

News & Notes

21st January 2017.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 683



HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Then is she moved to all that she is not
And stretches arms to what was never hers.
Outstretching arms to the unconscious Void,
Passionate she prays to invisible forms of Gods
Soliciting from dumb Fate and toiling Time
What most she needs, what most exceeds her scope,
A Mind unvisited by illusion's gleams,
A Will expressive of soul's deity,
A Strength not forced to stumble by its speed,
A Joy that drags not sorrow as its shade.
For these she yearns and feels them destined hers:
Heaven's privilege she claims as her own right.
Just is her claim the all-witnessing Gods approve,
Clear in a greater light than reason owns:
Our intuitions are its title-deeds;
Our souls accept what our blind thoughts refuse.
Earth's winged chimaeras are Truth's steeds in Heaven,
The impossible God's sign of things to be.
But few can look beyond the present state
Or overleap this matted hedge of sense.
All that transpires on earth and all beyond
Are parts of an illimitable plan
The One keeps in his heart and knows alone.
Our outward happenings have their seed within,
And even this random Fate that imitates Chance,
This mass of unintelligible results,
Are the dumb graph of truths that work unseen:
The laws of the Unknown create the known.
The events that shape the appearance of our lives
Are a cipher of subliminal quiverings
Which rarely we surprise or vaguely feel,
Are an outcome of suppressed realities
That hardly rise into material day:
They are born from the spirit's sun of hidden powers
Digging a tunnel through emergency.
But who shall pierce into the cryptic gulf
And learn what deep necessity of the soul
Determined casual deed and consequence?
Absorbed in a routine of daily acts,
Our eyes are fixed on an external scene;
We hear the crash of the wheels of Circumstance
And wonder at the hidden cause of things.
Yet a foreseeing Knowledge might be ours,
If we could take our spirit's stand within,
If we could hear the muffled daemon voice.
Too seldom is the shadow of what must come
Cast in an instant on the secret sense
Which feels the shock of the invisible,
And seldom in the few who answer give
The mighty process of the cosmic Will
Communicates its image to our sight,
Identifying the world's mind with ours.
Our range is fixed within the crowded arc
Of what we observe and touch and thought can guess
And rarely dawns the light of the Unknown
Waking in us the prophet and the seer.
The outward and the immediate are our field,
The dead past is our background and support;
Mind keeps the soul prisoner, we are slaves to our acts;
We cannot free our gaze to reach wisdom's sun.

SRI AUROBINDO - SAVITRI, B.I, Ch. IV: The secret knowledge

The
Ponder
Corner

*Plan not with the intellect, but let thy divine sight
arrange thy plans for thee. When a means comes
to thee as thing to be done, make that thy aim;
as for the end, it is, in world, accomplishing
itself and, in thy soul, already accomplished.*
Sri Aurobindo

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Report of the Land Protection workshops - Call for Community Feedback

Workshop 10-11 December 2016 and 07 January 2017, Unity Pavilion

This workshop was attended by about 120 people, and consisted of 3 full morning sessions as well as a series of 4 meetings attended by a Core Group of workshop participants, to investigate the options further and prepare a set of recommendations to be presented on the 3rd Workshop day.

Workshop Day 1: The object of the Workshop was introduced with the following questions: "Do we need statutory protection for the Auroville area" and "What are we protecting against?" An illustrated presentation on the topic of 'Ground Realities' exposing the real estate pressure within the master plan area followed. The participants were then asked to share their concerns and their dreams relating to the lands of the Auroville area. During these sessions, there was a noticeable concurrence between the responses worded in different ways by the participants. Resistance was expressed to the idea of guiding decision-making by fear. Many participants expressed enthusiasm about 'getting our act together' and for measures that could be implemented by residents internally and in collaboration with private land-owners and the surrounding villages.

Workshop Day 2: Participants were introduced to the legal structure regulating land use and administration in Tamil Nadu, then followed presentations and Questions and Answers on each of the proposed approaches for land protection circulated to the participants before the workshop. These options were:

- Creation of a **unique statutory land regulation framework** for Auroville, tailor-made to the uniqueness of the project (presented by Lata and Suhasini). This would involve seeking a new act to be passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly)
- Revival of an **Amendment to the Town and Country Planning Act** that had been submitted to local authorities in 2009;
- Formation of a **New Town Development Authority** for the Auroville area, constituted with the sole purpose of protecting the Master Plan of Auroville and the Aims and Ideals given by the Mother for the development of Auroville (presented by the NTDA task force members and Toine);
- To remain under the existing statutory regulations** in force in the area until the existing Master Plan can be supplemented by a detailed Land Use Schedule and accompanying Detailed Development Plans commissioned by the Residents Assembly, created in consultation with the Community of Auroville and approved by the RA and the Governing Board, while actively pursuing all possibilities for non-statutory protection of the land, such as Land Purchase, increased collaboration with local authorities and accelerated growth of all aspects of Auroville, such as population, economy, education etc. (presented by Shraddhavan).

It was agreed by the participants that a Core Group should be formed to summarise these proposals and to prepare recommendations for a way forward to be presented on Workshop Day 3. The following people volunteered as members of the Core Group: Bertrand, Carel, Dorle, Elisa, Lata,

Mandakini, Martin L., Pashi, Patrick, Paul V., Peter A., Rishi, Sauro, Shraddhavan, Suhasini, Toine. (At some meetings, Patrick was replaced by Navroz).

Core Group meetings: the members met on 13/12, 20/12, 27/12 and 03/01/17 and arrived at the conclusion that various options put forward were not incompatible and all worth further exploration. On 20/12 Mr. Chunkath joined the group to answer questions on the NTDA option. After closely examining each of the Options, and formulating a set of criteria, recommendations were agreed on for presentation to the participants on Workshop Day 3.

Workshop Day 3: in the presence of Mr Chunkath, all the aforementioned options were presented and followed by questions from the Participants to the Core Group members. The following recommendations and criteria were then presented, and approved by the gathering.

MOVING FORWARD: A: Organisational structure

- The Core Group recommends that the NTDA task force be merged into a new team for Land Protection* granting further discussions with the local authorities.
- That the team for land protection* should be created to further the recommendations of the workshop participants
- The team for land protection will be open to RA members willing to commit to the process and will report and work under the guidance of the Working Committee, the TDC and the Auroville Council
- The team for land protection will work to determine the feasibility of the proposals brought forth during the workshop
- The team for land protection will bring its findings to a Residents Assembly meeting within 3 months for further consideration

Criteria to be used for inquiry

The proposal should:

- Respect and promote the fundamental principles laid out by The Mother for the development and organisation of Auroville
- Protect the ability of the Auroville residents to make their own planning decisions in accordance with the Charter and the vision of The Mother for Auroville
- Protect Auroville's environmental values and promote sustainable biological diversity
- Encourage sustainable development based on social, environmental and economic equity in harmonious coexistence with the local villages and local administrative bodies
- Assure a solid and durable protection for the land needed to develop the Auroville township
- Be operational within a "realistic time frame"

* *The words "Statutory Land Regulation" were used at the workshop; however on reflection the team revised this to "Land Protection" in order to include all the options presented.*

Your feedback may be sent to the RAS at:

raservice@auroville.org.in within 2 weeks from the date of publication of this News&Notes.

The Core Group - on behalf of Working Committee, L'avenir, and Auroville Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 21/1/2017

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:** NO New SA
- **Building Applications**
 1. Boobalan and Family, House in Djaima on plot No. Bo. 197/2 for 80 sq.m.
 2. AV Bakery, Dismountable structure for an oven in Douceur on plot no. BO 134/4 and 5 for 115 sq.m.
 3. V.Kumar, Windarra house extension (1st Floor) on plot no. IR 340/5B for 40.88 sq.m.

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

- **Site applications**
 1. Dehaskthi School Sports complex, A physical education program for Auroville school on plot no. BO 17/2 and 17/3 for 283.3 sq.m.
- Project Title:** Temporary Shed at Dehashakthi Sports ground
Proposed Site Location: Dehashakthi Sports ground
Project Holder: Michel and Dawn
Architect: Tapasya Design Studio
Contact Persons: Michel : 9442485841 Rajeev : 9443726223
Description: Canopy metal structure without walls to house indoor games and activities
Target Group: Children from grade 1 to grade 8 and 9.
Triggers/Goals/Objectives: To have games and activities during rains and hot summers, for the betterment of Children, thus having an activity space all year long.

- **Building Application:** NO New BA

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

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

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N No - 683

Dated 21.01.2017
NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
 Audrey SERRE (French)

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:
 Kesavadas MARIYIL (Indian)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
 Pierre COT (French) staying at Sharnga, working at Quiet

The Entry Service is open to the public Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 12:30.
 B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.
 At your service,
The Entry Service team

Feedback call for the three candidates for BCC (1 Representative community at large)

Dear community members,
 We are posting the following three names for feedback as potential members for the community at large representative in the BCC: **Claudine (Inspiration), Manohar (Realization) and Venkatesh (Maitrey II).**

Please send your feedback to: avcoffice@auroville.org.in before the 5th of February 2017

Warmly,
the Auroville Council

FAMC staggering membership

Dear Community members,
 Following the participatory Working groups selection process, the FAMC members have decided on the following staggered membership:

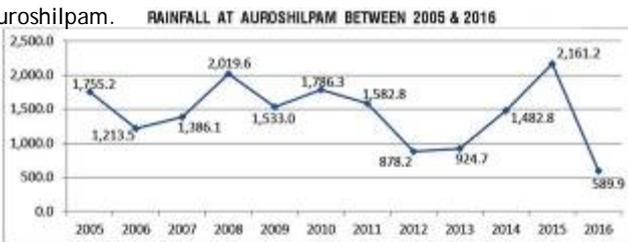
<u>2 Years</u> Lyle, Ulli, Yuval	<u>3 Years</u> Bindu, Chali, Stephanie	<u>4 Years</u> Amy, Chandresh, Prabhu
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These terms are provided with the additional caveat that people may wish to resign before their full term is served, depending on future circumstances.
 Warmly, *The Auroville Council and Working Committee*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

No monsoon in 2016, drought to come in 2017: SAVE WATER

The monsoon of 2016 did not come. Wind has blown from the north east like usual, but it did not bring clouds or rain. 2016 had a rainfall of only ~590 mm (normal rainfall is 1,250 mm per year) measured at Auroshilpam, as it rained only ~271 mm in 8 days during the monsoon season. 2012 and 2013 saw much less rainfall than normal with ~878 and ~924 mm. 2015 rainfall was excessive and the heaviest monsoon of the last 100 years, with a total of ~2,161 mm, with ~1,730 mm in only 32 days. Note that this type of rainfall of 2015 does not recharge the water table, as most of it runs off to the sea. Therefore, water tables of the Auroville bioregion are going down tremendously fast. There is sea water intrusion in most of the wells located along the sea shore. See in the graph below the evolution of the rainfall measured at the Auroville Earth Institute / Auroshilpam.



Keeping in mind that about 1/5 of the world population does not have access to safe and potable drinking water - millions of people in Africa live with less than 12 litres per day - it is good that we become more aware of our water consumption. Therefore, for 2017, please save water - even more than normal - for your domestic use and gardening water. Some tips to save water: Do not let your tap run when you brush your

teeth, wash yourself or your dishes. Do not take long showers. Wash your clothes by hand or use the economy settings of your washing machines. Use economy flush tanks or small sized buckets for flushing toilets. Water your gardens the minimum for them to survive, and use wherever possible recycled wastewater. Forget your lawns.
Satprem, Auroville Earth Institute

Update - 'Auroville Becoming 50'

We realize that it's been quite some time that there has been an update about Auroville's upcoming 50th birthday. This has primarily been due to the fact that since the submission of the proposal to HRD Ministry by the Working Committee, there has been no approval as yet received from the Ministry for complete or even partial funding. Awaiting the Ministry's decision, we have meanwhile started preparing a possible programme that can be organised with minimal funds available from the Auroville Foundation, needed human resources and plans for action.

Along with this, we are aware that many initiatives are being planned by individuals and entities that will not rely on Gol funds. In order to try and ensure smooth coordination of everything that will be happening for this moment in Auroville's evolution, we request you to let us know if you are preparing an event, including a brief description, funding sources, and possible venues and timings. This information will be helpful for us to have a 'bigger picture' view and can be added to a common scheduling platform that will be tracked and made public.

All communications can be sent to 50core@auroville.org.in.
 Thank you for your support, trust and collaboration!
Chali, Fabienne, Frederick, Mariana
 (Core Organizing Team - Auroville Becoming)

BSNL Self-care Portal Revamped

BSNL has a self-care portal where AVTS had created a login for each of the connections and where new facilities, change of internet plans, activation or deactivation of services, complaint registrations and monitoring, bills, data consumption details etc., were available.

The old site has been revamped, upgraded and re-coded. As a result AVTS will now have to remake more than 1600 logins all over again.

As such, a delay in action on some of the requests can be expected, as all changes will now have to be taken physically, in letter form, to the Pondy office at regular intervals.

AVTS will immediately commence the tedious task of recreating individual connection logins and solicit patience and understanding.

AVTS Team

(PS: If you decide to create your own login, please share the credentials with AVTS, so we can continue to manage the Auroville Service Trust connection, provided to you, efficiently.)

FilmFest Report Summary

(See full report on Auronet www.auroville.org.in/article/60968)

With financial assistance from Stichting de Zaaier channelled through PCG and from SAIER, Restorative Auroville hosted a 6-day Film Festival on the theme of "Restoring Connection" in October as part of our larger Restorative Circles project in Auroville, where we are working to raise awareness about Restorative Justice and hopefully contribute to building a justice system that is in alignment with our Auroville values. With the FilmFest, our hope was to offer yet another approach and medium through which to explore the subject, as not everybody will choose to come to our workshops or attend a live Restorative Circle.

We selected 13 documentaries and feature films about Restorative Justice from around the world, based on true stories of pain and loss of connection. The films showcased different examples of how people involved in or impacted by conflict choose to respond - in ways that honoured healing and reconciliation over hatred and punishment. After each film, we offered a facilitated dialogue space and welcomed our viewers to share about their movie experience and how they might connect elements from the movie to Auroville.

We had one big disappointment. We had originally planned to open our FilmFest with "Women for Justice," a documentary about a grassroots movement in women's justice in Gujarat to be followed by a Question & Answer session with Nimisha Desai, the director of the NGO, as well as offer some workshops for women and youth from the bioregion in cooperation with Auroville Village Action Group. Due to unforeseen circumstances this movie was cancelled twice. We still want to put this program on later in 2017.

The overall feedback and response to our FilmFest was positive. Our viewers said they appreciated the depth of the movies, the selections made, and the dialogue spaces, where they could process and digest their experience, as well as to connect and share with other Aurovilians. Some expressed how much they miss dialogue (and circles and connection and sharing) in Auroville.

It was special for us as a team to receive support from friends in hosting these dialogue spaces. For example, Bridget (who is Irish) facilitated the dialogue after the Irish movie "Five Minutes of Heaven," Niva (who is Israeli) the Israeli movie "One Day After Peace," and Neil (who is South African) the South African movie "On the Path to Forgiveness."

In addition to people's personal sharings about conflict and healing, forgiveness and reconciliation, two common themes emerged over the week: (i) how many long-standing and unresolved conflicts we have in Auroville and discouragement that we are not better equipped to handle these situations more constructively, both on an individual and a collective

level, and (ii) our lack of connection and exchange with the surrounding villages and real concern about the impact this attitude could have on our shared future if we do not start to make more concrete steps in this direction. People expressed a longing that as a community we would really learn to love, to forgive, to share, and to overcome our conditioned ideas of superiority versus inferiority.

Submitted by Restorative Auroville
(L'aura, Helene, Janet, Kati, Shanti)

Ecoservice

Dear Aurovilians and friends,

We would like to wish you a happy new year 2017. It has now been one year that we, the new team, have been given charge of the eco-service. Thank you for your support and goodwill in helping us to go towards a cleaner Auroville. Let's take this one step further and try to be as conscious as possible by following the points below:

- Emptying products from bottles and containers and rinsing them before their disposal; such as: soy sauce, ketchup, jam, curd, etc.
- AV bakery bread paper and soiled tissue papers should be put in the organic waste. These decompose very easily and are good mulching material.
- Snot paper and toilet paper should be put in the sanitary waste.
- Rinse and Cut labels off from plastic packets, such as cheese and others, so that we can recycle the packets and they don't go to landfill.
- Please do not put anything wet or soiled in the segregated barrels.
- Good clothes and books should go to the free store and not to Ecoservice.
- All medical pills should go to the health center.
- There is the option of bringing soiled diapers directly to the Ecoservice, so as to not congest the sanitary barrel.

We would like to emphasise that Ecoservice will not pick up waste that is wet, stinky and mixed with organic waste.

Please find below the minimal segregation set up the Ecoservice expects:

Description	Barrel size	1 to 3 households	4 to 8 households	Above 8 households
Plastic waste	220 litre	1	2	3 to 4
Paper waste	220 litre	1	2	3 to 4
Metal waste (tins, cans, mesh, etc.)	100 litre	1	1	2
Glass waste	*50 litre	1	2	2
Sanitary waste	30 litre	1	1	2
Mixed waste (All items you don't know where to put)	220 litre	1	1	2

- *A small barrel for glass waste makes it easier to handle, else it becomes too heavy.
- The barrels should either have lids or be stored in a covered area, protected from the rain.
- You can order lids of all sizes and stickers to label the barrels from us.

We invite all Aurovilians to please come over to the Ecoservice for a visit.

For any enquiry, call:

Kali @9443090114

Palani @9443535172

Email : ecoservice@auroville.org.in

POSTINGS

Latest news for those who are following MGEcoduties "Probiotics House" Tip Series

As they are quite long texts, and N&N has limited space, especially this season, I decided to publish all of them on our new website.

Please visit: www.probioticshouse.com, go to "Blog" and there you can see the [Probiotics Tip Series](#). Till now I have published the following: Laundry - Glass Cleaning - Floor Cleaning - and Shampoo Detox!

Also you can be part of our large list of reviews and testimonials. Please write your review in our website link: <https://probioticshouse.com/testimonial/>

Thank you to you all, *Margarita* [MGEcoduties - Probiotics House, Reve - Auroville. Phone: 0413 - 2623774]

Auroville Consulting

Auroville Consulting has been tracking its carbon footprint for the last three years. The carbon footprint accounting includes electricity, water, transportation and materials. For the financial year 2015/16, 8.6 tons of carbon emissions have been monitored. To offset those emissions, we contributed to the Auroville Forest Group in December 2016 to have 500 trees planted. We would like to say a big thank you to the Auroville Forest Group for supporting us in this initiative.

The templates and processes we used have been integrated into our accounting system, and the reports will be monitored on a regular basis. We are open to sharing the templates with anyone who is interested. Please contact us at info@aurovilleconsulting.com.

Cafeteria at Visitors Centre

A Reminder: Cafeteria discount of 35% is for Aurovilians personal accounts only. We offer a 20% discount to units when the unit is entertaining clients. (These discounts are not applicable to Aurovilians and units wanting to pay for their tour groups.) Unit holders wishing to avail of the 35% discount for their personal consumption have to establish their bill on their personal account.

Thanking you for your attention, *Cafeteria team*

LOST & FOUND

Birkenstock sandals (Lost): size 44 was exchanged on Thursday January 12th outside Unity Pavilion at the CATs event. If you by accident took my almost brand new pair of sandals, please call *Peter and Natalia* on mobile no. 8270404934 or send an email to: peter.loegstrup@gmail.com

AVAILABLE

Tempeh from Aurosoya: To all the Tempeh lovers and to those who want to taste something different. If you are looking for healthy nutritional food, rich in protein and vitamin B12, low in calories, our **Organic Tempeh** is waiting for you from the 20th of January onward at **Aurosoya** {for the time being}. Aurosoya is located next to Garden Café, Naturellement, Udyogam community, next to Vérité. Looking forward to seeing you soon, *Aurosoya team* - Ph: (0413) 262 38 09

Tomato seedlings: It's planting season again and we have many varieties of tomato seedlings available in **Samridhi (north)** for sale. Our working hours are Monday thru Friday from 9-4. If you are interested to come by and get some, please phone the landline at 262-3103. *Shona and Erin*

Electrical bike without battery: For details contact *Prem Shakti*: 9489244823

Help for wounded birds: I am willing to take care of wounded birds and nurture them back to the wild... If you find one that may need my help, please call me at: 7598467796 (NO pets... only birds from the wild). Thank you, *Zohar*

Future School application

Dear Friends, Students who wish to enter the 9th or 11th grade this upcoming school year are requested to apply through our website, <http://www.futureschool.org.in/>, where in the 'about' section you will find a brochure which includes nearly all admission related information and a [link](#) for the student application. All applications have to be submitted *before* the 1st of March 2017 and all applicants have to take an evaluation test on the 10th of March at 1 pm on the Future School campus.

Best Regards, *Future School*

Marathon market 2017

Calling out all the creative thinkers, Artists, Makers, Designers & Units of Auroville to participate in Marathon Market happening on the 11th & 12th February 2017 at Visitors Centre. Get your creative hats out now! Book your stall now! Kindly contact us: Email: Marathonmarket@auroville.org.in / Phone: +918690586909 (Whatsapp only) - **If you wish to help we are looking for an Art Installation Coordinator & on ground coordinators on the day of the event. Email us with short bio about you.

Submitted by *Uma Prajapati*

All Fired Up!

Auroville International Potters' Market returns this year with almost 30 potters including practicing studio potters as well as ceramic artists from all over India! This three-day long market is sure to be a treat for pottery lovers and ceramic connoisseurs. The market also features a demo-station where one can watch the potters as they find the work of art hidden in the clay and a children's clay play station for some hands on fun with pottery. Join the raffle and you may stand the chance to win an exclusive pot!

SAVE THE DATE! The wheels will be spinning from 26th to 28th of January between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm at the Visitor's Centre, Auroville.

Contact *Ange* <aurovillepottersmarket@gmail.com>

Iphone (lost): lost or forgotten somewhere in Center Auroville. Please contact: jln@prototypeverksted.no

Reading glasses (Found): On the road outside of Arati on Thursday 12/01. Frame has a burgundy color mosaic. Check with the News.

Wholesome, home-baked goodies: [Tamarin Bakery](#), situated in Evergreen forest, would like to offer our bakes to the wider community and its guests.

We offer a range of cakes, cookies, muffins, cupcakes and assorted brownies... all baked in wood-fired ovens, using organic whole-grain flours and brown sugars. Our range also includes vegan and wheat free items.

Call us to cater for a party, create a birthday cake or order a weekly "surprise box" with an assortment of our goodies. Also welcome to visit us in our unique setting and experience how the bakes are infused with the tranquillity of the surrounding forest.

Please call for more information, to coordinate your visit or to place an order - *Tamar*: 9751257796

Oven-toaster: A Morphy Richards 60 RC SS oven, toaster, grill with rotisserie. Brand new but far too big for our needs. This was a mistake! Original box, packing etc. Contact *Marion*: marion@auroville.org.in / tel: 262 2829 / mob 9486959117

Water heater: 25 liters Bajaj water heater. Contact: 9884035536 - *Shiv*

LOOKING FOR ...

Translators: "My Burning Heart", originally translated from an interview of Satprem in French, is now available in Italian and is being translated in Hindi, Russian, German, Spanish versions and more ARE WELCOME!

Please contact *Moghan* to help with the translation: 9751110486 / moghan@auroville.org.in

Potters' Market - Volunteers Needed: The Auroville International Potters' Market needs your help from 26 - 28 January, 11 am to 6 pm. We would be very grateful for a couple of hours or more of your time. Contact *Ange*: aurovillepottersmarket@gmail.com

An Amma 1: I am looking for an amma for 6 mornings/week to work in my house - residential zone, very near to Solar Kitchen. Call *Celestine*: 9585176899

An amma 2: I am looking for an amma for 2 days/week. My house is in Fertile (after Dana) in the green belt and I do not speak Tamil. My phone is: 9489805493 - Thanks, *Christine P.*

Massage table: We are looking for a massage table in good conditions. If available please contact *Donata* at: 9489359239

Cycle / moped: We are long-term volunteers and we are looking for a cycle or a moped to borrow, rent or buy. Contact 8098233187 / umberto.cerasoli@gmail.com. *Umberto & Marcia*

Sewing machine: Hello everyone, I am starting my own activity, designing clothes. I am looking for a sewing machine. If you have one to give away or sell for a cheap price it would help me a lot to start. Thank you, *Julie*

Massage table: We are looking for a massage table in good conditions. If available please contact *Donata* at: 9489359239

Running shoes: Dear friends, I am looking for a pair of running shoes or sandals Indian/UK size 8 or 9. Please let me know if anybody has one available. Thanks in advance. Reachable at: sidjainn@gmail.com / 8531828586. Warmly, *Siddharth*

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

Home-stay for volunteer couples: Comfortable, fully furnished, independent home stay for volunteers registered with an Auroville unit. Available for short or long term. Ideal for a working couple. Please contact *Abha*, Utility (abhaprakash@auroville.org.in/0413-2622003).

House-sitting 1: We are a couple of long-term volunteers (possibly future Aurovilians) looking for accommodation. Please, contact us at: umberto.cerasoli@gmail.com or (+91)8098233187 (whatsapp). Thank you, *Umberto and Marcia*.

House-sitting 2: Dear all, it's me Zeevic. I am back to volunteering at Wellpaper. I am looking for accommodation for

a few months. Please help. Contact: 9047089542 - *Zeevic (Wellpaper)*

House-sitting 3: Dear Aurovilians, after a wonderful house-sitting period in Grace Community, we are now looking for our next place to be based in Auroville until the end of April this year. We are a family of four, relatives of Aster Patel, and we have been coming to Auroville regularly for the last decade. Our background is Danish/Swedish/Indian and we are planning to settle in Auroville to do different projects and to help start up Transformation Kindergarten. We will treat your place with much love and care and we will offer contribution. Please get in touch through email: cjlanken@gmail.com, call or send a text to: [9751668407](tel:9751668407). Smiles from *Robin, Cecilie, Arvind (5 years) and Ahana (4 years)*.

TAXI SHARING

January 22nd: I need a pick up from Hyatt Regency, Chennai City on the 22nd at about 6.30 pm. If anyone is leaving for Chennai / Chennai airport earlier in the day, I could take the taxi back and we could share. Please SMS 9488483286 or email *Nandita*: shahnandi@gmail.com

January 24th: Sharing taxi at 9 am from Chennai airport to Auroville's CGH on Tuesday 24th January. Please contact: herran08@gmail.com - *Herran Angela*

January 24th: Tuesday. I am returning to the Chennai airport on a national flight from Jaipur at about 5 pm. Anyone interested in sharing the taxi either way, please contact Kumar at: 09655 474424, or e mail: kumarsehdev455@gmail.com

January 24th/25th: A taxi will be leaving AV to Chennai Airport between midnight-2 am. (flight at 6 am). 2 more persons possible, empty taxi is going back. Please contact *Annette* - Phone 8270405064 or eMail to: yoga@annette-schwan.de

January 25th: Taxi leaving Auroville 6 pm to arrive at Chennai airport by 9 pm. Taxi is empty going back. Sharing both ways is possible. Contact *Lesley* on 9488373747 or lesleybra@yahoo.com

January 26th: A taxi is going to Chennai airport to be there at 4.00 am - for sharing it both ways, please send a sms to *Silvana*: 9047654157 or silvanagripp08@gmail.com. Thank you.

January 26th: A friend of mine will arrive at Chennai Airport on Thursday, 26th of January at Chennai Airport, time between 9 am - 10 am. He would be happy to share a Taxi. If somebody is interested please contact me by phone, 9585862263, or by email steffen@auroville.org.in. *Steffen*

January 28th Feb 1st: I have a taxi going to Chennai (Airport) Jan. 28 leaving New Creation gate at 8:30 am - And another taxi coming back to Auroville February 1, leaving Chennai Airport at 6:30 pm. Whoever wants to share the stretch...Ask *Camille*: 7639321948

January 28th: Saturday, arriving at Chennai Domestic Airport from Delhi at 7:00 pm, to go to Auroville, Auromode Guesthouse near CSI. Anyone interested in sharing taxi either way, please contact Kumar at: kumarsehdev455@gmail.com or T: 096 55 474 424

January 29th: Sunday - Pick up at 6.30 am at Chennai Airport - Sharing both ways. Contact *Nathalie*: natnat101@hotmail.com

January 31st: Leaving Auroville at 6.30 am. If you wish to share the cab, contact *Karolina* at: 9860209635 / piech.ka@gmail.com

February 2nd: Going from Auroville to Chennai airport leaving AV around 5 am to arrive at 8 am and then going back to Auroville. 2 spaces free going and one when coming back. If you want to share please contact *Anais*: 8531012497 or write to Anais1992@web.de :)

THANK YOU

To Sharnga GH, Manohar, and Santé:

We would like to say Thank you to all the Sharnga staff that supported and helped us for more than what can be expected from hosts. We feel like family there and we were able to solve a health emergency. Thanks for their help and to the doctors at Santé, who have been extremely supportive too. Our last special Thank you to Manohar who has been like a friend and followed our adventure discreetly and warmly. *Maurizia and Dafna from Italy.*

AUROVILLE RADIO

Dear listeners!



This past week we captured the following:

- Romel completed with California Institute of Integral Studies, interactions with Bhavishyate Hall Sri Aurobindo Centre of Studies..India and the World Bharat Nivas, and Aurovillians, so we have [Auroville Architecture with CISS](#), [CISS sharing Auroville Experience](#).
- Last Sunday he attended [Transpersonal Regression by Yuvraj](#) , and made an interview with [Yuvraj Kapadia](#) and Sigrid.
- Steve has followed [CAT 06](#) with Jean Francois Noubel , and Divyanshi with [Integral Psychology](#) .
- Our new volunteer Clovis recorded [Great Nebula in Orion](#) .
- RAS volunteer Pedro Fernandes had a profound conversation titled [Pashi & Auroville](#) .
- We have recorded [Auroville Youth Choir](#) .

From the regular programs we have:

- Gangalaskhmi reading her [Selection par Gangalaskhmi 108](#) in French - uncut version on special request from listeners!
- Loretta reads [Savitri B.II, C.X, Part 2](#), and [Mother's Q&A 6/6/56](#)
- Marlenka continues with the [Synthesis of Yoga Part 1 Chapt 4](#)
- Of the regular programs, there is news on [Thursday](#) and [Monday](#).
- And from our musical edition this week: Trench Town Status or [18 and Over](#)

We wish you happy listening
AV Radio Team

EATING OUT

TLC "Dewdrop inn" tea-shop opens regularly again!!

The Learning Community (TLC) would like to invite you to drop in to our community tea shop:

"Dewdrop Inn"
open every Thursday and Friday afternoon
between 1:00-3:30 pm.

This is a project run by the children of TLC so... do drop in... for delicious bakes, fresh from our wood-fire oven, teas, juices, all prepared by the students themselves. Looking forward to seeing you there! TLC's base-camp is situated just before the gate of Dana community. Much love, *the learning community*

G.P. Café is opening for authentic south Indian fusion dinner from Monday (23/01/2017) onward.

We invite you to enjoy the different glimpse of taste in a quite atmosphere.

Location: next to Earth Institute, Auroshilpam.

Contact: 0413 - 2623995- E - Mail : gpcafe@auroville.org.in

Greetings from Jolly Kimpab - pause on 23&24/01

We are taking a cultural break on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th of January. We are back in the jolly kitchen on Wednesday 25th - cooking up a storm.

Check out the Jolly menu on [The Jolly Kimpab facebook page](#). Smiles, *the Jolly Team, Noeul & Sang*

GREEN MATTERS



Litter Free Auroville is coming back!

Seven years ago, 1,500 of us celebrated a community event all about one of our most dirty problems - Garbage!

We want to bring Litter Free Auroville back!

On the 29th of January 2010, many of us joined in this collective campaign called "Litter Free Auroville!"

It was a fun event about cleaning up our roads, our fields and our forests. It was about learning and showcasing the exciting possibilities when trash meets fashion in a Trashion Show. It was about learning how we can improve our habits and consciousness around waste. It was about art and creating something beautiful with the things we discard and no longer want to see. It was about upcycling, about education and about the collective need for better waste practices in our community.

Today, seven years later, our community is doing better with waste management. In 2016 our resource recovery (through recycling and composting) is above 80%. We must continuously improve and try to reduce our landfill waste by 10% every year! Just thinking about our waste and focusing more within Auroville is not enough. As the villages and towns around us grow, so does the amount of garbage they produce. We have a dream of expanding our work, our consciousness on waste and our services to the region.

To launch this dream and to work proactively at tackling this global problem on a local scale - we want to celebrate Litter Free Auroville again!

We're going to launch a mini version of the campaign in March (LFA 2017) and have the all-out celebration for Auroville's 50th birthday (LFA 2018)!

Please join us in the fun and watch this space for more information!

Trashion Show: A shout out to all interested individuals, units and schools to take part in this exciting show with pieces (garments or accessories) created from waste. If you would like to participate please register with us by the end of February 2017. If you want to help us with the organization, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Ok (9344 002972 or okjeonglee@gmail.com) or Mukta (9443620174 or milla@auroville.org.in).

Art & workshops: Calling all artists and the creative minds of our community to infuse consciousness and beauty into trash. Please contact Marc (9442006807 or marc.barandard@gmail.com) or Clara (763065609).

Education and schools: If you are a teacher, work with children or would like to work on education about trash through schools please contact Ribhu (9488483871 or ribhuvohra@gmail.com)

Stash of Trash - If you want to start right away and need help with finding very specific waste items or discarded materials, please contact Patricia (SMS 984 312 4305, call 262 3750 or email pat@auroville.org.in). You may also contact Palani (944 353 5172) or Kali (944 309 0114) who run the Eco Service and know the stuff we collectively throw away like the back of your hand!

Your Litter Free Auroville Team

(Chandrah Clara, Gabriel, Kali, Ok, Palani, Patricia, Maggie, Marc, Mukta, Ribhu, Zeevic and more!)

Sunday walk Farms & Forests

Sunday 22nd January: Annapurna

2 pm to Sunset,
with Tomas (tel: 94896-93801)

Annapurna, Auroville's largest farm and one of the oldest ones, supplies most of our community's organic rice, millets, milk and dairy products. Tomas and the Annapurna team will offer a tour of the farm's main facilities and share from their rich experience in cultivating, processing and storing Auroville's staple foods, as well as building up South India's first organically certified dairy farm.

This walk is co-hosted with the Auroville Farm Festival (see programme in the last News & Notes and at the back of this issue)

Departure from meeting point at the Farm Festival at 2 pm, return by sunset.

As Annapurna is about 10 km away, two buses are available with a total of 70 seats. Sign up *on a first come first serve basis*, at Foodlink (Solar Kitchen) open from 9-3 pm or at the Farm Festival. (Directions to the Farm Festival venue: from Solar Kitchen, pass Certitude and at the crossroad take a right onto the tar road, then right again to the Puncture Service.)

No booking is needed for the visit itself. If you drive to Annapurna with your own transport, we encourage you to come to the meeting point at the Farm Festival a little earlier (to drive there in groups).

Next week: Sunday 29 January: AuroOrchard: 10 am - 1 pm, with *Christian* (tel. 89408-72019). Come with your own transport, and bring a dish to share for a lunch potluck! - *More details next week*

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

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



Capoeira Workshop & Festival

To celebrate the work our group has been doing for over 10 years, *Prof. Samuka* & students invite you to:

OPENING WORKSHOP (23th to 26th of January - 6 to 7.30 pm - in Deepanam School)

Open to all level. A daily dose of capoeira to build or strengthen your Capoeira knowledge.
No registration necessary.

GINGA SAROBA FESTIVAL (27th to 29th of January)

Open to regular practitioners only, 3 days of events....

With the presence of Mestre Branco, Prof. Pezao, Pé de Bode, Inst. Cameleao, Pierre,...

Contact us for details & registration: *Ginga Saroba Family* [info@ginga-saroba.com / 9488328435]



Meditation with the Peace Bell

25 January - 5.00 to 6.00 pm
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

*For when the Peace is established, this higher or Divine Force from above can descend and work in us.
Sri Aurobindo*

*Make peace and calm your friends and call them: "Come peace, peace, peace, peace, come!"
The Mother*

All are welcome to join the Peace Bell ringing!

Open Sharing

"Our life is our school, this is our education" - natural learning

Are you interested in alternative education,
like unschooling, homeschooling, world-schooling, democratic learning, self-directed learning, free progressive learning, etc...?
And are you interested to find and meet like-minded people to share experiences and ideas?

Then this is the meeting for you! Join us on:

Wednesday January 25th, 3 to 4.30 pm @Certitude Dome

If you are not free to meet but interested to know more, you can send an email to: megangonlag@auroville.org.in
Greg, Mamata, Yorit, Megan (9787416417)



New Darkali Sports Track inauguration

Hello "Youth that never ages",
We would like to invite you to the inauguration (and subsequent use)
of the all new, redesigned Darkali Sports Track.

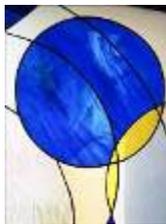
This sporty birth will take place at 4 pm on the 29th Jan of the year you are standing in.

The track's purpose is to provide to families, school groups and sadhaks who feel a little rusty, a peaceful, secure and green (many shades of it) environment punctuated with structures and boards that offer guidance to simple yet rejuvenating exercises. Other than for its intended purpose the track's 1.2 km path can also be used for meditative strolls, happy saunters, headphone jogging, introspective walk, union with the Divine and even, if that's your thing, reverse walking. So if your youth and curiosity succeeds in finding the entrance to this happy event, it will be rewarded with juice, biscuits and hopefully, a sporty enchantment.

Darkali Team



EXHIBITIONS



Extended until January 26th!

Stained Glass Exhibition

At Citadines Centre d'Art - AUROVILLE

By Robert (Luminosity)

14:30 to 18:00 - Every day except Sunday

Welcome to all

TALKS, SEMINARS

Bhavishyate - Sri Aurobindo Centre of Studies...India and the World - Bharat Nivas Perspectives of Integral Psychology and our Auroville Experience

Works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother unfold perspectives of understanding ... in our individual growth and collective inter-action.

We will meet on January 20, 2017, Friday at 4 pm

In Bhavishyate, Bharat Nivas...

"To continue"

integralpsychology.auroville@gmail.com

THE FRENCH PAVILION Presents «Progressive Integral Economy»

A Conference *in French* by Yves (Udumbu), Michael (MDJ) & Lotus Group

Saturday 21st January 2017 - 5.00 pm - Cinema Paradiso (Town Hall)

Today, according to the evaluation of Henk Thomas and Manuel Thomas, the economy of Auroville is at risk. Since the very first experiences until today, Aurovilians had to face problems due to money in the communities.

With all these strong signs of a bad economic health, it is essential to start questioning our economy.

Without rejecting the idea that Auroville needs to be oriented towards accept outside exchanges, we want to reconnect with the initial vision of an Auroville based on research and experiments of with innovative principles.

We want to take advantage of the great opportunity that Auroville gives us to enjoy freedom of action inside the city, and unfold the individual potential of great qualities of solidarity, fraternity and generosity.

This is why we are proposing today an "economic skeleton" - partly tested by Aurovilian past and current experiences - which takes shape with 5 modes or levels of exchanges which are simultaneous and compatible with each other. These levels are taking place in a constant progression and are relative to a positive evolution of consciousness from direct exchange modes to mutualisation of resources.

Individuals, Commercial and Service units can participate at each level according to their will and capacity.

Without protection, the external economical tendencies may take Auroville on the way of mercantilism and economical profit together with a growing dependency on the external economy with the effect of competition, individualization and non-respect of the environment. And this is in contradiction with our will for a positive evolution of consciousness.

A second presentation in English for the whole community will be given on another day (to be announced)

The Greek myths in relation with the yoga of Sri Aurobindo

Every Monday, from 5:00 till 6:00 pm, House of Mother's Agenda at Savitri Bhavan
By *Claude de Warren*

Topic of Monday 23rd January: Sisyphus; Bellerophon and the Chimaera

The aim of these weekly talks is to present the deep meaning of the Greek myths.

These myths illustrate the spiritual journey up to the point where Sri Aurobindo and the Mother started the yoga of transformation.

Everyone is welcome!

CIRHU

Aurovilian Conversations - "Every True Aurovilian should be an educator"

Pashi on the topic of "Prosperity"

Thursday 26th January 2017 - 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Venue: Citadine Art Gallery

Since middle of June, spontaneously, CIRHU started "Aurovilian Conversations", a series of weekly reflections (not lectures) between students, volunteers, newcomers and interested people with Aurovilians and friends of Auroville with experience in specific fields of knowledge. Considering the interest and the enthusiasm this initiative has awakened, we plan to continue it on a weekly base and to extend the invitation to the entire Auroville Community.

All of you are invited to the 'Aurovilian Conversations' conducted by CIRHU (Center for International Research on Human Unity).

Do join us and be a part of this experience.

For queries kindly call 8105567954 (Nivedhitha).

Contact: cirhu@auroville.org.in

Insight Seminars present a one-day seminar

On 'INTEGRAL YOGA and AUROVILLE'

The seminar presents insights into the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and its significance for Auroville. It is designed as a structured overview that can serve as a base for further studies and explorations. The highlights are:

- Vision and Aims of Auroville
- Evolution of Consciousness
- Yoga of Matter
- Auroville's role in the world and in the evolutionary process
- Aspects of individual and collective practice

On 27th January 2017, Friday

Time: 08:45 to 12:00 hrs. - Lunch break - 14:00 to 17:00 hrs.

Presented by: *Ela Thole*

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

Register in advance at 2622047 between 09:30 & 12:30 hrs. or 14:00 & 17:00 hrs.

Or mail us at insight@auroville.org.in

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

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.
Organised by Divyanshi Chugh

On January 26 (Thursday), we have our last session on the theme of:

Integral Health and Healing

In the Reading Room at Savitri Bhavan from 5:30 till 7 PM.

We will explore: Psychological healing as a process between two complex beings, and How clarity and a journey towards being and becoming your own witness help one become a better healer/helper.

With Suhani Tanna

A counsellor, with a background in Sri Aurobindo and The Mother's works, particularly the Bhagavad Gita, presently working in rural Gujarat as a school counsellor.

Everyone is Welcome. No contribution required.

To register, please email Divyanshi at: Divyanshi.0222@gmail.com.

Traditional African Medicines and its Role in Today's Health Challenges

A presentation by Dr Aunkh Chabalala

Director: Department of Science and Technology, Amen-Ra Institute and Infinite Earth. Pretoria, South Africa

Unity Pavilion, Friday January 27th, 4 - 6pm

Also, on Friday 20th, 4.30 - 6pm at Unity Pavilion:

Presentation on African Astronomy & Cosmology by Dr. Aunkh H Chabalala - (see [this event](#) on Auronet for more info).

***New* Regular Events in the African Pavilion**

- ◆ By Popular Demand the African Pavilion is happy to announce that every Monday from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm we will host African Cooking, Music, Storytelling and Laughter. Something for the whole family!
 - ◆ Every Thursday enjoy the drumming circle together with dinner from 7 pm till 9 pm.
The African Pavilion Team

Well Café is happy to invite you all for a
Special Evening on Saturday the 21/1

- 7.00 pm: **Dinner**
- 8.00 pm - 10 pm: **Lefteris and friends - live music.**

Lefteris Grigoriou is a Greek Musician visiting Auroville with his family. After studying music around the globe, especially in Africa, he runs his djembe and Greek persuasion school in Athens, and performs with several groups in Greece and Europe. Lefteris will perform his own compositions and traditional songs on Ngoni (African Harp from Mali originally belonging to the brotherhood of hunters), Askomadoura (Greek bagpipe with 2 parallel chanters originated from the island of krete), Gaida (Greek Bagpipe with 1 drone from the North of Greece). Playing with him are his wife Chryssi and some others friends musicians he met here!

Kids are more than welcome!!!

- 10 pm till midnight : **D.J Priscila.**

Hope to see you!!

Well Café - 0413 2622219 - Sve Dame, opp. C.S.R

EVENTS @ Solitude Farm

25th January: JAZZ

with Matt Littlewood Trio, Matt Littlewood keys, Sreenath Srinivasan drums, Holger Jetter Electric double bass Featuring Maarten Visser on Sax

29th January: FUNKY DANCE MUSIC

with Daniel Roth keyboard (has worked with Ray Charles and many top cats in the USA) Dhanni electric guitar, Mishko M'Ba electric bass, Suresh Bascara drums , Kranti vocals.

1st February: A TRIBUTE TO PASTORIUS

Presented by Mishko M'Ba and the Jaco Pastorius Tribute Band.
 Mishko M'Ba electric bass, Suresh Bascara drums, Matt Littlewood sax, Aman Mahajan keys.

Localicious Dinner starts @ 7 pm
Concert/dance starts @ 8 pm

There are costs to run these events so a contribution is requested to help cover costs. Any additional funds/contributions are warmly received. We are aiming to start these events with gift economy as inspired by Jean Francois Noubel, It will take a moment to get into place, but it seems to be an exciting way in which we could re-explore the value that arts, music and celebration has for us on a collective level and what it brings to our community.

Yours, *Krishna* (Ph: 9843319260)

Jazz-Café Concert

Presents in collaboration with the Potter's Market

"The funky side of life"

Swaha & Vera - vocals, Matt - sax, Dhani - guitar & vocals
 Shakti - piano & vocals, Sep - drums, Rolf - bass

Visitors' Center, on Saturday 28th of Jan at 7:30 pm

Monkey and The Mobile

Date: 28th and 29th January, 2017 (Saturday & Sunday)

Time: Play starts at 7 pm

Venue: Adishakti Theatre

Contact: 0413 2622287 / 09487514962

Entry Free!

"Man, sole awake ..."

Once more we have worked on a selection from Sri Aurobindo's *Savitri*, trying to evoke, to bring close to us, its vastness, infinity, its mantric power. Through voice, sounds and movements.

It is an exploration and an ongoing search. It is a prayer and a call.

Aurovilians, and those that feel Savitri as a living presence within, are invited to:

The Matrimandir Garden of Unity

On either Sunday January 29th or Monday January 30th

At 7 pm

Please note that advance booking is required.

Please email: savitrिमansoleawake2017@gmail.com for bookings.

The entrance gate will be closed at 6:50 pm.

Aryamani

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Upcycling Puppets Workshop



presents: "What's UP with the PUPpets?!"

A workshop to make your own and play with puppets in shadow Theatre and Paper Theatre (from 100% waste materials). For primary and Kindergarden teachers, especially Art & Theatre teachers.



- Tuesday 24th January from 4 pm to 5:30 pm.
- Thursday 26th January from 4 pm to 5:30 pm

You can come to one or both dates!
At Upcycling Studio (Udavi School).

Contact: Clara or Gabriel, mail: bellonig@hotmail.com or call: 7094845425

VOCAL-NADA-YOGA & SACRED CHANTING



In English and in French, with Hamsini

Friday 27th January
9 am to 5 pm
In Creativity Hall of Light
To register: 9487544184

What is Vocal-Yoga?

Explore and strengthen your Vocal instrument and discover your unique voice

What is Nada-Yoga?

This ancient technique teaches us to Feel sound's vibration in your energetic centers

tuning our inner instrument - Helps tone deaf to sing in tune

Sacred Chanting - Mantra, Kirtans and Bajhans
Silent our mind & Open our heart to the Divine within

Tai Chi Hall in Sharnga Presents

The Art of Chi - Stevanovitch's method

Tai Chi Chuan Workshop

January 30th to February 18th (Sundays excluded)

Monday to Saturday, 7.30 - 10.30 am

Beginners: Chi and Tai Chi basics

Three weeks, three steps through the full 24-posture form. Taught by Marco, the workshop is essentially directed towards: Mastery of the body through breathing and muscular relaxation; Improvement of movement through balance and coordination; Learning to mobilize Chi - First perceiving it, then guiding it in one's body with the use of three factors: will, imagination and muscular activity.

For information and booking, contact Krishna at: 2623187 / E-mail: taichi@auroville.org.in / Website: taichi.auroville.org, www.artduchi.com

Explore your own ability to draw, in the Drawing Experiment

January 27 and 28th Friday and Saturday, nine till five.

Fixed Contribution for Guests, other participants, happy to accept donations.

Please reserve a place with Audrey at: 0413-2622641 on the answering machine.

The workshop will go for six persons max but not less than three.

Awareness through the Body ATB1

A two-day introductory workshop with Amir.

On Saturday the 28th and Sunday the 29th January in the ATB hall, Transition school, Auroville.

From 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily.

ATB aims to assist individuals in developing the capacity for attention, concentration and relaxation, in refining the senses and in cultivating the ability to notice what one is experiencing. ATB offers a space and a tool to know ourselves better and to increase our capacity to be present... allowing an inner shift ...while exploring the observer within. It's an opportunity to step out of the business of everyday life where the individual can go within and become aware of the different planes that form our being and have the possibility to enter into a wider deeper contact...

ATB has been implemented in Auroville schools since 1992, by Aloka Marti and Joan Sala. Over the years they have adapted, added to and incorporated knowledge acquired from a wide variety of disciplines, into a coherent, sequential curriculum. All this, based on their personal experience following the integral education and the spiritual path of integral yoga of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo.

On the first Sunday of March (5/3/17) from 09:00am to 5:00 pm we will offer a continuation workshop on the basic tools of ATB, with focus on exploring how to implement this practice with kindergarten age, using fun as its foundation. The workshop is equally useful for people of any age to explore the foundations of the ATB practice.

For more information visit the ATB website: <http://awarenessthroughthebody.com/>

To sign up for this introductory workshop, mail me at: connect@atbwithamir.com or feel free to call Amir or Tamar at: 9751257709/96.

Bharat Nivas and Japanese pavilion present

Origami workshop "Let's enjoy Origami" - 2nd Session
For Children & Adults

Date: Friday, 27 January 2017

Time: 3 to 4 pm (please be on time as the time is limited)

Venue: India Space.

Contact:

bharatnivas@auroville.org.in / letsenjoyorigami@gmail.com

Bharat Nivas presents

BINIL - A visiting Guest Artist from Thrissur, Kerala

Traditional Kerala Mural/Fresco style painting: A three day workshop

Dates: 23rd, 24th, 25th Jan'2017

Venue: Indus Valley Space, Bharat Nivas

Time: 2 pm to 5 pm

A Minimum contribution will be requested per person.

Materials: chart papers, pencil, eraser, tracing paper, brushes (no.1,3,5), coconut shells (5 shells for mixing color), artist water color tubes (yellow ochre, gamboge, vermilion hue, sap green, Prussian blue, ivory black)

Participants will need to carry their material.

To confirm your participation, please phone: 9443413702, 9442121315 or 2622914 or e-mail: tapas@auroville.org.in

The Farm as an Eco-System

Auroville Consulting, 28th Jan 2017 - 29th Jan 2017

Dear Friends,

We are witnessing a time where conventional or chemical based agriculture practices have taken over traditional agriculture practices. This has led to a detrimental effect on the eco-system including soil erosion, decreasing yield, and negative effects on human health.

Aligning with the values of sustainability, Auroville Consulting and Auroorchard are organising a workshop 'The Farm as an Eco-System' promoting organic farming practices with a focus on vegetable and fruit production. The workshop provides a stimulating combination of theory, practical and field observation to expose participants to the day to day operations of a farming system that aims at integrating and enhancing the eco-system services for a healthy and environmentally responsible food production.

For registrations contact *Jaspreet* at: jaspreet@aurovilleconsulting.com or call +91 9000 153 671

Holistic presents: workshops with Sigrid

- "*Trauma - the unseen wound*" - see last week News&Notes

2-day workshop with theory and interactive exercises.

Date January 21&22 : 9am to 5.30pm.

Venue: Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall

(www.sharngaguesthouse.in)

- "*Explore your mind*" - 3-day workshop in hypnotherapy

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

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

A 3-day Workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind"

Certified course from EKA (www.ekaa.co.in)

26-28th January at Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall

Thursday, 4 to 7 pm: Intro and Self hypnosis

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

Info meeting: 25th January, 5- 5.30 pm at Sharnga Guest house Terrace

Trainer Sigrid Lindemann: Aurovilian, certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, Regression therapy and Classical homeopathy, Germany and Auroville (www.auroville-holistic.com / www.sigridlindemann.com]

Register with Sigrid, contact@auroville-holistic.com and 09626006961, 0413 2623888

Website: www.auroville-holistic.com [*Holistic* - Workshops and retreats in Auroville with international faculty]

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

24th January (Tuesday) - This week: 'The Vision and the Way'

- 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

(For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.50 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.)

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

Swing Your Hips

January 26th to 28th - For Women Only

Sisters, you're invited to swing your hips to the beat of your intuitive power. Come explore your true nature. This weekend retreat is an enchanting celebration of true connection between women. A chance to drop your role of partner, mother, daughter, professional, lover, caretaker, and simply be yourself. We will dance, meditate, laugh, cry, honour and celebrate the fullness of our lives as women. We will enjoy a delightful and healing experience of light, deep connection, and joy. We will feel liberated by expressing our essence through our dance, by being seen fully by our sisters who deeply resonate with us.

Call: 9655696982 or email: info@aurovilleretreat.org to register. For more details, please visit our website Auroville Retreat.

Wellpaper Workshop

25/1/17 (Wednesday)

Skills Handicraft Arts Recycle Education

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

Bowls Coiling introductory workshop-

The WELL Women will introduce how to create beautiful bowls, containers or accessories made of flattened and coiled newspaper sticks. Most likely you will end up with more than one item. 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. All the workshops have a minimum of 3 participants registered.

The workshop will take place every Wednesday between 9:30 to 12:30, sitting on the floor.

Wellpaper is conducting also art workshops which are still not scheduled. Please email us for further information

If you would like to join us please email us to: wellpaper@auroville.org.in or call: 9626055586

With Love, *Wellpaper team*

Mandala Workshop by Rosalba

(see *mandala* by Rosalba on this N&N cover)

Auroville 23rd and 24th of January at Terra Soul (Windarra)

9 am - 12.30 pm & 2 pm - 4:30

Let's explore together different techniques about drawing mandalas and manifesting our own Inner Being through colours & shapes Booking and contribution are required, please contact me, e-mail: rosalba.cicerelli@gmail.com / ph. +91 9787702844

Restorative Circles Learning Community



****Building a Compassionate Justice System**
With L'aura Joy**

**Jan 28 & 29 (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

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, 9442788016. [Other upcoming RC events: 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?

- Feb 4-5 (Sat-Sun)
- 9.30 am-5 pm (with lunch break)

A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply-rooted consciousness of oneness, as well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We'll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to hear others' true (and harmless) message, which in turn leads to more connection between us. When we're connected as human beings, we're in our natural state of wanting to give and collaborate with others.

More info & register (and for venue info): contact L'aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com. Limited seats. Registration required. Full participation required (2 full days). [Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

SCHEDULES

QUIET

**Hawaiian Lomi Lomi Massage Course: Level 1 with Sang
Thursday 2 - Sunday 5 February 2017 (4 days)**

Timings: 9.00 AM - 6.00 PM (36 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

This Hawaiian massage technique focuses on using the hands as instrument of the heart. While learning the basic, full body massage sequence, you will be introduced to the Huna philosophy and practice the spirit of "aloha" (love). Your body will be cleansed through guided meditations to encourage a still mind, various exercises, massages and a healthy diet. You will be giving and receiving up to 10 massages.

An excellent basic course for anyone who would like to learn about massage and bodywork. Certificate will be given upon completion of the course.

ANTIGYM® Workshop with Francesca

Saturday 4 February 2017

9.00 AM - 12.30 PM

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Developed in the early 1970s by the French physiotherapist Thérèse Bertherat, Antigym is a unique method of bodywork which enables you to better understand and (re)claim ownership of your body. The movements that are suggested are subtle, precise and exact. They take into account thoughts and emotions while respecting the body's structural integrity. As body and mind are intertwined, the method focuses on the entire being.

More than 40 years after its creation, Antigym is known and practiced worldwide. Benefits of Antigym practice:

- ◆ improved mobility and muscle tone;
- ◆ decreased stress and muscular tension in back, neck, shoulders, etc.
- ◆ improved ease of movement and coordination;

◆ your movements and your breathing regain their natural volume;

◆ you discover the pleasure of living in a body that is autonomous and free.

For more info, visit www.antigymnastique.com

Francesca started practising Antigym in 2007 as a new approach to body awareness; after receiving her formation, she became a certified Antigym practitioner in 2010 and has been teaching it ever since.

Watsu Basic & OBA Intro with Petra

Sunday 5 -- Tuesday 7 February 2017 (3 days)

9.00 AM -- 6.00 PM (24 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Watsu & Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA) are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). While Watsu is the mother of all water therapies, created by Harold Dull in the 1980s, OBA (formerly called Aquawellness) was developed afterwards by Kaya Femerling and Nirvano Martina Schulz. It combines elements of light movements and stretching, massage and mobilization of the joints in connection with breathing and energetic work conducted both on the surface and under water.

In this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities of being (grounding, presence, stillness, movement, attention) while moving another body in water. You will experience floating other people and being floated, on the surface and under water, thereby creating space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit.

Watsu & OBA offer 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.

No previous experience is required to attend this course!

VÉRITÉ

◆ WORKSHOP CANCELLED AT VÉRITÉ:

Yoga & Acupressure - with Andres and Bebe is cancelled
(Originally scheduled on - Friday and Saturday 27 & 28 January)
Sorry for the inconvenience

Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshop:

0413 2622045, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in
Contributions requested from guests/volunteers
(volunteer reduction by advance application only)

◆ RESIDENTIAL RETREATS IN VÉRITÉ: (advanced registration required)

Visionary Craniosacral Workshop by Kay

Level 1 - Monday, 30 Jan - Thursday, 2 Feb 7:30 am-4:30 pm
Visionary Craniosacral Work is a therapeutic art combining compassionate perception with skillful touch, as developed by William Sutherland. You will learn a set of techniques and basic anatomy, from which we will explore stillness, perception and intuition. CEU contact hours available. This is a residential course at Vérité. For further information, please contact Kay at: kollektivemind@gmail.com or 9943368410

SANKALPA

(please see regular events section for Art & Yoga, Heartbeats-Dance Therapy, Mandala & Meditation, Art Cart details):

Affirmation Dolls

Sat, Jan 28th from 9 am to 12:30 pm

Introduction to art therapy through experiential learning, guided meditation, and the personalized creation of an affirmation doll. Creating a character helps externalize and process aspects of self and identity, to foster awareness and insight, often giving voice to unexpressed stories. *No art or stitching experience needed, participation cost includes our Doll Kit product supporting our efforts.*

Henna & Healing

Sat, Feb 4th from 9 am to 12:30 pm

Our bodies carry the memory of stories, scars, injuries, both visible and invisible. Explore the traditional art of henna as a tool for self-care within a safe space.

Both workshops by registration only: sankalpa.art@gmail.com.

Facilitator: Krupa Jhaveri, Aurovilian, trained Art Therapist, recent TEDx speaker and Trauma-Informed Expressive Art Therapy Consultant.

Location: Sankalpa Art Center (behind Pavilion of Tibetan Culture), International Zone, Auroville.

FILMS

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

26th Thursday and 27th Friday January - 8 pm
BEFORE THE FLOOD (2016)

Genre: Documentary / Rated: PG / Dur:1.36 min / Subtitle: English / Language: English - Dir: Fisher Stevens
Story line: A look at how climate change affects our environment and what society can do to prevent the demise of endangered species, ecosystems and native communities across the planet.



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

- Friday 20 JANUARY "manhattan" by Woody Allen - USA, 1979
- FRIDAY 27 JANUARY - "The Phantom of the Cinémathèque" (Le Fantôme d'Henri Langlois)

Directed by Jacques Richard, France, 2004

Synopsis: Organized mostly chronologically, the documentary presents the 40-year career of Henri Langlois (1914-1977), film's first archivist, and the creator of the Cinémathèque Française (French Film Archive) and Musée du Cinéma. Langlois dedicated his life to collecting movies from all over the world and preserving them for future generations. Archival footage and interviews with colleagues, filmmakers and friends tell the story of how Langlois' celluloid passion lead him to hide scores of films during the Nazi occupation of France in World War II, and how he helped establish a cinematic museum that has influenced countless filmmakers. The film celebrates his philosophy and beliefs, personality and dedication, and his vision. The filmmaker Jacques Richard succeeded with great intelligence and work, making digest a colossal documentary to make it almost a fictional film, an epic.

Original French version with English subtitles - Duration 2h.18" (two parts back to back)

The screening of this film prepares us to next week special film programs with the presence of Lionel Tardif, ex and long-time director-curator of the Tours Cinémathèque (France) who will give us a talk on the origins of Cinema and present a 1927 silent classic "Sunrise". Lionel Tardif will also present his wonderful documentary film "La Danse de Shiva" (Shiva's Dance) on 2 Bharata Natyam dancers in Tamil Nadu (at MMC/Cinema Paradiso). This event is in collaboration with the Pavillon de France.

L'Homme après L'homme

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

2 filmed interviews with Satprem and Sujata:

"Le Chemin vers l'Intérieur - The Way toward the Within" - 30mns - (1981)

"L'Homme après l'homme - Man after man" - 1h00 - (1981)

Both films will be shown in the original French version with English subtitles.

Every Monday from 23/01 to 27/02/2017

Time: 4.30 pm

At Cinema Paradiso (MMC Auditorium) - Town Hall

DVDs of both films will be available

NOTE: I sincerely apologize to all the persons who came on Monday 16/01 to see the films and waited patiently for me... I was not able to inform you in advance as something totally unexpected happened at the last minute preventing me from coming.

I hope to see you again at the next projection.

Thanks for your understanding, *Diksha*

THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, January 27th, 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!

ANIMALS AND THE BUDDHA

50mins / English / 2014 / Directed by David Blatte & Bob Isaacson

This is a documentary about the relationship between humans and animals as it is understood in the various Buddhist

traditions. Made by Dharma Voices for Animals, this film discusses the various attitudes we have to animals, from loving our pets to disregarding almost entirely the welfare of food-animals, or animals that are used in laboratory experiments.

(Reminder: Friday January 20th - Megastructures: India's Solar Power Plant-)

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

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday 23rd of January at 6:30 pm

“LIFE AFTER LIFE”

The film by Peter Shockey is based on the research work by Dr. Raymond A. Moody with more than 2,000 people who had out-of-body experiences and went to the other side.

Six people are telling about their personal experiences and their journey to the other side and their return. The causes of their death were: Struck by Lightning, Suicide, Complications after Surgery, Double Lobar Pneumonia, Multiple Bee Stings and Killed by K.G.B. They speak about aspects as: Out of Body, Angels and Ecstasy, Soul Travel, Tunnel to the Light, Life Preview and Ripple Effect and Return Back.

In the light and unconditional love on the other side they often see relatives or friends. And often they see a panorama which consists of everything that they ever have done in their life, from their birth until the time they call death. All who are coming back come with a new value structure; this is interesting for human psychology. The new value is primarily to love others and to seek loving relationships. And they have no more fear of death.

They know the importance of Love through the experiences of the special unconditional Love and Wisdom on the other side. One likes to let us know: Life is forever. Death does not exist. Know there will be a safe journey, surrounded by love, greater love than you understand. It symbolizes the orderly way as God has prepared for each of us... the orderly passing to another life.

And about love one is uttering the words: Love cannot be changed. Love is everlasting. And love is with life always

together. Love is what keeps this world alive. Love is an eternity. And we are alive because of Love. Duration: 59min. It is interesting that Albert Einstein informed his daughter in a letter: 'This universal force is LOVE' and 'Love is God and God is Love' and he asked to keep this secret until humanity is ready for this. Voila!

LFAU

Projection of three films on Auroville's land

On January 25th, at 10 am!



Join us for a screening of three "Made-in-Auroville" films showcasing Auroville's land and the urgency to consolidate its physical base.

These inspiring short videos trace how a once-eroded plateau was transformed into a sustainable green ecozone, and highlight the land needs and stakes for the future. Aurovilians involved in these films and in the "Acres for Auroville" and "GreenAcres" land campaigns will be present.

Don't miss this opportunity to see, and re-see, these motivating films! Learn what united action can achieve, and bring your own ideas for land fundraising!

We invite you to join hands with us to safeguard and secure Auroville's still-missing land!

All interested are welcome!
Come Thursday January 25th 10 - 11.30am to Unity Pavillion
Browse on our dedicated land website for detailed info and donation: www.colaap.org

How to make a land donation? It's simple via a transfer from your Financial service account or Aurocard to:

FS Account N° 100

Or tax exempted through the AV donation gateway:

<http://www.colaap.org/donate/>

We thank you in advance for your support and solidarity!

Your LFAU Team Aryadeep, Mandakini, Sigrid,
at LFAU Townhall, 1st floor, lfau@auroville.org.in 2622657

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The archives are now found at <http://www.auroville.org/contents/186>

- NEW!- And the regular events at <http://www.auroville.org/contents/4201>

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 23 January 2017 to 29 January 2017

Indian - Monday 23 January, 8:00 pm:

• DEAR ZINDAGI (Dear Life)

India, 2016, Writer-Dir. Gauri Shinde w/ Alia Bhatt, Shah Rukh Khan, Kunal Kapoor, and others, Drama, 151mins, Hindi-English w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG-13)

The story is about Kiara is a young promising cinematographer living in Mumbai who despises her parents, appears confident, but actually especially her romantic relationships are ridden with insecurities. That leads her to take decisions that hurts whoever comes close. She finally seeks professional help and comes across Dr Jehangir Khan, a top-notch therapist. A wonderful mentor-ward relation of trust develops that allowed Kiara finally to confront her innermost conflicts and come to peace. *Surely for mainstream film, the lead actors, and the viewers the trend that allows making such film is a welcome one. Don't expect too much- but don't miss out on the film either. A good watch!*

German - Tuesday 24 January, 8:00 pm:

• AUSLANDSTOURNEE (Tour Abroad)

Germany, 2000 Dir. Ayse Polat w/ Hilmi Sözer, Özlem Blume, Özyay 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 11yrs old daughter. Both travel 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. *This film was scheduled but could not be screened before.*

Cultural - Wednesday 25 January, 8:00 pm:

• MAGNIFICAT: Ballet by Heinz Spoerli

Switzerland, 2012, Dir. Andy Sommer w/ Ballet Zurich's dancers, 73mins, Rated: NR

The Zurich ballet offers there a splendid choreography on different pieces of Bach, including the gorgeous Magnificat. The choreography is mostly in classical style with solos, pas de deux and other groupings. While it is best classified as abstract one can't help but imprint some thematic elements such as faith, love, adoration to the Virgin Mary. The dancers of the Zurich Ballet are all superb. The choreography set to this Bach pieces is just as inspiring to watch as it is to listen!

French - Thursday 26 January, 8:00 pm:

• ELLE

France-Germany-Belgium, 2016, Dir.Paul Verhoeven w/ Isabelle Huppert, Laurent Lafitte, Anne Consigny, and others, Drama-Thriller, 130mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: R Michèle seems indestructible. Head of a successful video game company, she brings the same ruthless attitude to her love life as to business. Being attacked in her home by an unknown assailant changes her life forever. When she resolutely tracks the man down, they are both drawn into a curious and thrilling game-a game that may, at any moment, spiral out of control. *This film won various awards including 2 Golden Globes in 2017.*

International - Saturday 28 January, 8:00 pm:

• QUEEN OF KATWE

USA, 2016, Dir.Mira Nair w/ Madina Nalwanga, David Oyelowo, Lupita Nyong'o, and others, Biography-Sport, 124mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Based on true events this award winning film revolves around a girl called Phiona. She is a 10yrs old living with her family in a life of poverty and challenges in the slum of Katwe in Kampala, Uganda. Her world changes one day when she meets Robert Katende, a missionary who teaches children how to play chess. Phiona becomes fascinated with the game and soon becomes a top player under Katende's guidance. Her success in local competitions and tournaments opens the door to a bright future and a golden chance to escape from a life of poverty.

Children's Film - Sunday 29 January, 4:30 pm:

• THE BFG

USA, 2016, Dir. Steven Spielberg, w/ Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill, Penelope Wilton and others, Adventure, 117mins, English w/English subtitles Rated: PG

A girl named Sophie encounters the Big Friendly Giant who, despite his intimidating appearance, turns out to be a kind-hearted soul who is considered an outcast by the other giants because, unlike them, he refuses to eat children.

FRANCOIS TRUFFAUT Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 29 January, 8:00 pm:

• L'AMOUR EN FUITE (Love on the Run)

France,1979, Dir.Francois Truffaut w/Jean-Pierre Leaud,Claude Jade,Marie-France Pisier, and others, Comedy-Romance,94mins, French w/English subtitles, Rated: PG.

The film is presented in flashbacks from the previous four movies as Antoine Doinel meets up with people from his past. This is the fifth and final film in the series. Here a 30+ years old Antoine meets with his wife, Christine to sign the papers for their divorce. As it is the first no-fault divorce of its kind in France, the press surrounds them. In the crowd is also Antoine's past love, Colette, who is now a lawyer and in love with Xavier the Librarian. Antoine is in love with Sabine, but she breaks things off when he ditches her to go see his son at the train station. While he is there, he impulsively joins Colette on a train ride where they recall their past and go through his recent autobiographical novel. Finally, Monsieur Lucien also re-enters Antoine's life and they visit his mother's grave at Montmartre.

Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

Kindly do not bring food, drinks, snacks, munchies or your pets into the auditorium.

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. 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

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→ Auroville Safety and Security Team: 9443090107 (Email: avsecurity@auroville.org.in)

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

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

Bharat Nivas and Santé invites you all

To

a Film Projection on an Art Film

*Presented by
Eva Tind*

(A visiting Guest Artist from Denmark)



“The Celestial Ship”

(a film of 20 minutes)

Original title: Himmelskibet, 2014.

Followed by a short story telling about of
Nitta’s last journey,

And an open interactive dialogue on:
Preparing process for transition

Date: Monday, 23rd January 2017

Time: 5 to 6:30 pm

Venue: Bhavishyate Hall, Bharat Nivas



Introduction:

Eva Tind is a multi-artist.

She works in the interdisciplinary field of film, art, architecture and literature.

The film *The Celestial Ship* is a poetic documentary about parting with life. When the 67-year-old Nitta from Copenhagen is diagnosed with cancer in the terminal stage, she packs up her 100 diaries and drives to a cottage in Sweden to burn them.

Santé advice: Floor is cold and it is mosquito hours, so consider socks and repellent.



Auroville Farm Festival 2017

JANUARY 20 - 22, 2017

Food for thought: Talks and discussions at the Farm Festival

Requesting your participation to foster a shift towards community-supported agriculture!

For other fun activities, pls. see the full program in [last week's N&N](#)

Available at Foodlink

- Lunch coupons for Jan 21 & 22
- Coupons for the cooking class at Sustenance
- Sign-up sheet for bus transport to Annapurna

Jan 20: 11-12.30 (Venue: New Foodlink Site; Open to All)

1. **Short presentations about the activities of different farms**
2. **Challenges in teaching about food and sustainability in Auroville schools:** For the past two years, Priya V., supported by SAIER, has been doing small educational projects in various schools. She shares her experience with us.

Jan 21: 9.30-12.30 (Venue: Unity Pavilion; Open to newcomers and Aurovilians only)

3. **Towards self-sufficiency in food: Challenges and Opportunities:** A facilitated participatory discussion between farmers and the community on how to meet our basic food needs.
 1. **9.30 am: Let's build a farm:** What happens when you want to start a farm and grow food for Auroville? An interactive process with participants outlining the process of growing food from working the soil to nourishing the soul.
 2. **10 am: Panel Discussion:** Farmers representing four key sub-groups—Grain, Fruits & Vegetables, Dairy and Poultry—briefly share their experiences in the field.
 3. **11 am: Small group discussions:** Facilitated discussions among participants to explore how we can achieve our ideal of greater self-sufficiency in food.

Jan 21: 3.30-5 pm (Venue: Unity Pavilion; Open to All)

4. **An appeal from Auroville farmers:** A short fund-raising film by Tom Mo that gives an insight into Foodlink and the vision of our farmers.
5. **Our farm, our future:** Talk by Vivek⁽ⁱ⁾. Vivek's talk focuses on some aspects of agriculture in Auroville and highlights differences between organic and chemical produce.
6. **Challenges of Organic Farming in India:** Talk by Lucas⁽ⁱⁱ⁾

Jan 22: 11-12.30 (Venue: New Foodlink Site; Open to All)

7. **Short presentations about the activities of different farms**
8. **Pasteurization project and milk safety** by Greg
9. **Bridging the gap between demand and supply in milk:** a new initiative by PTDC, Foodlink and Dairy Group by Manas

(i)Vivek has been working in Buddha garden since 2005. Together with Priya, Vivek manages the Center for Sustainable Farming which aims to provide education, research, and consultancy in setting up organic farms in India. Vivek works with water conservation techniques, non-hybrid or open pollinated seeds program, and farm innovations. Vivek is also involved with various Govt. agencies and NGOs to help develop plans and policies for organic agriculture.

(ii)Dr. Lucas Dengel joined Auroville in 1988. He has been involved in organic farming since 1991. Founder of EcoPro, Lucas promotes EM practices in farming, animal care and aqua farming, in solid and liquid waste management, and remediation of polluted soils and water bodies. He manages projects in organic and biodynamic farming, in nutrition, in municipal waste management, in sanitation with urine-diversion-and-dry toilets. He is also devotes his time to educational programs in these areas.