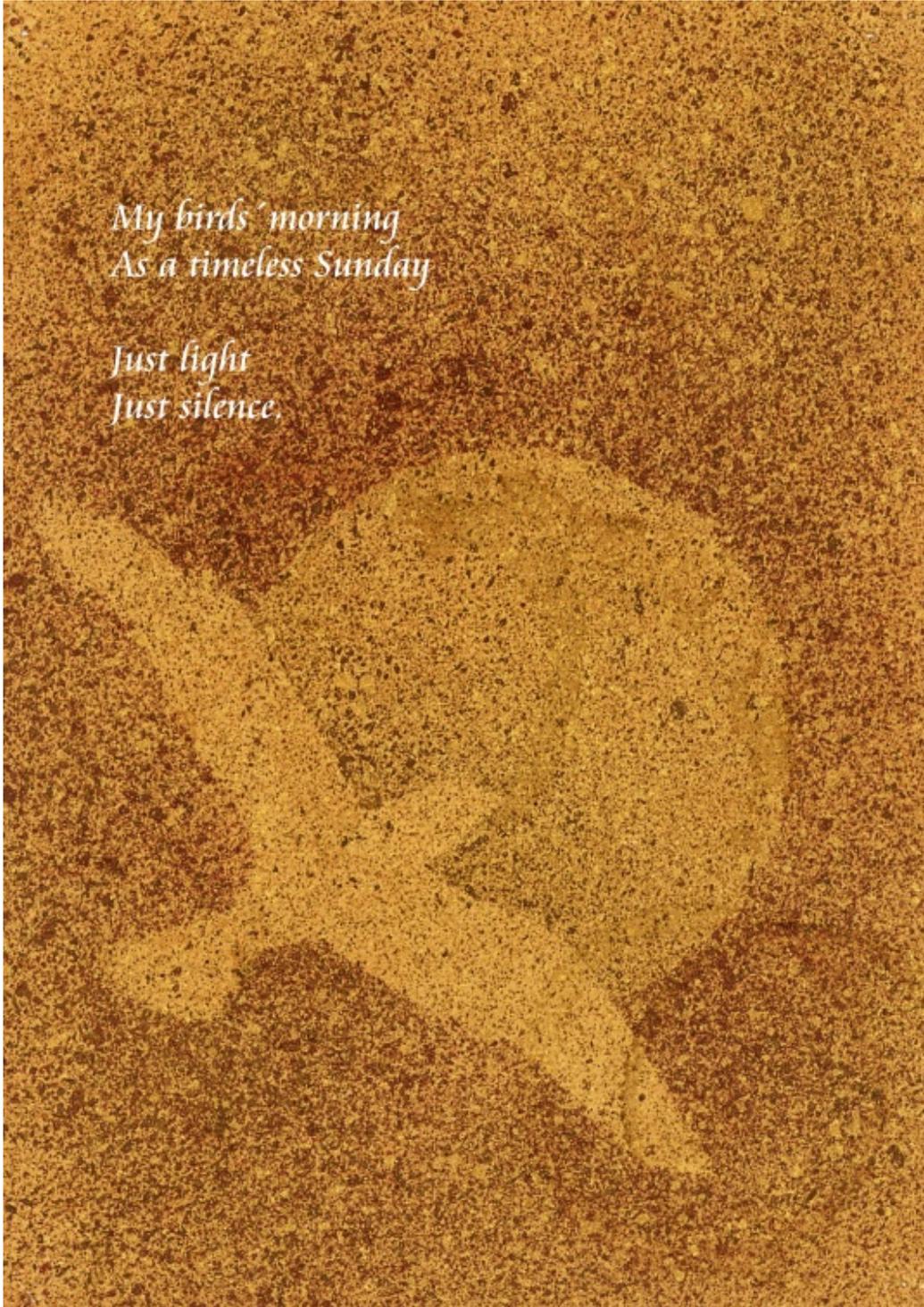


# News & Notes

10th June 2017.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 701

*My birds' morning  
As a timeless Sunday*

*Just light  
Just silence.*



# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

*Sweet Mother, how should one choose one's books?*

It would be better to ask someone who knows. If you ask someone who, at least, has taste and some knowledge of literature, he won't make you read badly written books. Now, if you want to read something which helps you from the spiritual point of view, that's another matter, you must ask someone who has a spiritual realisation to help you.

You see, there are two very different lines; they can converge because everything can be made to converge; but as I said, there are two lines really very different. One is a perpetual choice, not only of what one reads but of what one does, of what one thinks, of all one's activities, of strictly doing only what can help you on the spiritual path; it does not necessarily have to be very narrow and limited, but it must be on a little higher plane than the ordinary life, and with a concentration of will and aspiration which does not allow any wandering on the path, going here and there uselessly. This is austere; it is difficult to take up this when one is very young, because one feels that the instrument that he is has not been sufficiently formed or is not rich enough to be allowed to remain what it is, without growing and progressing. So, generally speaking, except for a very small number, it comes later, after a certain development and some experience of life. The other path is that of as complete, as integral a development as possible of all human faculties, of all that one carries in himself, all one's possibilities, then, spreading out as widely as possible in all directions, in order to fill one's consciousness with all human possibilities, to know the world and life and men and their work as it now is, to create a vast and rich base for the future ascent.

Usually this is what we expect of children; except as I said, in absolutely rare, exceptional cases of children who have in them a psychic being which has already had all the experiences before incarnating this time, and no longer needs any more experiences, which only wants to realise the Divine and live Him. But these, you see, are one-in-a-million cases. Otherwise, till a certain age, so long as one is very young, it is good to develop oneself, to spread out as much as possible in all directions, to draw out all the potentialities one holds, and turn them into expressed, conscious, active things, so as to have a fairly solid foundation for the ascent. Otherwise it is a bit poor.

That is why you must learn, love to learn, always learn, not waste your time in... well, in filling yourself with useless things or doing useless things. You must do everything with this aim, to enrich your possibilities, develop those you have, acquire new ones, and become as complete, as perfect a human being as you can. That is, even on this line you must take things seriously, not simply pass your time because you are here, and waste it as much as possible because you have to pass it somehow.

That is the attitude of men in general: they come into life, they don't know why; they know that they will live a certain number of years, they don't know why; they think that they will have to pass away because everybody passes away, and they again don't know why; and then, most of the time they are bored because they have nothing in themselves, they are empty beings and there is nothing more boring than emptiness; and so they try to fill this by distraction, they become absolutely useless, and when they reach the end they have wasted their whole existence, all their possibilities - and everything is lost. This you will see: take a thousand men, out of them at least nine hundred and ninety are in this condition. It happens that they are born in certain circumstances or certain others, and they try, you see, to pass their time as well as they can, to be bored as little as possible, to suffer as little as possible, to have as good a time as possible; and everything is dull, lifeless, useless, stupid, and absolutely without any result. There, then. This is the majority of human beings, and they don't even think... they don't even ask themselves, "But indeed, why am I here? Why is there an earth? Why are there men? Why do I live?" No, all these things are absolutely uninteresting. The only interesting thing is to try to eat well, to have good fun, be nicely distracted, well married, have children, earn money and have all the advantages one can get from the point of view of desires, and above all, above all not think, not reflect, not ask any questions, and avoid all trouble. Yes, and then get out of it like that, without too many catastrophes. This is the general condition; this is what men call being reasonable. And in this way the world can turn round indefinitely for eternity, it will never progress. And this is why all these are like ants; they come, crawl, die, go away, come back, crawl again, die again, and so on. And it can last for eternities like this. Fortunately there are some who do the work of all the others, but it's only these who will make everything change one day.

So the first problem is to know on which side one wants to be: on the side of those who are doing something or the side of those who do nothing; on the side of those who, perhaps, will be able to understand what life is and do what is necessary for this life to culminate in something, or else of those who hardly care to understand anything at all and try to pass their time in having as few botherations as possible. Above all, no botherations! There we are. This is the first choice. After this there are many others. So there, my children. Now, if you wish to have a meditation, say so. Yes or no? Yes? Good! Try to eliminate from your consciousness all that is darkly attached to living uselessly.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 21 September 1955 - MOTHER



The  
Ponder  
Corner

It you merely wait for things to happen,  
there is no reason,  
why they should happen at all.  
*Sri Aurobindo*  
*ref. Gems from Sri Aurobindo, First series, p.85*

## Letter from the IAC to the Aurovilians

6/6/17

Dear Aurovilians,

You will be aware that a new Governing Board for the Auroville Foundation is in the process of being nominated. We are all delighted that Dr. Karan Singh will continue as the Chairman of the new Board. As is the practice, a new IAC will also be constituted soon thereafter and we felt this might be an appropriate time to write to you and share a few thoughts.

First of all, we would like to thank you most sincerely for your hospitality, generosity and above all your active and genuine engagement with the IAC over the duration of our term. Together we achieved a great deal. We feel quite honored that we were, in a small way, a part of some exciting developments in Auroville.

We all need to look at the Retreat with much pride and satisfaction. It was an exhilarating experience for us all. It energized Auroville and brought out the enormous potential for creativity and imagination within the participants. It was a clear demonstration of what can be achieved when we all work together.

The Retreat in itself was only an event but the processes which led to its planning and the follow-up was an excellent example of how ideas can be created and how solutions can be generated.

Some of the exciting outcomes of the Retreat have been

- The active engagement of the Youth within the Auroville system which will no doubt have far reaching benefits
- The reformed methods of working within the various committee structures established at the retreat and thereafter
- The pioneering way in which the Campus Initiative on Education has modeled the process of generating ideas and mobilizing individuals to create synergies within and between groups
- The planning and visioning of the 50th Anniversary of the Auroville through the work of the Envisioning group
- The initiatives on better communication, and importantly
- The openness and transparency of an inclusive decision making process

These are only a few examples. As always, not everything is perfect but the process has begun in earnest and it is most satisfying to feel that we were there to witness it happen.

Of course, the process must continue. One of Aurovillian poets has described Auroville as Bhagirathi, the river Ganga. It must always flow to remain a river, to be dynamic and to sustain life. It cannot afford to stop and stagnate!

The IAC was engaged in the development of a more comprehensive education plan for incoming students. Individual IAC Members also worked towards a better connection between surrounding villages and the community.

Throughout our association with you we provided a keen ear to your ideas, thoughts and sometimes even frustrations and disappointments. Equally, we communicated to you our own observations in all sincerity. We greatly valued the openness and honesty of our dialogue and it is in that same spirit we must share areas which we feel deserve your greater attention.

These include:

- The further growth of the City
- A more active role of the SAIER in education initiatives and as a hub of generating creative ideas and practices for teachers
- A more rigorous effort to welcome and induct new Aurovilians
- A greater engagement with and capitalizing on the sustainable livelihoods initiative
- A systematic development of eco- architecture and green infrastructure as a signature Auroville model
- New models of public transportation
- A more effective outward communication within and outside India particularly with potential Aurovilians
- Continuing the development of the Youth and their active participation in the affairs of

Auroville.

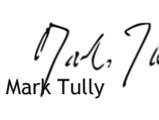
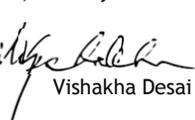
- Evolving new models of voluntary simplicity, sustainable farming and integrative medicine as a model for India and the world

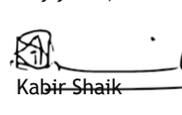
These are not mere aspirations. They are essential for the long-term existence of Auroville as a unique Centre for the natural and spiritual evolution of humanity as a whole. We continue to remain hopeful and optimistic in that cause.

Projects in collaboration with your friends around the world, such as Acres for Auroville for acquiring the land, have yielded substantial results. We hope the new Governing Board and IAC can partner with you on this and other opportunities for outreach. Your integral vision is important not only for your bioregion and for India but for the health and progress of our planet.

Finally, we would like to thank you again. We feel much enriched, personally and spiritually, by our association with Auroville. We have also learnt a great deal and gained insight into one of the rarer experiments of our lifetime. We are humbled by your dedication to the ideal of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. It has been a hugely rewarding experience and an honour!

We look to the 50<sup>th</sup>, and beyond with great interest, hope and expectation! Sincerely yours,


## Daily operations at the Entry

Dear Community members,

As you are aware, since the Entry General Meeting held on 11th May, 2017, the next steps have begun (you have received correspondence on the same via the mass email from RAS dt. 31st May, 2017). For more information please refer to this link on AuroNet (<https://www.auroville.org.in/article/63277>).

Here is a further update you on how daily operations at the Entry Service office are going to continue, until the ratification process is complete. To refer to past updates on the topic of Entry please refer to the "ETG presentation" document, attached in the same link as mentioned above.

Update: Charlie and Vika have recently joined the Entry Secretariat. From the previous team, Ishita remains in charge of the B-form and the relation with the Auroville Foundation. Segar is issuing the Letters of Recommendation, Savi Letters of Recommendation and handling the Newcomer Kits. Selvam has, in the meantime, resigned.

For the Newcomers' interviews there's an interim Entry team put together, represented by members from the Auroville Council (AvC), the Working Committee (WCom) and the Entry Task Group (ETG).

In addition to the interim Entry team's scope of work as announced via N&N #687, 18th February, 2017, this team continues to arrive at decisions by consensus while dealing with their enhanced scope as described below:

1. To process (agree/refuse) letters of recommendation for the people who applied previously, as well as new applications for letters of recommendation.
2. Regarding the new applications on the following categories: Partners/Relatives, Associates and Friends of Auroville; to receive applicants but not necessarily process their applications.  
The team can process undisputed applications and for this, a unanimous decision is required.
3. To gather the information missing or to verify the information given about the present confirmed Newcomers.
4. In the case of the Newcomers who were accepted under the old policy, and are now at the end of their NC process:
  - a) To communicate with the Contact Person and ask a thorough assessment of the registered information;
  - b) To invite these Newcomers to a friendly "end of process talk" at the Entry office and come to a final decision.
5. Start processing those applications, who were not processed, but who had attended the Welcome Talks before the pause in November, 2016, as follows:
  - a) Appoint mentors (please note that there will be one chosen mentor and one appointed mentor for now);
  - b) Facilitate the intro talk with applicants and mentors;
  - c) Process the feedback received together with the mentors and check whether the information given is accurate.
6. Continue to strengthen the Entry secretariat, purely for administrative purposes.

For now, this interim Entry team is asked to do their work based on the best of the Entry Policy 2015, the genuine aspiration of an applicant, their own common sense and only process those cases which are clear. They are requested to forward any doubtful case to the AvC and WCom for further clarity.

For more background on how the interim Entry team has been functioning so far, please refer to the "ETG presentation" document, attached in the same link as mentioned above.

Please note that the above is only an interim solution that will last until the ratification process is complete, and is put into place by the AvC and the WCom to ensure proper functioning at the Entry Service during this transition period.

Warmly, *the Auroville Council and the Working Committee*

## Land Board Report for April and May 2017

- 1) The following plots were purchased/exchanged: -
  - A - BO 1/1, 0.63 acres close to Nine Palms.
  - B - MA 293/1, 1.48 acres close to Freedom.
  - C - MA 301/1, MA 298/2,3, MA 297/6, BO 3/1B, 6C, 10.37 acres near Minati in exchange for 1.03 acres in Promesse.
- 2) Sangha residents were disturbed again by adjacent land owners. Land Board is in constant liaison with the neighbour and an amicable solution is in sight.
- 3) Land Grab attempt since 2012 at Baraka, 0.90 acres. The matter was reported to the Anti-Land Grab Special Cell, Villupuram in Dec 2016. After vigorous pursuit of the matter and with the active assistance of the Secretary, the matter has been successfully settled. The Special Cell escorted the culprit to the Sub Registrar's Office, Vanur and in the presence of the Land Board admitted to the forgery of Revenue and ownership documents, cancelled his fraudulent land document, and now the plot is lawfully registered to Auroville.
- 4) Land Grab attempt since 2012 at Udavi School, 1.18 acres. After Auroville took this Ashram land on lease, the matter was reported to the Anti-Land Grab Special Cell in Dec 2016. On 30 May 2017, the Special Cell along with local Police, District officials from the Tehsildar's office and Land Board carried out a survey and correctly identified ownership of the property. The false claim on the basis of fraudulent documents was rejected and the plot has now been fenced. The culprit has been ejected and will face due process of law. His other attempt to usurp Auroville land along the road near Adventure Farewell Place was thwarted in March 2017, though minor finishing up of the realigned fence remains and will soon be completed.
- 5) Aranya Court Case. Auroville's undisputed and clear ownership of 1.77 acres was declared in Court on 28 Feb 2017 but its usage was still being disturbed. Assistance of the Police was sought and the Steward has been advised by the authorities to finish the fencing while the disturbers have been warned off. Land Board facilitated the Steward in successfully presenting our case and seeking assistance from the authorities.
- 6) We are again dismayed at Aurovilians disrupting routine land measuring work by our surveyors. Recently at the request of iTDC, Land Board was measuring Auroville land near the Frisbee ground when they were rudely interrupted, verbally abused and stopped by the residing Aurovillian. We want to reiterate that disrupting the operational work of land measurement and survey cannot address or redress any past grievances regarding internal family issues which can only be settled by dialogue with Land Board or in worst case via the courts of the land.
- 7) Land Board members along with the Secretary, Working Committee and AVSST attended a meeting with the District Collector and SP at Samarpan on 24 May 2017 and an update regarding land matters was presented.
- 8) The Land Board would like to appeal to all Aurovilians to monitor the fences around their settlements, forest and farms to prevent encroachment and contact the Green Group and then Land Board in case of issues. If Stewards are unable to protect, Housing Service can be approached to allot places for Aurovilians and Newcomers seeking houses.
- 9) ₹ 77,427 was received from timber/firewood sales. The collection goes to the Unity Fund.
- 10) Units and activities interested in buying firewood or timber please call 0413 262 2657 and fix an appointment.
- 11) A gentle reminder to all who wish to participate in consolidating Auroville lands that contributions can be sent to Financial Service Account No : 0100

*Land Board*

## Forest Group meeting notes, April 7, 2017, Darkali

Present: Agnes (chair), David, Christoph, Dominik, Satyaaji, Jan, Ananda, Cristo, Apnir (?), Alyona (?), Anatoly, Fabian, Kanniyappan, D Segar, R Kumar, V Boobalan, S Balu, Vengatesh, Rita, Bee, Hans (notes), Eric, Auronevi, Diego, Quentin, Manolo, Marie Angel, Ambre, P Elumalai, Yuval, Enea, Bindu, Tananjayan, Glenn, Sangaraparanan.

Forest fires: It's summer and very dry. There is always the danger of a forest fire. In case of a fire, immediately contact Auroville Security: 9443090107

Forest and city: The Forest Group discussed at length the merits and pitfalls of synchronizing the needs of the city and the interests of the forest. On the one hand there is a genuine wish to work together for the common good of Auroville: both city and forest need and strengthen each other. There are signs that a more cooperative attitude is emerging in Auroville.

On the other hand there is deep frustration caused by a long history of broken promises and a sense that in the end the city always wins. Maybe that feeling of loss is best represented by the fact that since 2007 Auroville has lost approx. 30% of its green cover, and it's not just Thane to blame for that loss. This trend has not yet been reversed.

New financial year 2017 - 2018: Starting the new financial year (April 2017 - March 2018), Hans from Abri Forest will take over the Forest Group accounting responsibilities from Diego who has been carrying this task for the last 5 years.

At the beginning of this new financial year, the Forest Group discussed its financial needs and decided to request the BCC for an increase in the watchman/forest worker budget and to grant a few new maintenances.

These maintenances are needed because active foresters are on a waiting list. Besides these already active people, the Forest Group is always on the lookout for young people to get involved in green work and most of these people will have to be maintained financially. A bit of financial space is necessary.

Maintenances: Several requests for maintenances were discussed.

The Forest Group supports and recommends a temporary (6 months) maintenance for Ananda for his green work in Nine Palms.

Bliss Forest: Dominik expressed his wish to give up Bliss Forest stewardship. A group of active foresters has assumed collective stewardship of Bliss Forest: P Elumalai, Satyaaji, Manolo and Christoph. Since a few months there are open working sessions every Friday morning where everyone is welcome to join in (great stuff!!!). If you are interested to get involved just once or regularly, please contact one of the stewards.

Land encroachment: The Forest Group was informed about land encroachment in the Aurodam area: a long term issue waiting for official involvement to solve the matter.

Buildings/structures used by non-Aurovilians: The FAMC urged the members of the Forest Group to report any building or structure that is (semi-)permanently used by a non-Aurovilian or Aurovilian land that is encroached/squatted.

*The Forest Group meeting of May 2 was held in Nine Palms.*

## Forest Group meeting notes, May 2, 2017, Nine Palms

Present: Dave (chair), Jan, Aurore, P Elumalai, Rodrigo, Ram, Rita, Saravanan, Kanniyappan, D Segar, David Stein (GBDP consultant), Priya (Green Group), Vengatesh, R Kumar, David, Sauro, Hans (notes), Maddalene, Cristo, Satyaaji, Bee, Quentin, Omid, Naimeh, Natasha, Shivaji, Achilles, Shanti, Eric, Milana, Ananda

Greenbelt Development Plan (GDBP): Special guest at the Forest Group meeting: David Stein from the USA, who for the

last years has been working on the Greenbelt Development Plan (GDBP). The plan is now in an advanced stage of completion.

Focal point of the plan: protecting and preserving the water for Auroville and Auroville's wide bioregion by creating a binding land use plan based on destined land use zones. This is in line with Tamil Nadu's effort to do so for the entire state. After zoning it will be difficult to change the use of land. Change is possible, but only after a careful review and permission to do so.

It was stressed that the GDBP is an independent of the NDTA, that accepting the GDBP as a guiding plan does not mean accepting the NDTA and that the two are separate exercises.

Land use maps are part of the plan and members of the Forest Group are invited to check these maps on accuracy, plot by plot, and report if something is not correct. For example: incorrect depiction of land use, forgotten plots and new plots that are not in the plan yet.

Maintenances: The Forest Group held a lengthy discussion about maintenances, the non-availability of new maintenances and the current distribution of maintenances. It was suggested that maybe a subgroup should be formed to have focused look into the sensitive subject. At this meeting only one member came forward and more members are needed for the subgroup.

The Forest Group expressed a clear no-objection to transforming Ananda's (Nine Palms) temporary maintenance into a permanent maintenance.

Poaching control: Saravanan (Aranya) introduced Ramu, a professional and experienced poaching and hunting controller from Tamil Nadu. In case of any poaching or hunting, call 9445407523 and Snake Ramu will come into action.

TNEB substation in Adventure: The Forest Group was informed about the plan of the TDC to place an electrical TNEB substation in Adventure. A plot of approx. 2 acres needed for this substation

Evergreen community: Evergreen community introduced and the Forest Group welcomed two new community members. The community also informed about ongoing discussions about acceptable development of the horse activities inside Evergreen.

Next meeting: The next Forest Group meeting will be in Infinity on Friday, June 2, 3 pm.

## Report from the Water Group, June 2017

The Water Group, in collaboration with working groups, has created a Water Crisis Management Plan (CMP), in case the well(s) of one or more communities fails this summer. Please note, we are not in a crisis situation right now, and we certainly hope it won't come to that, however, we do have a tentative plan in place in case it happens. The CMP outlines methods to move a limited amount of water from areas of abundance to areas of scarcity.

In the meantime, it's important to save as much water as possible in these days. Even if it rains tomorrow, it will not be enough to replenish our aquifers. In fact, even the end-of-the-summer monsoon will not be enough to replenish them. So it's important to remember that we're existing on the top of a very, very dry sponge that won't get wet again until the big monsoon in October (which we are hoping is a regular one).

So saving water is critical. It is NOT the time to plant anything new. It is NOT the time to refill your massive swimming pools. It is NOT the time to water the roads, as much as it helps to keep the dust down. It is NOT the time to water your lawns, or keep your ornamental gardens lush and green. It IS the time to prioritize your water usage, and have honest conversations within your communities about water usage in communal spaces. It IS the time to save water in every possible way, and to encourage respectfully others in the community to do the same.

People say to us, "Why should we save water if those around us are pumping relentlessly?" First, our neighbors are feeling the water crisis too. Second, water moves very slowly underground, meaning that the water that is being pumped elsewhere does not impact us immediately. Immediately, we are using the water directly underneath us. Every drop we save now helps to prolong the possibility of running out of water.

If you would like to learn more about the current water situation, we encourage you to listen to this interview on AV Radio: <http://www.aurovillerradio.org/water-crisis/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Working Committee - Summer Holiday Timings

Dear Resident,  
This is to inform you that for the full month of June 2017, the Working Committee Secretariat will be open only in the mornings from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. We will be closed in the afternoons.  
Regards, *the Working Committee*

### C-Forms: Advisory from the Working Committee

Dear Residents,  
We would like to remind you that all Aurovilians hosting foreign guests are to ensure that the guest fills in and submits the C-Form which is available at the Town Hall (next to the Reception) and at the Visitor's Center - Guest registration service.  
We have received complaints from the RRO about C-Forms not having been submitted.  
Thanking you, *the Working Committee*

### TDC Vote results

81% of a 243 residents approve New Town Planning Proposal  
81% of a 243 registered residents voted over the past two weeks in favour of a proposal to restructure town planning in Auroville, ratifying it for implementation in the community. The voting process, conducted by the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) ended at 2 pm on May 27, and gave voters the chance to vote either online or on paper.  
Out of a total of 243 voters, 196 voted in support of the restructure proposal, while 47 voted against it.

The proposal is made up of three parts:

1. A new way of organising the Town Development Council (TDC)/L'avenir;
2. A set of Planning Principles to guide the way that we plan; and
3. A Terms of Reference to help planners work.

#### What are the planning principles?

Briefly, this new proposal introduces a set of Environmental, socio-economic and bio-regional planning principles that also include key features of the Galaxy concept. These Planning Principles seek to represent the intersection of three things:

1. The Auroville Charter & Vision;
2. The City the Earth Needs and
3. The key features of the Galaxy Plan, including a lake at the city centre and lines of force that create a Galaxy shape.

The Principles are based on the following values:

- a) a search for beauty;
- b) that 50% of the city area is green;
- c) a population of 50,000 residents;
- d) the integration and management of water, soil, food, waste and energy;
- c) four zones: Residential, Industrial, Cultural and International;

Finally, we are monitoring the water situation closely; however, we need help with this. We are working to strengthen the team in charge of monitoring the wells of Auroville. Please see the job description in this N&N and Auronet. If you are interested in this important field work, please contact us.

Questions/comments/feedback: [watergroup@auroville.org.in](mailto:watergroup@auroville.org.in).  
Thank you, *Water Group (Aditi, Christian, Dorle, Gilles B, Giulio, Ing-Marie Julia, Pavneet, Tency, Tom)*

- d) Matrimandir with its twelve gardens and the lake at the centre of the city;
- e) the Crown and the city centre; and
- f) detailed city planning and development based on the master plan in a spirit of experimentation and innovation.

### L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 10<sup>th</sup> Jun 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:*

1) Housing Service, Bore well in Reve on plot no. IR206/3B.

2) Taiwanese Pavilion, international zone on plot no. 298/1 for 700 sq.m.

Project write-up given by the project holder

Project Title: Taiwanese Pavilion

Proposed Site Location: IR 298/1

Project Holder: Yu-Wen Allison Lu, Bruce Wu and Patti Wu

Architect: Ying-Ying (Taiwanese architect)

Contact Persons: Yu-Wen Allison Lu

Description: We have been working with the North East Asian group aspiring to collectively give an oriental touch in this area of International Zone.

Plot no: IR298/1

Total Area of the project: 700 sqm

Build up Area: 700 sqm

Target Group: Aurovilians and Guests

Background: There has been a plot that is allocated to North East Asian Group (Pavilions of China, Japan, Taiwan, Mongolia and Korea), one part of the land is reserved for Taiwan.

Triggers: International Zone and Pavilion groups need further development.

Goals/Objectives: This project opens up opportunities for both Aurovilians and guests to be in contact with Taiwanese culture. It has a rich mix of a great variety of cultures, such as Chinese, Japanese, Pacific Island and Indigenous cultures.

3) Horsemanship Center in Cultural Zone on plot no. BO16/3 BO16/4 BO16/5 for 3 Acres

Project write-up given by the project holder

Project Title: Auroville Horsemanship Center

Proposed Site Location: Cultural Zone, between Gaia and Dehashakti sports ground

Project Holder: Matthia & Sara

Support Team: Daniela, Maya, Divya and Indra

Architect: Sigi & Eric

Contact Persons: Matthia & Indra

Description: The goal of the Auroville Horsemanship Center (AHC) is to create a safe environment where equine assisted activities can take place for the betterment of humans having the horse as a mirror. This school will provide classes and courses based on the Parelli Natural Horsemanship methods and will be the first school to have a curriculum running on this subject during the full scholastic year catering to children from 8 to 25.

Plot no: BO16/3 BO16/4 BO16/5

Total Area of the project: 3 Acres (12140.6)

Build up Area: 290 sqm

Target Group: As a school we will target youth from the age of 8 to 25

Background: In order to understand the full scope of the school we need to explain in detail the different activities we are planning to carry on. This will give the full picture of what the Auroville Horsemanship Center is about.

a) Equine assisted therapy & learning activities for children and teenagers

Equine-assisted learning and therapy (EAL-T) is an experiential learning approach that promotes the development of life skills through equine-assisted activities. This approach integrates equine-human interaction that is guided by a planned learning, it provides opportunities to teach essential life skills such as trust, respect, honesty and communication. And as horse use mostly non-vocal communication they are in-tune with human behavior and this helps students to understand and learn how our non-verbal communication impacts or influences others. Horses offer us the opportunity to experience humility, compassion and challenge - all critical elements to supporting self-growth and self-awareness. We will have three main areas of development: Concentration & Self-Awareness, Personal and Horse Development and Professional Development.

b) What is Natural Horsemanship?

Natural Horsemanship is the philosophy of working with horses based on the horse's natural instincts and methods of communication, with the understanding that horses do not learn through fear or pain, but rather from pressure and release.

The Auroville's Horsemanship Center (AHC) will teach according to the Parelli Natural Horsemanship (PNH) method. This innovative educational practice is a program that uses an approach to communicate with horses based on natural equine psychology and behavior, achieving trust and respect in the horse/human relationship. PNH methods encourage personal issues to be worked out using 3 ingredients: love, language and leadership.

c) Specialist training: This is important to us; to provide a place where we can offer a Professional education to anyone interested to pursue Horsemanship as a career.

We think that it would be a step forward in creating Auroville's own curriculum and expanding on the concept of Auroville as - school campus - by offering programs that inspire and empower youth to make their passion a profession assuring that the education they receive is of top level and international standards.

In this spirit AHC will offer a framework to Auroville youth to pursue this passion by helping them and guiding them through the Parelli Professional pathway.

Triggers: The previous location and space was inadequate for the school. The present location, Evergreen Forest, with access through the tar road is too dangerous for children; the 1.5 acre area was not sufficient to bring the activity to a professional level. There was a general feeling within the team that we could offer a better service and quality of activities if we could find a better location.

Goals/Objectives: AHC wants to be pioneering in India on activities like Parelli, Natural Horsemanship, equine assisted

learning, equine assisted therapy, forming of equine specialists and helping Parelli students.

In order to achieve our goals we need to build a strong reliable center that is able to cater the needs of Auroville, the bioregion and finally India as a whole.

The project will immediately impact the current Auroville students (30+), the visiting schools on field trips (100+ kids a year), visiting professionals (20+), Auroville riding schools by giving the chance to form their teachers to bring them to international standards, Auroville schools that want to offer an innovative approach to self-discovery and later on schools in India that want to integrate this programs in their activities or want to train their teachers to a higher degree.

NOTE: Auroville's Horsemanship Center is NOT and will NOT be a riding school; its primary goal is to be a center to form children and teenagers on equine psychology & behavior, ground skills and safety, horsemanship skills and finally training young professionals in understanding foundation training.

**Building Applications:**

1) Unity Pavilion - Shivaya/Jaya, Utilities (additional toilets, storage, laundry) and caretaker unit on first floor on plot no. IR 302/016 for total built up area of 102 sq.m.

2) Center Guest House (Cristina/Dodo), Office and Toilet 51 sq.m.

3) African Pavilion - Tahir & Clapton, Storage for wood on plot no. IR 226/0 for 16 sq.m.

4) New Era Secondary School, Aspiration, Class rooms for school campus - Second phase - First Floor 148 sq.m.

Project write-up given by the project holder:

Project Holder: Selvaraj Damotharan, Martin Littlewood, Ramesh Tulyani.

Project Title: Class rooms for school campus

Proposed Site Location: New Era Secondary School Campus - Aspiration, Auroville - 605101.

Project Holder: Selvaraj Damotharan, Martin Littlewood, Ramesh Tulyani.

Architect: Auroville Design Consultant

Contact Persons: Selvaraj Damotharan, Martin Littlewood, Ramesh Tulyani.

Description: Class rooms for school campus

Plot no: KK74

Total Area of the project: 148 M2 X2

Build up Area: 148 M2

Target Group: Students

Background: Class rooms for school campus

Triggers: Need for spacious, well ventilated classroom and to accommodate more students in a classroom.

Goals/Objectives: New Era Secondary School is providing CBSE curriculum. This program is particularly appropriate to Auroville because the curriculum is activity based, child entered, and generally recognized by institutions of higher education in India and in many other countries. Apart from the local village children, increasing members of Auroville children are coming to the school. The school is desperately short of classrooms.

5) African Pavilion- Tahir & Clapton, Temporary wood storage on plot no. IR226/0

### COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

**Site applications:** No New SA

**Building Applications:**

1. SAIER - Staff Quarters Phase 3, in Cultural Zone, on plot no. BO 12/1 and BO 12/2 (north of Dehashakti gym building), for total build up area of 395 sq.m.

Project write-up given by the project holder

Project Title: SAIER staff quarters Block03

Proposed Site Location: Next to SAIER Staff Quarters Block02, Cultural Zone

Project Holder: SAIER

Architect: imago

Contact Persons: Peter K., Chali

Description: This is the 3rd out of a total of 4 residential apartment buildings with 2 family apartments on ground floor and 2 couple/single apartments on first floor in each block.

Plot no: BO 12/1 and BO 12/2 (north of Dehashakti gym building)

Total Area of the project: 6233sqm site area for the entire development

Build up Area: 395sqm

Target Group: Researchers, teachers, and all other people working in services under SAIER.

Background: SAIER has made it a priority to provide accommodations for researchers so that they can devote their energy and concentration towards the integral development of their subject and / or children / students rather than have to worry about housing / accommodations.

Triggers: We have inadequate affordable housing facilities in Auroville for those who are working in services and are living on maintenance. The lack of these facilities often makes it difficult for individuals who can and want to work in these services to do so because they feel they have to work in a place that provides more for their material needs (in units, for example).

Goals/Objectives: We aim at developing simple, beautiful, environmentally friendly and sustainable housing facilities with best architectural and construction knowledge available in Auroville. Our objective is to address the housing situation in Auroville as well as to help the dedication and energy of those actively working towards the realization of unending education in the various units of SAIER.

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

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

## From the Entry Service - N&N #701 Dated 10-06-2017

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](mailto:entryservice@auroville.org.in)

### NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED

Michiyo NOGUCHI (Japanese)

Kite KANG (Korean)

Soyoun LEE (Korean)

Isis Roux-PAGES (French)

Christine Quentin (French)

Saranraj VELAYUTHAM (Indian)

### AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED

Andrei KHOKLENKO (Ukrainian) Staying in Nine Palms and Working at Infinity

### AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED

Honor Ann CHANCE (Irish)

Frederic LATOUR (French)

Francisco CABALLERO (Spanish)

Luise PAPE (German)

Juanah ANDRADE (Philippines)

Patrick Roy HAYWOOD (USA)

Veerappan (Thamu) VEERARAGAVAN (Indian)

Durga Maya DAHAL (Nepali)

Sumit KUMAR (Indian)

### AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18

Bagirath PRAKASH (Indian/Ukrainian) Staying in Pony Farm and Working at Zephir (Visitor's Centre)

Monica MATSUMOTO (Japanese/Italian) Staying in Surrender and studying at Last School

Janani MURUGESAN (Indian) Staying in Fraternity and studying at Acharya Arts and Science College Pondicherry.

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.

We also will be closed completely for 2 weeks from the 16th June till 3rd July

At your service, *the Entry Service Team.*

## Houses Available for Transfer

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).

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, Bedroom & Toilet. Suitable for Family.

For more information contact: Housing Service (Town Hall); Phone: (0413) 2622658 / e-mail: [housing@auroville.org.in](mailto:housing@auroville.org.in)

### Housing Project under construction:

Kalpna: - 21 apartments of different size available. Studio - 6: 1 BHK - 8: 2 BHK - 5: 3 BHK - 2

Will be ready 30th May 2018: Contact: [satyakam@auroville.org.in](mailto:satyakam@auroville.org.in)

He is available on the site on Thursday (3 pm to 5.30 pm) and Saturday (10 am to 12.30 pm).

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

Auromodele Orchard - Several houses are still to be built. Will be ready in 2018.

Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220333

## O B I T U A R Y

### Datta



On 31 May, Ms Dorothy King, whom Mother named 'Datta', passed away in Amsterdam at the age of 85. Datta had first come to the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in 1965, and met Mother on many occasions. With her permission, she translated Satprem's book 'Sri Aurobindo or The Adventure of Consciousness', which first was published in the Dutch language in 1968. The book was instrumental for many Dutch people to get their first acquaintance with Sri Aurobindo and Auroville. She also translated into Dutch Satprem's 'On the way to Supermanhood'.

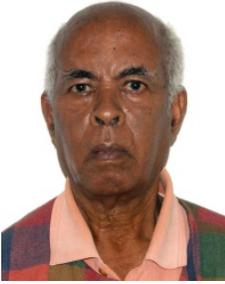
In the early days, Datta regularly participated in the construction of the Matrimandir and was involved in the community's affairs, while giving information and talks about Auroville when in the Netherlands. Since the 80s, she no longer came to India and only maintained contact with some friends.

Auroville always remained close to her heart, and she left it all her possessions.

Thank you, Dorothy, for having been part of the Adventure.

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## Tekeste



In the very early hours of Tuesday 6 June, our Ethiopian friend and brother Tekeste B.G. Kidan Zerhanes quietly left his body in his flat in Courage, with his great-nephew at his side. He was 79.

Tekeste, who in the late sixties visited Ashram and Auroville for the first time, and to whom Mother gave the adesh to “spread the light to Africa”, always kept the Mother’s words and love as the guiding principle of his life. Backed by firm spiritual connections within Ashram and Ethiopia, he strongly endeavoured to create an established Africa centre and, after joining Auroville in 2001, he connected with the Unity Pavilion and Auroville International with the same intent.

One of the results was a week-long Auroville International conference on developing an integral approach to collaboration between Auroville and African countries, held in Addis Ababa in October 2011. Doors were opened...

Thank you, Tekeste, for your crucial persistence and drive.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### AVTS on Input Tax Credit email from BSNL

In case you receive the following email, please consult your Tax adviser. AVTS is unaware of your tax liability and cannot answer your queries on this please

*Dear Customer, Greetings.*

*As required under the GST Act 2017, if you intend to avail Input Tax Credit on the GST Payable on Telecom Services w.e.f 1st July 2017, you are requested to furnish the following details to the Accounts Officer (CMTS), of your SSA along with a photocopy of the registered GST / UTGST provisional ID, by 31.05.2017.*

*Thank you for choosing BSNL MOBILE service.*

*Warm Regards, BSNL MOBILE. ([bsnlmobile@bsnl.co.in](mailto:bsnlmobile@bsnl.co.in))*

### Industry stipend for 96 students under the Dual System of Training



Auroville Institute of Applied Technology signed MOU with 5 companies in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry to be partner.

Auroville youth have a unique opportunity to learn technology in

various disciplines in the Dual System of Training at Auroville Institute of Applied Technology.

We were able to convince companies such as Aureka, Sunlit Future, Grace Infrastructures, a company associated with Sri Aurobindo Ashram, GT-Electronics and Appasamy, to be partner of AIAT in Training under the Dual System. Under this system the training is alternately conducted at AIAT and at an industrial site.

True to the Auroville way AIAT is the 1st to introduce the Dual System of Training in T.N. and Pondicherry and may be the 1st in the whole of India to practice a project-process oriented learning approach in technical education.

Students at AIAT will learn on projects, soft and technical skills in applying technology used in manufacturing processes such as Engg.-Drawing with AutoCAD, turning, drilling, filing, CNC, etc. The training at industrial sites will be on machines used for manufacturing. The course duration for Fitter, Electronics and Draughtsman Mechanic is 2 years and the education is going far beyond the prescribed syllabuses for ITI level.

AIAT is inviting Auroville youngsters who have passed 10th examination to join the Dual System of Training.

The Ministry for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has recently introduced this system in 16 trades affiliated to NCVT (popularly known as ITI). During the onsite training period a student would get a stipend as per Govt. rule (4500 Rs./month and 6000 Rs./month). In the 1st year students are trained for 7 months at AIAT and for 5 months at the industrial site. In the 2nd year it is 8 and 4 months respectively. The Dual System of Training is popular in European countries such as Germany, Austria, Switzerland and others as well as in a few Asian countries.

Beside the above Dual System of training AIAT is making a special offer for female students seeking admission in Draughtsman Civil and Financial executive with accounting & Tally.

AIAT offers regular courses of 1 and/or 2 years durations affiliated to NCVT in Computer Hardware & Networking, Welder, Electronic Mechanic, Fitter, Draughtsman Civil, Draughtsman Mechanic and Finance Executive with Tally. For 10th failed students we are offering a course in Domestic Electrician (Govt. certificate).

Students who have studied at AIAT an ITI course have in today’s job market better chances to find jobs than other academics.

For more information Pl. contact the admission in charge, phone: 0413 2671758

## POSTINGS

**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*

**Baby born:** Hi, we are very happy to announce the arrival of our son Athma, born on 10/05/2017, with love, *Mariapan and Jayanthi (Kottakarai)*

**Water Saving Tip:** In the Kitchen #1: In order to reuse the wastewater from your kitchen dishes, first make sure you use chemical-free soaps (see last week’s post). Next, put a plastic bowl in the sink, slightly smaller than the sink size. Fill the bowl with water and use this for washing your dishes (with the tap off). When it is time to rinse, open the tap and all of the water flowing from the tap goes into the bowl. Then discharge this smaller bucket of water into a 20-litre bucket which sits on the floor next to the dishwashing sink. When the bucket is full,

water the garden plants with it. *Water Group, [watergroup@auroville.org.in](mailto:watergroup@auroville.org.in)*

**Savi - Maintenance works Annual Closure:** Due to annual maintenance works, our office has to be closed for the coming 2 weeks. New applications processing will restart after June 12th. Sorry for the inconvenience. In case of emergency, please call *Dominique* 948 808 49 61

**Africa Pavilion - Calling Ubuntu Energy!:** Mama Africa is calling everyone to help us clean Safari site. Safari is the camping experience coming soon to Africa Pavilion. Join us Friday 9th June 4.30-6.30 pm to experience the Ubuntu energy as we cut clean, rake, laugh and sing. Refreshments will be provided. Please note that the entrance to Africa Pavilion has moved to the side of the Visitor Centre Entrance. Points of

contact, *Africa Pavilion Team*; *Chloe*: [8531913877](tel:8531913877) / *Tahir*: [7867899203](tel:7867899203)

**AuroStat Dashboard:** Thanks to a grant received from Stichting de Zaiier, *AuroStat* is now working on a statistics dashboard for the community. With the help of Auroville Web Services and Auroville Consulting, we are designing the indicators for different domains, collecting the necessary data and putting systems in place to enable Working Groups and Services in managing and sharing relevant data with the community. The plan is to share statistics in real time, which could help with day-to-day decision making in Auroville. The dashboard will be hosted on AuroNet and available to all residents. Contact us at: [statistics@auroville.org.in](mailto:statistics@auroville.org.in) if you are

interested in working with us on this project. We are looking for those interested in data management for the community.

**Kalpana Housing Project:** We are happy to inform you that the construction work is going on smoothly and steadily. We are completing within this month of June the structure with bricks, plastering and the tiling on the terrace. The finishing work will start from July. *Satyakam and Devasmita* are TOS until end of June, but the model apartment is open on the same day and same time: Thursday from 3 to 5.30 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 12.30 pm. The entrance is in front of the library. All are welcome.

## AVAILABLE



**A very loving male puppy:** it needs a new home - This puppy turned up in Swayam community two weeks ago. He is healthy, playful and very loving. He makes a good watch dog too. If you

would like to adopt him, please contact *Susan*, 94432 77081, [susanp@auroville.org.in](mailto:susanp@auroville.org.in)

**Honda Splendor:** 3 years old, 15500 Km, in very good condition, Tamil Nadu registration. Call *Petar*: 9442171420

**Dinner table:** Solid, heavy teak wood rectangular dinner table with rosewood finish, old colonial style, recently refinished with 3 coats of MRF by professional. Looks like new. Dimensions H76 x L140 x W90. Please call 8903007820 for more information. *Marlyse*

**Washing machine:** Samsung WA62H3H3 in a good condition 1.6 years old. Contact: [Bogola.av@gmail.com](mailto:Bogola.av@gmail.com) / 8098167492 - *Olga*

**Hercules Bikes and Tennis Rackets:** We are two volunteers leaving Auroville at the end of this month. Therefore, we want to sell our 2 Hercules-bikes (unisex including reflectors and basket) as well as our 3 tennis rackets (+ balls). If you are

interested please contact *Julia*: 8098227253 or [jwohlers@gmail.com](mailto:jwohlers@gmail.com)

**MacBook Pro charger:** *Emergency* - Maybe there is anyone with a spare MacBook Pro charger laying around, that is not needed anymore? Mine unfortunately broke this week and I cannot work anymore. I would be so happy to buy a used one instead of a new and very expensive one! Please contact *Julia*: 8098227253 or [jwohlers@gmail.com](mailto:jwohlers@gmail.com)

**Modem:** TP-Link TD-W8901G (54 Mbps ADSL2+ Modem) ....only Modem working! Therefore extra: Router: TP-Link TL-WR841N (300 Mbps Wireless N Router) necessary. Together everything works fine, perfect BSNL-DSL-WiFi connection. I sell them, because I gave up landline and therefore DSL. see pictures: <https://www.auroville.org.in/bazaar/item/63311> - Contact: *Gerhard*: [gerhard@auroville.org.in](mailto:gerhard@auroville.org.in), mobile: 9488610506

**Washing machine:** We're selling a Samsung "Diamond drum" washing machine in very good condition. Top load, 6kg capacity, dimensions: 572 x 988 x 629 mm, voltage 220V. If interested, please contact *Helena* +917868075767 or by email: [helenitagigi85@gmail.com](mailto:helenitagigi85@gmail.com).

## LOOKING FOR ...

**A cooking Amma:** We are looking for one cooking Amma for the Aspiration Community kitchen. Our contact number: 99433 92283 - *Nandhini*

**Kitchen items:** Hello dear community, we are a Newcomer family, building our kitchen these days and looking for everything for cooking and eating (plates, cups, utensils, pots ext.). If you have anything not in use in your kitchen we'll be happy to come and pick it up. Please contact us: 7539956719 or [osnatshifman@gmail.com](mailto:osnatshifman@gmail.com). Com - *Amas, Osnat, Avigail & Roni*

**English teachers wanted:** Greetings mother- tongue English speakers and teachers, my good friend created a Cambridge

University affiliated language training school for teenagers in the neighboring area of Lawspet just 20 min away from Auroville. Now, she seeks help to gain tutors who could commit during the weekend with one or two classes of 1.5 hours max. Your contribution could change lives of so many youth aspiring to a better future. Cab refund or possibly some small payment can be arranged to support the interested teacher/s. If you are willing to explore this opportunity extending Auroville's helping hand and learning about a new reality just around the corner, get in touch with me. Thanks, *Edo* ([eddie.grassi@gmail.com](mailto:eddie.grassi@gmail.com), 9843893652)."

## APPEAL

### Alternative higher education

Dear wonderful people,

My name is Angeli Earley and I have spent my young life here in Auroville. I recently found a very interesting alternative higher education program focused on social innovation management through implementation (tackling social and environmental problems and finding solutions). It is a 9-month course and it takes place in Brazil.

As soon as I heard about it I felt it suited me perfectly. I made a portfolio and gathered reference letters and once I had gotten everything together, with much help from some fantastic friends, I sent my application. Soon afterwards I was selected for an interview. It went very well, although I was intimidated, they were lovely people and made me feel very much welcomed for who I am.

I was accepted into the program on a 50% scholarship and I am now overjoyed to be on my way to Sao Paulo, Brazil. I plan to return to Auroville more equipped to be an agent of change and to view our developmental needs through a more trained and objective eye.

I have enough money to pay for the tuition fees and for the flight there, but unfortunately as of now I do not have enough to cover the cost of living whilst there; approximately 4 lakhs.

I am calling out to the community at large and to those interested, if you think you'd be able to invest in me, please do. My account number is 103432.

Also, if you want more information about me, or this program (Amani Institute) please feel free to get in touch through email: [angeliearley@gmail.com](mailto:angeliearley@gmail.com).

Much love! *Angeli*

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting opportunity: at Saylam community (opposite Solar Kitchen) for initially one year (through Housing service contract) for (pre) Newcomer / Aurovilian. First floor apartment best suitable for one person. Has own internal toilet / bath. Good access to big community roof terrace. Community kitchen with fridge and washing machine etc. shared with a few other residents. Monthly financial transfer mandatory. Available before first of July. Not furnished.

Contact *Anton or Amudha* @ 2622105 / 9443085056 or [anton@auroville.org.in](mailto:anton@auroville.org.in)

House sitting 1: Hello, I am an architect, working in Sound Wizard, urgently looking for a place to stay. I am 24, like to keep my space clean and not really into loud music. I don't mind pets and am good with dogs. I would prefer to stay for a longer duration (6 months or even more). Contact details as follows: *Mehul Kumar* (Architect) Sound Wizard - 9634424066 / [mehul1992@gmail.com](mailto:mehul1992@gmail.com)

## TAXI SHARING

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

June 20th: Taxi to Chennai Airport. Leaving Auroville around 3 am to reach flight at 9 am. If you are interested to share the taxi to Chennai or on the way back to Auroville please contact me. 8489132888 or [Hannah.Karl@web.de](mailto:Hannah.Karl@web.de) - Thank you, *Hannah*

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### For the Water Group

The Water Group is urgently seeking 3 people to assist with the monitoring of wells and data collection throughout Auroville. We are looking for motivated, self-directed people who are detail-oriented and interested in water issues. Training is provided. Work involves being in the field - so spending hours riding around Auroville collecting data samples, interacting with community members and also being a part of the Water Group team. Interested? Contact *Water Group*: [watergroup@auroville.org.in](http://watergroup@auroville.org.in)

## GREEN MATTERS



### Invitation

National Seed diversity Festival  
Anna University, Chennai  
9 - 11 June 2017

*"Whatever happens to seed affects the web of life." — Vandana Shiva*

This festival will bring together key seed savers and custodians across the country to discuss issues endangering the indigenous varieties of seeds, and to take action in safeguarding the sovereignty of the Seed and the Farmer.

Organised by some of Tamil Nadu's leading organic farming movements, this significant event is a genuine grassroots initiative. Run on crowd funding, it offers a platform for education, exchange and networking; it promises a breath of fresh air and a concrete taste of alternatives both for farming and for society.

- Over 3000 varieties of traditional seeds
  - More than 100 stalls
  - a multitude of workshops
- conferences by experts (detailed programme available)

#### Attractions

Diversity display, water purification techniques, traditional food, organic produce, kids' corner, potter's wheel, seed ball making, knowledge sharing by experts, seed and sapling sharing, spinning, Natural dyeing demo, Organic clothing, alternate books, composting, terrace garden- tips and inputs, & much more.

The Festival will happen at College of Engineering, Guindy - Anna University Campus, on 9th to 11th June.

Timings: 10 am to 6 pm daily.

For all detailed info: <https://www.facebook.com/NSDF2017/>

Organised jointly by the Organic Farmers Markets network ([ofmtn.in](http://ofmtn.in)), ReStore ([restore.org.in](http://restore.org.in)), ASHA, Bharath Beej Swaraj Manch, Safe Food Alliance -Tamil Nadu, Sahaja Samrudha.

*"The fact that we have to fight for something so essential to life as the integrity of seeds, speaks to the real drama of this present time: that we have to fight to preserve what is most fundamental and sacred to life." - L. Vaughan-Lee*

Shared by Auroville Green Centre - [avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in)

## EATING OUT

Well studio Café: Dear all, Well studio Cafe will re-open on this coming Monday the 12/7/2017. Please join us for breakfast and lunch. Monday to Saturday from 8.30 till 16.30. Vegetarian and vegan Mediterranean food in our beautiful garden. Love, *Well team, Sve Dame* [For groups and take away please call us: 0413-2622229 / E-Mail Address: [wellcafe@auroville.org.in](mailto:wellcafe@auroville.org.in)]

## LOST & FOUND

A pair of optical glasses: on Wednesday 6.6.17 evening near the new Neem Tree restaurant. Please call: 7598146288, thanks.



Dear listeners!  
Our live streaming can be heard on:  
<http://radio.garden/live/villupuram/auroville-radio/>

You might be interested to listen to an interview with Tom and Ing-Marie from the Water Group on [Water Crisis](#).

From the regular programs:  
Marlenka continues with Synthesis of Yoga : [Synthesis of Yoga Pt.1 Chapter 11](#).

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

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

During those super-hot days you can chill out with some music: [Cold Cold Cold](#) (produced by our volunteer Shriya), [Gypsy Groove](#), and [Days Like This](#).

Happy listening,  
Your AV Radio Team ([www.aurovilleradio.org](http://www.aurovilleradio.org))

# Notes

## The Boy with the Book

*I have lived a great deal among grown-ups, I have seen them intimately, close at hand, and that hasn't much improved my opinion of them.*" (Antoine de Saint Exupery, *The Little Prince*)

The second group started the camp on the 11th of May. There were thirty-two children and 11 adults in the group from India, US, England, Swiss, Holland, Germany, Slovenia, Italy, Israel, Russia, China, Korea. Some people brought some books to the camp. They were more or less ordinary books. But one book was so big and beautiful - The book about the Indian birds!.

The book belonged to Zohar; he was born on the 15th of June, 2003. In numerology, his number is eight. It means spirituality. Zohar's mother is from South Africa, his father from Israel. The boy had the book with him permanently, he often opened it. The birds in it were living, singing, flying, showing their beauty. There are a lot of amazing creatures in India, but the

birds are especially amazing. They are like angels, the Lord created them with great love. The birds live between the earth and Heaven. They are pleasant to the eyes and to the ears.

Nature likes birds more than people. The birds didn't create the roads for motorbikes, cars, buses, trucks. When Auroville started, birds helped the pioneers as they distributed seeds for the trees, bushes, grasses. I wonder if Zohar knew about this. He has an intuitive knowledge. The children are closer to nature than the adults. It is very symbolic that Zohar had a book about the birds but not about the motorbikes.

Near the camp, we can see other birds than in Auroville. For example, there is the common myna *Acridotherus tristis* in Auroville. Near the camp other birds live such as the jungle myna *Acridotherus fuscus*. Zohar probably has no knowledge about the difference between these two species but in the future it will not be difficult for him.

*Boris*

# For your calendar

## AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR



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

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

6.00 to 6.30 pm

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all:

The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.

We request everyone: please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you  
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm.

Please be seated by 5.55 pm.

Thank you,  
*Amphitheatre Team*

## INVITATIONS



### 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 19<sup>th</sup> June, Monday, 4-5 pm.

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 19<sup>th</sup> June to outline the scope of participation.

If you are interested, please join us on this Monday at 4-5 pm.

For more information, contact [sli@auroville.org.in](mailto:sli@auroville.org.in)

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

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### Belly dance offering from Hamsini

A beautiful opportunity to learn Arabic Belly dance and connect with your amazing powerful divine feminine energy. Every Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 pm in Kripa's Hall, Kalabhumi.

### Inner Work Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

13th June (Tuesday)

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

Focus this week on: 'Intimacy with the Divine'

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

Place: Savitri Bhavan

Time: 9 am to 12 Noon (For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.)

Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922)

No Registration required (except for groups)

Fees: Voluntary Contribution

All are welcome

For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit [www.integralyoga-auroville.com](http://www.integralyoga-auroville.com)

### Hip Hop Class

Hip hop classes for Children at New creation Dance studio.

On Tuesdays: 6 pm to 8 pm and Saturdays: 4 to 5 pm

Special classes offered for the new kids of age between 4 and 7 will be given on Monday between 6 and 7 pm (for the month June only).

For More Information call: 9786167917

### Kick Boxing - Self-defense classes

Learn Kick Boxing for self-defense and Physical fitness.

Classes will be offered by a professional Kick Boxing Master on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

For more information call: 9786167917

## FILMS



### THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, June 16th, Friday.

Schedule of Events:

16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour

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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!

### FINDING JOE

80 mins / English/ 2011 / Film by Patrick Takaya Solomon

Finding Joe is an exploration of famed Mythologist Joseph Campbell's studies and their continuing impact on our culture. Through interviews with visionaries from a variety of fields interwoven with enactments of classic tales by a sweet and motley group of kids, the film navigates the stages of what Campbell dubbed The Hero's Journey: the challenges, the fears, the dragons, the battles, and the return home as a changed person. Rooted in deeply personal accounts and timeless stories, Finding Joe shows how Campbell's work is relevant and essential in today's world and how it provides a narrative for how to live a fully realized life - or as Campbell would simply state, how to "follow your bliss".

(Reminder: Friday 9/06 - Fog of Bwindi & Making the Connection)

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

<http://sadhanaforest.org/>

<https://facebook.com/sadhanaforest>



# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium  
Film program 12 June 2017 to 18 June 2017

Indian - Monday 12 June, 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.

Potpourri- Tuesday 13 June, 8:00 pm:

- ALI AND NINO

Azerbaijan-UK, 2016, Dir. Asif Kapadia w/ Adam Bakri, Maria Valverde, Mandy Patinkin, and others, 100mins, English-Azerbaijani-Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Ali is an upper class Muslim man, whose family holds a great deal of power in Baku, Azerbaijan. At that time, before World War I, Azerbaijan was part of the Russian Empire. Nino, Ali's lover, is from neighboring Georgia and is Christian, but the two are deeply in love and elope to the countryside. The story follows the two, who get married, through World War One, which only sees some of Ali's friends sent off to war. After the Russians surrender, however, conflict comes to Baku. Ali fights the Bolsheviks with the Azerbaijani militia and Nino helps nurse wounded soldiers during the March Days massacre in Baku.

Interesting - Wednesday 14 June, 8:00 pm:

- CHUCK NORRIS vs COMMUNISM

UK, Romania 2015, Dir. Ilinca Calugareanu, Documentary-Comedy, Romanian w/ English subtitles, 78 mins, Rated: G  
In 1980s Romania, thousands of Western films smashed through the Iron Curtain opening a window into the free world for those who dared to look. A black market VHS racketeer and a courageous female translator brought the magic of film to the masses and sowed the seeds of a revolution.

Nature Series - Thursday 15 June, 8:00 pm:

- PLANET EARTH II : JUNGLES

UK, 2016, Dir. Emma Napper, A BBC production w/ David Attenborough, Documentary, 58mins, English, Rated: NR (G)

Jungles provide the richest habitats on the planet - mysterious worlds of high drama where extraordinary animals attempt to survive in the most competitive place on earth. Flooded forests are home to caiman-hunting jaguars and strange dolphins that swim amongst the tree tops, while in the dense underworld, ninja frogs fight off wasps and flying dragons soar between trees. Acrobatic

indri leap through the forests of Madagascar, while the jungle night conceals strange fungi and glow-in-the-dark creatures never filmed before.

International - Saturday 17 June, 8:00 pm:

- GOLD

USA, 2016, Dir. Stephen Gaghan w/Matthew McConaughey, Edgar Ramirez, Bryce Dallas Howard, and others, Adventure-Thriller, 120mins, English-Bahasa Indonesia w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Kenny Wells, a prospector desperate for a lucky break, teams up with a similarly eager geologist and sets off on an amazing journey to find gold in the uncharted jungle of Indonesia. Getting the gold was hard but keeping it is even more difficult, sparking an adventure through the most powerful boardrooms of Wall Street.

Children's Film - Sunday 18 June, 4:30 pm:

- KAGUYAHIME NO MONOGATARI (The Tale of the Princess Kaguya)

Japan, 2013, Dir: Isao Takahata, w/ Chloe Grace Moritz, James Caan, Mary Steenburg and others, Animation, 137mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Found inside a shining stalk of bamboo by an old bamboo cutter and his wife, a tiny girl grows rapidly into an exquisite young lady. The mysterious young princess enralls all who encounter her - but ultimately she must confront her fate, the punishment for her crime.

WIM WENDERS Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 18 June, 8:00 pm:

- WINGS OF DESIRE

Germany, 1987, Dir. Wim Wenders w/Bruno Ganz, Solveig Dommartin, Peter Falk and others, Drama, 128mins, German w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

This is one of cinema's loveliest city symphonies. Damiel, an angel perched atop buildings high over Berlin who can hear the thoughts—fears, hopes, dreams—of all the people living below. But when he falls in love with a beautiful trapeze artist, he is willing to give up his immortality and come back to earth to be with her. Made not long before the fall of the Berlin wall, this stunning tapestry of sounds and images, shot in black and white and color by the legendary Henri Alekan, is movie poetry. And it forever made the name Wim Wenders synonymous with film art.

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

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

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group - Account#105106, [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in)

**Auroville Emergency Contact Numbers - Save them in your phone now!**

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

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

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

## SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN JUNE

[Kindly let us know of any changes in opening/closing hours for the service. Eds]

**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](mailto: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 and 0413-2622018. Email: [avhealth@auroville.org.in](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in)

**EcoService, Kottakarai:** Palani 9443535172 or Kali 9443090114. [ecoservice@auroville.org.in](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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. [avguestservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:avguestservice@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](mailto:housing@auroville.org.in)

**Integral Health, Prayatna:** transpersonal regression therapy, classical homeopathy, counselling, vital remedies, child & women health, hypnotherapy. [integralhealth@auroville.org.in](mailto: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, 1<sup>st</sup> floor. LFAU 0413 2622657. [lfau@auroville.org.in](mailto:lfau@auroville.org.in) / [www.colaap.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!*

**OutreachMedia Services:** The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904

Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment. [outreachmedia@auroville.org.in](mailto:outreachmedia@auroville.org.in)

**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](mailto: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](http://www.auroville-learning.net).

**Skyworks:** Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, power line cleaning. *SatYaaji*: 853 103 35 45

**Shared Transport Service (STS):** Taxi sharing +91 413 2623 200 | +91 413 2623 201 | +91 8270512508 - [sharedtransport@auroville.org.in](mailto:sharedtransport@auroville.org.in) | <http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/>

**TreeCare:** Pruning, removing, cabling, bracing and transplanting of trees. Hedge and grass maintenance also available. Call: *Jonas*: 9159843579 / *Anadi*: 9655477329 or go to: [treecareindia.com](http://treecareindia.com).

**Vehicle Service, Town Hall:** Monday to Friday: 9am to 12.30pm, 2.30 to 4.30pm. Saturday: 9am to 12.30pm. Rental of bicycles and children car seats also available. [avvehicle@auroville.org.in](mailto:avvehicle@auroville.org.in) or phone 9843734825

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

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The archives are found at <http://www.auroville.org/contents/186>  
And regular events at <http://www.auroville.org/contents/4201>

**Important information about *News & Notes***  
**(Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm)**

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

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

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

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

**The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the *News* is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.**

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

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

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

**Extra Page Requests** have to reach us by Monday, and will be met only if space allows. Extra contribution requested.

**Soft Version:** We encourage you to ask us for a soft version of *News&Notes* sent directly to your own mail. Or to download it from the Auroville website or Auronet (see links above). First, it saves trees, labour, petrol, and money (over Rs 25.000 monthly are spent only on purchasing paper&ink) and labor (more than 900 copies are printed every week). Secondly, the PDF file (with full colors and clickable links) is ready earlier than the printed version which is delivered only on Friday and Saturday. Don't hesitate to mail: [newsandnotes@auroville.org.in](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.org.in) or to phone 2622133 if you want to give it a try or to send your ideas/feedback.

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*News & Notes*, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 0413-2622133, email: [newsandnotes@auroville.org.in](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.org.in)

## REGULAR EVENTS IN JUNE

### Note from the editors

The *Regular Events* column is printed once a month, and sent via pdf/published online weekly.

Guest-houses are kindly requested to put this section up on their notice boards for their guests.

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

**\*\*NEW: now online Regular Events! <http://www.auroville.org/contents/4201>\*\***

**Online Auroville Events Calendar - (no need to log in for guests! - just scroll down the page)**

The schedule of events for the week can be accessed by all, including Guests and Visitors, on the Auronet login page: [www.auroville.org.in](http://www.auroville.org.in)

**AcroYoga for Beginners:** Saturdays 8:15 to 9:45 am at Arka. - Partner flow: warming up with asanas and stretching with a partner - Inversions: flying and playing with partners. *Damien* 90 47 72 27 40

**African Pavilion's regular events:** By Popular Demand the African Pavilion is happy to announce, every Monday from 6pm to 9pm, a new event to host African Cooking, Music, and Dancing. Every Thursday enjoy the drumming circle together with dinner from 7 pm till 9 pm. Every Friday at 4.30pm: Transformational yoga.

**Auroville Aikido** Will restart early July. For Children classes & general info, please write to [budokan@auroville.org.in](mailto:budokan@auroville.org.in).

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

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

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

**Authentic Tamil culture:** *Meena*, a Tamil Aurovilian, offers courses every Sunday morning to explore the beauty of the authentic Tamil Culture. Meeting point: Courage Gate. The course can be tailored to your choice including: 1. Cooking lessons, 2. How to make kolam, 3. How

to wear a sari, 4. Henna design on hands and feet, 5. How to make flower garlands 6. Tailoring. If you are interested, please call Meena to talk about the details of your class and fix the time. During the day call: 9787702180, after 5 pm you may use the landline: 0413 2623263.

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

**Bharatnatyam classical dance classes** At Yatra Arts Foundation

Every Saturday evenings 4.30pm to 5.30pm and on Sunday mornings 9.00am to 10.00am.

**Brahamanaspati kshetram:** The Mother and Sri Aurobindo Centre is launching regular activities: Every Thursday meditation 6:00-6:60 pm - Every first Sunday of the month reading circle from 5:30 pm led by Bhavana Sundari in Tamil and English (for directions kindly consult Google maps at this link: [here](#))

**Body Care in Auromode:** Facial treatment - cleaning, scrubbing, massage, moisturizing mask, rejuvenating mask, deep cooling mask. Exotic SPA - Scrub, Wraps (chocolate, Tropicana). All used materials made from natural and organic products. Body Treatment - Cup massage. For more information contact *Svetlana* +919344639707

**Buddha Garden Activities:** We have an *Introductory tour* every Monday at 10.00 am until lunch time. Walk around the farm and see how we grow our organic food. For further details contact *Priya*: [priya@auroville.org.in](mailto:priya@auroville.org.in).

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

- ADULTS >> Monday: 5.15 PM - SAWCHU (Bharat Nivas) | Tuesday & Thursday: 6.00 PM - Deepanam School
- KIDS >> Monday & Friday: 1.15 PM - Deepanam School - Contact us prior bringing a new kid
- CONTACT >> 9488328435 (Prof. Samuka) | [info@ginga-saroba.com](mailto:info@ginga-saroba.com) | [www.ginga-saroba.com](http://www.ginga-saroba.com)

**Children Activity Garten:** in a friendly home-environment for all children from 2 to 6. Open Monday to Friday from 9 to 3:30 and during the whole year & school holidays. Contact: [egle@auroville.org.in](mailto:egle@auroville.org.in) or 94880 47368.

**Coaching and Personal development** based on NLP with *Christine P.*: 9489805493 / or [contact@auroville-holistic.com](mailto:contact@auroville-holistic.com). [www.auroville-holistic.com](http://www.auroville-holistic.com)

**Creativity Atelier - Life Drawing Circle:** Time: Tuesdays, 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Venue: Creativity Atelier. Creativity Community. Fees: Voluntary Contributions to Materials and Model. All are welcome to immerse themselves in our intense and inspiring session of life drawing. The idea is to explore one's creative self in a friendly and fun environment. This is not an instruction based class. A model and basic drawing materials will be arranged for.

We seek your generous donation to maintain the well-endowed studio and sustain the enriching experience. We also welcome those who would like to model for our artists. You need not necessarily have prior experience to pose for few drawings. Moreover, you get to enjoy many creative manifestations of yourselves while you indulge yourself in a quiet and meditative sit-in moments. For more information or to book yourself, please contact *Lakshay* on 9810052574. Cheers!

**Cuban Salsa:** Learn and practice Cuban Salsa, every Wednesday, 6-8 pm, at African Pavilion. Class is Free and all are welcome. Instructors: *Mouhsine & Camilla*. For questions, email [serrar@gmail.com](mailto:serrar@gmail.com)

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

**NEW dance fitness class:** Where - New Creation Dance studio. Timing - Tuesday and Friday morning from 8.30 to 9.30. Teacher - *Vijay*

**Darkali Fitness Track open hours:** New, redesigned Darkali Fitness is closed in the mornings until further notice. Track is open afternoon only from 4.30 p.m. till 6.45 p.m. Please remember to come 30 minutes before closing time. Please note, in case of rain the Fitness Track will be closed until the path is dry. To be aware when the Fitness Track reopens after the rain please visit Auronet group «[Darkali Fitness Track](#)». Way to the gate in Google Maps: [goo.gl/dpdTef](http://goo.gl/dpdTef).

**Eco Femme open session:** Eco Femme welcomes you on every Thursday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am for a small talk about our work, sustainable menstrual products and menstruation experiences. Contact number: 9487179556

**\*Evening\* Farmers Market:** The Saturday Market is now ON in the cooler evening! Every Saturday at the Youth Center, 6pm - 8:30 pm, along with the Pizza Night. A community celebration of local food & creativity. Yummy organic veggies and hand-processed food from AV Farms, eco-green products, fantastic jewelry, snacks and kefir, handmade clothes, music, etc. *See you there*. YC 0413-2622857

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

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

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

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

**GAMES!** An evening of fun board games. Every Friday from 6:30 pm onwards, upstairs at le Zéphyr restaurant in Visitors Center. We have many games already! Bring yours if you have!

**Hatha Yoga classes @ JOY GH:** The classes will be geared towards achieving a balance in our energies. Education about the body, mind and breath and yoga asanas, sequencing and their benefits will be an integral part. We will also do a little chanting and pranayama practice. The classes will be on Mondays and Fridays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. First class will be on the 3rd of April. Thought by *Sakshi*. For more info: 9487272393, *Joy Team*.

**Heartbeats - Dance Therapy** with *Julie*, until April 27th (except April 6th). Thursdays from 5-6:30 pm, Sankalpa Art Center (behind Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone). Come explore your inner rhythm and move to the beat of your heart. Be guided through movements and music that will bare your soul while letting go of dancing to impress, instead dancing to express. *Julie facilitates private coaching and dance therapy sessions, workshops and retreats across the world, combining her strategy consulting background with a passion for yoga, dance and meditation.*

**Hindi & English Class:** Learn to speak, read and write Hindi at New Creation every Sunday at 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm. Contact *Shiv*: 9884035536 at *Reach for the Stars*. [shiv.godi007@gmail.com](mailto:shiv.godi007@gmail.com)

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

**Informative talks about Auroville:** At the Guest Service, Above Solar Kitchen. *Questions and Answers*: In French every Wednesday at 10.30 am with Krishna / In English (and German) every Friday at 10.30 am with Roswitha. *Introduction on Mother's Agenda*: In English and French every Thursday 10.30 am with Pavitra. -2622675

**Leela, the Game of the Self Knowledge (a 2000 years old game!):** Come and play the Game of your Life! Sundays, 9.30am to 12.30 (above 15 years old), in SVEDAME, at the Butterfly Barn. English, Spanish, French, Italian, German and Russian versions all available. Contribution kindly asked. Always better to call before to confirm, please contact: *Veronique J.* 948 85 12 678 [www.leelathegame.blogspot.in](http://www.leelathegame.blogspot.in)

**Mandala & Meditation:** *Daily practice from 4:30 to 5 pm, at Art Cart (VC) on Tuesdays/Fridays, Sankalpa Art Center on Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays.* A simple co-creation and affirmation practice, bringing awareness within community through metaphor of an impermanent artform. Open to all.

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

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

**Nonviolent Communication (NVC):** workshops, practice groups, facilitation, mediation, coaching. Contact *L'aura* (NVC Certified Trainer): 9442788016, [joylivinglearning@gmail.com](mailto:joylivinglearning@gmail.com), [www.joylivinglearning.org](http://www.joylivinglearning.org), [www.facebook.com/JoyLivingLearning](https://www.facebook.com/JoyLivingLearning)

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

**OM Choir:** *Paused in May*

**Pilates with Savitri:** at New Creation Dance Studio on Mondays at 5pm, basic level - on Tuesdays at 7.30am, intermediate level - on Saturdays at 7.30 am, basic level. [savitri@auroville.org.in](mailto:savitri@auroville.org.in)

**Pilates with Teresa:** At Arka. All classes last one hour. Tuesdays, 7:30am: focus on breath & use of the core - Tuesdays, 10am: General class - Wednesday 5:30pm: General class - Thursdays, 7:30am: focus on alignment - Thursdays, 10am: general class - Fridays 5:30pm: **advanced class only for regular practitioners** - Saturdays, 10:00am: General class. **\*\*Advance, medium, beginner... everyone is welcome!\*\*** *Teresa*: 7867998952 / [teresa@auroville.org.in](mailto:teresa@auroville.org.in)

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

**Quantum Shiatsu Massage:** With *Sami A. Latzke*. [www.auroville-holistic.com](http://www.auroville-holistic.com). Contact us by mail for more info: [contact@auroville-holistic.com](mailto:contact@auroville-holistic.com)

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

**Regression Therapy** with Sigrid Lindemann. [www.auroville-holistic.com](http://www.auroville-holistic.com). Contact us by mail for more info: [contact@auroville-holistic.com](mailto:contact@auroville-holistic.com).

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

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

**Sankalpa Art Cart** (*parked on the Visitor's Center stage, next to cafeteria*) Tuesdays and Fridays from 4-6 pm, Wednesdays from 10 am-12 pm. An open and welcoming space for creative expression and connection through various media, for all ages and no art experience necessary.

**Sanskrit Mantras:** at Joy Community GH Hall, Centre Field. Drop in classes on Thursday at 6:15 to 7:15pm and Regular Classes on Friday from 6:15 to 7:15pm. Chanting Mantra is performing an ancient prayer. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition and participation in the chant, the mind gains clarity, the ability to concentrate increases and a person becomes more tranquil. Through daily chanting the mind gains qualities which are essential for students of Yoga & Spiritual Scriptures. The specific pitches and rules of intonation and syllabic length will be learned in these classes in the traditional way.

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

**Singing & Dancing Celebration** around the fire in Yatra 2017

Joyful spiritual songs from all over the world - keyboard and drums - Bring your instruments and join us! Every Thursday at 7.30 pm. at Yatra - Near NewVreation Sports ground/La Piscine. *Osiva*: 919629832216

**Skyworks: Tree Climbing Workshops:** RECREATIONAL. You want the experience without learning all the knots? The ropes are already positioned in the trees. The knots are tied and tested before you hook on. After being fitted with your saddle and some short instructions on safety and climbing techniques, you are off and climbing! Kids of all ages welcome. ADVANCED You want to learn the ropes and get off the ground. During class we teach both the double and single ropes techniques plus demonstrate many of the new climbing devices available. You will learn to install the ropes in the trees, tie and use several climbing knots and ascend and descend both with the knots but also with ascenders and descenders. For conditions&appointment call *Satyaaji* 8531033545

**Solitude Farm activities:**

- Weekly farm tour with *Krishna* - Saturdays 11:30am
- Cooking workshop to learn how to use local, traditional ingredients and their nutritional benefits - Saturdays 3pm
- Volunteers welcome! Drop by to visit or call *Krishna* 9843319260

**Somatic Explorations** with *Maggie* - *No classes in May* -for further info call 94866 23465

**Sound Bath - Unity Journey:** *no session in May*

**Sound Massage And Bath With Tibetan Singing Bowls:** Lying on a mat with bowls of different pitches, sound energy flows right through your cells forming a beautiful OM harmonic cocoon of peace, melting away tightness and discomfort while tuning you up to its healthy grounding vibrations. The powerful bronze bowls take us deep inside into our true home.... Info & booking for guests: *Antarjyoti* , tel (land)0413)262 37 67. Mail: [antarcalli@yahoo.fr](mailto:antarcalli@yahoo.fr)

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

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

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

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

**Spontaneous Singing with Antoine:** *Paused until Aug 16<sup>th</sup>.*

**Sunday Farm & Forest Walks:** *no walks in May*

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

**TAI CHI HALL @ 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](mailto: taichi@auroville.org.in)

**Tanseikai Aikido in the Auroville Budokan:** Tanseikai Aikido will take its summer recess from May 20th. Classes will resume after July 20th with a new timetable. The new hours of practice will be announced in due time.

**Tea Gathering:** Experience and learn the East Asian way of drinking and serving tea - The art of sharing joy and peace through a cup of tea with your friends will change your perspective towards tea - Every Saturday 2 pm to 5 pm. Booking is required. Approx. 1 hour for each session, please choose your time slot. Book at: 7868825918 - 04132622192 -04132623918 / [francesco@gelatofactory.in](mailto: francesco@gelatofactory.in) . Venue: Gelato Factory main Auroville road (near Auroville Bakery and Farm Fresh), Kuitapalyam [www.artfood.in](http://www.artfood.in)

**Thai massage** to re-harmonize the energy and heal with Christine P. Registration & infos: [contact@auroville-holistic.com](mailto: contact@auroville-holistic.com), *Christine P:* 9489805493/ [www.auroville-holistic.com](http://www.auroville-holistic.com)

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

**NEW! Ultimate Frisbee women's team training:** Sunday 4-6 pm

**Veena Musical Classes:** One of India's most ancient string. Regular veena musical classes by *Ravi* for everyone, Children & Adults, at Yatra Arts Foundation, near New Creation sports ground. Every Friday evening from 5pm to 7pm. Contact: 0413- 2623071 / 9786772209

**VocalYoga, Nada Yoga and Sacred Chanting:** Mondays and Tuesdays, 2 to 4pm In Creativity hall of light. **Explore** and learn how to use your vocal instrument according to Italian Masters of the voice in a yogic approach. **NadaYoga** teaches us to perceive sounds in different parts of the body connected to energetic channels. These ancient Yoga techniques re-align the energy flow give peace and serenity. Allow people who sing out of tune to sing well **Learn:** Mantras, Kirtans, Bajhans. Contact: *Hamsini* ONLY ON APOINTMENT 9487544184.

**WARAKU Practice in Auroville Budokan:** Waraku practice will take its summer recess from May 20th. Classes will resume after July 20th with a new timetable. The new hours of practice will be announced in due time.

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

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

**Vinyasa Yoga:** - at Creativity Hall of Light, every Thursday from 4 pm to 5.30 pm with *Bebe Merino*. This style is sometimes also called flow yoga, because of the smooth way that the poses run together and become like a dance. Please come and enjoy the classes.

**NEW! Vinyasa flow Yoga classes with So-Youm** 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

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