: [cats@auroville.org.in](mailto:cats@auroville.org.in)

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## Auroville and Beyond....



### Exploring Auroville's Bioregional Activities - Part 2

Visit of a settlement in Alankuppam, Annai Nagar  
Sunday December 11th, 2.00 to 4.00 pm

Dear Friends,

Following the Joy of Learning presentation on 'Outreach', the JoL team in collaboration with the Auroville Village Action Group is delighted to invite you to a special experience to explore and learn about a nearby settlement in Alankuppam, Annai Nagar.

This will be your opportunity to find out firsthand about some past and ongoing Auroville outreach programs and about the life, the daily challenges and resources of these villagers who happen to live so close to this dream of the Universal Township of Auroville.

This interactive visit with the villagers will be jointly coordinated with AVAG, and there will be simultaneous translations as well as refreshments offered by the villagers.

Please note, that this event is not a cultural exchange program but rather a reflective experience to foster a deeper understanding of the conditions that define life in the village, the way of thinking and behaving and to explore perceptions and realities in relation to Auroville.

There will be a bus leaving from the Visitor Center on Sunday, December 11th at 1:30 pm.

Those who wish to go by cycle can join us in front of the Visitor Center at 1.00 pm.

To help us organizing the transport better, please inform us via email ([aci@auroville.org.in](mailto:aci@auroville.org.in)) if you want to take the bus.

We are looking forward to welcoming you for this special visit  
*Your Joy of Learning team (Alan, Lalit, Mike, Mita, Min, Sophie)*

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## Tibetan Wednesday Dinner resumes - Lunch too!

On Wednesday, 7th December at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.

We want to THANK all of you who have been supporting with our fundraiser dinners on Wednesday at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture.

With due respect and request from many of you for lunch, we are happily opening lunch and dinner on Wednesdays.

We would like to relate Wednesday with our concept of celebrating White Wednesday.

We request you to reserve in advance for the lunch and the dinner.

For more information call Namgyal or Kalsang at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone.

Phone number: 0413 2622401 or 8489067332 or send an e-mail to: [Kalsang@auroville.org.in](mailto:Kalsang@auroville.org.in)

### Film after The Dinner at 7.45 pm: "CRAZY WISDOM"

A documentary film based on the life and Times of CHOGYAM TRUNGPA Rinpoche ( 89 minutes)

"CRAZY WISDOM" explores the arrival of Tibetan Buddhism in America through the story of Chogyam Trungpa, the brilliant "bad boy of Buddhism" who fled his homeland during the Chinese communist invasion. Trungpa arrived in the USA in 1970 and legend has it that he said to his students: "Take me to your poet." Trungpa eventually became renowned for his translation of ancient Buddhist concepts into a language and ideas that the Westerners could understand; while shattering all preconceived notions about the way an enlightened teacher should behave. He was sometimes judged harshly by some in the Tibetan establishment. Trungpa's teaching are now recognized by Western philosophers and spiritual leaders, including His Holiness the Dalai Lama, as authentic and profound. Today, twenty years after his death, Trungpa's name still evokes both admiration and outrage. What made him tick, and just what is "Crazy Wisdom" anyway? With unprecedented access to Trungpa's inner circle and exclusive never-before-seen archival material, CRAZY WISDOM looks at the man and the myths about him, and attempts to set the record straight.

There will be film screenings at 7.45 pm on every WEDNESDAY after the dinner.

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## EXHIBITIONS

The Centre d'Art of Citadines is happy to inform you that the Helgard exhibition continues until the 10<sup>th</sup> of December.  
Timings: 10 to 12 am / 2.30 to 6.00 pm.  
*Enjoy.*

## EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

By NEETI KHANNA

2<sup>nd</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016.

Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas,  
Inauguration: Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 pm,  
Gallery Timings-10 am to 5 pm,  
Closed on Sunday's and Public Holidays,  
All are Welcome.

## TALKS, SEMINARS

### Introductory talk for a Study Group on Vedic Science and Philosophy

By Pavan

All invited at Joy Guest House on Monday the 5th of December at 6:30 pm

After Pavan's earlier talk on Ayurveda and its connection with the Vedas and Vedanta we saw that there was a wish to deepen more the subject and create a Study Group that would meet once a month for 5 months.

Pavan would like to introduce the subjects on which the group will focus.

1. Consciousness, materialism and Maya
2. Sound/Language/Mantra
3. Light/Devas
4. Knowing
5. Conclusions as basis for Ayurveda/Astrology etc.

*Pavan has received personal training in the Vedic field from world renowned teacher David Frawley, for which he received the title Vedakovid. He has also authored the acclaimed book 'A Vedic Life, A Practical Philosophy of Nature', and has practiced Ayurveda and Vedic Astrology in Europe for many years. His formal education includes degrees in Mathematics and Philosophy, as well as an MBA.*

After the talk those who are interested in the Study Group are welcome to register.

### A journey through Architecture and Models

Aurovillians, Newcomers, Volunteers, Guests, Architects / Students and All are invited for this presentation.

At the MMC-Cinema Paradiso, at 4.30 pm, on the 07-12-2016

### Integrity in All Spheres of Life

Revitalising the lustre of spiritual truth in all life.

A series of 10 sessions as an exploration of 10 aspects of life in the Light of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's words

Every Thursday in the Reading Room at Savitri Bhavan from 5:30 till 7 pm.

For December 8, 2016, the theme is Integral Economy.

We will explore: What are the core principles of the new integral economy? Key themes: The Goddess Provider, Work and Money.



### BHAVISHYATE

Sri Aurobindo Center of Studies - Bharat Nivas  
INDIA: past, present and future challenges

We would like to announce our upcoming one-day workshop on  
'Mahabharata Immersion'  
On 22nd December, 2016  
9 am -5 pm

By Raghu Ananth, yoga practitioner and teacher of Krishnamacharya tradition

The Mahabharata Immersion workshop is an invitation to explore Yoga through the Purana.

The Mahabharata portrays the five Paandava heroes as the central archetypes of a human psyche, the Kaurava as the anti-hero/shadow archetype and Krishna as the meditative mind. Through the drama played out by Paandavas and the Kauravas the text discusses Yoga in the context of familial strife.

#### Overview of workshop

- It deploys the Learning Theatre methodology.
- It is an opportunity to use the Purana as a Darshana, a mirror unto oneself
- It is an invitation to experiment with oneself, delve into the depths of the invisible, the unarticulated and the disowned parts of one self by donning the traditional masks from the Koothu tradition.

All are welcome to participate.

Please send us a mail at [mona@auroville.org.in](mailto:mona@auroville.org.in) or [cicbn@auroville.org.in](mailto:cicbn@auroville.org.in) to register for the workshop.

## CULTURAL EVENTS



# CREATIVE TRAVELING SCHOOL CONCERT

8:00PM, DEC 3, 2016, VISITOR CENTRE IN AUROVILLE

Bharat Nivas - Pavilion for India,  
In Collaboration with the Embassy of Denmark & Yggdrasil Dance,  
present:

## FOOTPRINT

*A dance Performance*

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
8pm  
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium

Contact [bharatnivas@auroville.org.in](mailto:bharatnivas@auroville.org.in) or 0413-2622914

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

6th December (Tuesday) - Focus this week on: 'Self-Mastery'

- 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

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.com](http://www.integralyoga-auroville.com)

### Traditional Thai Yoga Massage Course

Principals, foundations & dynamics.

10 days (80 hours) December 12th-22nd

6.00-7:30 am silent meditation and Yoga - Qi Gong (optional)

9:00-12:00 am instructional and massage practice.

12:00 -2:00 pm Lunch. 2:00-5:00 pm massage practice.

With Bebe Merino, Juan and Mar Silverio

Place: Sunspace in Terrasoul Farm Community, Windarra.

Information: *Bebe* (8940557864) *Mar* (9159349266)

Registration: [terrasoul@auroville.org.in](mailto:terrasoul@auroville.org.in)

A Fundraising workshop for Terrasoul Farm Project

Submitted by Juan

### "Hear the women.. Nourishing mothers and babies.."

We are inviting you to an exploration week of knowledge, strength and love in connection with special dietary advice for women and mothers. We will enjoy healthy foods together, provided by the facilitator. Besides we will meet and talk, share information about (pre-) conception, fertility, menstruation and hormone cycle, pregnancy and birth, a little about the first days and months after birth, laugh and love together.

From our hearts we invite you.

Time: from 1st and 2nd of December, 10.30 to 11.30 am.

Place: Life Education Centre (LEC), Kottakarai

Contribution: please give to LEC what you can and feel is right.

Contact and Registration - *Uli Urvasi*: 9442069249, or [essence.touch@yahoo.de](mailto:essence.touch@yahoo.de) and LEC: 0413-2622082

Facilitators: Medical professionals, yoga instructors, masseurs, acupuncturists, people passionate about mothers, babies and birth and YOU.

Please talk to us before coming so that we can nourish your needs better.

Participation in all the classes is highly recommended. Registration required.

### Exploring Color

2-Day Workshop

When: Fri.-Sat. / Dec. 9-10

Time: 9-12 & 2-5 (2hrs out for lunch)

Where: Creativity's Studio

Guest fee applies, otherwise donations happily accepted.

No materials needed.

Attendance: Please reserve with Audrey at 2622641 as soon as you decide for she does not give it for less than three or more than six. Thank you. *Audrey*

## Joyful Living

December 24th to 28<sup>th</sup> - Venue: Tibetan Pavilion

*"This is a (re)TREAT for yourself. So worth it!" Eugenia, Greece*

A life changing certificate retreat in which you discover what joyful living means to you. Treat yourself to a break from everyday life and learn how to make ordinary days extraordinary.

Come back reborn, empowered and committed to a healthy and balanced lifestyle tailored to your rhythm and needs.

The program's five themes are designed to anchor your days in the things that bring joy into your life. Rekindle that deep connection with your inner being, and with fellow participants who will quickly become close friends.

Call: 9655696982 or email: [info@aurovilleretreat.org.in](mailto:info@aurovilleretreat.org.in) to register.

## Wellpaper Paper-Mache Workshop - 7/12/16

Skills Handicraft Arts Recycle Education

You are invited for a 3-hour introductory workshop to create art and products from waste (mainly recycled newspaper).

In this workshop you will learn the making and usage of colored paper pulp. You will be guided through the process of cutting and shaping a serving bowl from a waste card board on which you will apply the pulp in your own design. We will show you how to manipulate and smooth the pulp in to the shape of a bowl. Depending on the weather it usually takes an average of two days for the bowl to dry. The workshops are instructed by WELL women from the villages around Auroville. These women are very well practiced. These women have teaching experience in and out of AV.

Contribution: Rs.500 for guests.

The workshop will take place every Wednesday between 9:30 to 12:30. (The workshop will be conducted seated on the floor) If you would like to join us please email us: [wellpaper@auroville.org.in](mailto:wellpaper@auroville.org.in) / Or call: 9626055586

With love, *Wellpaper team*

## Special ATB workshop for former students over 21

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

The workshop will take place in the ATB Hall at Transition School on Saturday 10th of December from 3 pm to 5 pm.

If interested please let me know at: [aloka@auroville.org.in](mailto:aloka@auroville.org.in)

## Dance Theatre workshop

This is an intensive training program, taught by International director/choreographer Jay Emmanuel.

Born in India and bred in Australia, Jay is a kathakali and contemporary dancer, actor, director and producer. Jay is an alumni of Jacques Lecoq School (France) and Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (Australia).

This program introduces performers, directors and teachers to the exciting physical theatre techniques based on the Jacques Lecoq pedagogy. Based on improvisation and composition method to create physical theatre works. We will collectively research the relation between movement, text, space, and techniques of composition.

During the 6 days, participants will be encouraged to confront their physical habits and develop a strong sensibility for discipline and authenticity in movement and the spoken word. During each session, we will also work with offering feedback.

Monday 5, 12, 19 Dec and Tuesday 6, 13, 20 Dec, 9.30 am - 3.30 pm (1hr Lunch Break)

At Eluciole Circus, Miracle Community

To apply, contact *Kalou*: (+91)9787332791; or E-mail: [eluciolecircus@gmail.com](mailto:eluciolecircus@gmail.com)

## Mudra-Chi

A Body Prayer in a Tai- Chi Form based on Mother's Mudras

Sunday the 4th of December, at 5 pm at Savitri Bhavan

Everybody Welcome - Facilitator: *Anandi*

## "Explore your mind" - a 3- day workshop in hypnotherapy

An holistic training in alternative therapy with international faculty.

What is hypnosis? How do right and left brain function practically? How do conscious and subconscious interact?

Explore the depths of your mind and relax! Meditate with ease! Expand your therapeutic toolbox! Apply Self-hypnosis.

*"The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when is still"*

A 3-day Workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind" (Certified course from EKAA [www.ekaa.co.in](http://www.ekaa.co.in))

Info meeting: December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in Sharnaga Guesthouse

December 16th- 18th at Sharnaga Guesthouse Yoga Hall ([www.sharnaguesthouse.in](http://www.sharnaguesthouse.in))

Friday 3.30 - 7 pm: Intro and Self-hypnosis

Saturday, Sunday 9 - 6 pm: Theory and Practice of Hypnotherapy techniques

Reminder: "Trauma - the unseen wound" Workshop

26th, 27th Dec, 9-6pm. Sharnaga Guesthouse Yoga Hall

Toolbox to work with trauma therapeutically, for all those working with Trauma.

Trainer *Sigrid Lindemann*: Certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, certified in TASSO Regression therapy and trainer in Classical homeopathy (Germany and Auroville) ([www.sigridlindemann.com](http://www.sigridlindemann.com) [www.auroville-holistic.com](http://www.auroville-holistic.com))

Register with Sigrid: [contact@auroville-holistic.com](mailto:contact@auroville-holistic.com) and 09626006961 / 0413 2623888

## Workshop on R

AuroStat is offering an introductory, hands-on workshop in R, for those involved with data analytics in the Community.

R is a tool for statistics and data modelling, and acts as an alternative to traditional statistical packages such as SPSS, SAS, and Stata. It is an open source scripting language, which can perform a wide variety of basic to advanced statistical and graphical operations.

The workshop will show you how to work with arrays, and handle data structures such as vectors, matrices, and data frames. The graphical capabilities of R, and data visualizations will also be covered. No prior knowledge in programming or data science is required.

The workshop will be held on December 7, 8, 9 and 10, from 4 pm to 5 pm in Saracon.

Number of spaces is limited, and will be on contribution basis.

Please bring your laptop; download and install R and RStudio from the following URL: <https://cran.r-project.org/> and <https://www.rstudio.com/>.

For registration, contact AuroStat on: 9843948288 or at: [statistics@auroville.org.in](mailto:statistics@auroville.org.in)

## Nonviolent Communication Practice Group



Hosted by L'aura and Hamsini

Dates: December 7, 14, 21, 28 (4 Wednesdays)

Time: 4.30-6.30 pm

Theme of the month: Cultivating Gratitude (honouring the abundance in our lives)

Advance registration and contribution required. We ask for full commitment (4 sessions) and prior NVC experience.

For more info and to register, contact L'aura [joylivinglearning@gmail.com](mailto:joylivinglearning@gmail.com), 9442788016 [Other upcoming NVC events: [joylivinglearning.org](http://joylivinglearning.org)]

## Connection as Life Energy



Introduction to Nonviolent Communication with L'aura Joy, NVC Certified Trainer

Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others?

Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want?

- Dec 10-11 (Sat-Sun)
- 9.30 am-5 pm (with lunch break)

More info & register (and for venue info): contact L'aura: [joylivinglearning@gmail.com](mailto:joylivinglearning@gmail.com) / 9442788016.

Limited seats. Registration required. Full participation required (2 full days)

[Other upcoming NVC events: [joylivinglearning.org](http://joylivinglearning.org)]

### Restorative Circles Learning Community



**\*\*Building a Compassionate Justice System\*\*  
with L'aura Joy**

**Dec 17 & 18 (Saturday-Sunday)  
- 9.30 am - 5 pm with a lunch break**

Restorative Circles (RC) offer ways for individuals and communities to establish connection, discover meaning and recover power on profound levels. They create forums for reaching agreements that help sustain effective and nurturing relationships both personally and collectively.

This Circle process has developed within the Restorative Justice (RJ) movement, which in recent decades has rediscovered and adapted ways for communities to promote responsibility and healing. Rethinking justice, and engaging with the challenge of consciously building whole system responses to community well-being, has opened up revolutionary possibilities for furthering a culture of peace.

More info about Restorative Circles: [www.restorativecircles.org](http://www.restorativecircles.org)  
Conflict is an inevitable part of the diversity of life. Yet few of us individually, let alone as a community, know how to respond to conflict with behaviors that do not produce pain and damage relationships.

The RC process offers a way to create community spaces for conflict that are safe and constructive, not destructive. It has been described as a straightforward problem-solving and nonviolent restoration method that demonstrates how community members can resolve their own conflicts when provided with a constructive forum to do so.

The establishment of a restorative system empowers communities to consciously choose how they would like to respond to conflict before it occurs - a form of proactive, preventative conflict transformation. It enables them to choose a nonviolent response to conflict that involves the whole community in discovering their own sustainable strategies by addressing immediate as well as underlying long term causes.

Contact L'aura for more information and to register: [joylivinglearning@gmail.com](mailto:joylivinglearning@gmail.com), 9442788016 [Other upcoming RC events: [joylivinglearning.org](http://joylivinglearning.org)]

### Lakshmi Retreat

**"Living Gratitude, Embodying Abundance"**

**5-Day Women's Retreat - Dec 30 - Jan 3, Auroville**

Discovering the Goddess Lakshmi in all her qualities...  
Exploring our own abundant knowing and creativity...  
Awakening a sense of celebration for being alive, in all its forms...Honouring the sacred feminine... Let's explore how to cultivate a more sustainable and authentic sense of gratitude - allowing us to truly acknowledge and live from abundance, and sustaining us in moments of disconnection and darkness.

The Retreat includes:

- Nonviolent Communication
- Dance, movement and partner-yoga
- Practices from "Awakening Women"
- Creating a "Vision Board"
- Healing mud-pool ritual
- Bonfire ritual and much more...!

With *Dariya* and *L'aura*, who are both passionate about creating spaces to explore deeper aspects of our being and inter-connectedness.

For more info and to register, contact Dariya: 9786658967 / [dariya@auroville.org.in](mailto:dariya@auroville.org.in)

### Physical Theatre Workshop

**When: Sunday 4, 11, 18 December, from 9.30 -12.30**

**Where: New Creation Dance Studio**

Headed by Jay Emmanuel (Masters in theatre and creation, Ecole Jacques Lecoq, Paris - Bachelors in Performing Arts, Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, Perth)

**What: Encounter/Jay Emmanuel invite you to a 3-day workshop in Theatre.**

The group will be working on curation of body in space.

The program will be 3 hours in duration. An hour of warm-up through movement exercises and two hours on exploration and research on using levels, emotions, speed and actions aiming towards a 'promenade style' theatre performance.

Who: Jay Emmanuel: Born in India and bred in Australia, Jay is a contemporary dancer, actor, director and producer. His passion lies in creating varied theatrical experiences for the audience as well as research in interactive theatre practice. He has directed *Love, love, love* and *MILK* (2014) by Izzy Roberts-Orr for House of Cult festival in Paris, *MOH On the Concept of Love* (2013) and *UNKNOWN* (2012) in Perth. He was recently appointed the artistic director of St George's Dance and Theatre Program (Aus) and was the Curator for Young Arts Paris, for whom he has curated international theatre festival House of Cult and Petrichor. He works as a principal dancer for Paris based contemporary dance company, *Compagnie Soi* which premiered at Pantheon in April 2015. He has trained and worked with Theatre du Soleil and Ariane Mnouchkine, *Encounter*, *Zen Zen Zo* (Brisbane), *Ankoku Buyo Collective* (Perth). Jay has been nominated for the West Australian best emerging artist award for his directing and performance in *UNKNOWN*.

*Submitted by Savitri for the New Creation Sance Studio*

### Solitude Farm weekly activities

- **Community garden at Town Hall - Meet at the gardens near Cinema Paradiso on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm**
- **Permaculture workshop to learn various methods of natural farming - Saturdays 9 am (please book ahead, call Krishna 98433 19260)**
- **Weekly farm tour with Krishna - Saturdays 11:30 am**
- **Cooking workshop to learn how to use local, traditional ingredients and their nutritional benefits - Saturdays 3pm**

### Permaculture Workshop:

12 noon-January 6, until 3 pm-January 8 at Solitude Farm. Please email: [krishnamckenzie@auroville.org.in](mailto:krishnamckenzie@auroville.org.in) for details.

*FYI: Localicious is a people's movement for local food. It is a way for us to reconnect with where our food comes from, using practical and creative ways that generate collective wellbeing. An e-newsletter has been initiated to serve as a platform for this movement. Write to us at: [localiciousav@gmail.com](mailto:localiciousav@gmail.com) to join!*

### Create Your Vision Board

Creating a sacred space that displays what qualities we want to manifest in life, actually does bring them to life - what we focus on expands. When we create a vision board with a focus and place it in a space where we see it often, we essentially end up doing short visualization exercises throughout the day. Visualization is one of very powerful mind exercises we can do; for ex Olympic athletes have been using it to improve performance. It's simple: a vision board needs to focus on how/what one wants to feel/experience, not simply on things that one wants..

Welcome to join this 5-hour workshop to connect with your deeper longings, let your creativity flow using recycled materials and create your Vision board around specific project/topic, or a more general one for ex. for next month, a year etc.

**In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn - Saturday 10. December 2.30-5.30 pm & Sunday 11. December 3-5 pm.**

Please register, so I know how much material to prepare!

Contact: 9786658967 or [dariya@auroville.org.in](mailto:dariya@auroville.org.in)

# SCHEDULES

## ARKA WELLNESS CENTER - DECEMBER 2016

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

\*\*Internet facility is available in Arka: Monday to Saturday; 9:00 am to 4:30 pm\*\*



### 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
Holistic Reflexology, Full body massage, Face Massage,	MEHA by appointment 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy	CHUN- by appointment 8098900708	Monday to Friday
Yogic Healing Therapeutic Massage	BASU - by appointment 9443997568 or 9843567904	Monday to Friday 8 to 9:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Saturday & Sunday any time.
Deep core intensive massage	SUMIT by appointment 07839062619	Monday to Saturday
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>	In English and also in French

### BEAUTY PARLOR

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
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	MIMI by appointment-9489694626	Monday to Friday
Hair dressing	YUVAL by appointment 7639291546	Monday to Friday

### REGULAR CLASSES

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Pilates Classes	TERESA - 7867998952	Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Saturday
Hatha yoga classes	BRIONY - 07045560611	Monday & Wednesday at 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Thursday at 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
Svastha yoga classes	JANI - 8531021586	Tuesday-5:00 to 6:00 pm. Friday-9:00 to 10:00 am.

## Quiet Healing Center

### • BIORESONANCE at Quiet Healing Center

Afsaneh offers Bioresonance treatments, allergy tests, and chiropractic at the Quiet Healing Center. Now is still a good time to book before the guest season starts!  
Bookings: Quiet Healing Center (tel.0413-2622329/9488084966)

### • WOGA (Yoga in Water) 1 & 2 with Petra

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 December 2016 (2 days)  
Timings: 9.00 AM - 5.00 PM (12 hours in total)  
Bookings: Quiet Healing Center (tel.0413-2622329/9488084966)

Woga is the union of two words: water and yoga. It is based on yoga poses and stretches modified for warm water. Thanks to the decrease of gravity, the water gives ease to the movements, unblocks articulations, lengthens and melts muscles, removes negative tensions, prevents stress, insomnia and anxiety. Classes include breathing, warm-up exercises, a series of poses, and a relaxation period. Focus of Woga 1 is asanas in water; besides asanas, the program of Woga 2 is pranayama and meditation.

Prerequisite: no previous experience required (and also no need to know how to swim!).

### • WATSU BASIC with Petra

Wednesday 14 - Thursday 15 December 2016 (2 days)  
9.00 am - 6.00 pm (16 hours in total)

Bookings: Quiet Healing Center (tel.0413-2622329/9488084966)

Watsu, created by Harold Dull in the 1980s, is an aquatic bodywork modality given in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). This unique therapy offers an opportunity for profound relaxation and letting go, building trust, being nurtured and held, expanding inner and outer boundaries, releasing emotions and traumas - ultimately, for freeing body and mind in a flow unique to each client and each session.

In this course, you will learn and practice basic techniques and qualities of being (grounding, presence, stillness, flow, attention) to hold and move someone in water. You will experience floating other people and being floated, while creating a space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit.

Prerequisite:

no previous experience required (and also no need to know how to swim!).



## New Therapies at Pitanga

### Physiotherapy with Osnat

Osnat Cohen Khallas, Physiotherapist. *"Offering my knowledge and experience to help with musculoskeletal problems and disabilities from orthopedic or neurological origin."*

### Combined "Quantum Touch, Reiki and acupressure" with Julia

Julia is from Greece and is a specialist in healing muscular skeletal pain, internal organ problems and chakra balancing. Combines Quantum Touch, Reiki and acupressure.

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India ((0413) 2622403/2622994 / [Pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:Pitanga@auroville.org.in))

## Vérité December Workshops

24 hour advanced registration required -*Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshops: 0413 2622045, 7094104329 or [programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in)*  
*Contributions requested from quests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)*

- **SOUTH INDIAN ORGANIC COOKING with Rajaveni & Suba**  
Friday 2 December - from 9.30 am to 12:30 pm

Participants will pick some fresh organic vegetables from the garden with a local team, then learn how to cook them with traditional recipes, and enjoy eating the results!

*RAJAVENI is an Aurovilian who has been coordinating the Vérité kitchen for 20 years, and SUBA has been working there for the last 10 years. Both are Tamil women from the neighboring villages, happy to share the local culture with all.*

- **PRANAYAMA TRAINING (for all levels) with Ananda**  
Friday & Saturday 9 & 10 December  
- from 9.30 am to 4:30 pm

Prana is the breath of universal life energy. Mostly breathing and energy flow happens unconsciously as part of survival process. By becoming conscious and attentive to prana, and enhancing and directing its flow through the pranayama practices, we can rejuvenate the body-mind- energy, enhance sensitivity and perception, expand inner awareness, and open

the door to higher states of consciousness. In this Pranayama training, you will:

- Learn the science of Energy - Prana, Nadis, Chakras, Vayus
- Learn and practice basic pranayama techniques suitable for all times for everyone
- Learn and practice advanced pranayama techniques with restrictions
- Learn and practice bandhas (breath and energy locks)
- Learn and practice therapeutic pranayama practices useful for specific treatments.

*Ananda has been exploring yoga, meditation, mystics, and energy work for more than 24 years, and has studied and practiced healing modalities for over 10 years. He is professionally trained with international certifications in Watsu, Aqua wellness, Foot Reflexology, Hypnotherapy, Pranic Healing, Alchemy of Touch -Rebalancing.*

- **CONSCIOUSNESS AS MEDICINE with Dr. Yogesh Mohan**  
Saturday, 10 December - from 9 am to 12:30 pm

A consciousness approach to dealing with stress, common health problems and diseases, beyond what is written in medical texts. Experiential knowledge from a practitioner's perspective on inner healing.

*DR. YOGESH MOHAN, MD (JIPMER), PGPM (ISB) brings the essence of 20+ years of work. CEO of Saveetha Medical College and Hospital, Former Head Integrative Medicine Apollo Chennai.*

- **SOMATICS - AN INTRODUCTION FOR EVERY BODY!**  
With Maggie

Monday, 12 December - 9.30 am to 12:30 pm  
Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements (mind-body training) in the tradition of Thomas Hanna. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.

*Maggie is a professionally trained Somatic Movement Educator and offers workshops, classes and clinical sessions in highly effective technique.*

## ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS - DECEMBER



We remind you that the bus is Accessible to All, it means that everybody will be able to use it. People who have no physical problems, wheelchair users, mothers with buggies, people with temporary or permanently reduced mobility included. The differently able residents and guests who want to use the bus must call us one day or one hour in advance and they will be picked up at their communities.  
For those who would like to contribute more to support the Accessible Auroville Public Bus here is the account number 251675 - With Gratitude, AV Bus Team (- Email contact: [avbus@auroville.org.in](mailto:avbus@auroville.org.in))

### Morning Trips: MONDAY to SATURDAY

8.20 am - Vérité  
8.25 am - Matrimandir office gate  
8.30 am - Solar kitchen  
8.32 am - Certitude  
8.40 am - Kuilapalayam  
(New Creation Junction)  
8.42 am - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank )  
8.45 am - (Former) Last School  
8.50 am - Quiet  
9.00 am - Lotus Hotel  
9.05 am - Ashram Dining Hall

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12.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall  
12.05 pm - Lotus Hotel  
12.15 pm - Quiet  
12.20 pm - (Former) Last School  
12.23 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank )  
12.25 pm - Kuilapalayam  
(New Creation Junction)  
12.33 pm - Certitude  
12.35 pm - Solar Kitchen  
12.40 pm - Matrimandir Office Gate  
12.45 pm - Vérité

### Afternoon Trips: WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

4.20 pm - Vérité  
4.25 pm - Matrimandir office gate  
4.30 pm - Solar kitchen  
4.33 pm - Certitude  
4.40 pm - Kuilapalayam  
(New Creation Junction)  
4.42 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank )  
4.45 pm - (Former) Last School  
4.50 pm - Quiet  
5.00 pm - Lotus Hotel  
5.05 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

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8.10 pm - Ashram Dining Hall  
8.15 pm - Lotus Hotel  
8.25 pm - Quiet  
8.30 pm - (Former) Last School  
8.33 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank )  
8.35 pm - Kuilapalayam  
(New Creation Junction)  
8.43 pm - Certitude  
8.45 pm - Solar Kitchen  
8.50 pm - Matrimandir Office Gate  
8.55 pm - Vérité

### \*\*NEW\*\* Short afternoon Trips: MONDAY & SATURDAY

2.50 pm - Vérité  
2.55 pm - Matrimandir office gate  
3.00 pm - Solar kitchen  
3.03 pm - Certitude  
3.08 pm - Kuilapalayam  
(New Creation Junction)  
3.10 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank )  
3.12 pm - (Former) Last School  
3.18 pm - Quiet  
3.30 pm - Lotus Hotel  
3.35 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

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6.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall  
6.05 pm - Lotus Hotel  
6.17 pm - Quiet  
6.23 pm - (Former) Last School  
6.25 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank )  
6.27 pm - Kuilapalayam  
(New Creation Junction)  
6.33 pm - Certitude  
6.35 pm - Solar Kitchen  
6.40 pm - Matrimandir Office Gate  
6.45 pm - Vérité

## REGULAR EVENTS IN DECEMBER

### Note from the editors

The *Regular Events* column is published once a month. Guest-houses are kindly requested to put this page up on their notice boards.

**Kindly inform us of any changes/cancellation of your event,** or if you want your regular event to be added to the listing

### Online Auroville Events Calendar

(no need to log in for guests! - just scroll down the page)

The schedule of events for the week can be accessed by all, including Guests and Visitors, on the Auronet login page:

[www.auroville.org.in](http://www.auroville.org.in)

**AcroYoga Class:** Venue: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall, Center Field. Thursday 4.30 to 6 pm. Contact: 2622584/9442328120. 50 % discount for people under 30 years old. Multiple classes discount available. On donation basis for Aurovilians, Newcomers, and SAVI registered volunteers.

**AcroYoga for Beginners:** Saturdays 8:30 to 10:15 am at Arka. - Partner flow: warming up with asanas and stretching with a partner - Inversions: flying and playing with partners. *Damien* 90 47 72 27 40

**African Drumming Sessions:** The African Pavilion Team is happy to announce a series of drumming sessions that will take place every Thursday from 7 pm till 9 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!

**Aikido classes at the Auroville Budokan (Dehashakti):** *Beginners:* Monday and Wednesday evening 6.00 to 7.00 pm and Saturday morning 6.30 to 7.30 am (mixed levels). *Advanced* (morning classes): Tuesday - Thursday 6.00 to 7.30 am and mixed levels on Saturday 6.30 to 7.30 am. Please be at the Dojo/Budokan at least 15 min. before the class starts.

Beginners may wear long loose pants & t-shirt with sleeves for the start (no tight fitting please), then a white "keikogi" will be required. Health Fund or private insurance necessary - Reasonable contribution required for the Dojo. For Children classes and more general info, please write to [budokan@auroville.org.in](mailto:budokan@auroville.org.in) or contact *Surya*: 0413-2623.813 or 9655.4854.87 Our webpage: [budokan.auroville.org/](http://budokan.auroville.org/)

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

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

**Astrology, its holistic approach:** Astrological Chart by *Uma Gimenez*. You are welcome to call and fix an appointment at 0413-2623080 or 9443697972 (Surrender). The reading can be held in English, Spanish, French and Italian.

**Authentic Tamil culture:** *Meena*, a Tamil Aurovillian, offers courses every Sunday morning to explore the beauty of the authentic Tamil Culture. Meeting point: Courage Gate. The course can be tailored to your choice including: 1. Cooking lessons, 2. How to make kolam, 3. How to wear a sari, 4. Henna design on hands and feet, 5. How to make flower garlands 6. Tailoring. If you are interested, please call Meena to talk about the details of your class and fix the time. During the day call: 9787702180, after 5 pm you may use the landline: 0413 2623263.

**AVYA Auroville Youth Activities:** a brand new website presenting the regular Youth Activities available in Auroville: [youthactivities.auroville.org.in](http://youthactivities.auroville.org.in). The primary goal is to provide the Auroville community (especially children/parents), with an organized and simple overview to become aware of the Activities available in Auroville, for the AV Youth. If you wish to add your activity to the website, kindly send your contact details (sport, name, phone number, email) to [youthactivities@auroville.org.in](mailto:youthactivities@auroville.org.in).

**"Birth awake Auroville":** is offering: Birth and Parenting books and dvds LIBRARY - Empowered pregnancy and birth circles - For details contact *Prem Shakti*: [premshakti@auroville.org.in](mailto:premshakti@auroville.org.in) / 9489244823

### Buddha Garden Activities:

1) **Introductory tour:** every Monday at 10.00 am until lunch time. For further details contact *Priya*: [priya@auroville.org.in](mailto:priya@auroville.org.in).

2) **Demonstration vegetable garden:** at the back of the Visitors Centre. Come and help us every Tuesday 4.30 - 5.30 pm. Meet at the Visitors Centre back entrance at 4.30 pm and ask for *Spiros* (8531913924).

3) **Adventures in Cooking and Eating:** every Thursday at Buddha Garden, starting at 10.30am and finishing with lunch. For further details contact *Sivakala* 9585975292

**Capoeira (Ginga Saroba Group):** Join our Capoeira family! Classes open to all levels, led by Prof. Samuka da India and his students

• **ADULTS** >> Monday: 5.15 PM - Bharat Nivas (Sawchu) | Tuesday & Thursday: 6.00 PM - Deepanam | Wednesday & Friday: 7.00 AM - Town Hall (Plaza)

• **KIDS** >> Monday & Friday: 1.15 PM - Deepanam School - Contact us prior bringing a new kid

• **CONTACT** >> 9488328435 (Prof. Samuka) | [info@ginga-saroba.com](mailto:info@ginga-saroba.com) | [www.ginga-saroba.com](http://www.ginga-saroba.com)

**Capoeira (Grupo Ginqado Capoeira):** Monday 6-7:30pm @ Bamboo Land (Near Imagination) / Friday 6-7:30pm @ New Creation dance studio / Saturday 11am-12:30pm Music Class @ Bamboo Land (near Imagination)

Classes led by Instructor Camaleao (Jeremy) with over 20 years of Capoeira experience. Axe!

For more info visit: [www.ginqadocapoeira.in](http://www.ginqadocapoeira.in) / [info@ginqadocapoeira.in](mailto:info@ginqadocapoeira.in) / 9489322615.

**Chinese fire cupping /Moxibustion Therapy:** Fire cupping(火罐) and Moxibustion (艾灸) are both ancient therapies based on TCM theory. They can remove one's blockage and accumulated toxin from deep inside the body as well as improving your immune system, effective in acute and chronic internal organ disorders such as pain, stiffness, fever, chill, cough, wheeze, nausea and vomiting etc... By appointment only: *Chun* - 80989-00708 / [chun@auroville.org.in](mailto:chun@auroville.org.in)

**Clay classes for children and adults:** with Saraswati and Anna. Please mail to [aurokatrusya@gmail.com](mailto:aurokatrusya@gmail.com) for details. Regards *Saraswati* 9787571633

**Community Permaculture Gardens:** We meet every Wednesday at 3:30 to 5 pm at the Town hall permaculture site to manage the gardens and to learn more about permaculture and local food. *Krishna* 9843319260

**Creativity - Life Drawing Circle: Time:** Tuesdays, 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Venue: Creativity Atelier. Creativity Community. Fees: None, FREE. All are welcome to immerse themselves in our intense and inspiring session of life drawing. The idea is to explore one's creative self in a friendly and fun environment. This is not an instruction based class. A model and basic drawing materials will be arranged for. It is free, but we seek your generous donation to maintain the well-endowed studio and sustain the enriching experience. We also welcome those who would like to model for our artists. For more information or to book yourself, please contact *Lakshay* on 9810052574. Cheers!

**Dance Fitness:** classes have started again in New Creation with *Elodie* .Tuesday and Friday from 5pm until 6pm. If you want to have fun and be active see you there!

**Feminine dance for all women:** in Cripa, Kalabhumi: Tuesdays at 4pm. **An additional class will be held by Priscila on Fridays at 7:15 am.** Feminine Dance has historically been a mystical art, a dynamic method to experience the energies of the Universe. We will create an opportunity to reconnect joyfully to our body, reawaken the flow of feminine energy, move to the living pulse of life and have fun in the loving presence of other women. Bring comfortable dance clothes. A flowing skirt and hip scarf are recommended. [galit@auroville.org.in](mailto:galit@auroville.org.in)

**Flamenco In Cripa Every Wednesday:** From 3:15 to 4:45 pm. We will practice the flamenco position and attitude for dancing, the movements of hands, arms, body, legs and foot. We will listen to flamenco music to understand the roots of this dance. We will create a flamenco choreography. Come and enjoy with us, *Flamenco team*.

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

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

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

**Hiphop classes :** New in New Creation Dance Studio! By *Vijay*, for young students from 8-18 years Tuesdays from 6-7pm. Saturdays from 4-5pm.

**Improvisation Theatre Workshop:** Our training program is dedicated to surveying the breadth of theatre improv and providing a transformative experience that will empower you to explore improv at whatever level of mastery to which you aspire. For more information contact: *Veronique J.* (9488512678) or *Emanuele* (9943970834). Fridays from 4.30-6 pm Venue: SAWCHU.

**Leela, the Game of the Self Knowledge:** Paused- Starts again on 4<sup>th</sup> of December! Contact: *Veronique J.* 9488512678 [www.leelathegame.blogspot.in](http://www.leelathegame.blogspot.in)

**Life Coaching:** Using awareness, visualization & imagination techniques, life coaching is very useful in period of changes and doubts in order to get in contact with your intuitive self and find the creative & dynamic thread of your life again. For appointment contact Pitanga: 2622403 or Vani: 9488818072/ [vani@auroville.org.in](mailto:vani@auroville.org.in) /Reiki and Reflexology courses possible on request

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

**Mixed Martial Arts:** Paused - Contact *Giacomo* 9487340778 [giacomoauroville@gmail.com](mailto:giacomoauroville@gmail.com) to know restart date!

**Mudra-Chi Workshop:** A body Prayer in a Tai-Chi Form. First Sunday of each month, at 5 p.m. (This month: on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>) At Savitri Bhavan. Facilitator: *Anandi*. For further information or Special Classes, contact me, [anandi7@auroville.org.in](mailto:anandi7@auroville.org.in)

**Nada Yoga:** Tuesdays 2 to 4pm - In Creativity hall of light. Nada Yoga or Yoga of Sound teaches us to perceive sounds in different parts of the body that are connected to the central energetic channel. These ancient Yoga techniques re-align the energy flow and give peace and quiet serenity. In addition to these techniques, during the classes we will also learn many devotional songs. Contact *Hamsini*: 9487544184. She has been a perpetual student of Nada Yoga for 14 years and has been teaching it for 5 years.

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

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

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

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

**Pilates with Teresa:**

**"Prana Vashya" Asana Yoga:** at Joy Community Guesthouse Hall, Center Field. Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 4.30 to 6 pm. Contact: 0413-2622584/9442328120. This practice is a sixty asana sequence focusing on the development of strength with flexibility. The breath remains the key for practice throughout the series and the practitioner focuses on maintaining continuity in the breath

and movements during the whole practice. Drop in class, fixed contribution for guests (50 % discount for under 30 with ID proof), free donation for AVs, NCs & long-term volunteers (with SAVI registration proof).

**Pregnancy Classes:** We hold a space for pregnant mothers to share information and work on reflecting on pregnancy and moving from emotional blockages, getting advice to overcome difficulties, fears & doubts about birth and bringing more joy into the birthing journey. Time and place will be determined by mutual availability of the pregnant mothers and Ally. For more information please contact: [ally@auroville.org.in](mailto:ally@auroville.org.in). *Allison*

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

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

**Restorative Circles (RC):** workshops, practice groups, calling a live Circle, and other questions. Contact *L'aura*: 9442788016, [restorative@auroville.org.in](mailto:restorative@auroville.org.in), [joylivinglearning@gmail.com](mailto:joylivinglearning@gmail.com), [www.facebook.com/RestorativeAuroville](http://www.facebook.com/RestorativeAuroville)

**Salsa in CRIPA:** Salsa dance class led by *Vijay*, followed by practice time. Every Tuesday 6pm-7:30pm. At CRIPA in Kalabhumi. Open to all: Aurovilians, Volunteers, Newcomers, and Guests! (on contribution)

**Sanskrit Mantras:** at Joy Community Guesthouse Hall, Center Field. Drop in: Wednesday 6 to 7pm. Regular students: Friday 6 to 7 pm. Contact: 2622584/9442328120. 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 these classes in the traditional way. Drop in class, fixed contribution for guests (50 % discount for under 30 with ID proof), free donation for AVs, NCs & long-term volunteers (with SAVI registration proof)

**Satsang:** a sharing for spiritual upliftment; Savitri Bhavan, Saturdays 5-6:30 pm

**Sketchers' Club:** outdoor sketching event every Saturday, each time at a new location in and around Auroville, from 4 pm until sundown. The main purpose of starting this club is to enjoy the activity with fellow sketchers to observe and draw the location. If you enjoy the idea of being in the open, record the reality as you see it, you're welcome to join us! Note: This is not a teaching session. Bring your own preferred drawing medium, sketchpad... and whatever you need to enjoy! Love, *Lakshay* / 9810052574.

**Skyworks: Tree Climbing Workshops:** RECREATIONAL. You want the experience without learning all the knots? The ropes are already positioned in the trees. The knots are tied and tested before you hook on. After being fitted with your saddle and some short instructions on safety and climbing techniques, you are off and climbing! Kids of all ages welcome. ADVANCED You want to learn the ropes and get off the ground. During class we teach both the double and single ropes techniques plus demonstrate many of the new climbing devices available. You will learn to install the ropes in the trees, tie and use several climbing knots and ascend and descend both with the knots but also with ascenders and descenders. For conditions and appointment call *Satyajaji* 853 103 35 45

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

**Sound Bath - Unity Journey:** Take a shower of soothing waves & vibrations. Every Wednesday 5.30- 6.30 pm in Unity Pavilion.

*Aurelio & team* will create and share an experiential space of deep relaxation through a basic tuning process and an exposure to the soothing waves and vibrations of pure acoustic instruments. Gongs, bells, chimes, strings and diverse new & archaic sound sources will invite the listener into a sound journey through inner landscapes and synesthetic contemplation towards a Unity experience. Contact 0413-2622220. - [svaram@auroville.org.in](mailto:svaram@auroville.org.in) - [www.svaram.org](http://www.svaram.org)

**Sound Therapy and Exploration in the Body for Self-Healing:** Harmonizing and restoring healing sessions through the magic of the sounds from a specially designed sound bed and other music instruments that enhance the self-healing powers of your being... The aim is to put you in a state of relaxation which enables you to see or feel yourself deeply according to your own awareness. In addition to the sound journey, you will be guided through your body to explore new dimensions which has an action and a benefit on the 3 levels: Physical, Energetical and Mental. This exploration based on the concepts of Chinese Medicine will help you reconnect with your organs and holistic being. In case of emergency I may help releasing sciatica pain ("Ischias" in German). To book your appointment, please call *Isha* at: (0413) 2622192 / (+91) 99433 05092

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

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

**Spiritual coaching with Sitara:** tools: Bach flowers, mandala and affirmation work, spontaneous writing, hypnosis, meditation, visualization and yin yoga. For appointment contact *Sitara* 9751798408 [tara@auroville.org.in](mailto:tara@auroville.org.in)

**Spontaneous Singing with Antoine:** Creativity - Hall of Light Every Wednesday, 5 pm - 6:30 pm. Max 10 people - Please come on time 8940740529.

**Svastha Yoga in Arka:** Svastha Yoga, a holistic non-standardized yoga practice & teaching methodology as taught by Sri T Krishnamacharya. Gentle classes accessible to a broad spectrum of students, adapted to individual needs & abilities. *Jani* is a long-standing student of AG Mohan & Indra Mohan, Svastha Yoga & Ayurveda Chennai. Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00 pm and Friday: 9:00 - 10:00 am / Individual classes also available. Contact details: *C Jani* / Cell: 8531-021586 / Email: [cjani4@gmail.com](mailto:cjani4@gmail.com)

**Tamil Literary Classes and Craft Lessons:** Ilaignarkal Education Centre organizes Tamil Literary Classes every Thursday evening 5 pm-6 pm. Regular attendance is appreciated. Lectures by seasoned professors in Tamil Literature, History and Culture are opened to all Monday through Friday any time Also classes on languages, sewing, drawing, painting and simple handicrafts for Auroville workers and Aurovilians interested. Contact us to organize classes according to your schedule. Phone No: (0413) 2623 773. Email: [tamil@auroville.org.in](mailto:tamil@auroville.org.in). *R. Meenakshi* ( *Ilaignarkal Education Centre* )

**Tai Chi Hall @ Sharnqa:** (Restarts on 23/11) Monday 7.30am-9am Chi and 24-form; Tuesday 7.30am-8.30am Chi; Tuesday 8.30am-9.30am 24 form; Wednesday 7.30am-8.30am 127 form; Thursday 7.30am-8.30am 108 form; Friday 7.30am-8.30am 108 form; Saturday 7.30am-8.30am 127 form.

**Thai Yoga Massage:** Joy Community Guesthouse Hall, Center Field. Every Wed/Fri 2.30 to 4 pm. Thai Massage is an ancient healing system combining rhythmic acupressure, body rocking and deep assisted stretches to relieve muscular tension and enables more blood to be carried throughout the body. (The receiver wears loose, comfortable clothing and lies on a firm mattress on the floor). Please call Joy Community at 2622584 or 9442328120 or

email to [joycommunity@auroville.org.in](mailto:joycommunity@auroville.org.in) to request an appointment. Fixed contribution for guests (50 % discount for under 30 with ID proof), free donation for AVs, NCs & long-term volunteers (with SAVI registration proof).

**Tibetan Dinner and (NEW!) Lunch:** On Wednesdays at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture - International Zone. We would like to relate these Wednesday happenings with our concept of celebrating White Wednesday, so a film on Tibetan Culture will be shown after dinner at 7:45pm. Advance reservation needed for the lunch and for the dinner. For more information call *Namgyal* or *Kalsang* at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. Phone number 0413 2622401 or email [kalsang@auroville.org.in](mailto:kalsang@auroville.org.in).

**Ultimate Frisbee: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Gaia Sports Field 4.30 pm to sundown** (turn left before Gaia community gate). Helps improve stamina, hand/eye coordination, and focus through running, throwing, & catching the disc; along with patience & teamwork and Spirit of the Game. Bring running shoes if you have them. Contact [avultimate@auroville.org.in](mailto:avultimate@auroville.org.in) with any questions or just come ready to play!

**Up Cycling Studio:** Make your LFA cushion at Up cycling Studio. You will Up cycle PVC and have one cushion free. Every Saturday, from 10:00 am, Up cycling studio will conduct workshops for the composing of Cushion. If you need more detail, please contact OK: 9344002972 or email [okjeonglee@gmail.com](mailto:okjeonglee@gmail.com).

**Vedic Astrology:** Chart reading and interpretation. Call 9843948288 or email [vikram@auroville.org.in](mailto:vikram@auroville.org.in) for an appointment.

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

**Vocal Coaching and Sacred Chanting:** We will explore and learn how to develop your vocal instrument. The second part of the class will be dedicated to : learning Mantras, Kirtans and Bajhans. (devotional and peace songs). **Mondays From 2pm to 4pm at Creativity at hall of light.** Contact *Hamsini* 9487544184.

**Welcome To The Women Temple:** In Sve-dame, Butterfly Barn Wednesday 23 November, 7 to 9pm - (Also 7 & 21 December) - (door opens at 6.45 & we start together on time!). In the temple group we explore, worship and celebrate our feminine power through meditation, movement, touch, introspection, beauty and wisdom of sisterhood. The space we create together and the exercises help us towards soulful connections - we meet behind our personal stories. Welcome to bring a friend and a flower or two! (no registration needed). Please park outside the community gate!

**Youth Entertainment Program presents the YEPweek:** a program especially designed for guest kids, to enjoy their stay, and discover Auroville. We will take them from place to place, where the kids will participate in various activities facilitated by Aurovilians. This program (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm) offers a good balance between visits, activities and free playing time. Joyfully, *Yep Team* (+91-9626565134)

**The Youth Center Pizza Nights are on Fire:** And so is the fire wood oven, so when Saturday evening 7 00 pm comes around, get your chappals on and kick your bike to life (or jump on your cycle), follow your nose and you'll end up at the right place! We have pizza iolos rolling out doughs by the second and a precisely highly trained group of hands sprinkling the pizzas with all kinds of toppings and tasty Auroville cheeses. And lots more, so see you there!

## FILMS

### CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

Reminder: Friday 2 December "THE MAN WHO KNEW INFINITY" (Ramanujan)

There will be no film show on Friday 9 Dec. for another program is to take place at the Auditorium, Bharat Nivas.

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## VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

8th December Thursday: NO SHOW

9th December Friday: NO SHOW

Sorry for the inconvenience, *Suresh*

## AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 5th of December 2016 at 6:30 pm

"THE MOTHER on SRI AUROBINDO"

On the 5th of December 1950 Sri Aurobindo left his body. The Mother said: "Sri Aurobindo is here, as living and as present as ever and it is left to us to realise his work with all the sincerity, eagerness and concentration necessary." And "What Sri Aurobindo represents in the history of the earth's spiritual progress... is a mighty action straight from the Supreme. ... Sri Aurobindo has come on earth... to open concretely the route towards an imminent and inevitable future".

A film by the Sri Aurobindo Ashram from 1992 and re-edited in 2015. Duration: 22:00min.

## The PAVILION OF TIBETAN CULTURE

Presents, on Wednesday 7 December at 7.45 pm  
(following The Tibetan Dinner)

"CRAZY WISDOM"

A documentary film based on the life and times of  
CHOGYAM TRUNGPA Rinpoche (89 minutes)

- See more details under "Invitations" - p.14

## LE PAVILLON DE FRANCE Presents

« HUMAN VOL. II »

War - Forgiveness - Homosexuality - Family - Life after Death

Film in French (85 mins) - Director: Yann Arthus Bertrand

Saturday, 10th December 2016

5:00 pm at Cinema Paradiso (Town Hall)

HUMAN is a diptych of stories and images of our world which creates an immersion into the depths of the human being. Through the testimonies of happiness filled with love but also with hatred and violence, HUMAN confronts us with the Other and brings us back to our own lives. Aerial pictures, with music as an opera, show the beauty of the world and offer us moments of breathing and introspection. The film allows us to embrace the human condition and to think about the very meaning of our existence - "I dreamed of a film where the power of words resonates over the beauty of the world".

Beyond the film itself, the ambition of the project is to re-create links and to gather strong values of solidarity and commitment in order for us to live together in the long run. We hope that this film will be an opportunity for debate and allow the local networks to present their own initiatives.

Note: "HUMAN VOL. III" will be on Saturday, 24th December

## KINO AUROVILLE presents

Kino Auroville will have its second screening of all the films made in the past month.

Please come to the Cinema Paradiso at the Town Hall this Saturday 3rd December at 10 am.



All are invited to watch the films and meet other like-minded people interested in making short films.

If you have a film you want to be screened, please arrive 15 minutes before.

## THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, December 9th 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!!

### CIVILISATIONS: THE MASTERS OF THE RIVER

45mins/English 2006 Directed by Serge Tignères and Tomomi Nagazawa

Thousands of years ago, the mysterious city of Mohenjo Daro was home to an unknown, advanced and prosperous civilization that used technology, conserved water and constructed buildings that were unique to the ancient world. Artifacts, relics and ruins reveal startling evidence that the inhabitants of Mohenjo Daro possessed inventions that were far ahead of their time.

(Reminder: Friday- December 2nd - Money & Life)

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413)2677682 or (0413)2677683 or [sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in](mailto:sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in) - Or visit us online: [sadhanaforest.org](http://sadhanaforest.org) / [facebook.com/sadhanaforest](https://facebook.com/sadhanaforest)

### Important information about News & Notes

#### Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm

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 Tuesday deadline (5pm) 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.**

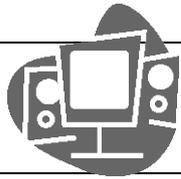
**Articles for the Notes section** should ideally be no longer than 500 words. All articles and reports need to reach us by Tuesday noon.

**Visiting hours:** Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; **No visitors on Wednesday.**

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# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 5 December 2016 to 11 December 2016

**Subcontinental - Monday 5 December, 8:00 pm:**

- **DUKHTAR (Daughter)**

Pakistan-Norway-USA, 2014, Writer-Dir. Afia Nathaniel w/ Samiya Mumtaz, Mohib Mirza, Saleha Aref, Drama-Thriller, 93mins, Urdu-Pushto w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (R)

At 15 Allah Rakhi was married off to a much older tribal chieftain Daulat Khan, who took her from her family in Lahore to live with him in the mountains. Now, two decades later, Daulat Khan is presented with the opportunity to make peace with rival tribe leader Tor Gul. He seals the deal by his and Allah Rakhi's 10yrs old daughter Zainab in marriage with Gul. Tormented at the prospect Allah Rakhi flees with the oblivious young girl in tow. Pursued by the henchman of Daulat Khan and Tor Gul, and knowing that she is highly conspicuous as an unaccompanied woman on a mountain road, Allah Rakhi manages to lie her way in getting a lift from Sohail, a sympathetic truck driver. But when Sohail finds out he is forced to decide whether he will endanger his own life to chaperon the duo to safety in Lahore.

**German - Tuesday 6 December, 8:00 pm:**

- **AUSLANDSTOURNEE (Tour Abroad)**

Germany, 2000 Dir. Ayse Polat w/ Hilmi Sözer, Özlem Blume, Özay Fecht, and others, Drama, 90 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Zeki, a homosexual artist from Turkey receives the message that his colleague Mahmut has died. He travels to Hamburg for his burial and has suddenly to care for Mahmut's 11-year old daughter. Both start traveling via Paris and South Germany to Istanbul on the search for her aunt, who is in reality her mother. The film drafts a picture of the Turkish life in Europe that has not been seen yet.

**Interesting - Wednesday 7 December, 8:00 pm:**

- **L'AMOUR FOU**

France, 2010, Dir. Pierre Thoretton w/Yves Saint-Laurent, Pierre Bergé, Betty Catroux, and others, Documentary, 98mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Shortly after the death of Yves Saint Laurent (1936-2008), his lover Pierre Bergé talks to the camera about their life together, moving chronologically from their meeting when 21-year-old Saint Laurent became creative director at Christian Dior upon the founder's death, through twice-annual unveilings of new collections, life in Marrakesh, Saint Laurent's depression and drug use, sobriety, and retirement. The boxing and auctioning of their vast collection of art brings the story to a close. Archival photos and news footage as well as interviews with a few friends give texture to Bergé's account. *A film not to be missed!*

**French - Thursday 8 December, 8:00 pm:**

- **MON ROI (My King)**

France, 2015, Dir. Maiwenn w/ Vincent Cassel, Emmanuelle Bercot, Louis Garrel, and others, Drama, 125 mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated PG.

In this award winning film, after a serious accident, Tony is admitted in a reeducation center. She takes the time to remember the tumultuous affair she has had with Georgio. Who is really the man she has loved so much?

**International - Saturday 10 December, 8:00 pm:**

- **BROTHERS OF THE WIND**

Austria, 2015, Dir. Gerardo Olivares & Otmar Penker w/ Jean Reno, Manuel Camacho, Tobias Moretti, and others, Adventure-Family, 98mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

The way of the eagle to raise two chicks, the stronger one is destined to throw away its weaker from the nest. Man also has his ways often to hurt those closest to him. Lukas suffers at the hands of a father who has withdrawn since the loss of his wife. Killed whilst rescuing the infant Lukas, the boy now carries the burden of her death. Our eagle's story begins in the nest. The first-born chick pushes his weaker brother to a certain death on the forest floor. But fate intervenes and the chick is found by Lukas. Naming him Abel, Lukas cares for the creature in secret, finding a love and companionship denied to him at home. But when the day comes to release Abel back into the wild, will Lukas find his own release into a new life? *It is a powerful tale of hope; the kind of film that opens heart with its visual and story.*

**Children's Film - Sunday 11 December, 4:30 pm:**

- **BACHEHA-YE-ASEMAN (Children of Heaven)**

Iran, Dir: Majid Majidi w/, Mohammad Amir Naji, Amir Farrokh Hashemian and others, Drama, 89mins, Persian w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

After a boy loses his sister's pair of shoes, he goes on a series of adventures in order to find them. When he can't, he tries a new way to "win" a new pair.

**WOODY ALLEN Film Festival @ Ciné-Club**

**Ciné-Club - Sunday 11 December, 8:00 pm:**

- **MANHATTAN**

USA, 1979, Dir. Woody Allen w/Diane Keaton, Woody Allen and others, Comedy- Romance, 96mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R

A middle-aged TV writer, living in Manhattan, finds himself torn between relationships with a teenage girl who idolizes him, a thirty-something woman who shares his intellectual passions, and an ex-wife who left him for another woman. Woody Allen combines witty dialogue, music of George Gershwin, and atmospheric locations in one of his best romantic comedies.

**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.

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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→ Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271

→ Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. reachable 24/7.



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# FOOTPRINT

A dance performance

10 December '16, Saturday  
8:00 pm  
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium  
Auroville



India meets Denmark in this fully integrated fusion of dance and music that merges tradition with innovation. Four of today's most acclaimed and prolific dancers from both countries share the stage under the direction of choreographer, Birgitte Bauer-Nilson.

Footprint is inspired by the story of Siddhartha's journey towards enlightenment. Our walk of life tells a story about who we are and what makes us recognisable.

When we share footprints, we gain new awareness and follow new paths.

contact: 0413-2622914 ([bharatnivas@auroville.org.in](mailto:bharatnivas@auroville.org.in))