

News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(continued)

Mother, why does one have a particular defect and not other defects?

This is the work of Nature.

Why are there some plants of one kind and others of another, some animals of one sort and others of another? There are no two exactly alike combinations in the universe. All the combinations are different. There are no two movements exactly similar in the universe. There is nothing which is reproduced exactly. There are analogies, there are similarities, there are families - there are families of movements which may be called families of vibrations - but there are no two identical things; neither in time nor in space. Nothing is repeated. Otherwise there would be no manifestation, there would be only one single thing. Manifestation is simply diversity. It is the One deploying Himself in the innumerable, indefinitely.

Nothing? Nowhere?

Sweet Mother, when does the ego become an instrument?

When it is ready to become it.

How does that happen?

How does it happen?... In each one, I believe, it happens in a different way. It may happen suddenly, in the space of a moment, by a kind of inner reversal; it may take years; it may take centuries; it may take several lives. For each one there is a moment when it happens: when he is ready.

And I think he is ready when he is completely formed. The purpose of existence of the ego is the formation of the individual. When the individual is ready the ego can disappear. But before that it does not disappear because it has still some work to do.

When the world is ready to receive the new creation, the adverse forces will disappear. But so long as the world needs to be tempted, kneaded, churned in order to be prepared, the adverse forces will be there to be the temptation and that which strikes you, pushes you, prevents you from sleeping, compels you to be absolutely sincere.

A being that is absolutely sincere becomes the master of the adverse forces. But so long as there is egoism in a being or pride or ill-will, it will always be the object of temptation, of attack; and it will always be fully subject to this constant conflict with what, under the appearance of hostile beings, toils in spite of itself at the divine Work.

The time is not absolutely determined. I have already explained this to you several times. There are many fields of consciousness, zones of consciousness superimposed upon one another; and in each one of these fields of consciousness or action there is a determinism which seems absolute. But the intervention in one field of even the next higher field, like the intervention of the vital in the physical, introduces the determinism of the vital in that of the physical, and necessarily transforms the determinism of the physical. And if through aspiration, the inner will, self-giving and true surrender one can enter into contact with the higher regions or even the supreme region, from up there the supreme determinism will come down and transform all the intermediate determinisms and it will be able to bring about in a so-to-say almost inexistent span of time what would have otherwise taken either years or lives to be accomplished. But this is the only way.

If at the time of some event or circumstance - take for instance, to simplify things, of a danger - if at that time instead of trying to struggle in the domain where one is, one can traverse in a great soaring all the domains which are rungs in the consciousness, and go to the supreme region, what Sri Aurobindo calls the Transcendent, if one can enter into contact with this Transcendent, in a state of perfect surrender, it is He who will act and change everything, in all circumstances - to the extent that this will be what people call miracles, because they do not understand how it can happen. The sole secret is to know how to climb up right to the top.

That's all?

You wanted a meditation...

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 9 November 1955

MOTHER

The
Ponder
Corner

To seek for delight is therefore the fundamental impulse and sense of Life; to find and possess and fulfill it is its whole motive.

Sri Aurobindo
ref. The Life Divine, Chapter XXIII - The Double Soul in Man, p.232

Cover: SAVE WATER! Dear Community, We are facing a water crisis! The Water Group, AVC, FAMC, TDC and WC ask that you please conserve water wherever you can! <http://aurovillewater.in/for-aurovilians/>. Thank you, The Water Group, AVC, FAMC, TDC, WC

News&Notes Team: Summer Break

The News&Notes team will take a short two-week pause from Monday the 15th of May until Sunday the 28th of May, so there will be no News issued on Saturday the 20th of May and 27th of May.

Next issue will be published on the 3rd June

(deadline for that issue will be Tuesday 30th of May, 5pm - noon for reports).

Please send your announcements accordingly, thanks.

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HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Working Committee report April 2017

The main issues that reached our table in April have been the following:

1. New GB and IAC

Dr. Karan Singh, the Chairman of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation, informed us that it does not seem that

the Members of the Governing Board and International Advisory Council will be appointed soon, and that therefore his visit to Auroville will take place later.

2. 50th anniversary.

The Chairman informed us in a message to all Aurovilians that the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has accepted in principle our invitation to him to join us during the Golden Jubilee week.

3. Government of India grants.

a. 50th anniversary grant.

Till date, no decision has been received regarding the requested GOI grant for Auroville's 50th anniversary. The 50th anniversary core group, consisting of Chali, Fabienne, Frederick, and presently assisted by Pala and Nilen, are working on a basic celebration packet. A statement will be published soon.

b. Regular grant.

We are awaiting the final confirmation from the HRD Ministry for the extent of the grant available for the current financial year 2017-18. We are informed this year the classifications like Capital, General, Plan and Non Plan will be merged together. A set of new categories will be defined. We are awaiting for further clarifications on this issue. Due to these changes there may be an impact on our distribution of capital and general (maintenance) expenses. Once we receive more clear details we will share in our next reports. The Utilisation Certificates for GOI grant 2016-17 from most of the recipient units have been submitted to the Auroville Foundation.

c. Generate income from properties created with GOI grants.

The Secretary has requested the community to find suitable ways to generate income from the immovable properties created from the Govt. of India grants for the maintenance of the properties, in a move towards 'self-sustainability', rather than depending on Government Grants or donations.

4. ADHAAR camp

There has been a good response to the Working Committee's invitation to all Auroville residents to set up an ADHAAR camp in Auroville, to facilitate the issuing of ADHAAR cards to Indian and foreign nationals. ADHAAR is a unique identification number, for which biometric data (scan of finger prints and eyes) are recorded.

The holding of an ADHAAR card is becoming mandatory for an increasing number of issues, and such as railways bookings and the opening of bank accounts; it is likely that an ADHAAR card will also be required jointly with a PAN card for filing Income Tax returns.

We advise all residents to register for obtaining an ADHAAR card by sending an email to aadhaar@auroville.org.in. We will announce soon when the 'ADHAAR Camp' in or around the Town Hall will take place.

5. Location Youth Hive

The conflict about the location for the Youth Hive project has not yet been resolved. A General Meeting on the topic will be called soon.

6. Renewal of executives/New executives for Matrimandir

Feedback on the proposed nominees for executive of the Matrimandir has been received. The Auroville Council jointly with the Working Committee will take a decision in the 2nd week of May.

7. Facilitating the entry of young people in Auroville

As mentioned in our March report, the Working Committee in March organised a half-day workshop with invitees from Savi, Housing, TDC, ABC, AVC, BCC, ACI, FAMC, to deliberate on easing the entry for young newcomers and volunteers. The outcome of the meeting was not sufficiently conclusive for a new policy to be made. Also, requests have been received that another half day workshop is organised on the topic, this time with young people present. The Working Committee will organize this workshop in the first week of August, when people have returned from their holidays.

8. Visa issues

We are continuing our efforts to resolve a number of long-pending visa issues with the much appreciated help of François Gautier.

We are also trying to obtain clarity to what extent the recent decision of the Government of India to liberalize and simplify India's Visa regime is of relevance to Auroville, so as to prevent people coming to Auroville with the wrong visa and misunderstandings and delays in the granting of Stay Visa and Residential Permit extensions.

9. Location new TANGEDCO substation.

Jointly with the TDC, the best location of a new Tangedco substation nearby Adventure has been researched and a

decision on the matter will be taken in the first week of May. The Auroville Foundation will lease out approximately 2 acres of land to the TNEB. The new transformer will benefit both Edaiyanchavadi village and Auroville.

10. Guardianship minors.

We receive regular requests for minors to study in Auroville. In consultation with an Indian lawyer, the Working Committee has drafted the required legal documents so that an Auroville resident can become the guardian of the minor during his stay and study in Auroville.

11. Works Manual

In consultation with members of the FAMC, TDC and SAIER, the Working Committee has started to draft a "Works Manual" for public buildings in Auroville. The objectives are (1) to streamline and speed up the required permissions processes in Auroville, and (2) to ensure a transparent accounting system and the timely submission of utilisation certificates. In the past, SAIER has made such a Works Manual, which is now slightly outdated, but no Manual is in existence for works executed by the TDC or Bharat Nivas. It is the intention that, in due time, the new Manual will be used for all public buildings in Auroville, regardless of their funding source.

12. Composition Internal Complaints Committee,

The composition of the Internal Complaints Committee, constituted by the Working Committee as required by the "Sexual Harassment Of Women At Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013" has changed. With effect from 25 April 2017, Dr. Vidyaa Ramkumar, who has a long-standing association with Auroville and who has much experience with issues of sexual harassment, has been appointed for a three year period as 'external member' as stipulated in the Act. She is replacing Ms. Jayendira Sarawati. The following persons now constitute the ICC: Anandamayi Legrand, Anbu Moris, Bridget Horkan, Niva Kovshi, Srijita Roy, H. Suriyagandhi, Yuval GJ Van Den Eijk and Dr. Vidyaa Ramkumar (external member)

13. Meeting with consuls in Chennai

On April 1st, the German Consul-General in Chennai hosted an event where Auroville gave a presentation on the relevance of Auroville for India and the world in a time of global crisis to a few Consuls in Chennai and representatives of some cultural institutions and Chambers of Commerce. The event, organised by the 50th anniversary team, and attended by the Secretary, Auroville Foundation as well as two members of the Working Committee, was successful.

14. Feedback on Working Committee report

We have replied personally to all those who have given comments on our March report.

We appreciate to receive your suggestions and comments about issues that you consider relevant. We also appreciate receiving feedback about our functioning, mandate, strengths or shortcomings to improve our work-output and performance.

PENDING ISSUES:

During April, much time went into discussions on the following issues, which we hope to complete soon:

- New executives Matrimandir - jointly with AVC
- Entry - jointly with the AVC, Entry service and the ETG.
- TDC new mandate - jointly with the AVC
- Code of Conduct Trust-Units - jointly with the FAMC
- Strengthening AVHS
- Work of sea erosion control on Samuthira beach
- Facilitating the entry of young people in Auroville - a second meeting will be called soon

The Working Committee

Angela, Carel, Hemant, Inge, Kumar, Mandakini, Ranjithkumar.

FAMC monthly report April 2017

At April end, we complete six months as a group that was nominated by the RA with a new mandate. At this time, even as we congratulate ourselves for our achievements, we are acutely aware of the challenges that we face in carrying out our mandate. We have scheduled an internal review and reflection on all aspects of our work in early May. It is hoped that that we can address these challenges together and rise to the occasion.

COMPLETED ISSUES

Trusts

Inside Trust: Addition of Dhanya (Mr. Hubertus G. Pater) as trustee was approved. The other trustees are Joster and Bunty.

Units

-Swagatam Guest House (under Bharat Nivas Trust): Addition of Ms. Tapas Bhatt and Ms. Divya Karun and the resignation of Mr. Elumalai as executives of the unit were approved. The other current executive is Vijaya.

-Centre Guest House (under Guest House Trust): Reappointment, after initial 2 year term, of Cristina (Ms. Cristina Bacci) and Dodo (Ms. Dorothee Bethscheider) as executives of the unit was approved.

-Creativity Guest House (under Guest House Trust): Reappointment, after initial 2 yr term, of Ms. Lieve Claes as executive of the unit was approved. The other current executive is Gumsoon.

-Auroville Institute of Applied Technology (AIAT) (under Auroville Village Action Trust): Resignation of Mr. Michael Harmjan as executive of the unit was approved. The other current executives are Lavkamad, Karin L., and Juergen P.

-Auroville Press Publishers (under Artisana Trust): Reappointment, after initial 2 year term, of Mr. Hervé Millet as executive of the unit was approved. The other executives are Christine D. and Alain B.

-Pragati Constructions (under Kattida Kalai Trust): Reappointment, after initial 2 year term, of Mr. Subrayan Kuppan and Mr. Krishnan Parthasarathy as executives of the unit was approved. The unit was established by office order number 378 dated 9 April 2014. The reappointment was delayed with the ABC during its review of the unit's contributions which were finally confirmed to be up to date.

-Tamil Heritage Centre (THC) construction: Upon receiving reports of gross financial mismanagement of this Government of India (GoI) funded building project, we initiated a detailed financial review. Our final report of this investigation was reviewed with all stakeholders and discussed with the Secretary of Auroville Foundation. Mr. Chunkath (IAS) recommended that an external forensic audit be carried out, which will soon be done.

In essence, the Auroville unit, Auronirmata, was the official contractor for this project and about Rs. 25 lakhs of project money is unaccounted for. Given the financial mismanagement of the Tamil Heritage Centre construction project and the lack of cooperation from the executives, Dhanapal and Vijaya, in providing the requested financial and other pertinent data related to the project it was decided in consultation with the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation that disciplinary action against Auronirmata was necessary. Auronirmata activities and financial accounts have been suspended until further notice and a public announcement to the community has been made regarding the same.

-Auroville Water Harvest (AWH): This unit under the Centre for Scientific Research (CSR) Trust had been closed in 2016, but at the request of the Auroville Foundation, the FAMC looked into allegations of assets and data mismanagement that accompanied the closure process. Our final report was reviewed and discussed with the Secretary of Auroville Foundation. The AWH executives and the trustees were informed that they were remiss with regard to: the attempt to collect on bad debt, the manner in which equipment was disposed of, and the lack of documentation of financial processes in general. After dealing this issue, we decided to strengthen the guidelines for unit closures, particularly accounting procedures. No further action is proposed.

-Auroville Water Service (AWS) (under Auroville Service Trust): As some of the people who were involved in AWH had gone on to work for AWS, we reviewed the work of this unit as well. Our final report was reviewed and discussed with the Secretary of Auroville Foundation. AWS needs to have better accounting processes in place. Other steps to strengthen the management of this unit can also be taken up in consultation with the unit executives and the Auroville Board of Services (ABS); this includes a review of, and changes within, the executive team and holding both Toby and Luca accountable

for the mismanagement that was uncovered during the investigation. In the meantime, we have taken steps to ensure proper management of the GOI grant-funded Residential Zone water treatment project being undertaken by AWS, in collaboration with the Auroville Road Service.

L'avenir d'Auroville / interim Town Development Council (iTDC) related

Building application:

-Sustainable Resource Centre building application: After receiving additional information from the project holders, we approved this application.

Loans

-Conscious Living (under Team Trust): We approved a loan of Rs. 13 lakhs to the unit, Conscious Living to be used for a building extension.

-Auroville Institute of Applied Technology (AIAT) loan application: AIAT's loan request for Rs. 10 lakhs was not granted. However, in order for them to more easily manage the flow of their income and expenses, FAMC approved AIAT for an overdraft of Rs. 3 lakhs.

-Loan request for housing from Greg and Mamata: Upon reviewing the personal financial information provided by Greg and Mamata, we decide not to approve their loan request.

Policies and Guidelines

-Loan application form: FAMC reviews and decides on loans of over Rs. 5 lakhs, to both individuals and units. To this end, FAMC has formulated a new loan application form.

Land related

-Land purchase:

BO 40/6B: This land purchase was approved. The plot of 0.67 acres is totally surrounded by Auroville land and is located out past Gaia and Samridhi.

BO 79/5A & BO 79/5B: Purchase of both these plots was approved. Each is 0.47 acres and connected, end to end. These two plots are adjacent to the backside of Sangha.

-Land exchange:

IR 73/1: At the recommendation of the Land Board, FAMC and Working Committee approved exchange of Auroville land IR 73/1 (.07 acres) IR 179/3 for (.17 acres). This land exchange will consolidate the Auroville greenbelt in the Siddhartha Forest area.

-Promesse non-residential (1.03 acre) land exchange: Concerns were shared with the Land Board regarding the process of the land exchange and the relationship with the Aurovilian residents. The Land Board proposed to create an alternate access to the exchanged plot and make a proper fence between it and the Promesse residential area. The FAMC offered to facilitate the communication between Promesse residents and the Land Board.

-Stewardship:

Pitchandikulam Forest: Pitchandikulam Forest's request for stewardship of various plots near Pitchandikulam, agreed to by the Forest Group, Green Group and iTDC, was approved by FAMC.

Fertile Field: Jana's and Jan's request for stewardship of various plots near Fertile Field. Request, agreed to by the Forest Group, Green Group and iTDC, was approved by FAMC.

Miscellaneous

-Asset registry: We have compiled, to the best of our ability, a list of land and assets under non-Aurovilian usage. There were only a few cases which needed to be followed up on. Auroville Foundation and Working Committee have been duly informed.

-FAMC secretariat: We made a call out for additional secretarial support. We reviewed all the applications we received and unanimously chose Ayesha. She will join us on a half-time basis from mid-June onwards. She'll be supporting the whole team while working primarily with Angelo, the other secretary and Amy, full-time FAMC member.

-GoI grant subgroup overdraft request: The GoI grant subgroup requested a Rs. 3 crore overdraft on GoI grants. This is a continuation of an earlier approved overdraft. This was agreed to as it will help facilitate proper utilization of funds and timely completion of GOI projects.

ONGOING ISSUES

Units

Auroservice d'Auroville (under Auroville Service Trust) new unit application: We have received an application to approve this activity to be registered as a unit. The proposed executives are Luigi and Pashi. The activities have been listed as: "To create a knowledge centre at the service of Auroville to study, research and promote activities in the fields of: Urban Architecture, Rural-Urban Agro-Forestry, Revitalization of soil fertilization, Urban Retrofitting, Green Infrastructure, Sustainable Energy, Socio-economic studies, etc. etc." The FAMC has requested and received input from L'avenir about this stated purpose, and their working relationship. The FAMC is still reviewing the stated purpose and its relationship with current town planning and development activities. The unit application remains pending.

Policies and Guidelines

Commercial vs. Service policy discussion: In a bid to do away with the arbitrary division of units into commercial and service units, FAMC is working on having a new uniform policy for all income-generating activities.

Miscellaneous

-Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) substation: FAMC, in collaboration with the Working Committee, iTDC, and Auroville Electric Service, is working to expedite the long-pending issue of identifying a location where TNEB can erect a substation, which provides an additional connection point into our internal High Tension setup. The exploration is ongoing and includes talks with the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation.

-Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) mandate & constitution: We have undertaken a review of the work and constitution of the BCC as per the FAMC mandate. Work on this is ongoing.

-Review of the development of Far Beach (Sri Ma): Two years ago, Tanto executives Daniel, Paul and Sheril had signed a letter of agreement with the FAMC regarding the development of guest facilities at Sri Ma, also known as Far Beach. As stated in this agreement, there would be an annual report of the project provided to the FAMC. Daniel invited the FAMC members for a site visit as part of the annual reporting. During the site visit Daniel requested changes to the existing agreement; he has been asked to submit the same in writing for FAMC consideration.

FAMC

Amy, Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Lyle, Prabhu, Stephanie, Ulli, Yuval

L'avenir d'Auroville / Town Development Council (iTDC) - Jan.- Feb. 2017 report

Reminder: This report is a synopsis of key topics discussed in regular meetings. It does not include any communication that has been published in the News & Notes or on the AuroNet webpage of L'avenir d'Auroville / Town Development Council (TDC), such as community announcements, financial reports and site or building permissions.

Regular members:

iTDC: Cristo, Divya, Fabian, Jacqueline, Pino, Sauro, Tejaswini, Tom

Occasional attendees:

Andrea & Kaja, AVES (Ponnusamy and Manikandan) & Dorle, FAMC (Amy, Angelo, Chali, Stephanie), GIS (Giulio & Philippe & Vinai & Xavier), SAIER (Chali, Elvira & Michael), PVC, SG team, WWTP neighbors (JFP & Isha), 50th anniversary team (Chali, Fabienne, Frederick & Neelin)

I. TDC-RELATED TOPICS

A/ Site and Building Applications

Approximately 60 site and building applications were studied in January and February, whether for feedback, discussion, follow-up, survey, etc.

B/ Terms of Reference

The ToR were discussed and commented several times, with feedback sharing to several working groups and individuals interested in following this up. The iTDC believes that the basic job descriptions for individual members should be done by the same team (parallel to the ToR for RA approval).

These should be RA-ratified before the selection process begins, and the nomination doesn't make sense without clarity on these 2 points as well as on the selection process itself. The iTDC is concerned that months and months of work should be followed by such hurry around TDC nominations which would negatively affect the selection.

C/ iTDC to remain until September

The iTDC was requested by the WCom and the AVC to remain until September, which was in principle accepted by the team. However, clarity was needed regarding the mandate/continuity of the interim team, especially with regard to applications. Some members were of the opinion that the iTDC should maybe stop processing all applications to stop all points of controversy.

II. HOUSING TOPICS

A/ Housing requests

The Housing Service and Board are motivated to follow up several housing projects. The iTDC prefers to avoid temporary housing and is having discussions with several potential project holders for various Lines of Force in Auroville.

III. ROADS

A/ Vikas radial

The iTDC received a complaint regarding the safety of this radial with regard to the junction with the Crown Road, speed limits, etc.

B/ AV mobility and safety

Several access points to Auroville (ex: Courage and Ravena) are posing security as well as mobility issues. The iTDC is studying options with the RS and the Security Service Team to determine whether to close the access completely, allow only 2-wheeler access, install a gate or not, etc.

C/ AV Bakery parking

The iTDC, LB, AVSST and WCom have started discussions on making a parking near the AV Bakery to avoid traffic congestion and sporadic parking on the side of the road.

D/ Crown Road in the International Zone

The road was shifted 5 years ago for archeological excavations; it now needs to be shifted back.

An archeological study done in 2014 provided zoning: some areas are to be preserved (none in AV) and others can be excavated then filled again (which is the case over here).

The Crown Road study from 2012 will be used to re-align the road.

IV. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A/ SWM meeting

So much land is needed for land fill; an incinerator would be an option to take into account.

The iTDC has strong reservation that Auroville B-memo land-holdings are the right place for waste coming from elsewhere.

V. GROUPS, ZONES, SERVICES

A/ Collaboration between groups

During the months of January and February, the iTDC worked in collaboration with the AV Council, Bharat Nivas team, FAMC, Housing Board, Housing Service, SAIER and WCom on various projects, whether for information request/sharing, land issues, application requests, etc.

B/ FAMC

The iTDC and the FAMC met several times to discuss various Site Applications, especially when stewardship or land exchange was an important part of these discussions.

The FAMC wants to be included in the SA process because land allocation is linked to stewardship and will prepare a list of additional questions to be added to the application forms.

The iTDC would also like to take up the serious topic of extensions or buildings done without permission/NOC.

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VI. WATER-RELATED TOPICS

A/ WWTP questions

More communities contacted the iTDC to get connected to the WWTP and questions were raised regarding the maintenance & management of the WWTP. The initial agreement was that AWS would take that over for 1 year with sub-unit composed of technicians, constructor and neighbors/users.

A meeting was to be organized with all for a presentation as well as the selection of 1 representative per community + CSR + TDC.

Other topics discussed:

- Evaluation criteria: Analysis of water at different steps - to be seen with management group.
- Maintenance + repair: WW group should be formed with the counsel of the management group.
- Expenses: Responsibility to contractor (CSR) for guarantee period, then WW group.

B/ Water Master Plan team

The iTDC met the team that will start studying and working on a Water Master Plan and encourages and supports this project wholeheartedly.

VII. OTHER TOPICS

A/ Water & Fire

In the last 12 months, only half the average amount of rain has fallen in and around Auroville. Several wells are under stress and falling water tables invite for salinization of the aquifer (already started in our immediate neighborhood, ex: Pillaichavadi).

In spite of a certain amount of awareness about conserving water, it is recommended to take some basic measures at the community level (all residents and institutions) to avoid wasting water, such as not watering lawns, washing cars and bikes with hosepipes, and saving water at the household level. Furthermore, each community is requested to organize local residents' meetings and ask AV water services to check for leakages and advise about steps to be taken.

The iTDC would like to invite the entire community to open discussions about this serious matter, to inform about any possible wastage and to send observations and suggestions relating to this crisis.

The issue of forest fires increases too, and this matter does not only concern the Greenbelt, as numerous lands within the city limit are forested too. Any fire needs to be immediately reported to the AV Security Service to shorten as much as possible the response time. Communication is of the essence within the community but also with authorities such as the Police, Fire Fighters, etc. All suggestions with regard to this are more than welcome.

The iTDC is involving local and village authorities via awareness programs such as Water For All, as water and fires have no borders and it is in everybody's interest to work collaboratively: prevention is better than cure.

B/ TNEB substation

The iTDC is working with the WCom and the AVES with regard to lease agreements and locations etc.

C/ Car parking

The iTDC received a request for individual car parking spaces, but we are not comfortable with encouraging the construction of "private" car parking in the city center.

It is clear that until public transport is fully developed, we will need to face issues related with other means of transport, but this is a community-wide discussion that needs to be held, more globally on general mobility in AV.

Until there is clarity regarding mobility in Auroville and which direction the community has decided to follow, the TDC - as a planning body - is incapable of processing such applications.

D/ GIS

There is a lot of unclarity as to the collection, storage and access to data in Auroville.

The Web GIS server will combine location and numbers for public (with certain privacy components), including weather, water and geography (survey data), to make a map of Auroville with layers (ex: geology + wells + etc.).

GROWTH

Entry Service

The Entry Service is currently operating within an interim solution. The Auroville Council, the Working Committee and some members (Otto, Sonja, Doris, Valery, Matilde, etc.) of the Entry Task Group (ETG) are holding the responsibility for the Interim Entry Service. The tasks are adjusted to the requirements and evolving as the office is able to handle the workload. Please look at the announcements made regarding the interim phase. <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/61549>

The ETG - subgroup of the Council and the Working Committee - is about to finalize the amendments of the Entry Policy 2015 (ratified in 2016). The Auroville Council along with the Working Committee and the ETG will present the changes and the work done by the Interim Entry in a General Meeting (GM) on May 11th. A presentation of the process that has been followed since the pause of the Entry Policy in November will be provided, and the next steps will be laid out.

Feedbacks from the working groups regarding the proposed changes will be received and incorporated. After that, the proposal will go to for Community feedback and for Community ratification.

TOWN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

New TDC.

The Core Group presented to the community their work of the last one year on Monday 24th April 2017. This GM will be followed by a RAD which will be organised by RAS. More updates will be announced. Here is the link to the proposed TDC structure: <http://ras.auroville.org.in/town-development-council-restructuring/>

iTDC and Site applications:

The Auroville Council has been approached by several individuals regarding the site applications processes followed by the iTDC. We have also heard from working groups that announcements in the N&N and Auronet are not being seen by community members and that they are faced with reactions when the implementation process begins. This has been very challenging, delaying the process in many aspects. We would like to remind everyone that we are here to build the city together and each of us is responsible for the collective growth.

Nevertheless, the Auroville Council together with iTDC is meeting to see how communications could be improved and what would be other means to have the information delivered to the community.

The Auroville Council has presently cases where the community approved processes have been followed, a lot of work has gone into getting permissions and now when it is the implementation phase for the manifestation of the project the neighbours and other objecting groups have woken up and blocked the project. The Auroville Council is working with iTDC and RAS to look into how to better inform the community regarding site applications and building applications and also on how to work on this attitude from our community of "not in my backyard". ("nimb")

Matrimandir Garden development.

Marc and Meera from the Matrimandir garden design group have asked for the Auroville Council's intervention / help in facilitating a harmonious process between Matrimandir executives and themselves. As we are currently involved in the selection of the new Matrimandir Executives, this process is on hold.

HEALTH

Auroville Health Scheme

The Auroville Health Fund has become now The Auroville Health Scheme. The earlier policy has been amended by the Auroville Health Care group and feedback incorporated from BCC, FAMC and the Auroville Council. This modified policy was sent out to the community via news and notes, AVnet and RAS

massmail for feedback. Now the community feedback for the Auroville Health Scheme is being looked into by the Auroville Health Care group and once the amended document with all the feedback incorporation is ready, it will be published for the information of the community.

Mental and Emotional Health Care - EMHC - Mattram

The pilot group for EMHC, the WCom and AVC support persons met on the 20.04.2017. Presently, the core team consists of Jerry B., Rita E and Linda-Grace, actively backed by Barbara (Sanjana). The group's name is Mattram, the Tamil word for transformation. A blueprint of ideas has been shared with the Working Committee and Auroville Council, and short-term, middle-term, and long-term goals have been established. The top priority is to find an appropriate location and we invite any help, any ideas, or feedback from the Aurovilians. ABS (Auroville Board of Service) will be approached in order to become registered as a Service Unit and a preliminary budget is already provided. Since no cases have yet been handed over to Mattram, the WCom and AVC continue to take on cases, as and when needed.

GOVERNANCE

-Council Internal functioning

We are constantly improving our capacities on many levels. Min and Mike from ACI taught us to upgrade our technical computer skills to be more efficient and make use of collective platforms.

Julie (a volunteer) conducted a workshop on the Art of Listening which helped us to be more aware on how we listen to each other, our guests and to our issues. She attended also one of our meetings as a silent listener to have an understanding of our existing ways of working and processing.

We continue practicing during our meetings the 6 agreements introduced by Jean-Francois Noubel and that really helps us to be more relaxed, focused, and open to the issues we are holding.

A reminder on the 6 agreements are: (1) One deep breath before speaking; (2) Listen to the centre; (3) Speak to the centre; (4) Don't take the floor, have it offered; (5) Speak from direct experience; (6) Anyone can invite silence.

-Matrimandir Executives selection process:

In collaboration with the Working Committee and after having received the feedback on the candidates from RAS, the process of selection has started. The new team is expected to be constituted by the second half of May and the criteria, the process followed and the new team members will be announced to the community.

-Silent listeners / observers

The Pool of Silent listeners was established at the end of 2016. 8 Silent Listeners are now part of the group and their task is to be present in the AV Council meetings in the first phase, then gradually, if and when accepted, in the meetings of the other Working Groups to hold the space / atmosphere from their deepest being. It is foreseen that in the future any group having a meeting in Auroville will be able to benefit from this new service by tapping into this Pool.

The Silent listeners sit in the meetings in a concentration / meditation state, they are not actually listening to the content of the meetings, their attention is totally turned inward and it is through this centeredness that they are fulfilling their role of helping the group members to remain centred.

Every Silent listener has signed a commitment to respect confidentiality.

The Auroville Council has experienced the S.L. presence very beneficial / positive to the overall atmosphere of our meetings and their outcomes.

It has been proposed to launch a service of distant Silent Presence in the case of General meetings and anybody can be / participate as a Silent listener.

EDUCATION

-Auroville Learning Activities - ALA

In 2015 the Auroville Council set up a sub group with the objectives to :

- Promote the growth of the non-formal learning sector in Auroville
- Promote and encourage communication, sharing and collaboration
- Encourage practices in tune with the ideals of Auroville
- Abide by the laws of the Government of India

The ALA sub group members - Vikram, Dhanya, Dominique, Guy, Joster, Daniel and Lara - worked for the last 1,5 years on the guidelines which have been presented in a GM on April 29th. These guidelines are proposed for a trial period of 1 year and being shared with the residents. Several meetings and interactions with stakeholders were conducted throughout the last year. The Council would like to thank the subgroup for their great work done.

The implementation phase will be facilitated / coordinated by the Auroville Learning Activity Coordination Group (ALACG). This group is being constituted by Dhanya, Dominique and Daniel from the ALA sub group and by Gijs, Manas, Mike (ACI) and Sheba. Because more people showed interest to be part of it, the final constitution will be announced in July when the ALACG starts their work.

-School bus safety.

The Auroville Council in collaboration with the School Board, the Road service, the SAIER transport and Auroville security is looking into school bus safety for our children. It is proposed to have a list of contact persons of all the schools (after school hours) and other important numbers available for emergency situations in all our school buses. Road Service and SAIER Transport are in the process of putting up school bus-stop signs and widening some bus-stop areas during the holidays. The Auroville Council is very appreciative of Road Service and SAIER Transport for taking up this very important work.

PEACE & JUSTICE

-Pool of Arbiters

The pool of arbiters was enlarged as per the Auroville conflict resolution policy for arbiters to be available for the various arbitrations. The Auroville Council is grateful to the community for volunteering to become arbiters and resolve difficult issues.

-Youth Hive Project in the International Zone

The Auroville Council, the Working Committee and the iTDC are still considering / processing some issues around the manifestation of the Youth Hive project in the International Zone.

A General information meeting is planned for July.

-Arbitrations and Appeals processes:

Arbitration between 2 members of Promesse community has been successfully concluded.

Aspiration Badminton ground: Implementation ongoing

Ganesh / Housing arbitration - Implementation ongoing

We are currently processing three appeal requests.

Warmly, *For the Auroville Council:*

Elisa, Enrica, Martin, Marc, Matriprasad, Mita, Renuka, Sandhya and Sundar

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

AADHAAR Camp in Auroville

Dear Aurovilians, the first AADHAAR registration camp will be held in Auroville from 24 to 30 May at the Auroville Foundation building. It will be initially open only to Aurovilians and their children. We are trying to make it possible for Newcomers but there is still an issue if they need a Proof of Address from Auroville Foundation. For children below 5, one parent's

AADHAAR can be used as proof of ID. Enrolment is free. Change of address/photo will be also possible against a fee of Rs. 25.

If you are interested, please write immediately to aadhaar@auroville.org.in with the number of people in your family who will need an AADHAAR card or change of address (specify full name and age). You will receive a confirmation from us.

Eric for the Working Committee

Vote on Proposal to Change Town Planning in Auroville

Dear Friend,

You are invited to vote on a proposed new method of town planning in Auroville Beginning May 13 (this Saturday).

HOW TO VOTE ON PAPER

Attached to this page on the News & Notes is a voting form. You can either fill in the attached form or pick one up from us at the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) Lounge (1st Floor Town Hall) and drop it off either at:

a) RAS Lounge - anytime between now and April 26 at the Residents' Assembly Service Lounge between 10am - 12pm Monday - Fri

or

b) Solar Kitchen and PTDC - on May 27 at these timings:

- PTDC between 9am - 11am
- Solar Kitchen between 11am - 2pm

HOW TO VOTE ONLINE

a) Via RAS mail link

You'll receive a personalised voting link via the RAS mailing system this week. To receive this link, you need to have registered to receive RAS mails.

b) By Auroville email

If you're not registered to receive RAS mails, you can also send your vote by email, but this only applies if your email address ends in @auroville.org.in.

WHAT'S THE QUESTION?

The question you will be asked is:

"Do you accept the proposal to change the method of town planning in Auroville?" - YES or NO?"

If you say YES, then you agree to the following 3 points:

- 1. The Planning Principles document;
- 2. The proposed new Town Development Council (TDC)/l'Avenir d'Auroville structure;
- 3. Draft Terms of Reference (TOR), based on the Planning Principles, to be used by the new TDC and expanded upon.

WHERE TO READ THE PROPOSAL?

a) On line: To read the proposal, please click here:

ras.auroville.org.in/town-development-council-restructuring/

b) On paper: The Planning Principles document was published in the last two issues of the News & Notes in English, Tamil and French.

To read the entire proposal on paper and to discuss it in person, please feel free to visit the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) Lounge on the 1st Floor of the Town Hall, where real human beings will be available (normally between 10am - 12pm, Mon - Fri) to answer your questions and serve you tea and/or juice.

NEED HELP?

For more information or if you need help voting, please don't hesitate to contact the RAS on raservice@auroville.org.in or by phone on 948 6623 749 or 887 0288 502.
Much love, *Your RAS Team*



Housing Grants

Housing Grants are available for first time contribution for stewardship of houses and house extensions for Aurovillians who are collecting a basic maintenance after minimum of 4 years' service work.

Requirements for a housing grant:

- A drawing by an architect or contractor (Housing Service (HS) can assist with this service)
- Permission from the Town Development Council (TDC)
- Discussion and clarity regarding the amount the Aurovillian is able to contribute and/or amount of loan required by them.
- Housing Board (HB) discusses each case and makes the decision regarding the amount to be allocated to the

Aurovillian. Currently a single person may receive up to 2.5 lakhs and for a couple 3.5 lakhs providing they are both Aurovillian.

- Once the funds have been allocated the work can begin. The Steward must first use their own personal resources and loan. All bills must be submitted by the Steward or contractor.
- A contractor will inspect the project to ensure the work is following the terms, conditions and plans as agreed to by all parties. Then the grant will be issued to complete the project. Once again all bills must be submitted to the HS.
- In the situations that the funds are being used contrary to the plans/drawings and NOC from the TDC, the grant will be cancelled by HS. The Aurovillian will be required to submit a new NOC.

-Grants are available due to the collection of the Fraternal Contribution of 9% paid by first time Stewards.

-Funds from housing assets -without a Steward also goes into the Fraternal Fund.

-Grants from the Fraternal Fund are not to be used for house extension that will be used as Home Stays.

As listed in the previous New and Notes (6th May 2017, No. 698) there are 19 grants still pending, which implies the projects are under construction but the grants have not been released. HS/HB have over allocated the grants as we issued more grants than funds available.

Therefore, our request is for patience of the allocation until we refill the coffers of the Fraternity Fund. Applications can still be submitted, however they will be put on file in order of priority. Once the funds grow we will begin processing the applications and inform the Aurovillian(s).

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Housing Board

(Aurovici, Elaine, Ole, Prahbu, Sonja, Sundar, Yuval)

Houses available for transfer

1. **Realization - Marry Kroon House:** Plinth Area of 43.00 sqm Single storied Load Bearing structure residential building with Stabilized Brick walls outside stabilized earth plastered, Brick vault roofing, living cum bed, Kitchen, & Toilet. Inner furnished wooden stair connects with Mezzanine. *(Available in July 2018)*
2. **Auromodele - Andre & Prema's House:** Plinth area of 487.49 sqm. Residential house - Ground Floor + First Floor with two bedrooms, Swimming Pool with toilet room, Lotus pond, Generator room, Store Room and with Garden area. Suitable for family.
3. **Auromodele - Debo's House.** Plinth area of 117.84 sqm . Ground floor with Living , Kitchen & Toilet, Passage & sit out area + First floor with Bed & Toilet. *(Available in July 2018)*
4. **Promesse - Velu & Suguna House:** Area 72.33 Sqm . Single standing house residential building with inner and outer plaster brick wall, RCC roofing with covered for front verandah, living cum Kitchen Bed room & Toilet. Suitable for Family.

Re-announced:

Newcreation - Ex- Sebastian's House: Plinth area of 191.02 sqm. The Ground Floor consisting of one Bed room, one child bed room, one class room, one Hall cum Living, one Dining , one kitchen, two toilets and spiral staircase. The first Floor consists of one Bed room, one store room, one office room, one office store and one toilet. Suitable for Family.

For more information contact:

Housing Service (Town Hall)

Phone: (0413) 2622658 -e-mail: housing@auroville.org.in

Housing Projects under construction:

1. Kalpana - 21 apartments of different size available.

Studio - 6: 1 BHK - 8: 2 BHK - 5: 3 BHK -2

Will be ready 30th May 2018

Contact person: satyakam@auroville.org.in

Satyakam is available on the site on:

Thursday: 3pm to 5.30 pm -AND Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm.

The model apartment is also visible on the above day and time

2. Auromodele Orchard - Several houses are still to be built. Will be ready in 2018. Contact person: *Padmanabhan*, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220333

Housing Service Summer Break

Housing Service will be taking a break for the summer from 22 May - 5 June. We will be open on Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 and only for emergencies.

September we will be assigning houses to our youth from Humanscape and X,Y projects. We will have approximately 65 placements for Aurovilians between the age of 20-35 inclusive of single, couples and families.

As many have not submitted their name to be placed on the List of Youth needing a house we recommend that you send in your name to housing@auroville.org.in. We will forward you an application form that needs to be submitted to us with a photograph of yourself.

August we will begin the selection process in combination with a team consisting of some members from Housing Board, Youth Link and L'Avenir. A meeting with the applicant and the selection team will be scheduled with each of you.

A family that is willing and has experience managing youth and Auroville assets can apply to be the Care Taker. This can be done through the same process.

The Housing Service Team

Call for PCG Grant Proposals Fall 2017

This present call is for Aurovilians who would like to prepare a project proposal to be submitted through the Project Coordination Group for:

- Projects to be submitted to Stichting De Zaaier for possible funding before the end of this calendar year
- Micro-projects (budget request below INR 1.5 lakhs)
- MT&D Programme Applications

Copies of the appropriate application form will be emailed to you via pcq@auroville.org.in on request, or may be downloaded from Auronet: a guide for filling in the grant form is also available. If you do not know which application to use, or under which category to apply, please send us a brief description of your project or request so that we can advise you.

Project holders are invited to send their projects as a Word document, saved in the name of the project title, to pcq@auroville.org.in

FINAL DATE for submission is **MONDAY, 31 July 2017**

You are welcome to email pcq@auroville.org.in or contact the Project Coordination Group at the ACUR (Town Hall) by phoning 2622250 for further information or assistance.

Please note that the Project Coordination Group will be meeting later in the year for its annual review of new and pending grant proposals for funding by the Foundation for World Education and Stichting De Zaaier in 2018. A call for such proposals will be announced in the News & Notes and posted on Auronet at the end of the summer.

NB If you have received funding for a project through the Project Coordination Group in previous years, please be certain that you have sent in a report for that grant before making a any new applications.

Also, please note that if you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or, students of any individual classes, your project is to be reviewed by the Auroville and/or Outreach School Boards prior to the Project Coordination Group review. *(Please be sure to contact all individual schools before submitting your proposal to the School Boards.)* Therefore, it is important that all the relevant bodies (i.e. schools, teachers, school board, etc.) are aware of your project and support it. In this way, the Project Coordination Group can more easily recommend a project for funding knowing it will have the support of schools and thereby have a greater impact on the beneficiaries of the project.

Pala and Sauro, for the Project Coordination Group

L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 13/05/2017

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

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

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

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

- *Site Applications:* No New SA
- *Building Applications:* No New BA

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

- *Site applications:* No New SA
- *Building Applications:*
 1. *Santé Service building - Extension on plot no. IR 411/3A2 + IR 407/5 for total build up area 295 sq.m. + temporary coverage 174 sq.m.*

Project write-up given by the project holder

Project Title: Santé Service building

Proposed Site Location: Santé, Crown Road, Auroville, TN

Project Holder: Ruslan, Santé

Architect: Office 4, Madhuca, Auroville

Contact Persons: Ruslan, Santé

Description: The service building for Santé will house all the services for Santé such as the ambulance, with a dedicated space for general maintenance of the vehicle. The electrical room for the clinic, an area for collecting and segregating solid waste, the laundry room and a caretakers unit as well as much needed storage space. There will also be paved parking for visitors and a covered parking for the staff.

Plot no: IR 411 / 3A2 + IR407/5

Total Area of the project: 775sqm

Build up Area: 295sqm

Target Group: The building will benefit the Santé team.

Background: The service building for Santé is essentially part of the Santé Master plan prepared by Helmut. And was planned for and is part of the master plan of the larger Santé facility, but due to financial constrains could not be built earlier.

Triggers: At present Santé doesn't have service facilities, which are necessary for effective operations of the Clinic.. The need for the spaces is self-explanatory: Ambulance parking, staff vehicles parking, store rooms, electrical room, laundry, and waste collection, as well as the possibility for a caretaker unit on the first floor.

Goals/Objectives: To help the Santé team to serve the community at large better by having better facilities, have the ambulance parked and cared for at the clinic. Free up space in Santé for therapists and other related activities. Provide "mud free" parking for the visitors and staff.

2. *Mohanam Cultural Centre - Plot AL 65/7 for total build up area 508 m2*

Project write-up given by the project holder

Project Title: Mohanam - a vocational training and cultural research Institute.

Proposed Site Location: AL 65/7

Project Holder: Manohar(Luigi Fedele) Juergen puetz, Balasundharam , Yuval.

Architect: AUROVILLE DESIGN CONSULTANT - CSR

Contact Persons: BALU, ALAIN B, YUVAL AND SUBBU

Description: Mohanam Cultural Centre will provide space for exhibitions, training programs, cultural activities and festivals and regular classes in performing arts.

Plot no: AL 65/7

Total Area of the project: 3650 M2 including parking

Build up Area: 508 m2

Target Group: Auroville community, schools and Villages in the Auroville region

Background: Mohanam as an activity has been active in the villages of Allankuppam and Sanjeevinagar since more than a decade, working with the local groups and individuals to support, promote and preserve local culture, art and crafts.

Auroville and the surrounding villages both have a tremendous amount to offer and share in terms of culture, skills and tradition

Triggers: Requirement for a permanent hub to be able to anchor these interventions and activities as it grows to enable to the group undertaking these activities to have a base.

Goals/Objectives:

Mohanam's basic goal and objective is to be an active part of the growth of the "Cultural Bridge" between Auroville and the Bio region as a meeting place for sharing and learning

Another goal is to expand and intensify our collaboration with the schools in the Bioregion and Auroville through series of cultural workshop and seminar

This new centre for culture and heritage will benefit both Aurovilians and the village people Auroville and the surrounding villages both have a tremendous amount to offer and share in terms of culture, skills and tradition.

It is our goal to centralize existing and new activities in the central new building instead of being spread out over more improvised locations

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

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

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N #699 Dated 13.05.2017

Our team is happy to recommend the following persons as Aurovilians, Newcomers, Friends of Auroville and Partners of Auroville. We will wait one month for Newcomers and

Aurovilians from this publication for your feedback before confirming.

Send your feedback to: entryservice@auroville.org.in

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED

Liran OVED (Israel)

Pranshula MANATH (Indian)

Rajan SUGUMAR (Indian)

Ravishankar SHAHI (Indian)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED

Jürgen AXER (German), staying in Invocation and working at Future School and CIRHU

SPOUSE OF AUROVILLIAN

Erik CONESA (Spanish)

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED

Antoine COLOMBANI (French)

Guy ATTEWELL (British)

Malvika PATHAK (German)

Michelle BERTHOLLE (French)

Premnath S.K. (Indian)

Rema PREMNATH (Indian)

Sandeep VINOD SARAH (Indian)

Santosh JADHAV (Indian)

Seok HO JIN (Korean)

AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18:

Bhavya TRIVEDI (Indian) Staying in Deepanam School and studying at Last School

Bhavya TRIVEDI (Indian) Staying in Deepanam School and studying at Future School

Mahirana Osheen COY-BORG (French) Staying in Sharnga and studying at Future School

The above people will be confirmed as Aurovilians **ONLY after signing the B-Form** (the last step in order to be included in the Register of Residents of the Auroville Foundation).

B-Forms and Recommendation letters: **on appointment only.**

The Entry Service is open to the public **Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 to 12:30.**

Wednesday and Thursday for Interview by appointment only.

At your service,

For Entry Service: *Ishita, Segar, Selvam Rajamani, Vika*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY IN AUROVILLE

Dear community, a few weeks back, a colleague of ours had an accident close to Town Hall, and was taken to Sante, treated immediately and followed up with specialists in a Pondicherry hospital.

At the time I received the news of this accident, I was at the Visitors Centre cafe with a couple of friends from Bombay. They were impressed that facilities like this exist in Auroville and questioned me further about how the health services function in Auroville. Some questions, I did not have answers to. So in the last two weeks, I have been asking aurovilians these, (...at the PTDC food lines, at solar kitchen, at a school, at Pour Tous, at people's homes.....) and surprisingly, most do not know the answers to these.

Quite shocking, considering these could be required in life-death situations involving ourselves, our friends, our family, and others we may not know.

To keep it simple, I drafted out some questions that had come out of this chapter and sent them to santé;while Anamika followed this up with the AV Health Centre.

-IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT IN THE AUROVILLE CENTRE, CAN THE INJURED PERSON BE BROUGHT TO SANTE FOR IMMEDIATE FIRST AID?

Below, is the reply from Auradha via the Santé email address.

"Dear Adil, Anyone requiring immediate First Aid for injury or sudden acute illness can be brought to Santé Clinic, tel: 0413 2622803, the summer working hours are 8.45am to 12.30pm.

The Auroville Ambulance Service, tel +91 9442224680, is available 24/7 for Auroville residents and registered guests

of Auroville. For non AV residents the dispatcher can make exceptions based on urgency or organize external ambulance services if required. The cost categories are as follows

- *Auroville Health Fund covers service charges for members*
- *Registered Volunteers and workers of Auroville have a reduced price*
- *Registered (and non-registered) guests pay the full price.*

-Santé Clinic, which supports the Auroville Ambulance Service, receives a central fund budget; this means that the costs of services for residents and volunteers is heavily subsidized by the community. This subsidy is not extended to guests and tourists. Best wishes, Auradha"

Auradha also mentioned over the phone that the ambulance cost is Rs 5000/- per trip.

-IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT IN THE AUROVILLE AREA, CAN THE INJURED PERSON BE BROUGHT TO AUROVILLE HEALTH CENTRE FOR IMMEDIATE FIRST AID?

Anamika was told the following regarding the Health Centre.....

At the Health Centre Peter replied over the phone that anyone requiring first aid assistance could come to Auroville Health Centre. Doctors consultation and assistance for first aid injuries is possible between 8.15am till 1pm and from 2.30pm till 5.15pm. When more serious help is required it is best to go straight to a hospital. Everyone is required to pay for any expenses incurred, and the ones who are covered by the Health Fund can file for a refund. Ambulance information is the same as given above by Auradha.

Adil & Anamika (Dana) - mandalapottery@gmail.com

Pre Creche to open in Summer.....

Dear Parents,

PRE Creche is planning to open in Summer for children born from March 2015 to Feb 2016. This will be an experiment and preparation for next year.

We will open 3 days (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) in a week for 3 weeks. The school will be open 9:00 am to 12 am. The program is scheduled to start from 22nd May and will end on the 9th June.

A detailed program is planned and will be shared with parents on the day of the proposed meeting which will be held on the 20th Saturday at 9:30 am at the Pre Creche Campus. Parents are requested to attend this meeting without failure.

We have been in contact with most parents who have been coming to the Babies Section but in case you have not been in contact with us and your child is part of this group and would like to join the team please contact us at the earliest before it's too late... we are already full now.

For more details pls contact *Auroprem*(9443215065) or *Marie Angele* (0413 2623072).

Regards,

Pre Creche Team.

SUMMER PROGRAM AT KINDERGARTEN

Auroville Kindergartens at Center Field are offering during four weeks a Summer Program of crafts, games, swimming pool and more to children age 4 to 7 (not for Jallam and Yellow groups)

- on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 12.00
- from Monday 15th until Friday 26th of May at Nandanam Kindergarten

- from Monday 29th of May until Friday 9th of June at Kindergarten.

There will be no lunch and no school bus. Parents are requested to pick up their child on time.

Adults and teenagers willing to help the teachers are welcome to come any of those days. Thank you.

Free Store:

Dear community, in the summer months May and June the Free Store will ONLY be open in the morning from 9-12.30 Monday to Saturday. See you all there, *Free Store team*

Aurosoya Closed until May 31:

Dear friends, kindly take note that Aurosoya will be closed from May 15 to May 31. Wish you all a nice summer time. *Aurosoya team.*

AVTS TOUR 17 to 20/05

The AVTS Team will proceed on their well-deserved Annual Tour from 17 to 20 May 17.

Cell phone recharges will continue, with slight delays.

Please continue to report/register landline and internet faults as follows

1. BSNL landline or Broadband faults dial:- 1500 from BSNL landline/cell phone OR 1800 345 1500 from other phones

2. BSNL Cellphone issues dial:- 1503 from BSNL landline/cell phone OR 1800 180 1503 from other phones

At the end of the call, note the 12 digit Docket number and inform AVTS so that we can follow it up for you.

AVTS Team

Solar Kitchen and La Terrace on Annual Tour

The team of Solar Kitchen and La Terrace will go on its Annual Tour from Friday 19th of May to Sunday 21st of May.

There will be no lunch or dinner for these three days, 19, 20 and 21.05.17.

Solar Kitchen/La Terrace Team

YatraNova closed from 18.5.17 to 30.5.17 for summer Holidays. Emergency contact:

International - Sridhar - 9344615803

Domestic - Doulat - 9944756292 ; Pajanisamy - 9486537525

thanks

Lotus Construction is on this summer!

Repairing work, fencing, gardening & dripping system, painting, plumbing, carpentry, electrician, and construction job, contact: *Sundaramoorthy* at 9489214020.9500819221

AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL 2017

December 16-23

- To suggest films into the category of films that develop the theme of human unity, please drop a copy of the film to Nilen at our office (Tai Chi Hall, Sharnaga, 2623187) by the end of May.

- To submit films into the category of films that develop the theme of human unity, please go to: <https://filmfreeway.com/festival/AurovilleFilmFestival>. The deadline is June 15, 2017.

- To submit films into any of the other categories (by Aurovilians, about Auroville, by students of Auroville) please go to the same link given above. The deadline is July 31st.

Krishna for aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in (0413-2623187)

Funds for performances by Auroville Artists

Funds for performances by Auroville Artists in Auroville should be requested now for the financial year 2017/18. Applications will be considered only until 15.05.17. Please send a mail to av.artistgroup@gmail.com. I will send you a questionnaire about your performance. Return it as soon as possible. In a subsequent meeting distribution of funds will be allocated. *Nuria & Rolf*

Apologies from Aurocreation

Dear all, AuroCreation team would seeks apologies for the misleading announcement in news and notes regarding visit to Matrimandir. We have no such intention of making visits to Matrimandir as a part of entertainment program. It was merely a mistake in way of writing by our publishing team while mailing the matter for News&Notes.

In our previous workshops we have been asked by the participants to arrange visits to Matrimandir for the purpose of meditation. For the same we wished to publish that we shall get them registered in groups to visit the Matrimandir on their personal choice.

We being an Auroville unit, respect the integrity and purpose of Matrimandir and the words of mother about Matrimandir. We assure that anything related to visiting Matrimandir will never be part of business or any entertainment program, and it will always be choice of an individual to visit.

We again apologize for the announcement and we have asked our publishing team to do the needful and be careful hereafter.

Regards, *Yatharth - AuroCreation*

Notes on the recent CAT Session on Volunteers

The CAT presentation offered in late March 2017 by the Savi team focused on the numerous aspects of wealth & benefits brought by volunteers, and also on the current "bottlenecks" and obstacles, and ended up with interactions with the audience in search of ideas of improvements.

A majority of participants expressed their appreciation of the show and a positive response to volunteerism, typically a consensus on the expectation to remove the Volunteer contribution ; the Savi team would have wished to see more Aurovilians amongst the audience (a PowerPoint is available on request in Savi office).

Hereafter we publish a compilation of the main feedbacks produced during the session by the participants.

Main agreements

- Yes "Auroville is enriched by its volunteers" was largely voiced & shared.
- The volunteers are very important for the growth of the economy,
- "Their work here is a gift, they deserve gratitude",
- "They are beautiful, to give their time and energy, how are we gifted they are choosing Auroville!"

Recognition to Volunteers

- Auroville has to take them financially, and give them the same opportunity as Aurovilians to do activities and go to Matrimandir.



- I wonder if the work of volunteers is really acknowledged. The short term volunteers should get more help informally, and maybe a Solar Kitchen deal.

Other feedbacks expressed by participants

- as volunteer, I also get enriched by a unique experience, which is for me beyond materialism,
- Savi work is appreciated, but would need more visibility,
- The shocking "money contribution" due to their work.....
- Does the community appreciate the "underground helpers" (non-registered volunteers) or would rather be without them?
- Good presentation, thanks!

Suggestions

- Have a Volunteers Day in Auroville
- Engage with units to help encourage gift economy
- Indian volunteers: have an equally important registration

- Experiencers (on Tourist visa) should be offered some opportunities as well
- Info on Newcomer process & requirements made available to volunteers by Savi
- A blog/channel or forum about volunteers, their experiences, follow-up, testimonies, where past and new volunteers could share their experiences
- Short term volunteering programs for Indians, to have a minimum of information and welcome
- Community events where Aurovilians, volunteers and newcomers could mingle with each other.
- Savi collecting a list of Aurovilians who are happy to invite volunteer for a tea or house them for a week or so

Savi is grateful for these very good ideas that will substantiate its next 5 year Plan and budget! Any person interested to participate in these new initiatives is welcome on board. (Savi phone: 2622121 / study@auroville.org.in).

O B I T U A R Y



Savita

We are informed that Mrs Savita Jhunjunwala, wife of Shyamsunderji and mother of Manju Bonke, passed away in the morning of Monday May 1st at her home in Pondicherry.

Early Aurovilians may recollect that the first distribution of the Auroville Prosperity was done by Savita under the guidance of the Mother.

She will be remembered for her ever-smiling presence.

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A V A I L A B L E

Cute kitten: Dear All!! I am a lovely kitten, grey striped, 2 months old. I am looking for a new home to enjoy my new life. My Granma says that I am very cute ☺ so if you want to come and see for yourself, please contact *Christine (Vikas)*: 9626194492. I am waiting for you, see you soon!

Pure organic coconut oil: From AV Gokulam Farm -excellent for cooking, hair and skin care, massage etc... Contact *Anand*: 986 562 3504.

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

Badminton partners/team: I'm Isis, French Newcomer, and despite the heat, I would like to enjoy badminton games once or twice aweek. Is there anybody interested, or any team/regular players who would be happy to welcome me? I am not a beginner, but I need to review the rules. Thank you! 7094282802 or isisrouxpages@gmail.com»

Swimming teacher: I'm Isis, French Newcomer, and I'm very eager to learn to swim better. I love to be in the water, but when it comes to swimming, I'm not very comfortable for a long period of time. Does anyone know about the breathing and the moves, and how to synchronise them better? That would be much appreciated. I can become a mermaid I'm sure! 7094282802 or isisrouxpages@gmail.com

Still Looking for London Connection: Dear friends, my 11 year old granddaughter and I got invited to visit England in June. It would be so awesome to stay a few days in London while being there. Does anybody have contacts which are able to provide or find free or cheap place to stay. I would be extremely grateful as it is my first time in England and I would be so happy to show my granddaughter amazing London. Please contact: sandyra@auroville.org.in, phone: 944 3619 403, with love & gratitude, *Sandyra*

Roof tiles: I am looking for Mangalore (Kerala) roof tiles and shade net for my house. If you have some roof tiles or shade net lying around unused to give away, please let me know! Thank you :) Contact: *Iyyappan* - 9843846458, iyyappan@auroville.org.in

House helper: English speaking amma for cooking part time. Contact *Prem Shakti* 9489244823

Children's violin: Kindly let us know if you have any children's violin 1/8, 1/4 size that you are not using. With gratitude and melodies ulrikrishna@gmail.com 9442069249

Access to Wired internet connection: Hello, Does anybody have a wired internet connection (WITHOUT Wi-Fi) that they would allow me to use for a few hours a week (at a time convenient for you) in exchange for contribution or my skills? With much appreciation, *Fiona*. Please reply to fionafrazerj@gmail.com

Looking for job opportunity: Hi, I am Karthick, from Edayanchavady, and I am looking for a job in Administration. I've finished my MBA in HR &Marketing, with a diploma in Labour Law. My contact number is 9787575221 or 8122002446. Submitted by *Durai (Agni)*

L O S T A N D F O U N D

Laptop (Lost): I shifted on Thursday 4th of May, from Maitreye 2 to Auromodele and unfortunately I lost my MacBook air, which I had put on a scooty in the parking of Maitreye 2. It happened between 5 and 6 PM. The computer is in a dark blue bag and there is also 2 notebooks inside... If anyone took it and could give me it back, I will be so Grateful!!!! My contact

number is 8098796307 and my email camille@auroville.org.in. THANK YOU! *Camille*

Set of 2 Keys (Found): Found on the Town Hall/Paradiso parking lot, on the 10/05. Looks like office keys, with a square "Roma" key ring. Now in the Lost&Found Box in the News&Notes office, pass by to pick them up.

A C C O M M O D A T I O N S A V A I L A B L E A N D N E E D E D

House-sitting Opportunity.1: I am looking for a house-sitter for my house on a farm for June and July. If you are interested

please write to sandyra@auroville.org.in - thanks, with love & gratitude, *Sandyra*

Dog&House-sitting 2 - in a house in the forest: 29 June to 16 August, Anusuya Forest. Our 6-month old dog and our two cats need tender loving care! We prefer a couple or a small family who like to spend time at home. Facilities available: Daily house-keeper, 12V solar power, gas oven, small pool, separate cute bedroom. Facilities not available: 220V AC current, refrigerator, western toilet. Sounds like you? Contact christoph@auroville.org.in or 9787702495

House-sitting 3: Love animals? Looking for a month's break by the sea? Want to cool off for the summer and get some solitude? I am looking for a house-sitter for my house in Quiet from 26th May to 29th June. My house is best for a single person and could work for a couple. I have a cat and 2 dogs that need care. Please email nandita@sharan-india.org or SMS /WhatsApp 9488483286 - Nandita, Quiet

TAXI SHARING

Please note that there is a new Auroville service of taxi sharing available with STS at: <http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/>

May 15th: I need to go to Chennai airport leaving AV around 9 pm. (flight 1.50am on 16th). Please call *Birgitta* 9442300574.

May 17th: Taxi departing Auroville around 2:30 pm on Wednesday 17th of May, to Chennai Airport.

Two persons going, taxi coming back empty. Sharing both ways available! Contact lasabine@auroville.org.in - 9786775818

May 17th: from Auroville to Chennai airport on the 17th may leaving Auroville at 6pm, email to robertacrassi@gmail.com

May 17th: Taxi to Chennai Airport. Leaving Auroville 9pm to reach airport at 12 midnight. Taxi share possible either way. Please contact *Lesley* on 9488373747 or lesleybra@yahoo.com

May 19th: One person going to Chennai outskirts (OMR road) to be reached around 4 pm on 19 May, Friday. Coming back

empty. Sharing both ways possible. Contact: mona@auroville.org.in, Yantra, 0413-2622900.

May 19th: I need to be at the airport by 4am on 20th May so will be leaving AV on 19th night. Anyone going the same way? I am flexible with timings! Please get in touch at 081077 11833. Thank you, *Sikandar*

May 20th: I'm Sara, I would like to share a taxi departing from AV to arrive at Chennai airport at 6.30am latest. Coming back empty. Please contact me on 8489526550 or samada3@hotmail.com. For both ways. Thank you, *Sara*

May 26th: Leaving Auroville to Chennai Airport at 2:30pm from Arati Community. If you are interested to share either way (taxi is coming back empty), please contact jmalor@yahoo.fr or phone 7639761930. Thanks, *Jean-Luc*

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities for Newcomers and Long-Term Volunteers at SLI

Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI) welcomes long term volunteers and newcomers to join our team. SLI is a unit that works very closely with rural communities and rural development department of the Tamil Nadu government to provide training in sustainable livelihoods. There are more than twenty different training programs currently in SLI- ranging from sustainable agriculture to waste management; and rural entrepreneurship to herbal cosmetics. Each program includes learning opportunities of best practices as showcased by different Aurovilian units and farms. From its inception in

2015, over one hundred twenty programs, involving over 2000 participants, have been successfully conducted at SLI in its campus at Kottakkarai.

SLI provides a unique learning space for the rural community leaders of Tamil Nadu to experience and learn from Auroville- not just as an exposure visit, but to learn to create livelihoods based on practices from Auroville. We are looking for skilled persons to help with documentation, coordination, data management, delivery and event management. Knowledge of Tamil will be an advantage. Please note that services are requested on a volunteer basis. For more information, contact sli@auroville.org.in

HEALTH

Free screening for women at PIMS

There is an offer from PIMS as part of their social welfare schemes, providing free screening for women over forty. An extract of their letter follows below. It is a very useful initiative, please spread around you to all women over 40 years of age.

Thank you and regards, *Dr Uma for AvHC*

As part of supporting welfare initiatives we have initiated a program, in which women above the age of 40 years will be screened for breast and cervical cancer detection at free of cost. The program includes the following:

- 1- Free Consultation / Health Screening
- 2- Free Mammography
- 3- Free Pap Smear

4- Free Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology (on consent only)
We request you to inform all the beneficiaries to avail these services for their dependents (Wife, Mother, Sister, etc. - above the age of 40 yrs) or themselves (Women above the age of 40 yrs). By joining this program, you would be helping your beneficiaries and their dependents in being made aware and screened for "BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER". Let's join hands in serving the people of our society.

To know the details about this program, please contact:
Mr. Vineeth Vijayan,
Manager - Publicity&Marketing-09790119191/0413 2651305
Vineeth.vijayan@gmail.com / managerpubmkt@pimsmmm.net

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners !

Our live streaming can be heard on radio.garden/live/villupuram/auroville-radio/
Here is an update from AV Radio with programs made past week:

Our volunteers have recorded:

Neha resonated at [CAT 14 Tuning in Harmony](#), and talked with [Lisbeth and Ashwin](#) on photo exhibition.
Sitharth shares glimpse of [Ayyanar Festival](#) in Edayanchavadi.
[Le Pavillon de France Présente](#) by Gino.
[Jill and Nishant](#) invites us to the play, and here is the whole play [All My Sons](#), Partha talks about new affordable and healthy eatery - [Neem Tree Eatery](#).

Within regular programs:

Marlenka continues with [Synthesis of Yoga Pt.1 , Ch9](#) 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 regular programs are here [Thursday](#), and [Monday](#) news.

What would this planet be without music - just for you jazz of the time of apartheid [Part 1](#), and [Part 2](#), and smooth jazz for [Sunday morning](#).
happy listening
your AV Radio Team (www.aurovillradio.org)

EATING OUT

Goyo Closed for 2 Months

Goyo, Korean silent restaurant is closed for 2 Months (May and June). See you again after refreshment!

Dreamer's Café closed 15-19/05

Dear Friends and customers, Dreamer's Café at Visitor's center will remain closed for the annual tour and repairs from 15 May till 19th May both inclusive. Thanks and see you again Saturday the 20th!

Marc's Café Roast and Taste closed 15-19/05

Dear friends and customers, we will be closed from the 15th May till 19 May both inclusive, for summer repairs and the annual tour of our staff.

Bharat Nivas the Pavilion of India Presents

"INDO GANGETIC PLANE" LUNCH - (UP - Bihar & Bengali)

By Ms. Sarbani Chatterjee

At ATITHI GRIHA GUEST HOUSE

BHARAT NIVAS - The Pavilion of India

ON Sunday the 21st of May, 2017

Between 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

For Aurovilians and Newcomers only

For reservations, please write to atithigriha@auroville.org.in.

You can call us at 0413-2622445 before 4:00 PM on Friday the 19th of May, 2017.

GREEN MATTERS

Water Saving Tip: Overflowing Tanks

Do you live in a community where overflowing tanks are a common occurrence? Does it bother you that all of that water is wasted? There are simple steps you can take to set up systems to make sure those tanks don't overflow. For example, you can purchase and install a float valve, which will automatically stop the flow of water in the tank when it is full. There are also more technologically advanced solutions, which consist of the electronic monitoring of water levels with automatic switch off, however, they are more expensive. If you have a special situation in your community that you'd like to discuss with us, we might be able to send you in the direction of someone who can help, as we ourselves are not experts.

Water Group, watergroup@auroville.org.in

You are your microbes

Do not miss this TED.Ed!

"From the microbes in our stomachs to the ones on our teeth, we are homes to millions of unique and diverse communities which help our bodies function. Jessica Green and Karen Guillemin emphasize the importance of understanding the many organisms that make up each and every organism."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1X8p0vhsWRE>

Margarita for MGEcpoduties - Probiotics House

Reve - Auroville. 0143-2623774

Notes

Rain, Rain, Rain...

Aikya ('Nature & Spirit') would like to share the following:

"The Mother is down to earth, very very practical in everything she does. She has given another aspect of mantra, which I'll tell you about.

Rain, Rain, Rain, we want the Rain
Rain, Rain, Rain, we ask for Rain
Rain, Rain, Rain, we need the Rain
Rain, Rain, Rain, we pray for Rain*



Symbol for water drawn by Mother

Le symbole de l'eau dessiné par la Mère

Once we were having a very very serious drought situation in Pondicherry, a long time back; we had had no rain since I don't know how long, and everything was hot and sticky, so after a game of tennis I asked the Mother, "Mother can't you bring us some rain?". She said, "You want rain?" I said, "Mother, we haven't had rain for months and months". "Ooh," Mother said, "I didn't know. Come along". So we went to the Playground, she brought a stick and made a kind of occult pattern, which she drew on the ground. There were about six of us there. She said, "I want the six of you to link your hands and walk around that symbol and recite a mantra". I asked Mother, "What mantra?" Mother said "It doesn't matter what the mantra is, but it must be given to you by your guru. I give you a mantra: We want rain, give us rain". That's a very simple mantra, isn't it? So we chanted "We want rain, give us rain, give us rain ..." And within half an hour we got it. The mantra worked. I don't know where the clouds came from. The clouds came and the rain came - it actually worked. So that's the Mother's view of mantra.

A few years later, after Mother had left, again there was a bad drought situation in the south of India and the Government tried everything, but they didn't succeed. They also thought of using mantra. So they arranged a very big yagna, a sacrifice, on the bed of a dried lake, they called all the Shankaracharyas from all around and made a big fire and had a big puja, and they recited all kinds of mantras for three days - and nothing happened. Nothing happened, no rain came. Why didn't it come? There we come to the point that Mother said: the mantra must be given to you by your guru. That is the most important point of mantra. And for me, Mother has given the mantra of Savitri. So if anything's going to work, I'm going to work it! That's part of my job. I'm telling you this, because that's why I am reciting. I'm not a poet, I'm nothing, but Mother has made me take up Savitri, and that's why I'm telling you all these things." by Udar- recollections, Auroville, 1999

Roots

"Look into the roots!" Kozma Prutkov (legendary Russian author, 19th century)

In 1968, the territory of Auroville was semi-desert. After the strong rains, Auroville's nearby shore was red: the raining waters brought soil into the ocean. But then Aurovilians planted millions of trees. A green oasis appeared and a great kingdom of roots kept soil in place and stopped erosion. Roots give water and minerals to leaves, they create fertile soil together with innumerable kinds of soil life: worms, microorganisms, etc...

Aurovilians have their own roots too. We cannot usually see the roots of trees and people but we can if we want to. I have a great love for "Two banyans": a lot of trees, a lot of oxygen. There Colleen and Jean have cared for this forest for more than forty years. Colleen told me, "My childhood was in Montana, US. My father cared about wildlife, my mother was chief of the girl scouts. Trekking, bonfires, tents, it was nice!"

Jean said, "I lived in France, my father was a highly qualified carpenter. Whenever he saw a tree, he could immediately say what kind of furniture could be made from it. My karma has been to grow trees without having a mercantile interest for them. From age 8 to 12, I attended libraries. Every book, I kept for one day only. I only remember general things from books, no details."

The roots of these two Aurovilians are very different. One comes from America and one from France but they together successfully have grown roots here and care for forest here in Auroville.

Boris - Aspiration

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*

CULTURAL EVENTS

Beat the summer heat!

with Live Music & North East India's Flavor Food

at Kipaak Café, AuroAnnam

May 11th, 12th, 13th from 7:30pm onwards



Appearing Live: Souls & Beats (Bengaluru-based acoustic band)

Everyone is welcome!

- No entry fee but donation is welcome for the Artist and the sound system.

Dinner per advance booking only

Snacks and Bamboo Green leaf herbal tea available throughout the evening.

Our lovely host will prepare a wonderful dinner, please make your reservation so we can set up a table if you want to join for dinner.

For booking dinner pls. contact us at: mawite@auroville.org.in or 8523915031

(And please inform us in advance if you have to cancel your reservation).

INVITATIONS



PRESENTATION AT SLI

Auroville has been invited to re-design training process for Rural Development Institutes of Tamil Nadu Government.

Interested Aurovilians are invited to a presentation on 11th May, Thursday- 5-5:30pm.



Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI), that has been set up by the Tamil Nadu Government in partnership with the Auroville Foundation, has been invited to re-design the existing training processes in six rural development institutes run by the State - including the 5 Regional Institute of Rural Development (RIRDs) and the premium State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD). SLI will engage with the TN Government on this year long project to re-design their curriculum, pedagogy and institutional process. The scope of works will include a thorough study of the current status of these institutes, development of a restructuring plan and facilitation of the change process.

This is an opportunity to bring Auroville's experience and lessons learnt, in designing unique learning methodologies and designing sustainable processes, to Tamil Nadu and influence the rural development processes throughout the state. Aurovilians with experience in facilitation and designing of processes and pedagogies are invited to participate and contribute to this project.

A presentation has been organized on 11th May to outline the scope of participation.

If you are interested, please join us this Thursday at 5-5:30pm at SLI in Kottakarai, on the way to Irbmbai temple.

For more information, contact slj@auroville.org.in

You can also visit SLI website www.tnavsli.in and FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/tnavsli/>

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

16th May (Tuesday) - Focus this week on: 'Self-realisation'

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

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

Place: Savitri Bhavan

Time: 9 am to 12 Noon

(For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 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

NEW dance fitness class

Where-New Creation Dance studio

Timing-Tuesday and Friday morning from 8.30 to 9.30

Teacher- *Vijay*

TAI CHI HALL @ SHARNGA: There will be no Tai Chi classes from May 23 to August 7. The last class will be on May 22 Monday and the first class (next) will be on August 8 Tuesday.

taichi@auroville.org.in

Vinyasa flow Yoga classes with So-Youn at Creativity HALL OF LIGHT. The class is based on alignment of Iyengar and flow of Ashtanga. It remains authentic to ancient yoga tradition while tackling modern challenges. After class, you will be So Young!!

Schedules, 17:30-18:30 starting in May 2017

Tuesday - Vinyasa flow lv.0

Thursday - Vinyasa flow lv.1

Aurovilians and Newcomers free of charge.

Volunteers 100 rupees. Guest 200 rupees

Please, park the motorcycle in Creativity garage.

SCHEDULES

QUIET HEALING CENTER CLOSED UNTIL 19/06!

Quiet Healing Center is closed for annual repair and maintenance works. We'll be happy to be of service again from Monday 19th June! Wishing you all a relaxing summer time, *Quiet Healing Center Team*

VÉRITÉ PROGRAMMING SUMMER BREAK

All programming activities (classes, workshops and therapies) at Vérité are closed until mid-June 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*

SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN MAY

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271

Auroville Library, Crown Road: opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday. email: avlib@auroville.org.in. tel: 0413-2622 894

Bike/Car repair & servicing: ★ Painting ★ Modification ★ General service ★ Bike renting. Please contact Satya: 9443438287

At Abri workshop (old puncture service) Auroville. We accept Auroville PT account.

AvHC: The Pharmacy is open 8.30 to 5 pm daily including Saturdays. The doctor's consultation is the same with a lunch

break from 1-2pm, except Saturday up to 1pm only. Phone no 0413-2622123 / 2622018. Email: avhealth@auroville.org.in.

AV Safety & Security Team: Call us 24/7 for emergency, assistance or escort on 9443090107. Visit our office (Certitude Service Area - Near Gas Bottle service) from Monday to Saturday (9AM to 1PM - 2PM to 4PM) or contact us on 0413-2623400/ avsecurity@auroville.org.in

City Transport: Quick "Pick up and Drop" Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater people carrier, free of charge for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests for trips within the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele and Repos/Quiet chargeable with per passenger fares, from Rs.110/- for 1 person single trip. Phone Visitors Centre main

gate 0413-262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30 am-6.00 pm. E-mail: visitorscentre@auroville.org.in
-Please note that it is not a taxi that can be ordered in advance for an exact time, but will normally reach you with 10/15 minutes, and will not wait for you for onward or return trips - if needed it will come back to pick you up again when called.

Auroville Dental Centre: Protection / Telephone: (0143) 2622265 or 2622007 / email: aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in

EcoService, Kottakarai: Palani 9443535172 or Kali 9443090114. ecoservice@auroville.org.in

Entry Service, Multimedia Center: 1st floor, Town hall Complex: We are open to the public **Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9:30am to 12:30** - Wednesday and Thursday for Interview by appointment only. B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only. For more information on joining Auroville: +91 (0)413 262 2707 email: entryservice@auroville.org.in

Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. This phone is reachable 24/7.

Financial Service, Town Hall and Aspiration: Mon to Sat, 9 to 12.30 and 3 to 4.30pm

Free Store: Summer timings (May and June): open mornings only. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12:30 pm. Telephone: 0413-2623680 email: freestore@auroville.org.in

Free Store Tailoring Service: Repair work will be received only from 1st to 15th of every month. Timings will be same as Free Store.

Auroville Gas Service, Service Area: Near Tele Service" and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm. Telephone: (0413) 2622452 / email: avgasservice@auroville.org.in

Green Care: Tree care, pruning, rigging, removal of trees, and or branches over structures. Garden maintenance grass and hedge cutting. Call: *Jonas* 9159843579 or *Anadi* 9655477329.

Guest Service above the Solar Kitchen: 1st floor. Opening times: from Monday to Saturday 9.30 to 12.30, and from Monday to Friday 13.00 to 16.00. avquestservice@auroville.org.in; contact no. 0413 2622675

Housing Service, Town Hall: Public Hours: Monday morning from 11 to 12.30 and afternoon from 2.30 till 4.30 - Tuesday morning from 9.30 to 12.30 - Wednesday closed - Thursday 9.30 to 12.30 - Friday morning 9.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - Friday afternoon 2.30 to 4.30 - Saturday morning 10.30 to 12.30 only by appointment - All regular financial matters can also be taken care of on Friday morning. Phone: (0413) 2622658. Email: housing@auroville.org.in

Integral Health, Prayatna: transpersonal regression therapy, classical homeopathy, counselling, vital remedies, child & women health, hypnotherapy. integralhealth@auroville.org.in-2623669 - Mon to Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.

LFAU - Fundraising for Auroville's land: with its two campaigns 'Acres for Auroville' & 'GreenAcres' *Aryadeep, Mandakini LB, Sophie, Sigrid, and secretary Jothi.* Welcome: Mornings from 9:30 - 12.30 at Town Hall, 1st floor. LFAU 0413 2622657. lfau@auroville.org.in / www.colaap.org

LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas: LOE Library Open every morning Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12 am / Afternoon Monday to Friday: 2.30 to 4.30 pm. loechu@auroville.org.in

Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily 6am to 8.45am/11.30am to 12.30pm (2pm on Sunday)/4.30pm to 8pm. Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you. The Petals are open for Aurovilians daily: 4.30pm to 6pm. To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.40 am on

the day of the visit. Please remain with your guests throughout the visit. Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday.

Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 and 11 am.

Music library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9 to 12.30 and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2 to 5:30pm.

Nandini Tailor section: (Auroshilpam): will receive your summer (May & June) orders : Tuesday & Saturday from 9am to 12.30pm and 3pm to 5pm, Thursday from 9am to 12.30pm. Keep it light!! ;-) Beautiful Summer Days, *Nandini Team.* tel: 0413-2622527 Email nandini@auroville.org.in. *Don't forget to bring your bag when you give a new order!!!!*

Nandini Distribution: (PTDC area): tel : 0413-2622033 Email nandini@auroville.org.in. Open to public from Tuesday to Saturday morning from 9am to 12.30pm and Tuesday, Thursday afternoon 2.30pm to 4.30pm. *Don't forget to bring your bag!*

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Puncture service, service area: next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4 30pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891235.

Auroville Residents Service timings: SUMMER TIMINGS: open from Monday to Friday morning from 9:30 am to 12.30 pm. We will be closed in the afternoons starting from May 1st. We will come back to our regular timings from July onwards. Telephone: (0143) 2622191 / email: resservice@auroville.org.in

Residents Assembly Service: new landline number: 0413-2623701 (please note it in your agenda). The RAS office (located 1st floor at Town Hall) is open for public from 10 AM till 12 Noon from Monday till Friday. We are happy to welcome your questions, suggestions or information. We will do our best to help you in whatever way possible. Thank you for your appreciation. Your *RAS team*

Santé Clinic: Crown Rd. near. Arka: Call 0413-2622803 for an appointment. Summer timings: MAY AND JUNE closed in the afternoons. Hours: Monday to Saturday: 8.45 am to 12.30 pm.

Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville, a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months). We offer welcome information, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers' stay. From Monday to Friday from 2 till 4 pm. at the Unity Pavilion. For more information call (0413)2622121 or go to Savi website: www.auroville-learning.net.

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Video library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 10am to 1pm and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 3 to 6pm.

THE ECO FILM CLUB



Sadhana Forest, May 19th, 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!

GREAT BARRIER REEF with RICHARD ATTENBOROUGH: Episode 2 - Visitors

58 mins / English / 2016 / Directed by Anne Sommerfield

In this second episode, David Attenborough continues his exploration of the Great Barrier Reef, aboard the research vessel Alucia. He discovers the creatures that visit the reef every year, from birds to whales, some travelling thousands of kilometres to get there. Using the latest technology, David dives into the shark-infested waters of Osprey Reef in the Triton submersible.

(Reminder: Friday 12/05 - US NOW)

Sadhana Forest, May 26th, Friday.

Schedule of Events: Same as above

THE TALLEST TREES ON EARTH

46 mins / English / 2015 / Film by Roman Khomlyak

Enjoy Redwood National and State Parks' incredible landscapes, wildlife, geology, and learn the history of the area, interesting facts about these giant trees, about climate of the region and much more. In "Redwood National and State Parks - The Tallest Trees" movie you will see Berry Glen Trail, Emerald Ridge and Tall Trees Trail, Skunk Cabbage Trail, Lady Bird Johnston Grove, West Ridge and Prairie Creek Trail, Coastal Trail with its Hidden Beach section and more.

Sadhana Forest, June 2nd, Friday.

Schedule of Events: Same as above

TINARIWEN - IMADIWAN: COMPANIONS

52 mins / Mali (Tuareg) with English Subtitles/ 2008 / Film by Independiente Limited

In December of 2008, Tinariwen gathered in the Sahara to record a new album. The sessions took place in a rented house, out in the bush, in nomad camps and in other magical locations. The whole adventure was filmed by the French director Jessy Nottola. Imidiwan: Companions is the band's fourth release for World Village and it possesses all the elements that have made them so magnetic to western ears: raw simplicity, melodic beauty and songs ranging from the epic and universal to the intimate and personal.

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(Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm)

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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 on Wednesday.

Any modifications of the submitted *News* items have to be sent to the editors before Tuesday 5pm.

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.

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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 15 May 2017 to 21 May 2017

Here comes our last series of the season on World Politics that we are sure many of you will enjoy. We will resume our series presentations in August. Until then, as usual we will continue our regular film programming - through the summer (unless we need to close sometime due to technical issues or summer repair works)

World Politics - Monday 15 May, 8:00 pm:

- **THE POWER OF NIGHTMARES (The Rise of the Politics of Fear)**

UK, 2004, Dir. Adam Curtis w/Gilles Kepel, Melvin Goodman, Stephen Holmes and others, Documentary-History, 157mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG
The film details the rise of the politics of fear and traces its origin in two groups in two different parts of the world, following separate ideologies and yet using the same tactic -fear as a means to achieve political goals. One is the neo-conservative moment in the USA and the other the Islamist movement of West Asia. The film depicts as both groups deliberately create a mythology of Good vs. Evil in order to unite their constituencies in what they considered to be a more moral society seeking to drive the evil from the world.

World Politics - Tuesday 16 May, 8:00 pm:

- **THE INTERNET'S OWN BOY (The Story of Aaron Swartz)**

USA, 2014, Dir. Brian Knappenberger w/Aaron Swartz, Tim Berners-Lee, Cindy Cohn and others, Documentary-Biography, 105mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG.
This film shows what we lose when we are turned deaf about technology and its relationship to our civil liberties. It tells the story of Aaron Swartz - a programming prodigy and information activist. Apart from his prowess with internet - the film focuses on his work in social justice and political organizing and how his aggressive approach ensnared him in a legal nightmare. It was a battle that ended with the taking of his own life at the age of only 26. His story touched a nerve with people far beyond the online communities.

World Politics - Wednesday 17 May, 8:00 pm:

- **INVISIBLE EMPIRE**

USA, 2010, Dir. Jason Bermas w/Jason Bermas, Mark Dice, G. Edward Griffin, and others, Documentary, 134mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG.

A must see film for anyone who wants to know what is really going on behind the smoke-screen of the Left vs. Right, Democrat vs. Republican false dichotomy... "*For the first time ever, the secret agenda of the planet's ruthless Super-class is exposed in stark detail.*" This film chronicles how men of power have worked in stealth for centuries to establish an oppressive world government by any means - drug trafficking, money laundering, staged terror attacks, media propaganda and debt. The film is a damning indictment of the globalists through their own words and documents.

World Politics - Thursday 18 May, 8:00 pm:

- **THE TRIALS OF HENRY KISSINGER**

USA, 2002, Dir. Eugene Jarecki w/Henry Kissinger, Brian Cox, Anna Chennault and others, Documentary, 80mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG.

The film follows the quest of one journalist in search of justice. It focuses on Christopher Hitchens' charges against Henry Kissinger as a war criminal - based on his role in countries such as Cambodia, Chile, and Indonesia.

Kissinger's story raises profound questions about American foreign policy and highlights a new era of human rights. Increasing evidence about one man's role in a long history of human rights abuses leads to a critical examination of American diplomacy through the lens of international standards of justice.

International - Saturday 20 May, 8:00 pm:

- **20th CENTURY WOMEN**

USA, 2016, Writer-Dir. Mike Mills w/ Annette Bening, Elle Fanning, Greta Gerwig, and others, Comedy-Drama, 119mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

The film is about love, life, and the struggles of a mother bringing up a son in the early 70's. Living in a bohemian household with 3 like-minded free spirited people, the mother tries to establish bonds that the son cannot deal with - while she cannot deal with his uncommunicative nature. Slowly life unravels for them all without understanding how.

Children's Film - Sunday 21 May, 4:30pm

- **THE ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO**

UK-Czech Republic, 1996, Dir: Steve Barron, w/ Martin Landau, Jonathan Taylor Thomas, Genevieve Bujold and others, Adventure, 96mins, English w/English subtitles, rated: G

Puppet-maker Geppetto's creations come magically to life. This puppet, Pinocchio, has one major desire and that is to become a real boy someday but that requires him to act responsibly.

WIM WENDERS Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 21 May, 8:00 pm:

- **FALSCHER BEWEGUNG (Wrong Move)**

Germany, 1975, Dir. Wim Wenders w/Hanna Shygulla, Rudiger Vogler, Hans Christian Blech and others, Drama, 103mins, German w/English subtitles, Rated: NR.

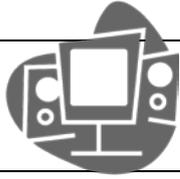
Six days in the life of Wilhelm: a detached man without qualities. He wants to write, so his mother facilitates for him to leave for Bonn. On the train he meets an older man, an athlete in the 1936 Olympics, and his mute teen companion, Mignon - an acrobat. An actress also joins them. Then, a plump young man joins as they talk of poetry. He takes them to his uncle's, except it's the wrong house... and the events continue.

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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 22 May 2017 to 28 May 2017

Indian - Monday 22 May, 8:00 pm:

- **JOLLY LLB 2**

India, 2016, Writer-Dir. Subhash Kapoor w/ Akshay Kumar, Huma Qureshi, Saurabh Shukla, and others, Comedy-Drama, 137mins, Rated: NR (PG)

Following the tradition of courtroom satire, in this sequel, advocate Jagdish Tyagi, who goes by the nickname of Jolly, is a law graduate. He is somebody with frustrated ambitions and unhappy with his life in Meerut, a small town in North India. Desperate to make it big in the field of law, he moves to Delhi. In a shortcut method to achieve fame, he reopens a high profile case and ends up taking on the biggest lawyer in Delhi. What follows is a roller coaster ride of a man, his moralities, ambition and relationships. *This announcement is going out three weeks in advance. There is a chance that this film may be rescheduled in favor of another film. Please check the notice board next week.*

Potpourri- Tuesday 23 May, 8:00 pm:

- **A UNITED KINGDOM**

Czech Republic-UK-USA, 2016, Dir. Amma Asante w/David Oyelowo, Rosamund Pike, Tom Felton, and others, Biography-Romance, 111mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

In the late 1940s, Prince Seretse Khama of Bechuanaland is studying law in Britain in preparation for his eventual ascension to the throne. There, the dashing prince falls in love with a white British clerk, Ruth Williams, and they plan to marry. While they suspect that his uncle, the Regent, would disapprove, nothing prepares them for the diplomatic firestorm and domestic political tumult their defiant love would spark. Against all odds, King Khama and Ruth must struggle to maintain their love and help their people in a land that would become the Republic of Botswana.

Interesting - Wednesday 24 May, 8:00 pm:

- **THANK YOU FOR PLAYING**

USA, Writer-Dir David Osit & Malika Zouhali-Worrall w/ Amy Green, Ryan Green, Josh Larson, Documentary-Drama, 80mins, Rated:NR (PG)

Ryan Green's four year old son Joel has terminal cancer. Ryan, an indie video game developer, is building an unusually poetic video game to document his experiences raising a dying child, and to honor Joel while he is still alive. The film follows the creation and growing success of Ryan's game, as his son's health continues to decline.

Nature Series - Thursday 25 May, 8:00 pm:

- **PLANET EARTH II : MOUNTAINS**

UK, 2016, Dir. Justin Anderson, A BBC production w/ David Attenborough, Documentary, 59mins, English, Rated: NR (G)

The great mountain ranges are some of the planet's most spectacular landscapes, but they are unforgiving places to live in, and only a few animals have what it takes to live at extreme altitude. Mountain animals are amongst the most elusive in the world, and this film provides unique and intimate glimpses into their secretive lives. Witness the moment four snow leopards come together when a mother and cub become trapped between two rival males. Join grizzly bears as they dance against trees to rub off their

winter fur and soar with golden eagles hunting amongst Europe's snow-capped peaks.

International - Saturday 27 May, 8:00 pm:

- **FENCES**

USA, 2016, Dir. Denzel Washington w/Denzel Washington, Viola Davis, Stephen Henderson, and others, Drama, 139mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Troy Maxson makes his living as a sanitation worker in 1950s Pittsburgh. Maxson once dreamed of becoming a professional baseball player, but was deemed too old when the major leagues began admitting black athletes. Bitter over his missed opportunity, Troy creates further tension in his family when he squashes his son's chance to meet a college football recruiter.

Children's Film - Sunday 28 May, 4:30pm

- **AVRIL ET LE MONDE TRUQUÉ (April and the extraordinary world)**

France-Belgium, 2015, Dir: Christian Desires, w/Marion Cotillard, Philippe Katerine, Jean Rochefort and others, Animation, 105mins, English w/English subtitles, rated: PG 1941. France asleep in the 19th century, governed by steam and Napoleon V, where scientists vanish mysteriously. Avril, a teenage girl, goes in search of her missing scientist parents.

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Ciné-Club - Sunday 28 May, 8:00 pm:

- **IM LAUF DER ZEIT (Kings of the Road)**

Germany, 1976, Dir. Wim Wenders w/Lisa Kreuzer, Rudiger Vogler, Hans Zischler and others, Drama, 75mins, German w/English subtitles, Rated: NR.

Two unsettled travelers wander along the backroads of provincial W-Germany near the border to the East: a repairer of film projection equipment and a linguist, who tags along with him after a half-hearted suicide attempt. They are typical representatives of the Germany of the time, uncertain about their place in the scheme of things, worried about the future. What they find en route are dilapidated and virtually deserted cinemas, except for those showing Hollywood films. The great heritage of the pre-Nazi German cinema seems dead and gone. The film has a fractured narrative and a spare script. The film steadily builds a quiet study of the walls between East and West Germany, between imported American culture and European sensibilities, and between ordinary people as well.

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Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 29 May 2017 to 4 June 2017

Indian - Monday 29 May, 8:00 pm:

- **GALIGE (Time)**

India, 2003, Dir. M.S. Sathyu w/ Shailaja, Amit Rai, Dandup Sangpo, and others, Drama, 130mins, Kannada w/ English subtitles, Rated: U (G)

The director of *Garam Hawa* fame brings another film to show how religion has become a contradiction to integration, far flung from its basic, simple truths of love and brotherhood among people. Religion thrives on 'tolerance' for another religious group or 'non-tolerance' which have both led to fanaticism today. It unfolds how these concepts result in separating more than in binding or bringing people of a neighborhood, let alone a nation, together. One talks about progress, then, why are we letting ourselves be bogged down by inconsequential matters of discrimination and downplay on the basis of religion, caste, creed or tribe? The protagonists in the film question and cross-question the relevance of such identity.

German- Tuesday 30 May, 8:00 pm:

- **THE FLAMENCO CLAN**

Germany 2004, Dir. Michael Meert w/ Ketama, the Carmona-Clan, Documentary-Music, 88 mins, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Family and Music - that's the most important for Spanish Gypsies. Hardly any other family has influenced contemporary flamenco as much as the Carmonas. Their band 'Ketama' conquered the charts after 1986 with a mixture of electronically amplified traditional rhythm with Arabic, Latino, Jazz and Rock-elements. The fourth generation of the Carmona-dynasty tours Spain and the whole world with their Nuevo Flamenco. *Feel enlivened by the catchy tunes!*

Cultural - Wednesday 31 May, 8:00 pm:

- **THE SOUND OF RIO : Brasileirinho**

BRASIL, 2007, Dir. Mika Kaurismaki, 90mins, Portuguese w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

This an amazing documentary of 'Choro' - the urban expression of Brazilian sounds. Informative, historic, interesting, but above all - enjoyable to lovers of Brazilian and tropical sounds. The setting is informal, filmed on site while many Brazilian legends performed, some in their earlier days, other as mature, well respected musicians. An extraordinary cast of talented artists - not just musicians, but artists. Improvisation, creativity, teamwork, passion - all reflected in this production.

Russian - Thursday 1 June, 8:00 pm:

- **VREMYA SCHAST'YA (Time to be Happy)**

Russia, 2008, Dir. Dmitry Corokin, w/ Igor Kostolevsky, Yelena Velykanova, Olga Prokofyeva, and others, Drama, 100mins, Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

Alexander Nikolayevitch is a no-nonsense doctor of medicine, working in a small collective practice. At home, he lives a quiet life as an amateur collector of art, separated from his wife and his adult son. A young woman patient suddenly intrudes into his life. But unknown to both, a unpleasant secret unites them.

International - Saturday 3 June, 8:00 pm:

- **SOPHIE AND THE RISING SUN**

USA, 2016, Writer-Dir. Maggie Greenwald w/ Julianne Nicholson, Takashi Yamaguchi, Margo Martindale, and others, Drama, 105mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Set in the autumn of 1941 in Salty Creek, a fishing village in South Carolina, the film tells the dramatic story of interracial lovers swept up in the tides of history. As World War II rages in Europe a wounded stranger, Mr. Ohta, appears in the town under mysterious circumstances. Sophie, a native of Salty Creek, quickly becomes transfixed by Mr. Ohta and a friendship born of their mutual love of art blossoms into a delicate and forbidden courtship. As their secret relationship evolves the war escalates tragically. When Pearl Harbor is bombed, a surge of misguided patriotism, bigotry and violence sweeps through the town, threatening Mr. Ohta's life. A trio of women, each with her own secrets - rejects law, risking their lives with their actions.

Children's Film - Sunday 4 June, 4:30pm

- **SAVVA. SERDTSE VOINA (A Warrior's Tail)**

Russia, 2015, Dir: Aleksandr Chistyakov, w/ Joe Pesci, Milla Jovovich, Whoopi Goldberg and others, Animation, 85mins, English w/English subtitles, rated: G

A fairytale about a grand life journey of 10-year old Savva, devoted to help his mother and fellow village people break free from the vicious hyenas.

WIM WENDERS Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 4 June, 8:00 pm:

- **DER AMERIKANISCHE FREUND (The American Friend)**

Germany, 1977, Dir. Wim Wenders w/Dennis Hopper, Lisa Kreuzer, Bruno Ganz and others, Drama, 125min, German w/English subtitles, Rated: NR.

Tom Ripley has a sweet deal with an art forger who paints and Tom sells them. But another criminal business associate wants Tom to go in for an even riskier enterprise: murder. Tom suggests his associate ask a local picture framer instead. It is rumored that that man is terminally ill and has a wife and kid that he wouldn't want to leave penniless. Let this picture framer be a hit man, and no one will suspect. The terminally ill craftsman may agree to the misdeed, and several more, but he'll end up needing Tom Ripley in a pinch.

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