

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

"Death is the question Nature puts continually to Life and her reminder to it that it has not yet found itself. If there were no siege of death, the creature would be bound forever in the form of an imperfect living. Pursued by death he awakes to the idea of perfect life and seeks out its means and its possibility." Sri Aurobindo, Thoughts and Glimpses, Cent. Vol. 16, p. 386

There seems to be matter enough here for us not to need to go any further. This is a question which every person whose consciousness is awakened a little has asked himself at least once in his life. There is in the depths of the being such a need to perpetuate, to prolong, to develop life, that the moment one has a first contact with death, which, although it may be quite an accidental contact, is yet inevitable, there is a sort of recoil in the being.

In persons who are sensitive, it produces horror; in others, indignation. There is a tendency to ask oneself: "What is this monstrous farce in which one takes part without wanting to, without understanding it? Why are we born, if it is only to die? Why all this effort for development, progress, the flowering of the faculties, if it is to come to a diminution ending in decline and disintegration?..." Some feel a revolt in them; others less strong feel despair and always this question arises: "If there is a conscious Will behind all that, this Will seems to be monstrous." But here Sri Aurobindo tells us that this was an indispensable means of awakening in the consciousness of matter the need for perfection, the necessity of progress, that without this catastrophe, all beings would have been satisfied with the condition they were in - perhaps....This is not certain. But then, we have to take things as they are and tell ourselves that we must find the way out of it all.

The fact is that everything is in a state of perpetual progressive development, that is, the whole creation, the whole universe is advancing towards a perfection which seems to recede as one goes forward towards it, for what seemed a perfection at a certain moment is no longer perfect after a time. The most subtle states of being in the consciousness follow this progression even as it is going on, and the higher up the scale one goes, the more closely does the rhythm of the advance resemble the rhythm of the universal development, and approach the rhythm of the divine development; but the material world is rigid by nature, transformation is slow, very slow, there, almost imperceptible for the measurement of time as human consciousness perceives it...and so there is a constant disequilibrium between the inner and outer movement, and this lack of balance, this incapacity of the outer forms to follow the movement of the inner progress brings about the necessity of decomposition and the change of forms. But if, into this matter, one could infuse enough consciousness to obtain the same rhythm, if matter could become plastic enough to follow the inner progression, this rupture of balance would not occur, and death would no longer be necessary. So, according to what Sri Aurobindo tells us, Nature has found this rather radical means to awaken in the material consciousness the necessary aspiration and plasticity.

It is obvious that the most dominant characteristic of matter is inertia, and that, if there were not this violence, perhaps the individual consciousness would be so inert that rather than change it would accept to live in a perpetual imperfection. That is possible. Anyway, this is how things are made, and for us who know a little more, there is only one thing that remains to be done it is to change all this, as far as we have the means, by calling the Force, the Consciousness, the new Power which is capable of infusing into material substance the vibration which can transform it, make it plastic, supple, progressive. Obviously the greatest obstacle is the attachment to things as they are; but even Nature as a whole finds that those who have the deeper knowledge want to go too fast: she likes her meanderings, she likes her successive attempts, her failures, her fresh beginnings, her new inventions; she likes the fantasy of the path, the unexpectedness of the experience; one could almost say that for her the longer it takes, the more enjoyable it is. But even of the best games one tires. There comes a time when one needs to change them and one could dream of a game in which it would no longer be necessary to destroy in order to progress, where the zeal for progress would be enough to find new means, new expressions, where the *élan* would be ardent enough to overcome inertia, lassitude, lack of understanding, fatigue, indifference.

Why does this body, as soon as some progress has been made, feel the need to sit down? It is tired. It says, "Oh! you must wait. I must be given time to rest." This is what leads it to death. If it felt within itself that ardour to do always better, become more transparent, more beautiful, more luminous, eternally young, one could escape from this macabre joke of Nature. For her this is of no importance. She sees the whole, she sees the totality; she sees that nothing is lost, that it is only recombining quantities, numberless minute elements, without any importance, which are put back into a pot and mixed well - and something new comes out of it. But that game is not amusing for everybody. And if in one's consciousness one could be as vast as she, more powerful than she, why shouldn't one do the same thing in a better way?

This is the problem which confronts us now. With the addition, the new help of this Force which has descended, which is manifesting, working, why shouldn't one take in hand this tremendous game and make it more beautiful, more harmonious, more true? It only needs brains powerful enough to receive this Force and formulate the possible course of action. There must be conscious beings powerful enough to convince Nature that there are other methods than hers. This looks like madness, but all new things have always seemed like madness before they became realities. The hour has come for this madness to be realised. And since we are all here for reasons that are perhaps unknown to most of you, but are still very conscious reasons, we may set ourselves to fulfil that madness - at least it will be worthwhile living it.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 6 February 1957 MOTHER

The Ponder Corner

Native-American Wisdom

A Native American boy was talking with his grandfather. "What do you think about the world situation?" he asked. The grandfather replied: "I feel like two wolves are fighting in my heart. One is full of anger and hatred. The other is full of love, forgiveness and peace."

"Which one will win?" asked the boy.

To which the grandfather replied, "The one I feed."

Submitted by Don

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) monthly report for February 2017

In December 2016, during a participatory exercise at a workshop, we learned that there are generally four stages in team formation, “forming, storming, norming and performing”. We perceived at that time that we were somewhere between the forming and storming stage. A few months down the road, we still find ourselves to be working through the storming stage and yet to move fully into the next phase of norming. Nevertheless, the work continues full speed. Read on:

FAMC revised public hours: Members will be available to meet with you during the following hours in our office on 2nd floor, Town Hall, next to L’avenir library. Phone: 0413-262-3649.

- Mondays from 2 - 4 pm
- Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Fridays 9:30 - 11:30 am

NB: the secretary is there from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm on all days except Mondays and Thursdays—the days when we have our bi-weekly meetings.

COMPLETED TOPICS

Units

-Auroville Child Development Research Centre executive changes: FAMC and WCom approved the following new executive appointments: Mr. Eric Avril; Ms. E. Padmanaban Pramila (aka Pushpa); Ms. Mary Tardeil (aka Marie Babu) and accepted the resignation of Mr. Andre Tardeil.

-Auroville Health Services, under Auroville Village Action Trust, executive changes: FAMC and WCom approved the following new executive appointments: Ms. Paula Fischer and Ms. Mechtild Schubert; and accepted the resignation of Mr. Manfred Lehnert and Ms. Franca Crocetti.

-Auro Small Scale Activities (ASSA), under Team Trust, executive changes: FAMC and WCom approved the executive appointment of Mr. Guy D. and the executive resignation of Ms. Sourya S., as recommended by ABC.

-Papyrus, under Artisana Trust, executive appointments: FAMC approved the addition of two new executives Mr. Nicolas T. and Ms. Selvi T., as recommended by the ABC support group. Bruno is the continuing executive.

-Arthena, under Kattida Kalai Trust, new unit: FAMC approved that the activity Arthena be reorganized as a new unit under Kattida Kalai Trust with Ms. Ane U. and Ms. Diana Z. as executives, as recommended by the ABC support group. The unit is to engage itself in the following activities: “Interior décor consultancy and manufacturing tailoring”

-Pitchandikulam Forest Project, under Auromitra Trust: Some positions in the project’s last balance sheet needed clarifying. The matter was solved in a timely manner in collaboration with the unit executives and with the help of the trustees and a few members of the FAMC.

-Tamil Heritage Centre Construction (THC): We have submitted a final report of our findings to the Auroville Foundation. The report includes recommendations that will be followed up with the Auroville Foundation.

-Eatery contributions: FAMC and BCC have endorsed a new set of contribution guidelines for eateries, which in essence, puts in place 5% contributions on all turnover for eateries.

Policies and Guidelines

-Depreciation method: in accordance with government regulations the depreciation method for assets have to be shifted from WDV (Written down Value Method) to SLM (Straight Line Depreciation) with immediate effect. We have distributed notification to all units, activities, schools, Trusts, projects impacted by this change.

Land related

-Purchase of new land: Two plots BO 73/8 (.57 acres, adjacent to Pitchandikulam and IR 343/6 (.38 acres, near Windarra Farm) were approved by FAMC for purchase by the Land Board.

-Auroville Consulting Site Application: The FAMC had no objection to the recommendation by iTDC to allocate a plot of land in the Industrial Zone for Auroville Consulting.

Miscellaneous

-Annapurna support fund: This fund was started during the time of the former FAMC. The new FAMC members were concerned that this option would create an unwanted precedent and much-needed funds would be diverted from City Services. It was agreed that participation in this fund should be only open to individual Aurovilians. Auroville units can contribute under certain conditions that ensure that their City Services unspecified contributions do not decrease. The operation of the fund will be reviewed after one year.

ONGOING TOPICS

Policies and Guidelines

-Quality & safety standards for Auroville taxi services: Given the recent initiative by Earth & Us to create a Shared Taxi Service, we have approached Min for help in creating standards for all Auroville taxi services.

-Housing reimbursement policy: We are currently reviewing this policy.

-Code of Conduct for Trusts and Units: FAMC and WCom, at the request of, and in collaboration with, Auroville Foundation, are revising the operational policies and regulations for units and trusts.

Units

-Village Cultural Heritage Centre (Auroville unit, Mohanam-Svaram, and Department of Tourism, Government of Pondicherry): very recently a joint collaboration between the FAMC and WCom was initiated to work out final details and resolve logistical questions with the project holders, iTDC, FAMC, and ABC. It has been agreed this will be pursued as a priority and all parties will cooperate in a timely manner.

-Optimal and/or transparent use of funds and assets: We are looking into concerns raised about the units: Auroville Water Service, Farm Fresh, Swagatham Guest House, Discovery, Imagination, Inside India, and The Colours of Nature to ensure optimal and/or transparent use of funds and assets. Where appropriate, we are collaborating with the ABC.

-Hybrid units: We noted that certain units that are classified as commercial units are actually hybrid units with both income-generating, and non income-generating activities like social development or research. It is important to account for income-generating, and non income-generating transactions separately and clearly and have that reflected in the balance sheet. It may also be necessary to separate the activities into different trusts. FAMC members have been working with each hybrid unit and making recommendations on a case-by-case basis. So far, FAMC members have met with Eco femme and Auroville Earth Institute and suggested necessary measures to each unit.

Miscellaneous

-Web-based GIS systems: Some FAMC members went to a presentation to review the work done by CSR and Blue Light to explore possibilities for collaborating on improved data services and asset management.

-Two income tax issues: The Income Tax department, Government of India, sent a list of requests to the Auroville Foundation regarding income tax issues. FAMC followed up on each of these issues immediately with the units and Trusts. Many units have not complied to submit the request in spite of reminders. This lack of a timely response from the Income Tax department is undeserving of fiduciary responsibilities of an executive. It may also place our tax exempt status into serious jeopardy.

FAMC

(Amy, Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Lyle, Prabhu, Stephanie, Ulli and Yuval)



Beyond the step

“Accessible Auroville” Meeting with Puducherry Governor Kiran Bedi

On 10th March 2017 at 5 pm I met the Puducherry Governor Kiran Bedi. It was a friendly and warmly meeting.

We both agreed with converting Pondicherry to be more Accessible to All.

We talked about some cooperation between “Accessible Auroville” and the Puducherry Government to reach this aim.

I talked to her about the “Accessible Auroville Public Bus” -She was very curious and asked if it was possible to see it. The bus was already parked nearby; the driver was looking forward to receiving my call to drive inside the Governor's palace (but first we had to wait for the last visitor to leave the palace). While I was waiting some policemen and attendants questioned me about accessibility, helping aging people etc. how to raise awareness as they want to do something about it. It was very encouraging to see them so interested in this topic!

Finally the “Accessible Auroville Public Bus” was allowed to enter into the garden of the Governor's Palace!

She was very impressed by the platform lift installed at the rear of the bus. I explained Her how it worked in order to make the bus Accessible to All: two doors have been installed at the back in a body shop in Karur where buses can be modified according to their needs, she was very focused when listening to me, whereas the platform lift, coming from Italy (In India it is not available yet), was fixed by differently able workers in a factory situated in the countryside nearby Chennai.

She wanted to see how the platform lift works...In order to give Her a demonstration I invited her to get on it already down on the ground thanks to the bus driver who had pressed the button to make it so. She hesitated a little bit, finally holding my hand we both got on the bus, standing on the platform lift. We enjoyed going up and down...At the end, she stated that she would consult “Accessible Auroville” about this kind of issue.

It has been an honor to have the opportunity to meet the Puducherry Governor Kiran Bedi! She is really a great woman indeed! I am sure that she will work out how to create an inclusive society where everybody can lead on a normal life with dignity and freedom.

Let us hope that it will happen in Auroville as well very soon, especially in the vision of its 50 years!

With Gratitude, *Susmita for “Accessible Auroville”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Houses available for transfer

1. Grace community- Mauna's House: Area: 58.83 Sqm. Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Brick walls plastered in cement mortar, RCC flat roofing with covered terracotta tile roof consisting of front verandah, living cum Kitchen Bed room & Toilet with Inside Precast stair. Suitable for Single or Couple.

Re-announced

1. Creativity E-block First Floor Hemant's House: Area - 111.20 Sqm. Three bedrooms apartment with kitchen, passage, toilet, open terrace and a balcony. * Available in April 2018

2. Quiet Hilde's House: Area - 100.36 Sqm. Semi-permanent structure with sloped thatched roof, supported on granite

pillars with unplastered brick walls in cement mortar. Living cum kitchen, toilet, sit out and mezzanine

Housing Project under construction

Kalpna - 26 apartments of different sizes available.

Studio - 8 nos, 1BHK - 10 nos, 2 BHK - 5 nos, 3 BHK - 3 nos. Will be ready next year 2018.

Contact Person: Satyakam E-mail: satyakam@auroville.org.in

Auromodele Orchard - 7 out of 14 Houses available for booking. Will be ready in 2018.

Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele phone: 8940220333

For more information contact:

Housing Service (Town Hall) - Phone: (0413) 2622658 / e-mail: housing@auroville.org.in

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Eco-service

Dear All

We, the Eco-Service, would like to inform the community that we have collected 98 tons of waste from Jan 2016 to March 2017. 25 % of this waste goes to landfill to be burnt, which include about 12% of organic waste such as brooms, baskets, mats, cloth and other compostable items. The other 13 % are shoes, bags and unwashed plastic bags. Our aim is to reduce the landfill and to do so we really need your help and request everyone to **please wash** their cheese, dosa and food plastic bags, so they CAN be recycled, not attract pests, and not sent to the landfill for burning. **Please dispose** of organic waste in your community itself by composting organic waste, so it doesn't end up in the landfill unnecessarily.

We have 300 collection points in Auroville and about 10 from non Aurovillians who want to deal with their waste as carefully as possible.

We are all responsible for the waste produced so let us do a collective effort and try to do better in 2017.

We have clean and perfectly re-usable packing materials such as bubble paper and white and black foam so if anyone needs to do some packing come visit us instead of adding more plastic into this endless machine,

Thanking you,
Kali and Palani K.

On Wells

Do you know where your water comes from? It seems like a simple question, but perhaps it's not that easy to answer. Those of you in the Residential Zone might think that you know - but do you know how many wells there are in the RZ? From which one does your water come?

Wells are a big topic in the work we do. We're currently starting from the ground level and simply trying to determine the number of wells that exist in Auroville. In 2006, 253 wells were recorded, however, since then data collection hasn't been consistent, and applications for new borewells only started last year. We are trying our best to collect information on all wells (in use or not) within each community.

So why is it important to know how many wells exist here? Let's talk about that next week.

In the meantime, can you help us? We want to hear from you. Send us an email and let us know the following:

- Your Name:
- Your Community:
- Where does your water come from?
- How many wells do you have in your community?

We're going to compare what you send us with the data we have. Then it's all going to be published for you on our upcoming website - so that you can see it too. This World Water Day, March 22nd, learn where your water comes from, and then be a part of the process and give us a hand. Email us at: watergroup@auroville.org.in

Call for Things!



The Auroville Library of Things is almost set to begin! Now we need to reach into our homes, closets and shelves for "things" that are not being used to their full capacity. Let's dig them out and share with others! For phase 1, we are looking for (a) home tools, (b) toys, (c) games, (d) kitchenware/utensils, and (e)

camping gear. If you believe that you have some under-used things in your possession, it's probably time to declutter and set them free!

Location: Outside PTDC (benches at the garden)

Time: 11:45 am and 1 pm

Dates: Fri, March 17 to Fri, March 31 (every day except Sundays)

Please contact one of the numbers below to find us.

*Note: Currently, we are only accepting items as "giveaway"

Not sure what you can share? Have other things to give? Send us a picture and details of the item at alot@auroville.org.in or call/WhatsApp *Sahil* at 750.630.5152

Regards,

Sahil Patni - a lot

Information from the Residents Service

Please keep in mind the following points:

- The Residents Service is only helping the Residents of Auroville, who are holding an Entry or (X) Visa, to make the papers needed for the registration and extension at the RRO (Regional Registration Office in Pondicherry)

But every person is still responsible for their own Visa-related Requirements! If you are coming at the last moment

or past the expiry date, we cannot be pushed, or prioritize you online.

- If you furnish all the relevant information to the Residents Service, we can help you to keep track when your Residential Permit is running out, but for that you have to give us a copy of your valid **Residential permit or Stay Visa**.
- Under all circumstances you are responsible for your own Visa requirements. You must keep in mind the end of validity of your Passport, Visa and Residential Permit.
- All new passports and new Entry Visas (X) have to be registered at the RRO within 14 days of issues or arrival in India, **failing that a penalty of Rs. 1800/- will have to be paid**. Avoid the fine by coming to the Residents Service on time.
- All PIO and OCI card holders have to inform the Residents Service your IN's and OUT's abroad and your update in Auroville.

Please, don't forget to inform us when you are leaving and arriving from abroad. Also inform us when you change your residing place, working place, phone number and email id, in order to contact you easily.

- Regarding to passport renewal, advisable to start 6 Months before the expiry date, if your visa renewal dates are also close. The passport can take up to 3-4 Months, and only after this can we start your visa extension process.
- If somebody has a 5 year visa application coming up, but the passport validity is shorter, please also think about applying for a new passport, or maybe you won't be able to get a 5 years visa.

For any information needed please contact us at the *Residents Service*, (0413) 2622191, E - mail: resservice@auroville.org.in open Monday to Friday morning from 9:30 am to 12.30 pm and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30

POSTINGS

Nature Camp First Group Gathering: All those who applied for the First Group Nature Camp kindly come to an information meeting on Sun. the 19th March at 10 am at Certitude.

Enjoy reading!

House of Mother's Agenda offers you gratis about 30 books by Sri Aurobindo in English and 15 by Mother in French, also a limited number of books by Satprem. They are used, but exist since the beginning of H.O.M.A. in December 1989.

Claude de Warren is available at H.O.M.A. Mondays and Thursdays between 10 and 12 am, Gangalakshmi afternoon from 3 to 6 pm every day except Sunday. Enjoy reading, with Gratitude, *GangaLakshmi (House of Mother's Agenda - Savitri Bhavan)*

Question of general interest: Dear All, late last year I read in the News that all foreign Aurovillians have now to declare their income and inform Revenue Department of their foreign bank account details. I enquired among friends who seem in their vast majority to be ignorant about it. Is there any group or individuals dealing with this government request? Where to get the proper information and support? Anyone who wishes to help dealing with this issue is welcome. Best way to contact me - by email at: cjm@auroville.org.in. Merci d'avance!-*Cristo*

Stealing of Petrol: Dear Friends, this Sunday, at about 5:15, Marie-Ange stepped out onto our terrace and immediately caught 2 village boys stealing petrol from my bike. Of course, they immediately fled, but with one having the audacity to wave at Marie-Ange. We went to our bikes and there was a strong smell of petrol because the ground under my bike was saturated with it. I opened the fuel cover and checked and found that was only a small amount of petrol left in the tank. That means that there is the necessity to be careful on Sundays and at night. I imagine that during the week at daytime, when there are many people moving in and around the parking place, petrol thievery would be virtually impossible. But on Sunday and at night, Communities are quiet with very little human traffic. Therefore, your parking place gate must be kept locked

all day Sunday and at night. The stealing of petrol is a matter of fact. *Don*

M&M Cheeses Factory Store

We are happy to inform the community that from now onward all products are available directly from M&M Cheeses Factory Store.

Goat cheeses, Buffalo mozzarella and more. Kuilapalayam, Auroville main road (Health Center corner). Open from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (Sunday closed). Come and visit us - Love, *Massimo, Monica*



The Litter Free Auroville 2017 Trashion Show needs YOU!

A shout out to all interested individuals, units and schools to take part in this exciting show with pieces (garments and accessories) created from waste.

The second Auroville Trashion Show will take place on the 1st of April!

If you would like to participate please register with us RIGHT NOW! In order to prepare the show we will need sketches or photos of your pieces by March 22nd along with as much information as you can give us about materials used, inspiration, your model etc.

If you would like a creative space in which to work, you are welcome to join us at the Upcycling Studio in Edayanchavadi (contact OK) and Arlet's Studio in Auromodel (contact Arlet). Looking for interesting waste for your creation? Contact Eco Service and the Upcycling Studio.

If you want to help us organise the event or participate in some way, we'd love to hear from you.



Please contact:

OK - 9344002972 / okjeonglee@gmail.com

Mukta - 9443620174 / milla@auroville.org.in

Arlet - 8531032947 / arletrochini@gmail.com

AVAILABLE

Fridge: new Kenstar fridge. It has a 150 litre capacity, 3 star energy rating. The fridge is hardly used and red in colour. It is 5 months old and still in 1 year warranty. Contribution to be agreed. If you are interested in the fridge please call me on 9585346252 (*Anurag*). Thanks in advance :) Have a great day :)

Office Furniture: 7x2.5x1 ft steel racks (6 racks, adjustable), 2x8 ft wooden desks, plastic and steel chairs, desktop computer (3.3 Ghz 4GB, i3, 1TB, 18.5" LED monitor) with table, Epson L210 printer/scanner, Ceil home use inverter 1450 VA available for contribution. Please contact: auroreva@auroville.org.in, 9047520702. *Revathi*

1 table fan: Contact Krishna: 78679 66069 preferably between 6 to 8 pm only.

1 bicycle Kaite: Aluminum frame and rims, with shock-absorber, 18 gears. It is originally an electric bike and can be used as a normal bike. Contribution to be discussed. Contact *Krishna*: 78679 66069 preferably between 6 to 8 pm only.

Mattresses: 1 New mattress - 1m90 x 1m40, cotton / 1 new mattress 1m90 x 0.90, cotton and silk. Contact *Vathiya*: 8489113479

LOOKING FOR ...

2 bikes: I'm looking for 2 bikes (1 lady bike) in good condition - to get free or for a contribution - if you have one please contact me on: itaskovski@gmail.com & +91 8489818523 - *Irena*

Someone going to Belgium: Still looking for someone travelling to Belgium who is willing to carry 2 kg of clothing for a friend. She is in Zoersel and will pick up clothes from where you are. Thanks and contact *Alice* - 944 207 2835.

Humvee: If anyone now or in the future is looking to sell their Humvee please call *Audrey* at 0314-262-2641. Am looking forward with anticipation.

People experienced with the "circles": People who are willing to share their experience with the "circles" that were once popular in Auroville. I am studying alternative economic practices and would love to learn from the available knowledge within the community. My friend Ronelle who is a student from the Netherlands would also like to learn from you for her academic research. Thanks! *Gijs* (9943820241)

Services of an amma 1: We are looking for a part time amma who can cook North Indian food and who can speak some English or Hindi. Contact *Prem Shakti* (premsakti@auroville.org.in)

Services of an amma 2: Looking for an amma for garden work 2 hours per day in Auromodele , please contact *krishna* 78679 66069

Some work: Amma looking for half day work for the mornings. Selvi is from Kottakarai, so anywhere around Kottakarai and the city area is good for her. She works independently and efficiently. If you have work for her, please call or mail me; *Dorle*: Dorle@auroville.org.in / 0413 2622509

Looking for bike and kitchen items: Small fridge 50l-80 l. Kitchen items like pan and other stuff. Bike like TVS, Electric, 125cc with electric start. *Hans*, Silence 9 5858 29329 / innovation@gmail.com

Volunteers for the KIDS Café: I, Nadia, have been organizing the KIDS Cafe in Certitude. As I will be leaving next Thurs. the 23rd for more than four months we need volunteers to continue. It is not a lot of work, but needs someone who loves to give the kids a snack on Fri. and Sat. afternoon. PI contact me: 9489035457 or Frederick: 9486475457

A fridge and table: Dear friends, I need a fridge and a small table. Contact *Olga*: +918098167492

LOST & FOUND

Keys (Found): Found a while back, possibly in Aurodam, 2 sets of keys linked to each other by a brown leather string. Come and pick up at the News & Notes office.

Chappals exchanged: Someone swapped my chappals with theirs outside Ptdc last week ... they are simple black rubber sunshine chappals ... but these are a size or two bigger :(If

you have my smaller ones, pls call me on 9751257796... Thanks, *Tamar*

Smatphone (Lost): I lost my Sony Smatphone (Xperia M4 Aqua - white color) last Sunday evening between Town Hall and Courage. If anyone found it, please contact 9442200845 (Father's no). It would be of great help. Thank you - *Bala, Courage*

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sitting 1: Dear friend, my name is Monique, from Dana, (Aurovilian working at the Visitor Center cafeteria). I'm looking for approximately 2 months of house-sitting, from the end of March till the end of May. I urgently need a place to stay till my house is finished. If possible not too far from the center, as I work at dinner time. I'll take care of your place with all my best will. 9487913904 or matthieu@auroville.org.in - Thanks, *Monique*

House-sitting 2: Dear Fellow Aurovilians, I am looking for a house sitting opportunity to stay at with my wife and 3 children for one year, preferably from May onwards. I am waiting for the confirmation of a place in a housing project which is expected to be completed in one year. Kindly let me know if there are any available houses. Thanks in advance, *Mohan*: mohan@auroville.org.in, Mob - 9585 550709.

House-sitting 3: From July 2017 long term (6 months to 1 year) - We are a young family of 3, starting our newcomers process in July 2017 and looking for some accommodation. I'm a 42 years old Bosnian, I'm a filmmakers, educator and dancer. During our stay in Auroville I will be working with kids & women as a meditation dance and art expressions facilitator, my partner Pedro (Portuguese) is a yoga instructor, primary school

teacher and Ayurvedic therapist and would be working with kids in school. Our little son is Atesh Noa, he is 3 years old and he will be going to kindergarten from July. We are responsible, very tidy people with a great sense of humour, and would be very happy to take good care of your home. Would be great to be part of a community that is interested in dance and creativity as well ecology and nature. We can offer evenings of great films. We're in Auroville till 29.03.2017 and we would be very happy to meet you and see your house. Please contact us on: itaskovski@gmail.com & +91 8489818523 - *Irena*

House-sitting 4: Hey dear all, I'm *Desiree*, a 31 year old Romanian-Jordanian and a travel writer living in Auroville (Certitude) since September. As it seems my sadhana wants me here for a longer period of time, I decided to stay onwards. I came as a guest and stayed as a student. It would be great to share positive vibes with an inspiring place from beginning of April to mid-July. Yes, of course I love cats & dogs, beautiful plants (I'm always trying to bring seeds and roots from all over the world and plant it back home) and have a recent passion for de-cluttering and minimalist life style. If you feel like you want to meet me and share your home - send me a buzz over here: halaseh_desiree@yahoo.com

House sitting 5: Hi, my name is *Valentin*; I'm a 33 years old French man, volunteering for the 2nd time in Auroville. I am working as sales and marketing manager at Light-Fish until the end of June, at which time I will start my newcomer process. I am flexible for the house-sitting period and ready to start right

now. I'm very responsible, and love taking care of animals. Please contact me: soltys.valentin@gmail.com. Thank you."

Available for house-sitting: One house with garden in Auromodele, for a single person who loves gardening. For a period of 4 to 6 months. Contact *Krishna*: 78679 66069 between 6 to 8 pm.

TAXI SHARING

March 19th: Sunday - the taxi will leave Auroville around noon and return after picking me up at Chennai airport at 2.15 pm. if you want to share either way, please contact me by phone: 08489265342, or email: kati@auroville.org.in - looking forward to your company, *Kati*"

March 19th: Taxi going to Chennai airport will leave Auroville about 10.30 am on Sunday 19th March. Please contact *Lesley* on 9488373747 or lesleybra@yahoo.com

March 20th: Taking a taxi at 5:00pm to Chennai airport. Anyone who wants to share call *Satyama* at 9487102927 or email satyama@satyama.ca.

March 22nd: Auroville to Chennai airport, Wednesday 22nd March, 3:30 pm. Contact *Giacomo*: 9487340778 or giacomoauroville@gmail.com

March 22nd: Taxi leaving from Chennai Airport at 12 noon (with flexibility in timing up to 12.30 pm) on Wednesday 22nd March. If anybody is willing to share from either way, please contact *Ipsita* on ipsita0253@gmail.com.

March 23rd: leaving New Creation for Chennai Airport at 1am. Please ring *Norman* 9585437380

March 25th: Taxi leaving from Auroville at 12 noon (with flexibility in timing up to 1 pm) on Saturday 25th March. If anybody is willing to share from either way, please contact *Ipsita* on ipsita0253@gmail.com.

March 26th: 14:30 departure from Auroville for Chennai airport. We have a free seat in the taxi to share with our family. We can leave earlier if necessary. Please send a message to: ioncondei@auroville.org.in or call 890 3205842 - *Ian*.

March 27th: Leaving Auroville March 27th in the evening (Max. midnight). Contact *Kather* at: 8351892491 or katrevallio123@gmail.com

March 28th: Leaving Auroville to Chennai Airport the 28th early morning, by 3 or 4 am. Will come back empty around 6 am. Contact : *Lison*: moeglelison@gmail.com, 8940731034

March 29th: Taxi to share to Chennai Airport leaving at 11 am in the morning from Center Guest House. Please contact *Ode*: Cell phone: [9786 600195](tel:9786600195) / odebeaule@gmail.com

April 9th: Taxi will leave AV for Chennai airport around 11 pm. Can be shared going or for airport pick-up. Perfect share for someone coming in on the Emirates flight from Dubai (if anyone still does that in April!). SvahaUS@gmail.com or 0413-262-3898. *Swaha*

April 11th: Taxi going to Chennai airport - leaving Auroville around 10 pm (time flexible) should be at the airport latest at 1.30 am. Please contact *Krishna* 78679 66069

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Topographic Surveys for TDC: 2 persons needed

Dear Community, greetings from Giulio. I'm responsible for the Topographic Surveys done for Auroville which I coordinate on behalf of TDC.

After a long wait, CSR has received the funds for the most advanced equipment available on the market for topographic survey work. The topographic work will be specific for water resource management but will allow also producing an accurate Auroville base map. In this regard we need to start putting together a team for executing the survey of the whole Auroville territory. We are looking for two young, motivated and disciplined people to help us with this work.

Job description: Survey Operator. Seeking one motivated and disciplined person willing to work in the field on a daily basis for operating state of the art equipment. Training will be done before starting the field work. Commitment for at least one year. It could actually grow into a skill offering permanent job opportunities. Requirements: spoken and written English, basic knowledge of maths and geometry, computer skills (including basic CAD knowledge), precision, reliability and discipline, due

to the advanced technology to be used. Kindly note that it involves daily field work and be prepared for this type of field situation, also the person should have a bike to be able to move around. Full maintenance is available.

Job description: Survey Data Processing Operator. Seeking one person for office processing work, who will process and organise in a standardised system the data acquired in the field, immediately after they are downloaded from the measuring equipment. Requirements: spoken and written English, basic knowledge of maths and geometry, computer skills (including basic CAD knowledge), precision, reliability and discipline, due to the accuracy of data available. Full maintenance is available.

Please let me know if you want to meet to understand better the job requirements, and/or if you have someone in mind. Please contact me by March 25th to apply. We would like to begin the work by March 31st.

To apply, please contact *Giulio* directly: Mobile: 9474224206. Email: giulioenrica@gmail.com

HEALTH

Tibetan Doctor's visit: Dear Friends, this is to inform you that the Tibetan Doctor and the team are visiting Auroville at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture on the 28th and the 29th of March. Unlike the other month it is not happening on the 4th Saturday of the month.) - 28th half day and on 29th full day) - For your appointment call 0413 2622401/ 8489067332 or send an email to Kalsang@auroville.org.in

The consultation is held at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone.

Published by Pavilion of Tibetan Culture team.

German psychologist and psychotherapist: I am back from Germany and available for consulting for German speaking community members. My specialization is psychoanalysis, body therapy and gestalt psychotherapy. Please contact *Angelika*, phone 2622806 or email anlika@auroville.org.in

Integral Health

Classical homeopathy; transpersonal regression therapy; child care

Peter is out of station for the next 2 month.

First Aid Kits with 32 homeopathic remedies - brochure in English, French, Deutsch and Tamil are available again!

"Harmony and Samata" - homeopathic remedies carrying the energies of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo and "Homoeopathic First Aid"

Simple use of homeopathic remedies for injuries, travel sickness, and much more, 32 remedies, brief description for its use in German, English, French and Tamil.

PC remedies, information medicine for Diabetes, High Blood pressure and Trauma have shown very effective. We provide 84 PC remedies for Trauma, infectious diseases and chronic diseases. The developer of PC remedies is Dr. Harry van der Zee, internationally renowned homeopath and friend of Auroville (www.arhf.nl)

Sigrid is available for consultations in "Sensation Method", an internationally practiced advanced classical homeopathy! Sigrid has been teaching this method since 2004 to MDs in Germany and Spain.

Malar is certified in homeopathy and offers consultation for homeopathic First Aid and PC remedies.

Camille, professional in "psychomotricite" - occupational therapist, working with children, mainly afternoons and

Saturdays, in English and French language. Contact - Email: camille@auroville.org.in, mobile 8098796307

Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, and Tamil.

Malar is managing the office, mailing of remedies, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12 am.

You are welcome to contact us at integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue. Please make an appointment beforehand via Integral Health, Prayatna: 2623669

Sigrid sigrid@auroville-holistic.org, www.sigridlindemann.com, www.auroville-holistic.com / Peter peterh@auroville.org.in, mobile 9787698464 / Ingo ingo@auroville.org.in, 9489325085 / Malar malar@auroville.org.in, 9585012007 / Camille camille@auroville.org.in, mobile 8098796307

More information is available on <http://www.auroville.org/contents/148>

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners!

Our live streaming can be heard on

<http://radio.garden/live/villupuram/auroville-radio/>

Here is an update from AV Radio with programs made this past week:

Our volunteers have recorded:

Stefano did [International Meeting on WWTP](#) and [Human Journey Across the Ages](#)

Gino [Namaspamus Brass Band](#), and [Djelan Duo](#)

Neha [Talking about Flux](#), and [12 Women, Infinitte Stories](#)

We have also an interview with Paula Murphy on [Women's Health Survey](#)

Marlenka continues with [Synthesis](#) of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo

and Gangalakshmi with her [Selections](#) of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother texts in French - uncut version on the request of listeners!

Out of our regular programs are here [Thursday](#) and [Monday](#) news

Musical editions are [Trubaci](#) and [Fresh Cuts](#)

Happy listening, *Your AV Radio Team*

SPORTS

No MMA classes

Dear Mixed Martial Friends, I am leaving the 22nd March until 12th May, so no MMA classes until then. So last lesson Monday, March 20. Keep training in the meantime.

Thank you for your passion, *Giacomo*

EATING OUT

"Punjabi" Lunch by Bharat Nivas, the Pavilion of India

By Mr. Anand (1st time on Sunday - A solo lunch by a Male)

At Atithi Griha Guest House - Bharat Nivas

on Sunday the 19th of March, 2017, 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Menu: Makki Ki Raab (Some kind of Corn Soup); Dal Tadaka; Saas Tofu or Paneer; Alu Gobi. For Aurovilians and Newcomers only. Fixed contribution. For reservations, please write to: atithigriha@auroville.org.in or call 0413-2622445 before 4pm on Friday 17th of March.

Punjabi Dinner at Café Le Morgan in Town Hall: Dear all, Café Le Morgan would like to invite you all for a Special Punjabi Dinner on Monday March 20. Timing: 6 pm to 8.30 pm. Menu: Dal fry, Aloo gobi, Chapatis, Raita, Jeera rice, Kheer lime mint cooler. Fixed contribution. Call to book your plate: 8124466999 - *Swar*

Punjabi Dinner At the African Pavilion: Dear All, we would like to invite you all for a Punjabi dinner on the 22nd of March from 6 pm till 8.30 pm in the African Pavilion. Menu: Dal fry, Aloo gobi, Chapatis, Raita, Jerra rice, Kheer, Lime mint cooler. Contribution is requested. Call for booking your plate at the following number: 8124466999. *Swar*

GREEN MATTERS

Sunday
walk
Farms & Forests

Sunday 19 March, AFTERNOON 4 pm: Evergreen, with Natasha

Contact tel: 94869-28874

Evergreen is an agroforestry community, using natural resources for its energy and buildings. You will visit the TDEF forest (tropical dry evergreen forest) and a permaculture vegetable garden.

Directions: From Solar Kitchen about 10-15 minute by cycle. Take a right out of the SK gate, past Certiude, turn left on the tar road and then take a right towards Abri. Before you get there, turn onto a smaller path on your right again and you'll see the Evergreen sign. Enter the gate and follow the road to Evergreen.

Next week: Sunday 26 March: Pichandikulam, with *Joss*. (This is a morning walk, timing and details in next News & Notes.)



Some environmental news from Tamil Nadu
(Drought, Air Pollution, Oil spill, Wildlife, Ery Restoration and more...)

After eight hot months followed by a failed monsoon (last year's rain fall was 40% below average), we enjoyed two months of relative cool, but now summer has returned and promises to be long, hot and dry. In fact, our area has been officially declared drought-hit - Tamil Nadu since January, Pondicherry & Karaikal since February. In the latter, of the 37000 acres (150 km²) under cultivation, 73% are affected by drought; in Tamil Nadu, at least one third of its vast cultivated land is drought-stricken.

The yields of sugarcane, paddy and bananas - all dependent on irrigation - have come down by 50 to 70 %. Many deep bore wells have dried up due to decreasing groundwater levels. Milk producers cannot find enough of paddy straw for their cattle, and many cows are suffering from drought stress. The Tamil Nadu Government is setting up 300 depots to distribute dry fodder and a mineral mixture for cattle. Through veterinary dispensaries, these will provide 3 kg of dry fodder per day for each cow. Our Villupuram district will have the maximum number of such depots in the state.

32 lakh, or 3.2 million, farmers who have suffered crop losses have been promised various relief measures, such as direct compensation per acre of land, and employment under the Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (the familiar MGNREGA or 100-days-of-paid-work scheme).

Village erys: masterfully engineered systems of cascading ponds and tanks retaining the monsoon rains, had traditionally provided water in the summer. Tamil Nadu used to have around 40'000 such water bodies! However over the last century or two, most of these have been silted and their capacity vastly reduced. Various government schemes aim at rehabilitating these systems. An example is the centrally-sponsored 'Integrated Surface Water Management' scheme, helping to restore 30 tanks and 32 village ponds in the Puducherry Union Territory, thus reducing the communities' reliance on dwindling ground water resources.

The central government's Ministry of Environment has increased its budget by 19%, an allocation widely considered to be insufficient. The issues identified are not only financial (in fact, many funds are under-utilized). Areas such as Forest Management, Resource Conservation, Pollution control and Wildlife Protection are reported to suffer from a lack of

coherence and interconnectedness. A major overhaul is being called for to put the Environmental policies and practices on a track of sustainability.

Wildlife under distress: In the famous Mudumalai Tiger reserve on the eastern slopes of the Nilgiris (where many of Tamil Nadu's temple elephants go for their yearly month-long rejuvenation holiday), the drought is taking its toll, as several elephants have died due to lack of ground fodder.

At the end of January, a major oil spill occurred near Chennai, when two tankers - one carrying LPG, the other crude oil and lubricants - collided near the coast. Lack of preparedness, and an outdated recovery vessel and equipment are held responsible for the seriousness of the damage to the marine environment. The Coastal Guard and many volunteer students have cleaned up what they could of the thick toxic slick; assessments are being done on the hazardous chemicals released, with experts warning that the coast will be affected by oil traces for a long time to come.

In terms of air pollution, India now rivals China; and although it's Delhi's red alerts that make the headlines, Chennai isn't doing much better. The *Hindu* carries next to its weather report a daily Air Quality Index with % of Sulphur Dioxide, Nitrogen Dioxide, Carbon Monoxide and PM2.5 and PM10 particulates (for more on this topic, please see the Green Column of 29 October last year).

Hydrocarbon extraction: In Karaikal, the Territorial Administration opposes the Central Government's move to have hydrocarbon - crude oil and gas - explorations. There has been no public hearing, and this being an agricultural area, the farmers fear contamination of water and displacement. A similar project, also intensely protested, is Neduvasal in Tamil Nadu. In recent times, 31 mining leases, covering a total of 3500 km², have been granted in the state, from where 600 tons of oil and 3 million m³ of natural gas are being extracted every day. The hope remains that the internationally adopted Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris agreement, and the common sense and courage of people on the ground, may shift such policies onto a more sustainable path before more irreversible damage is done to our fragile environment.

Source: Down to Earth, various newspaper articles and the radio news.

For AV Green Center, Lisbeth

We welcome green news from Auroville, the Bioregion, India and the world. Write to us at avgreencenter@auroville.org.in



On Auroville's 50th Anniversary

Hello everyone!

The celebrations for Auroville's 50th Anniversary are not exactly what I agree with and the sums of money involved make me very uncomfortable.

Please understand that I feel Auroville's 50th birthday is an occasion for us to go on a *yatra* together, to make a pilgrimage to the Heart of Auroville. Here are some ideas in that direction.

- * Acknowledging the contributions of our old Aurovilians. And also checking out to see if they have everything they need as they get older; many of them gave all they had to Auroville with no thought for their future, only Auroville's.
- * Checking in with all Aurovilians to see if they are feeling safe and doing something about it if they are not.
- * Acknowledging the generosity of India for giving a home to this project.
- * Talking together about what Mother's intention was for Auroville.
- * Talking together to better understand what *karma yoga* is and how to go about doing it.
- * Renewing our personal commitments to Auroville and to our *sadhana*. Also doing so collectively.
- * Doing spiritual practices together such as *japa* walks, meditation courses, inviting speakers for example on the Matrimandir (What is so esoterically special about it? What exactly does it allow us to do?), chanting Mother's mantra, collective silent parties and meditations, dancing *saptas*...

Thanks for reading my thoughts,
Laura White

Sambhavami Yuge Yuge - an outstanding multisided dance performance

On 23rd February evening Sri Aurobindo Auditorium at Bharat Nivas hosted one of those outstanding cultural performances integrating music, song, visuals and dance. This is a review and reflections of what I felt while seeing the performance.

There is a little book in which the pictures of Mother's hands in various postures - mudras in Sanskrit - were shown to her. The disciple asked the Mother to explain the meaning of those mudras. She at first declined saying that people don't take trouble to find out the meaning themselves and want everything to be explained, readymade. The disciple went home and tried to find out herself what could be the significance of those mudras. During her next meeting with the Mother, she disclosed what she found. The Mother was pleased by her effort and went on to reveal the true meaning or significance of those hand mudras.

Many or most of the Indian dances, I tend to believe, are, physical rendering - dynamic mudras - of hidden psychological or spiritual significances, aspirations or invocations. *Sambhavami Yuge Yuge* falls perhaps in the same genre. Movements and still postures of the dancers stood for and revealed the meanings of what was being relayed. And what was being relayed in subterranean melodious voice was a 'philosophy of life' from one of the greatest scriptures of India - Bhagavat Gita - in original language Sanskrit and their English rendering. The major episodes were also connected with impressive background visuals and short clips. One of these short clips showed myriads of Galaxies whirling, then emerges the earth, then the visual of a human eye suggesting that it symbolizes in a nutshell the universe and then emerges a popular image of Krishna suggesting that it embodies the universe.

According to Sri Aurobindo's mighty vision and philosophy of world evolution- a vision which is born of his personal inner experiences - there are subtler forces and subtler personalities which help the evolution as there are also forces and personalities which hamper it. Krishna, in his view, is one of the foremost personalities, one of the dynamic realities of the subtler world and Sri Aurobindo has acknowledged consistently the help he received from him and said many interesting and impressive things about him. I quote here just one of those elucidations:

"Krishna is not the supramental light. The descent of Krishna would mean the descent of the overmind Godhead preparing, though not itself actually bringing, the descent of supermind and Ananda. Krishna is the Anandmaya, he supports the evolution through the overmind leading it towards his Ananda." (CWSA vol 35 pg 273)

I would certainly sympathize with a rational reader if s/he says that s/he did not know what to make of these words. However, like Sri Aurobindo, there are plenty of people who acknowledge the experience of Krishna and /or the help they received from him. Many who feel spontaneous faith and devotion for him as one of the great gods. I also know people whose gods keep changing. "I was very interested in Krishna once upon a time but now I feel more inclined to Shiva" - I have heard or read statements like these from more than one person, irrespective of their nationality.

Coming back to the performance, seeing the dancers on the stage, what became clear is the hard practice, the many rehearsals they must have carried out before presenting such a fine show to the audience. Secondly, the dancers and artists must have come from more than one place - Auroville, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Puducherry and Chennai.

When a film on Buddha was being shown at the Ashram Playground, the Mother remarked that the Buddha was present throughout but in the end when it was shown that the Buddha was reincarnated as Gandhi, he withdrew. Could Krishna be present in the invisible world while *Sambhavami Yuge Yuge* was being performed? Very likely.

Compliments to Devasmita and her troupes for conceiving, organizing, and presenting their art, their labour of love and joy.

Aryadeep (aryadeep@auroville.org.in)

How far can illusion keep us going?

Hello,

How far illusion can keep us going?

Auroville should follow one line, based on Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Because it needs nothing else than to be conscious of the Consciousness Force, working for the change. Actually we look so much dispersed. When it is said only to connect ourselves to the Conscious Force, it means that all other approaches become superfluous, and this will give the freedom to be concerned only with the Ideal which Auroville wants to manifest.

All works at this stage of development should be concentrated on Unity life, towards the growth of Auroville. Only Faith can make us, understand that everything could be handled by the Consciousness Force, as regards health, funds, education etc. But it should be more collectively conscious.

It is urgent to start looking to what could be the true atmosphere for all of us to get all the support for what we do, but towards a true unity of Consciousness. It is easy if we consider the Universe is One.

With love, André (*New Creation*)

StartUpcycling - Marc, Ok and Ribhu in Berlin

We (Ok, Ribhu and Marc) just came back from freezing Berlin where we participated in the first meeting of a two-year international project on waste called StartUpcycling. It's a project focused on upcycling - the process of converting waste into something useful and more valuable. The first meeting was a series of workshops for 9 days. We were 21 participants from 7 different countries (Germany, Italy, Greece, Poland, South Africa, Brazil, India).

It's sad to learn that waste is poorly managed all over the planet. And it was extremely positive and heartwarming to see how passionate people are fighting this global problem around the world. The experience of such a collaborative and professional exchange was exciting and we are thrilled to share this with all of you in Auroville!

We invite all youth (from inside Auroville and outside) to join us on this adventure of creativity to tackle one of humanities most dirty problems. Contact us and be part of something new, collaborative and good. We'll experience, learn, share and earn together.

What came out of this first meeting in Berlin?

1- Our goal is zero waste and the only way to achieve this is to reduce our consumption. This goes against the idea of continuous economic growth.

2- Education is the key to understanding where and how we live. It's also the way to open the eyes of the future generation.

3- Upcycling is a drop in the ocean of waste. It's an opportunity to shift into a new paradigm and a higher consciousness. Waste is matter and the more we understand this, the more we'll value this resource.



Join us. Be part of something new. Help Auroville, India and the world find solutions to trash and pollution. You are all welcome to join us during the:

LFA (Litter Free Auroville) 2017 campaign from 17th March to 9th April at Kalakendra.

To participate in LFA 2017, email marc.barandard@gmail.com with the subject line 'LFA', or call him on 9442006807.

-By Marc, edited by Ribhu

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

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

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

6.00 to 6.30 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 5.45 pm - Please be seated by 5.55 pm.
Thank you, *Amphitheatre Team*

INVITATIONS



Litter Free Auroville presents

Undesirable frequencies,

a sound experience with wasted cassettes by Chloé

Saturday & Sunday 18th 19th March - 6 pm
Kala Kendra - Bharat Nivas

Duration : 40 min



*Even sounds and music end up one day as waste.
What if it was possible to recycle these sounds?
They could be assembled, distorted, mixed,
to build a music, a sound-sory experience,
or a trip into the universe of forsaken frequencies*

When noise become music, a solo performance
using recycled analog sound
with boombox, walkman, tape recorder, mini
analog synthesizer, wasted cassette,
audio tape loop and lots of noises

International Women's Day Celebration

*On the occasion of the International Women's Day (March 8th)
we salute the women throughout history who have stood up against injustice in our society
and those women who continue to fight for change and a better future.
Long Live International Women's Day!*

March 18th, Saturday: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm - SAWCHU Building, Bharat Nivas

Kolam competition, Cultural evening, Refreshments.
Prizes Distribution by: Mrs. Maya Mahalingam, Mrs. Grace
(Dance Program: Deepa's group, Vijay & his groups, Jayanthi & her groups.)

You encourage and support us also by sending the women who are working in your units and houses in our program. After all, it's a day of enjoyment for all the women together! Please share this event with Aurovilians, Newcomers, Guests, Friends and Ammas.

We are going to offer a very simple event which will cost Rs. 12,500.

We always welcome your small or big contributions which are a great help for us.
All are welcome!!!!



United Earth* Global Network

19th of March, Sunday, 5pm-7pm, Unity Pavilion

Be Part of a Conference Skype Call with Yan Golding, connecting with many Movements Unifying the World
Plug in for a Global Perspective on the Transformational Work for our Planet Earth.

Connect with [living examples and models](#) of how humanity is currently re-designing our social and ecological systems
in ways that truthfully serve mankind.

Our aspiration is to connect Auroville in a meaningful way to the United Earth Global Network
- join in as an inspired representative of Auroville and bring to the table the gifts and essence of your work.

*United Earth is a growing international movement of concerned and caring citizens, organizations, communities and networks who are
joining together in pragmatic mass actions for the healing and regeneration of human society and planet Earth.

United Earth is founded on the understanding that, within [The Global Transformation Movement](#),
we already have the ecological solutions, the social & technological innovations, and the alternative political & economic models
for all of humanity to transition into a balanced and regenerative society.
Submitted by Shivaya for the Unity Pavilion

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



CAT 13: A Journey through Volunteerland

Facilitated by the Savi team

"Volunteers" is another name for «men of good will aspiring for a higher and truer life».
Can we welcome them as we have been welcomed?

Tuesday March 21st, 4 pm to 6:30 pm
Unity Pavilion

Auroville needs people from the world, and people from the world need Auroville.
How much have we succeeded to welcome them so far?
What are the bottlenecks? And how can we progress?

CAT is a space to unleash our creative energies.

CAT aspires to be a springboard towards the future.

CAT is a space where we respond with discernment, respect and a spirit of collaboration.
See you there! Love, *Inge, Mita and Sandyra for the CATs team.*



Opening of the model apartment at Kalpana Housing Project

On Saturday 25th March from 9 am to 6 pm

We cordially invite everybody for the opening of the model apartment at Kalpana Housing Project.

Till today we have only shown the plans and the 3D, now in the model apartment the specification is visible.

All the extras which are included in the contribution - fully equipped kitchen, equipped bathroom, cupboards and study in each room, the fans and lights, the garden etc...

This is also an occasion for an update about the progress, and to reply to all your queries.

Special entrance on the crown road in front of the library

WELCOME

The Kalpana team

TALKS, SEMINARS

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 20/03: Jason and the quest of the Golden Fleece (the beginnings of the spiritual journey, 6th part: Circe, the Sirens).

The aim of these 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!



Human Journey across the Ages

Ecology, Culture & The Self

A Series of Four Lectures about Man's Place in the Universe

By Prof. Sehdev Kumar

Session #3: Thursday, March 23, 2017

🌈 *"Nature/Nurture Debate? What makes us who we are: Biology or Culture?"*

Unity Pavilion, 7:30-9:00 pm

CIRHU

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

Michael on "Sustainable community building and the Joy of Impermanence"

Thursday 23rd, March 2017 - 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Venue: Bhavishyate, Bharat Nivas

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. We extend the invitation to the entire Auroville Community to the 'Aurovilian Conversations' conducted by CIRHU (Center for International Research on Human Unity). For queries kindly call 810556795 (*Nivedhitha*) or contact: cirhu@auroville.org.in

LAST MINUTE CORRECTION - Litter Free Auroville 2017

Time	Workshops - Talks - Performances - Movies - Demos	Participants	Venue
Saturday 18th of March ----> "PICK IT UP" EVENT POSTPONED TO SAT. 25th MARCH			
09.00 to 12.00	<u>LAST MINUTE CORRECTION: POSTPONED TO SATURDAY 25th (Same timing)</u> Litter Free Auroville Pick It Up Campaign. Cleaning up of the Swaram/Ganesh Bakery Kottakarai Area	All welcome	Swaram

CULTURAL EVENTS



WELL CAFE
AT SVE DAME
SATURDAY 18 MARCH
SPECIAL DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 7 PM

CRAZY FREE STYLE COSTUME PARTY
8:30PM

JAM SESSION
WE CALL FOR ALL ACOUSTIC MUSICIANS
FLUTE / VIOLIN / GUITAR / JAMBE / PERCUSSION / VOICES ETC ETC...
10 PM
DJ BIJOU / DJ PRISCILLA
FREE ENTRANCE



The French Pavilion Presents

LA FORTERESSE MENTALE - "THE MENTAL FORTRESS"

A selection of French Texts from Mother and Satprem, read in FRENCH ONLY

*With Céline, Christophe, Frédéric and Vers'Haut
Directed by Céline*

Four bodies, four voices, four personalities are offering to your understanding the first chapter of "La genese du Surhomme" by Satprem mixed with the prayer of the Mother dated from 24/05/1915. The set-up, a succession on stage of pictures, scenes and motions is an intuitive evocation of the text, an invitation for « escaping from the mental circle » to allow yourself to go into a deep, sensitive and integral exploration of the mental fortress' evolutionary message.

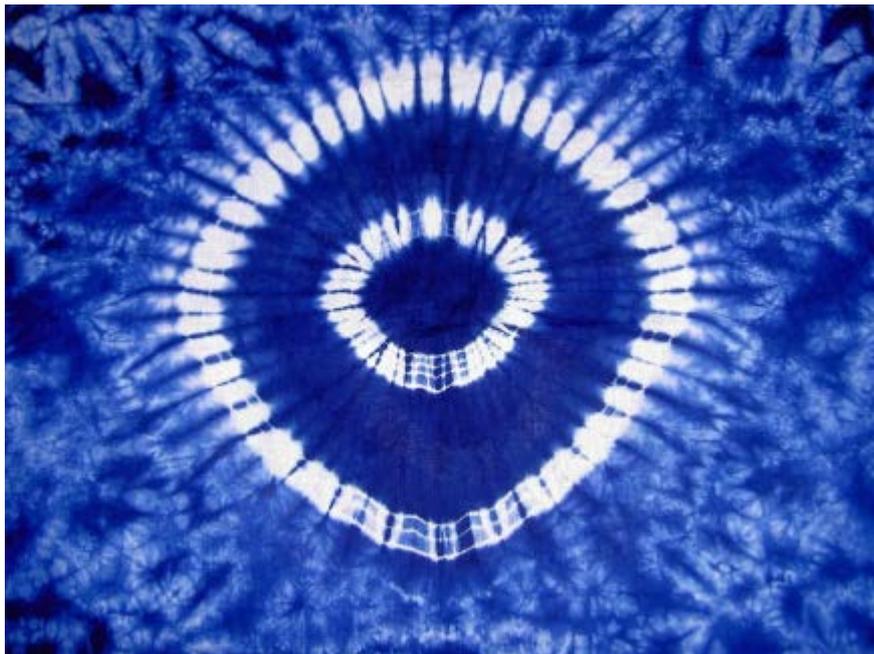
Friday 24 & Saturday 25 March 2017
8 pm at Visitors Center

Duration: 45 minutes



Invites you all to participate for

Art & Craft of Textile Workshop



Ms.Seema Majumdar, Mrs.Rahematben Safimohammad, Farhana & Mami (Darpana)

Women from Ahmadabad (Gujarat)

Visiting guest artists will offer their traditional knowledge and training.

Come and learn authentic craft of tie & dye & Block Print. Fabrics & colors will be provided.

Date: 23th, 24th & 25th March 2017, Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

Venue: Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas, Auroville,

Time: 9-12 to 2.00 – 5.00pm

Optional: get your own apron if you don't want to stain your personal cloth.

Bring a white T-shirt, or your fabric, and take it back colored.

All are welcome to explore your creative design ideas through the workshop.

Contact No. Ramesh, Mimi and Ruby 0413 2622488 - Mobile – 09810101602 & 7639282889

Women Temple Circle
Wednesday MARCH 22nd, 7-9pm
In Sve-dame @ Butterfly Barn

We come together in silence... to connect with the Shakti flow as it keeps changing...we pray with our bodies, connect through music and touch...we self-inquire and hold space...a practice and discovery of embodied feminine spirituality, where every experience can be a portal to presence...where here and now is 'the moment'...supporting each other and drinking the nectar that the circle creates....(inspired by Chameli of Awakening women institute)
(pls come early to settle in, we start on time and then the door closes) - *Dariya*

Sacred Harmonies workshop
With the Russian Singing Bells
At CRIPA (Kalabhumii)
Monday 20th March, 5.00-6.30 pm

Meditation on sound and collective experience of creating music together using the elements of the Integral Yoga practice. The sound of this uniquely tuned bell plates becomes an instrument of exploring the inner dimensions of our being as well as the field of collective harmony and collective intuition.
Led by *Vera Joshi*.

No registration required (except for groups).
Contribution requested from guests.

Restorative Circles Learning Community



Building a Compassionate Justice System

With *L'aura Joy*
March 18 & 19 (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]

Ayurvedic Masage workshop (Acupressure)
With *Kalyani* for 6 half days
at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone.
From March 20th to 25th from 2 pm to 5 pm.
To register and for information call 0413 2622401/ 8489067332
- Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

Or *Kalyani*: 8940227926. You can also send us an e mail at:
kalsang@auroville.org.in / or at: loechu@auroville.org.in

A daily Yoga Nidra for 21 days ATB
With *Rosa*, from Thursday 30th March to 19th April

Rosa will be offering an ATB space, on the basis of one daily hour of Yoga Nidra for 21 days consecutive. Anyone interested please come to the ATB Hall at Transition School on the 25th. March, Saturday at 7.00 am to agree on timings and a few explanations for this Journey!

Only for Aurovilians and Newcomers. No need of previous experience, but yes a regular attendance for these 21 days. During a Yoga Nidra we plant at a deeper state of consciousness an intention, called *sankalpa*... In this 21 days we will be sharing a common *sankalpa*: "I open my Self for a true change of consciousness... One that changes the physical conditions in me and the world to make it an entirely new creation."

Training in first aid and injuries

The Auroville Youth Activities in response to the outcome of a questionnaire run among its Activities is offering training in first aid and injuries to coaches, tutors and facilitators working with the youth. The course happens twice:

On 18th and 19th afternoon (4 + 4 hours) - fully booked

On 25th and 26th afternoon (4 + 4 hours) - still places available

Would you be interested, kindly mail to:
youthactivities@auroville.org.in

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

21st March (Tuesday)

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

Focus this week on: 'Intimacy with the Divine'

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

Place: *Savitri Bhavan* - Time: 9 am to 12 Noon

(For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 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

Drawing workshop

We all have a unique way to draw - come and find your own!

March 17 & 18

2 day workshop Fri. and Sat.

9-12 and 2-5 at Creativity Studio

Guests fixed contribution / Others by donation

Call Now: 0413-262-2641

Leave your name and no. on the answering machine if Audrey is not in.

Given for participants if not less than three or more than six.

Contact Improvisation FREE Class for Beginners

Tuesdays: 21st of March and 28th of March 2017

- from 5 to 7pm.

At *Certitude Sports Ground*, under Table Tennis dome.

Based on the contact between 2 people (more or less), we will explore how to move together, sharing weight, playing with gravity, falling, lifting, flooring, spiralling... in relation with ground and space.

Please respect the timings so we can all start together on time!

For more info contact *John*: 8524963049

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?

April 1-2 (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]

Transformational yoga
Every Friday at 4.30 pm at the African Pavilion

Transformational Yoga gives you the tools you need in order to make a difference in your everyday life. In depth focus of asanas, chakras, mantras and breathing and meditation techniques to give you the knowledge you need to purify your body, stabilise your emotions, focus your mind, and increase your spiritual well-being.

Transformational Yoga aims to awaken all five bodies and seven chakras in order to experience a continuous state of physical health and stamina, emotional balance higher mental guidance, unconditional love and faith, and spiritual bliss consciousness.

For more info contact *Lakshmi* 8489764602

SCHEDULES

VÉRITÉ PROGRAMMING SUMMER BREAK

Vérité will be closing all programming activities (classes, workshops and therapies) from 1 April, 2017; we expect to resume in mid-June (Vérité Guest House remains open until 30th April 2017)

We welcome proposals for future programming activities. Please contact us (programming@verite.in) for the programming application materials.

We wish you a very happy summer,
Vérité Programming team

QUIET

Assistant Training Course (ATC) Watsu & OBA with Gianni
Wednesday 29 - Friday 31 March 2017 (3 days)
8.45 AM - 6.30 PM (30 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
Watsu India organises an adult-learning course geared towards aquatic bodywork practitioners, who would like to become assistant teachers in Watsu & OBA (Oceanic Bodywork Aqua).

This course is offered by an experienced teacher, who over more than a decade of practicing and teaching Watsu and OBA has gained a deep knowledge of teaching these aquatic bodywork techniques. While remaining respectful to the spirit of learning Watsu by Harold Dull and of OBA by Kaya & Nirvano, he has developed his own vision and methodology.

In this Assistant Training Course you will learn basic principles of teaching, such as the theoretical and practical teaching methodology for adult-learning, and apply them to aquatic bodywork modalities like Watsu & OBA.

Prerequisites: Practitioner of Watsu, OBA or other WABA recognised aquatic bodywork modalities.

Instructor Training Course (ITC) OBA with Gianni
Saturday 1 - Monday 3 April 2017 (3 days)
8.45 AM - 6.30 PM (30 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)
Our learning goals during this Instructor Training Course for OBA Basic Teacher are to be able to:

- know how to organize, guide and assist participants in OBA Basic courses in line with the ATC's vision;
- prepare, share and offer OBA Basic courses, and perform individual tasks and/or provide the expected lessons;
- offer a suitable environment for adults, which will promote learning and a partnership based on equal relationships;
- know how to create appropriate conditions for the welfare and safety of participants throughout the duration of the course;
- ensure quality teaching in order to foster a positive effect for developing personal skills;

- know how to place your OBA Basic courses on the market and adapt to the realities of your region as to promote them adequately.

Prerequisites: (1) have done OBA 3 & ATC for Watsu & OBA (or equivalent course) OR (2) OBA practitioner* and have done ATC for Watsu & OBA (or equivalent course). [*practitioner of OBA (after 2005), Aqua Wellness (before 2005) or Oceanic Aqua Balancing (before 1996)]

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



Thank you to everyone who came for our "opening" on the 28.02.17. It was lovely to see so many people.

We're very happy to welcome old as well as new teachers and to announce several new classes:-

BUVANA will offer **Beginners Tamil**, starting in April. In the beginning, the class will be once a week, on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:45pm.

CHANDRIMA will offer her time and presence twice a week, on Wed and Fri afternoons from 1-4pm for **Hindi, Sanskrit** and even **Bengali**, for both private and group classes. The classes she was previously offering at the old Lab will shift to our new building.

SITARA will offer **German for Beginners**, teaching in a creative way. This 60-hour class, over 2.5 months, will cover the syllabus of the Goethe Institute **A1 Certification** course for Beginners. Classes will be 3 days a week: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 4.30-6 pm, and extra hours will be arranged if necessary, to cover the syllabus. Those who want to take the A1 certification exam in Chennai could subsequently do so. Others can simply take advantage of a structured class to get the basics right and really make progress... The class is also a Refresher course for those who have picked up a bit of German along the way. The set of books textbook and workbook will need to be bought separately. The course will start on Monday 19.03.17 and go till 30.05.2017.

MITA will teach a class in **Intermediate English Grammar**. This is for people who already speak some English, but feel they are making mistakes and would like to improve their English. The class will cover several grammatical concepts, along with reading-out loud and conversations on different topics. The aim is to make grammar fun and help you speak English correctly. This is for all nationalities.

A variation of this class could be "**l'Anglais pour les Français**". If there is enough interest from the French, we can make a specific class, given how particularly blocked several French people feel with English. Pour les français qui ont le sentiment de faire toujours des « bêtises » en anglais... Let's start all

together, and then see if a separate group is needed for the French speakers.

CAMILA, a volunteer, will offer **Beginners English** three days a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5-6 pm.

PIERO has just started a new **Italian Beginners Class**, and it is still very much possible to join.

SUSANA's **Beginners Spanish** is going strong, and **SARAVANAN** continues **Conversational Tamil**. Volunteer **CHRISTIANE** is continuing all her **French** classes, but will leave by the end of the month, so classes are not open for new students at the moment. We are urgently looking for a replacement French teacher. We thank Christiane for her presence and her work with the Language Lab.

We are always looking for and welcome long-term English and French teachers. Please contact us if you would like to teach. We have many materials which teachers could use, and we are looking for people who have a love for their language and would like to share that love with others.

Our **MEDIATHEQUE** is also available, with audio, video and software for language learning, for self-study and guided study. We have collected some wonderful material over the years, and many people, especially beginners in different languages, have made a lot of progress using these tools. More than 100 languages are available now. Come and check it out.

"The Tomatis listening training programs are also available for both language learning and therapeutic purposes. It works by exercising the muscles of the middle ear and stimulating the cortex directly through very special headphones, with individualized programs based on the initial Listening Test, and, in the case of therapeutic programs, the case history as well."

It is based on Dr. Tomatis' fundamental tenet that listening is different from hearing, and is a much higher, more integrative faculty, involving different parts of the body-mind-being, than hearing alone. For language learning, it helps learn languages faster because it enables one to come into resonance with the language by training the brain to listen like a native speaker. It is the ear that controls speech, reading and writing, so by training the ear, one can work on all of these! Also, every single muscle of the human body comes under the control of the ear, and it is the ear that functions as a dynamo to energize the brain. Therefore the Tomatis method has many therapeutic or "re-educative" applications for all ages:

children, teenagers and adults. These include: learning disorders such as dyslexia, hyperactivity and behavioural problems in children, Attention-deficit, language delays, stuttering, autism and developmental delays, depression and lack of confidence, anxiety, problems in expression and voice control, communication problems. It can address vertigo and certain kinds of hearing loss. It helps to improve attention, concentration and memory. It isn't only for "problems" and "issues" though: It helps to identify hidden potential and to unleash creativity, and has benefits for everybody. Please have a look at our website <http://www.aurovillelanguage.org/tomatis-method.php> for more info and links.

Students of all the regular group classes at the Lab will soon benefit from a weekly Tomatis listening training session.

We will be hosting **OPEN HOUSES** every **Saturday, starting 18th March**. People can come and visit the Lab and discover the new building. You can also try out the facilities available on our mediatheque as well as have free Tomatis listening sessions for 1-2 hours. We will also have regular on-the-hour showings of the film on the Tomatis method, in either the original French or with English sub-titles. We especially invite teachers of Auroville and outreach schools to these open houses.

We are also looking for **Telugu speakers** - one female and one male - to make audio recordings to be used in Tomatis programs for two children. If you are a fluent Telugu speaker, please contact us!

If you are a native **Tamil speaker** and would like to volunteer for the Tomatis Tamil language research, please contact us. We invite all Tamil Aurovilians to participate in this research. Contact info : all@auroville.org.in and 0413-2623601/602/603.

NOTE : We are passing on our old UPS systems : (i) A 2.5KVA Online UPS with four 100Ah batteries (ii) a 2.5KVA Online UPS with four 80AH batteries and (iii) a 800watts home UPS - pure sine wave offline UPS with a 150AH battery, all of which are in good condition. We hope for a contribution covering half the original cost. The batteries can go separately too. We can't re-use these in the new building, which has a different setup, and need to buy new batteries with a different rating. Please contact *Raj* on 9585207962 or *Mano* 7418397544.

FILMS



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, March 24th, 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!

PressPausePlay II ▶

80mins / English / 2011 / David Dworsky and Victor Köhler

The digital revolution of the last decade has unleashed creativity and talent of people in an unprecedented way, unleashing unlimited creative opportunities. But does democratized culture mean better art, film, music and literature or is true talent instead flooded and drowned in the vast digital ocean of mass culture? Is it cultural democracy or mediocrity? This is the question addressed by *PressPausePlay*, a documentary film containing interviews with some of the world's most influential creators of the digital era.

(Reminder: Friday 17/03- Collaboration - On the Edge of a New Paradigm?)

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>



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

-Reminder: **Friday 17 March** "Piotr Anderszewski: Unquiet Traveller" by Bruno MONSAINGEON - France - Poland, 2008

-**Friday 24 March: "Live at Montreux" (concert)**

Director: Thierry Amsallem - 2005

Guitarist Al di Meola, violinist Jean-Luc Ponty, and bassist Stanley Clarke, all of whom recorded numerous albums as jazz-fusion leaders during the 1970s and 1980s, join forces for a concert in Montreux in 1994. This concert beautifully photographed and edited with excellent sound, is forms this film. The music they played that night was taken from their individual projects. There were other tunes that would later be included on their album *The Rite of Strings*. The integrity, musicianship, compositions, and improvisations are all first rate. *Concert Montreux 1994, Switzerland, Duration: 1h.43'*

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 20th of March 2016 at 6:30pm

"JOURNEY TO THE LIFE DIVINE - Part 1"

The first part of the film created in the Ashram shows the spiritual development and work of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother and the work they did for the new evolutionary step towards a Life-Divine for mankind and the earth.

They felt their mission from childhood onwards. We learn about Sri Aurobindo's earlier spiritual experiences, his involvement in politics and his time in jail as well as his call to Pondicherry. We see The Mother's specific spiritual development, her knowledge of occultism and her training, her time in Japan and then their meeting in Pondicherry.

24th November 1926 is an important date in their work, the day of Victory, when the Overmind, Krishna descended into the physical body of Sri Aurobindo. Then Sri Aurobindo withdrew to devote himself to further more concentrated spiritual research, putting The Mother in charge of the Ashram.

Sri Aurobindo: "A spiritual evolution, an evolution of consciousness in Matter in a constant developing self-formation till the form can reveal the indwelling Spirit, is then the key-note, the central significant motive of the terrestrial existence." - Duration: 100min.

The FRENCH PAVILION presents



"Babette's Feast"

Saturday 25th March 2017
at 5 pm

Cinema Paradiso.

in French with English subtitles

1987 Danish drama film, directed
by Gabriel Axel.

A film full of Love, an ode to
French Cuisine.

Do not miss!

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

23rd March Thursday 8 pm

FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM (2016)

Genre: Fantasy/Adventure / Rated: PG 13 / Language:
English/Subtitle: English / Dur: 2hrs 13mins

Dir: David Yates / Cast: Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Waterston,
Alison Sudol

Story Line: The adventures of writer Newt Scamander in New
York's secret community of witches and wizards seventy years
before Harry Potter read his book in school.

24th March Friday 8 pm

A MONSTER CALLS (2016)

Genre: Fantasy/Adventure/Drama / Rated: PG 13 / Dur:
1:48mins / Language: English/Subtitle; English

Dir: J.A. Bayona / Cast: Lewis MacDougall, Sigourney Weaver,
Felicity Jones

Story Line: A boy seeks the help of a tree monster to cope with
his single mother's terminal illness.

A New Economic Paradigm

A series of movie screenings covering various aspects of the
economy and giving new perspectives on the economy in the
broadest sense, setting the stage for creating a new economic
paradigm in alignment with the Mother's vision.

Every Wednesday at 7:45 PM at Unity Pavilion

Wednesday, March 22, 7:45 pm at Unity Pavilion:

Economics of Happiness ☺

An award-winning documentary film, [The Economics of Happiness](#), which spells out the social, spiritual, and ecological costs of today's global economy. Importantly, the film also highlights the many benefits of a shift towards the local, and showcases some of the steps people are already taking worldwide.

There will be a discussion on the local economy of Auroville.

All are Welcome. Voluntary contribution for refreshments.

Contact: new.av.economy@gmail.com

The News&Notes is available for all to download from the Auroville website at <http://www.auroville.org/contents/4186>

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

And weekly-updated regular events at <http://www.auroville.org/contents/4201>

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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).

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.

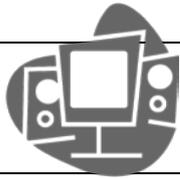
Extra pages requests: they cannot always be met, depending on space/time available. Monday is the deadline for extra full pages ("posters"), as they need to be reshaped and adapted for grey-scale off-set printing, and printed on the Tuesday already. The cost of printing those extra 950 poster pages will be covered by an extra contribution. Send requests as early as possible the week before.

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

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News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 0413-2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 20 March 2017 to 27 March 2017

Indian diaspora - Monday 20 March, 8:00 pm:

- **LION**

Australia-USA-UK, 2016, Dir. Garth Davis w/ Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman, Rooney Mara, and others, Biography-Drama, 118mins, English-Bengali-Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

In 1986, Saroo was a 5yrs old boy in India of a poor but happy rural family. On a trip with his brother, Saroo finds himself alone and trapped in a moving train that takes him to Calcutta, 1500 miles away from his home. Now totally lost in an alien urban environment and too young to identify either himself or his home to the authorities, Saroo struggles to survive as a street child until he is sent to an orphanage. Soon, he is selected to be adopted by the Brierley family in Tasmania, where he grows up in a loving, prosperous home. However, for all his material good fortune, Saroo finds himself plagued by his memories of his lost family in his adulthood. In his quest he has an epiphany making him realize the steadfast love that he has always had with all his loved ones in both worlds.

German - Tuesday 21 March, 8:00 pm:

- **THE CUT**

Germany, 2013/14, Dir. Fatih Akin w/ Tahar Rahim, Simon Abkarian, Makram Khoury and others, Drama, 135mins, German w/English subtitles, Rated: NR. *In collaboration with Goethe Institute, Chennai*

1915: Nazaret Manogian lives with his family and other Armenian Christians happily in Mardin till the Turkish army arrests him. After his difficult journey till the end of the 1st world war he searched for the members of his family.

Cultural - Wednesday 22 March, 8:00 pm:

- **HYPERNORMALISATION**

UK, 2016, Dir. Adam Curtis, Documentary, English w/ English subtitles, 166 mins, Rated: G,

This BBC doc. tells the extraordinary story of how we got to this strange time of great uncertainty and confusion - where those who are supposed to be in power are paralysed - and have no idea what to do. From Donald Trump to Brexit, the War in Syria, the endless migrant crisis, and random bomb attacks. It explains not only why these chaotic events are happening - but also why we, and our politicians, cannot understand them. The film shows that what has happened is that all of us in the West - not just the politicians and the journalists and the experts, but we ourselves - have retreated into a simplified, and often completely fake version of the world. But because it is all around us, we accept it as normal.

French - Thursday 23 March, 8:00 pm:

- **LA TETE HAUTE (Standing Tall)**

France, 2015, Dir. Emmanuelle Bergot, w/ Catherine Deneuve, Rod Paradot, Benoît Magimel, Drama, 120 mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated: G

In between the age of 6 and 18 years old, the educative course of Malony is in the hands of a judge for children and a teacher who both try tirelessly to save him.

International - Saturday 25 March, 8:00 pm:

- **PATERSON**

USA, 2016, Dir. Jim Jarmusch, w/ Adam Driver, Golshifteh Farahani, 118 min., Comedy-Drama-Romance, English-Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Every day, Paterson adheres to a simple routine: he drives his daily route, observing the city as it drifts across his windshield and overhearing fragments of conversation swirling around him; he writes poetry into a notebook; he walks his dog; he stops in a bar and drinks exactly one beer; he goes home to his wife, Laura. By contrast, Laura's world is ever changing. New dreams come to her almost daily. Paterson loves Laura and she loves him. He supports her newfound ambitions; she champions his gift for poetry. The film quietly observes the triumphs and defeats of daily life, along with the poetry evident in its smallest details.

Children's Film - Sunday 26 March, 4:30 pm:

- **SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS**

UK, 2016, Dir. Philippa Lowthorpe, w/ Andrew Scott, Kelly MacDonald, Rafe Spall and others, Adventure, 97mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

Four children (the Swallows) on holiday in the Lake District sail on their own to an island and start a war with rival children (the Amazons). In the meantime, a mysterious man on a houseboat accuses them of a crime they did not commit.

HAL ASHBY Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 26 March, 8:00 pm:

- **BEING THERE**

USA, 1979, Dir. Hal Ashby w/Peter Sellers, Shirley MacLaine and others, Drama-Comedy, 130mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG.

A simple-minded gardener named Chance has spent all his life in the Washington D.C. house of an old man. When the man dies, Chance is put out on the street with no knowledge of the world except what he has learned from television. After a run in with a limousine, he ends up a guest of a woman and her husband Ben, an influential but sickly businessman. Now called Chauncey Gardner, Chance becomes friend and confidante to Ben, and an unlikely political insider.

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support. *Pl make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account (#105106) at the Financial Service.*

Thanking You,
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LITTER FREE AUROVILLE LFA 2017 Campaign



**3 weeks packed with
workshops, art exhibition, education & information**

**from 17 of March to 9 of April
9am to 5pm in Kalakendra.**

OPENING EVENING!

Friday 17th of March - 5pm - at Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas.

Program of the opening evening:

5:30 pm to 5:35 pm.....Performance with **Phoenix band & Noeul**
5:45 pm to 6 pm.....Performance by **Swaram musical. Pick up the pulse**
6 pm to 6:45 pm.....Performance by **Unicorn Collective.**

for all the events happening for the LITTER FREE AUROVILLE 2017 Campaign, see weekly program in the N&N

Volunteers and ideas needed – contact marc.barandard@gmail.com

LITTER FREE AUROVILLE - LFA 2017 Campaign

WEEK ONE : PROGRAM WORKSHOPS & PERFORMANCES & MOVIES & DEMONSTRATION

Time	Workshops – Talks – Performances – Movies - Demos	Participants	Venue
Saturday 18th of March			
09.00 to 12.00	LAST MINUTE CORRECTION: POSTPONED TO SATURDAY 25th (Same Timing) Litter Free Auroville Pick It Up Campaign. Cleaning up of the Swaram/Ganesh Bakery Kottakarai Area	All welcome	Swaram
10.00 to 12.00	Workshop by Upcycling Studio. Do a unique LFA cushion with Ok. Contact info : okjeonglee@gmail.com	Drop in # max 10	Kalakendra
11.00 to 13.00	Workshop by Upcycling studio. Let's have fun creating puppets with Gabriel Contact info : bellonig@hotmail.com	Drop in # max 10 Child to grown up	Kalakendra
14.00 to 17.00	Workshop by Unicorn collective. Create fairy river and fishes out of trash Contact info : unicorncollective@auroville.org.in	Drop in # max 8	Kalakendra
16.00 to 17.30	Movie screening "Ghana digital dumping ground". 19'57. How e-waste is ending in Africa. And "Plastic paradise". 57'24. How plastic is polluting oceans.	All welcome	Kalakendra
18.00 to 18.45	Performance by Chloe. A Sound Experience with Wasted Noises. Using Recycled Analog Sound.	All welcome	Kalakendra
Sunday 19th of March			
10.00 to 16.00	Workshop by Upcycling Studio. Upcycling furniture out of tetrapack with Marc Contact info : marc.barandard@gmail.com	Drop in # max 8	Kalakendra
18.00 to 18.45	Performance by Chloe. Using Recycled Analog Sound. A Sound Experience with Wasted Noises	All welcome	Kalakendra
Monday 20th March			
09.30 to 16.30	Workshop by Auroville Papers. Create with "papier mâché" with Hervé Contact info : aurovillepaper@auroville.org.in	Drop in # max 7 for children	Auroville papers
Thursday 23th of March			
09.30 to 16.30	Workshop by Auroville Papers. Create with "papier mâché" with Hervé Contact info : aurovillepaper@auroville.org.in	Drop in # max 7 for children	Auroville papers
16.30 to 17.30	Talk "from trash to treasure" with Ribu and Marc	All welcome	Kalakendra